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SEE OUR 25c **WOODS' FAIR** 1905 Calendars at BELTS. 5c, 10c and 15c.**GIVE DIVORCES AFTER DEATH****Mormon Officials Also Marry by Proxy.****HEARING CASE OF REED-SMOOT****Witness Owns to Three Wives and Thirty-Two Children—Judicial System of the Church.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—The hearing in the case of Reed Smoot, the Senator from Utah, whose expulsion from the Senate in 1890 was based on his Mormon connections, was resumed before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate of New York testified that during the forty-six years of his ministry he had devoted much attention to Mormonism.

"Thirty-five years ago I visited Utah," he said, "and saw Brigham Young in all his glory and heard Orson Pratt deliver a sermon, so called, on the difference between Mormonism and Christianity. I delivered a sermon there on the difference between Christianity and Mormonism. I was entertained by a Mormon who had three wives, who expounded to me the Mormon doctrine of polygamy."

Dr. Buckley said that President Joseph Smith presided at the meeting which was a gathering of the young women of the Mormon Church. Mr. Taylor asked what President Smith said at the meeting regarding polygamous habitation.

Dr. Buckley replied by reading extracts from letters he wrote at the time referring to the Mormon practice of polygamy. "He intimated that God was both male and female," said Dr. Buckley, "and insisted that marriage was not only for this world but for eternity. He also spoke of frequent divorces, and declared that they could not exist in Zion with impunity."

"He alluded to the mothers of his children and thanked them for what they had done to him. He rebuked those who joked about mothers-in-law. A change took place in his manner and his voice rang out as clear as that of William J. Bryan. (Laughter.) He declared with great emphasis that he did not shrink from exile or imprisonment rather than put away his wives. He concluded by declaring that Mormonism was not a system of adultery, but a system of marriage, and warned his hearers to beware of adultery."

Q. Now, how about Mr. Smoot? A. I asked everywhere about him, and neither in California nor Utah nor where else did I hear of any person who claimed that Mr. Smoot had more than one wife or had lived with any woman not his wife. He was everywhere spoken of in the highest terms.

George Reynolds was sworn. He is a Mormon living at Salt Lake City and is one of the first presidents of Seventies and first assistant superintendent of Sunday schools. He is also secretary of the mission of the Twelve Apostles. His time is wholly occupied by church duties.

Q. (By Mr. Overman.) Do you baptize and marry people for them who are dead? A. Yes, sir, by proxy. There is a form of baptism and marriage for those who are dead.

Q. (By Mr. Foraker.) Are divorces granted from dead persons? A. I have known a very few cases where a living wife has asked to be divorced from a dead husband and has been granted a divorce.

Q. Have there been any cases where husbands have applied for divorces from wives who are deceased? A. Never to my knowledge.

Q.—Is that divorce granted on account of something he has done during his lifetime? A.—Yes.

The witness testified that notices of the desire of dead persons to be baptized were sometimes received in visions and dreams. Sometimes the dead were vicariously baptized by the request of relatives who knew the deceased had not had the advantages of communion with the church.

Mr. Taylor produced the "Book of Discourses," containing sermons by Brigham Young. The witness had just testified that these discourses were read much less than they should be. Mr. Taylor read an extract from a sermon by Brigham Young declaring that his wives must "shoulder their shoulders to endure their burdens or leave. I gave them till Oct. 1 to decide."

Q.—Do you regard that as evidence of Brigham Young's power to divorce his wives? A.—I think that was a personal statement. He was annoyed and didn't mean what he said.

Q.—What did he mean by this sentence: "I will set them all free—even my first wife?" A.—I don't think he meant that.

gives the authority to loose on earth—From the same authority that gives him power to bind? A.—Exactly. Reynolds said his legal wife was dead and that he had two wives living. He had 26 children, living out of 32 his three wives had borne him. Three of the seven presidents of the seventies were polygamists, he said. He understood the Woodruff manifesto to mean that all marriages already entered into should continue, but that there should be no more plural marriages. He had children by both wives since 1890. He had a daughter living in polygamy.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Worthington, representing Senator Smoot, the witness said that in Utah and elsewhere in the United States, plural marriages had been stopped. He had come to the conclusion that the intention of the president of the Mormon Church was to cover the whole world, and since there had been no plural marriages with the consent of the church.

Mr. McComas asked if polygamy had continued in the church since the Woodruff manifesto. He said he knew of no plural marriages since the manifesto except that of his daughter. Mr. McComas brought out that the witness had helped write the Woodruff manifesto.

Chairman Burrows asked the witness if he understood that the manifesto was inspired, and getting an affirmative response followed it up with this question: "But you changed it?"

"Just to make corrections in the grammar and phraseology," said Mr. Reynolds.

"You mean to say," asked Senator Buckley, "that the grammar of the Lord Almighty was bad and you corrected the grammar of the Lord Almighty in an inspired communication?"

"We understood that it was an inspiration of the Lord to President Woodruff," answered the witness. "We did not understand that the phraseology had been inspired—merely the revelation, which was put into words."

Reynolds went on to describe the judicial system of the Mormon Church. The counsel for the church attempted to interpose here, but the witness was directed to continue. He told of a complete court system inside the church, having enforcement of private laws and the enforcement of justice between believers. The court in a general way are composed of the ruling officials of the church.

Mr. Taylor read a judgment of one of the bishops' court directing one of the parties to deed a piece of land to the other party. He read also a judgment of excommunication after a contumacious litigant had refused to carry out the judgment of the court. A letter was also read regarding a litigant who obeyed the mandate of Joseph F. Smith, president of the church, as the "mouthpiece" of God, under penalty of "destruction" and "misery here and hereafter."

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS

All Candidates Nominated in the Various Districts.

Dutton, Dec. 19.—Nominations for county councillors for District No. 2, Elgin County: A. J. Leitch, Edward McKellar, J. Graham, R. Garbutt, Exeter, Dec. 19.—Nominations for county councillors were held here today. The following candidates were nominated: H. Spackman, William Bawden, W. G. Bisset, James Gardiner and John Essery.

Lucan, Dec. 19.—For Biddulph Township four candidates were named for county councilors, and all will stand for election: John Bradley, George Westman, James Darling, John Hutchinson.

St. Jacobs, Ont., Dec. 19.—The following were nominated for county councilors for District No. 8, Waterloo County: Wm. Woodley, of Townsend, and S. L. Squire, of Waterloo, by Dorchester Station, Dec. 19.—Ex-Reeve R. Fitzgerald and Ex-Councillor McCollum, of Dorchester, were elected county councilors by acclamation.

Merlin, Dec. 19.—The following gentlemen were nominated for the county council: D. Hibner, G. M. Debus, J. C. Brethaupt, A. E. Campbell. It looks as though it will be a close contest, also a political fight, as two are Conservatives and two Liberals.

A single mesquite seed imported from the southwest and planted in Honolulu in 1837 has propagated and spread until in the Hawaiian Islands today there are 50,000 acres of the famous fruit of the alkali plains of Arizona and New Mexico.

Council Abolishes the Fees System in London**City Clerk Baker's Salary Placed at \$1,500 Straight—Dundas Street Sewer Again.**

The end of the fees system in the paying of civic salaries in London was reached last night, when the city council fixed the salary of City Clerk Baker at \$1,500 per annum, and cut out all fees. In the past, the clerk has been paid a fixed amount and also the fees for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, the fees usually amounting to \$400 per annum.

Many of the aldermen expressed themselves plainly on the matter of fees, and Ald. Cooper stated that when the "fees business" was through it was put through in a queer way. He declared that in fact the former city clerk, Mr. C. A. Kingston, had secured the fees through misrepresentation.

"When Mr. Kingston came before the council and secured the fees," said Ald. Cooper, "he told us that the Government would pay them, and I never knew this was not the case until the present time."

Others of the aldermen were also greatly surprised to learn that the city and not the Ontario Government paid the fees. Ald. Judd drew attention to the fact that a bylaw in existence against the paying of fees to civic officials had been passed by the council, and that the city should pay the fees.

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SHOULD BE BIG WEEK AT LONDON**Vaudeville Programme Is Brim-Full of Good Acts—"The Best Yet Seen."**

"The best vaudeville show ever seen in London," must have been the verdict of those qualified to speak who attended the London Vaudeville Theatre last night, for the performance is without doubt the most pleasing yet produced. Nearly every act could be regarded as successful.

It is a "toss-up" between two acts to decide which is the best on the list. The acts of Melville and Azelle in "Jack the Hunter," and the duo of Herbert and Bert, in a comedy acrobatic sketch, are the features of the show. Miss Azelle is a graceful dancer and has a delightfully fetching manner. Melville is a clever lightning sketch artist, and the act is built up with bright dialogue.

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A wrangle followed the reading of the communication, but finally it was decided to carry the bylaw, as it will not only prove a good thing for West London, but for the entire city as well.

The Breakwater.

Ald. Forristal, chairman of the breakwater committee, made a strong plea for the proposal to construct a permanent wall to protect West London from floods. He proved that it will be money in the city's pocket to build the breakwater, and the city has been paying the fees for the past three years, and the assessment could easily be increased 20 per cent, or \$22,000. At 22 mills on the dollar, this \$22,000 would be in the city's pocket, and the sinking fund and interest on the amount of debentures the city proposes to issue would be saved.

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At Fiume—Carpathia, from New York.

At Gibraltar—Romania, from Boston.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DEATHS.

STEVENS—Elizabeth Anne Stevens, the beloved wife of Frank W. Stevens, at the family residence, 189 Wellington street, London.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon; services, 2 p.m.; funeral at 2:30 p.m. Private.

St. Thomas and Bowmanville papers please copy.

BISSETT—In this city, on Dec. 20, 1904, Verna Viola, infant daughter of Luther and Hattie Bissett.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m. from the family residence, 426 Ontario street; services at 2 p.m.

Exeter papers please copy.

DAWSON—At the family residence, 44 York street, on Dec. 19, 1904, John Dawson, beloved wife of Wilberforce Dawson, in his 61st year.

Funeral Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30. Strictly private. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CUMMER—On Dec. 20, 1904, at the home of Thomas Tomlinson, second concession, Westminster, Bertram Charles Freedland, the only son of Mrs. Mary Cumer, aged 35 years and 8 months.

The funeral will take place from the above residence on Thursday, at 2 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

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About "Machines."

A local clergyman advises that the party machines be smashed in the interests of temperance and other virtues. Unlike that blessed word, Mesopotamia, the word "machine" has a terrifying sound in the ears of many good people, who have never come in contact with the real thing. In their imagination the machine is some invisible and impalpable horror, or a sort of Frankenstein monster, which devours its creator. Yet the component parts of this mysterious entity may be seen in the pews, and sometimes in the pulpit. The Opposition press assures us that the recent Liberal convention was an assemblage of the machine, but the ministers of the Gospel kept company with it and were not ashamed. Churches must have machines - quarterly boards, vestries, synods, presbyteries, conferences - and why not political parties? The machine is merely the executive of the party for electoral purposes, and it is not disputed that it has necessary and honorable functions to fulfill.

Those who make the machine can unmake it. It is a good servant, but we are free to admit that it often makes a bad master, when the indifference or supineness of the members of a party enables the tail to wag the dog. It deserves to be smashed when it becomes arrogant or corrupt, but it will not be smashed by people of such unctuous rectitude that they refuse to touch politics for fear of soiling their fingers. The machine is no better and no worse than its creators, that is to say, the rank and file of the party. The good folks who want to smash it or make a better one should fall into the ranks and exert their influence from the inside, instead of hurling objections from a distance.

Municipal Candidates and Private Corporations.

The relations between municipal corporations and the private corporations which hold municipal franchises constitute perhaps the greatest problem of municipal government.

In some cities, the municipal councils and the companies owning and operating public utilities are always at war. In other cities, the companies buy up the councils and there is peace. Sometimes the companies respect their contracts, and where they do there is little agitation for municipal ownership.

In London the council and the franchise corporations get along fairly well, and the public has at present no serious grievance. A periodical fusillade of letters and an occasional lawsuit usually straighten out the differences between the city and the street railway company. A couple of years ago the city was in danger of being tied up to an electrical monopoly, the council having refused an independent power company permission to string its wires on the streets; but public opinion asserted itself so strongly that the mayor and aldermen turned a somersault, and there has been no trouble since. These difficulties, however, are apt to occur from time to time, and it is highly important to the community that anyone who is elected to the municipal council should have no very substantial interest in any corporation which derives its franchise from the municipality. Neither should he be in the pay of any of these corporations, as solicitor, director, or in any other capacity. This refers to a street railway company, an electric light or power company, a gas company, or a telephone company. For instance, it would be a misfortune, when the municipalities are co-operating in the matter of long-distance transmission of Niagara electrical power, if a mayor or alderman felt that his private investment in a local light or power company would be affected by any action the city might take with regard to that momentous question.

It is to be hoped we are not treading on anybody's corns by these few remarks, but if so, the public may as well know it.

The Minnie M.

The cruise of the Minnie M. is the principal atrocity charged against the Ontario Government. The Minnie M., an American steamer, carried from an American port a number of persons to the Michipicoten district on the day of the Sault Ste. Marie bye-election. It does not appear from the evidence at the election trial whether these men, actually "plugged" the votes of bona fide electors or not, but this point is not material. The fact that rogues were hired for the purpose of personation was a scandal and a crime, which calls for the severest punishment. Admitting for the sake of argument that the members of the Government, or the organizers of the Liberal party, are knaves, would they be fools enough to conceive such an enterprise, which by no possibility could be carried out in secrecy? It was bruited about the town of Sault Ste. Marie and the Attorney-General was informed of it while speaking at a meeting the night before the election, and warning his hearers to avoid corrupt practices. Naturally, he could not imagine that anyone would be so insane as to attempt such a thing, and after receiving assurances from election workers that the story was an invention of the enemy, he dismissed it from his mind.

The expedition was organized, and by whom? By a party organizer or any individual, or set of individuals, for whom the Liberal party could be held responsible? Certainly not. This crazy and criminal project was initiated by one man, an official of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. He may have been prompted by gratitude toward the Government for its policy with respect to the Soo Company, and his employees a policy which saved thousands from distress, if not starvation, and revived the great industries upon which their livelihood depended. Whatever his motives he thought he was working in the interests of the Liberal candidate and the Government, whereas he was doing them the greatest disservice. He kept his own counsel, and no responsible Liberal was in any way connected with his undertaking. The law has been set in motion, and those who have been reported by the judges for their share in the crime will be tried and punished.

If Carnegie really wants to die poor he might bet on a few footraces.

We believe in woman suffrage, but have a suspicion that the city council believed in it last night with such unanimity because a good many ladies will exercise the suffrage on Jan. 2.

A wonderful religious revival in Wales has banished drunkenness in entire districts. That's one method of temperance reform that may be tried without an act of parliament.

Mr. Whitney says that if he comes into power he will create a minister of mines. Gage expects the job on the ground that he helped to undermine the Ross Government.

A \$10,000,000 cotton merger has been organized in Montreal. The next step probably will be an application for an increase in the tariff so that dividends may be paid on the ten million.

Our contemporary has the nerve to compare the amount of the debenture debt incurred during Mr. Beck's regime with that incurred during Mr. Little's mayoralty term, when the city's splendid sewerage system was constructed, and the asphalt pavements laid.

Editor Cote's heroic defense of La Presse against the machinations of its secret owners has broken down at last. He was outflanked on Saturday, and an editorial was slipped in behind his back. Gage isn't the only man in the party who is an expert in slipping. There's slippery work somewhere.

Does Mr. Whitney propose, should he come to power, to make the man who falsified that deposit slip, and then, in fear of the result of his action, fled to Buffalo, the Minister of Mines? Does he believe Ontario will stand for it?—Globe.

The Conservative party will stand for anything its leaders do. Mr. Whitney knew that when he embraced Gage in the first place.

The Free Press made much ado the other day over the denunciation of the Ross Government by Rev. Edward Soffley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, formerly of this city. Says the Brantford Expositor: "Yes, we have heard of Mr. Soffley, and know him to be a pronounced Conservative, who, while living in this county took advantage of a church garden party to deliver an elaborate eulogy of Sir John Macdonald and the work of the Dominion Conservative party." A clergyman who could approve of the record of the Dominion Conservative party must be well, a pretty strong Conservative.

The Hamilton Herald says The Advertiser is advising a quick remedy for the evils of ring rule when it suggests that Liberals should support only Liberal candidates for municipal office. In the same edition of the Herald we read: "In fact, whether or not the Liberal machine (in Hamilton) would of its own volition have introduced the party plan in civic elections, it was obliged to do so in self-defense when the Conservative machine openly sought to dominate the civic government and Toryize all branches of the civic service. The blame for beginning the evil work must rest with the local Tory leaders." Precisely! The Hamilton Liberals were obliged to introduce the party plan in self-defense. The London Liberals may have to do likewise. But why call it a quick remedy?

A Gratuitous Slander.

[Toronto Globe.]
Mr. A. P. Wood's deliberate inclusion of Mr. James Vance's name in his written decision in the Belleville criminal libel case was entirely gratuitous and unwarranted. There was not a particle of evidence of any sort produced in the magistrate's own court, to justify his accusation. If he had intended to stigmatize Mr. Vance he should have had him called as a witness.

Room for Improvement.

[Philadelphia Press.]
Tess—So Cholly is to marry Miss Crabbe. He's entirely too young for her, don't you think?
Jess—Oh! he'll age rapidly enough after he's married to her.

The Hypnotic Church Fair.

[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]
A Massachusetts man drew a \$175 horse at a church fair.
"What horse was that?"
"I don't know. That's what the ticket cost him."

Bottom of What?

[Judge.]
The Japanese Emperor smiled upon the court. "And what," he asked, "what news of the war?"
"There are, your majesty," answered the Prime Minister, "reports of a battle off the coast."
"I am convinced," observed the Emperor with a twinkle, "I am convinced that if there has been any trouble on the coast the Russians are at the bottom of it."

More Light Needed.

[The Argus.]
The general denial does not, however, square quite so well with Mr. Blair's silence in the face of the extraordinary misconstruction placed upon his action by the Conservative press.

The resignation was hailed as "A Perfect Bombshell in the Liberal Camp." It was declared that Mr. Blair had resigned "because he could not bear to see his country ruined," that the Grand Trunk was in consternation, and that the whole fabric of the Liberal party was falling to pieces.

Then came mysterious rumors of other "bombshells" of forthcoming revelations and even of the arrests of very prominent public men.
Now it is alleged that one of the shells which failed to explode was the retirement of a number of Quebec Liberal candidates after nomination on the pretense that they were so shocked by the revelations that they dared not face their constituents.
The week spot in Mr. Blair's armor is that wit, or without his knowledge and consent, but certainly without pretest from him, his resignation was exploited for all it was worth to injure the Government and that he permitted his now-declared motives to be grossly misrepresented.

Inheritance.

[Isabel Mackay.]
There lived a man who raised his hand and said,
"I will be great!"
And thro' a long, long life he bravely knotted
At Fame's closed gate.

A son he left, who, like his sire, strove high place to win—
Worn out, he died, and dying, left no trace.

He also left a son, who, without care, Or planning how,
Bore the fair letters of a deathless fame Upon his brow.

"Behold a genius, filled with fire divine!" The people cried,
Not knowing that to make him what he was,
Two men had died.

Another Slander.

[Toronto News.]

Certain Conservative journals insinuate that Mr. Ross was a central figure of an intrigue to drive or worry Mr. Hardy out of the Premiership. The charge rests upon no authority, and we should imagine the papers who set going. There is no doubt that the relations between Mr. Ross and Mr. Hardy were cordial throughout all of Mr. Hardy's term, and just as cordial after Mr. Ross had succeeded to the Premiership. In fact, no one who knows anything of the personal relations between the two men, or has any knowledge of Mr. Ross's attitude towards his predecessor in the Premiership, will believe the story which certain Conservative papers have set going, and which Mr. Hardy, if he were living, would be the first to deny and resent.

Snowflakes.

[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.]
Out of the bosom of the air,
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest-fields forsaken,
Silent and soft and slow
Descends the snow.

Even as our cloudy fancies take
Sudden shape in some divine expression,
Even as the troubled heart that makes
In the white confidence confession,
The troubled sky reveals
The grief it feels.

This is the poem of the air,
Slowly in silent footsteps recorded;
This is the secret of despair,
Long in its cloudy bosom hoarded.
Now whispered and now revealed
To wood and field.

She Didn't Call Him Kenneth.

[San Jose.]
Radiant, beautiful Frances Bing
Had a fortune and also a family tree;
She could paint and write magazine poems and sing.
She was just as clever as she could be.
Unto this beautiful maiden, one day,
Came an Apollo whose last name was
Hanks.
He came, and the glad god of love had his way.
To the fates the fair bride gave her heartiest thanks.
Unto this happy and fortunate pair,
Came, in due season, a son; his sweet name
Didn't insist upon naming their heir
Kenneth, but called him Jake, after his pa.

The Zemstvo.

[From the Boston Transcript.]
That kinky little word, "zemstvo," which appears so frequently in news from Russia these days, is derived from "this noun," meaning land, and the verb "vopest," meaning to signify "the voice of the land" and is a council of landed proprietors appointed to deliberate and report to the central executive, the wants of the rural population. It is something like an English county council without the latter's authority, yet that authority is what it now pleads for. The zemstvo was founded in 1864 and Alexander II. intended it as one of the most important of his reforms.

Increased Immigration.

Ottawa, Dec. 20. — There is a net increase of 3,383 in the immigrant arrivals in Canada for the five months ending Nov. 30, as compared with the same period of 1903. The arrivals from the United States were 18,630, and from Europe through ocean ports 24,318. For the same period of last year the immigrant arrivals from the United States were 17,871, and from Europe through ocean ports 28,615.

Sore Throat and Coughs.

A simple, effective and safe remedy for all throat irritations is found in
Crescote Antiseptic Tablets
They combine the germicidal value of Crescote with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice.
10c. All Drugists.

In the cold pocket of a workman who was found horribly mutilated at Vincennes, near Paris, were found manuscripts of poems written by him in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup
has been used for FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHEA. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

"IT'S WELL TO KNOW A GOOD THING," said Mrs. Surface to Mrs. Knowell, when they met in the street. "Why have you been for a week back?"
"Oh, just down to the store for a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil," said Mrs. Surface, who hates puns, walked on. But she remembered, and when she contrived a weak back there was another customer for Dr. Thomas' Oil.

Lever's V-Z (Vine Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

Colds

How often you hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

SMALL CRAFT LEFT INTACT

Russia's Big Ships in Port Arthur Harbor Ali Unfit for Service.

Telegraphing under date of Dec. 18, Vice-Admiral Togo says: "There is no room left to doubt that the enemy's ships in the harbor of Port Arthur are totally unfit for service. I have reason to believe that the battleship Sevastopol has been disabled by our attacks. It is certain that at least six Russian torpedo boat destroyers remain intact in the harbor. The battleship Poltava lies 200 meters north of the point of Tiger's Tail. Her bows point east, southeast, half east, and at high tide is submerged to her after deck. She is, doubtless, aground, and does not list. The battleship Retvizan lies 100 meters east of the Poltava, her stern toward that vessel. Her condition is worse than that of the Poltava. She is listing five degrees to starboard and her deck is constantly submerged. The battleship Pobieda lies 200 meters northeast, half east of the point of Tiger's Tail with her bow pointing northeast, half north. Her deck on the starboard side must be submerged at high tide. Everything seems to show that she is aground. The protected cruiser Pallada lies 100 meters east by north of the Pobieda. Her stern is toward southwest, half south, and she is listed five degrees to port. At high tide the condition of her decks is about the same as the decks of the Pobieda. She is doubtless aground. The armored cruiser Bayan lies 400 meters south southwest, half west, of the harbor entrance. She is listed five degrees to half east. She is listed 15 degrees and appears to be aground. The above-mentioned four battleships and two cruisers have been abandoned and no boats are seen near them."

Tien Tsin, Dec. 19. A junk, which anchored here today from Port Arthur reports that four Japanese torpedo boats were sunk during the attacks on the Russian battleship Sevastopol, which they say has now sought refuge under Golden Hill.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar
Mr. William Thomas Lanorgan, provincial constable at Chapeau, Ont., says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment, and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by all druggists.

THE ONLY METHOD.

There is only one method by which you can make absolutely sure provision for the future of your child. That method is an Endowment Life Insurance Policy—not on the child's life, but on your own. Suppose a child is a year or two old. A 20-year endowment policy on your life, maturing at the time you are wanting to send your child to college, or to start him out in life. In the meantime, should the child lose your protecting care through death, he at once receives the amount of the policy, either in one lump sum or in a number of yearly payments, according to your expressed wish. Get rates from V. Reeve, general agent for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, Masonic Block, London, Ont.

MILD IN THEIR ACTION.—Pain-Relieving Vegetable Pills are very mild in their action. They cause no griping in the stomach or cause disturbances there. So many pills do. Therefore, the most delicate can take them without fear of unpleasant results. They can, too, be administered to children without imposing the penalties which follow the use of pills not so carefully prepared.

WORMS CAUSE feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

BEE HAVE SOAP

Save the Wrappers



HEARTH RUGS

A Beautiful Hearth Rug is a most acceptable and much-appreciated Christmas present, and there is nothing that possesses more refinement and beauty for an elegant floor covering.

Smyrna, Wilton and Axminster Hearth Rugs.

Beautiful in design and colorings. We have a grand and great variety to match any shade of carpet. These range in price from \$2.50 to \$10.

Room Size Rugs.

Handsome Rugs, suitable for rooms. The largest range to select from in Tapestry, Brussels, Velvets, Wilton, Axminsters, etc. Sizes from 3x3 yards up to 3x5 yards. Prices \$6.50 to \$10.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS

Every holiday season we dispose of a great number of

Lace Curtains

FINE NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS—Dainty patterns, suitable for parlors, libraries, etc. Special values for the holiday season, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4.00 per pair.

NET CURTAINS—Large assortment. Specially adapted for drawing-rooms, parlors, etc. Beautiful designs. Special holiday prices \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Still Another Useful Gift Is Blankets.

A fine pair of Blankets is still another very useful and acceptable present. We carry a special line of Fine Saxony Blankets, finest qualities, neatly bound ends and fast colored borders. Per pair \$4.50 and \$5.00.

"What We Advertise Is So."

KINGSMILL'S

Everything For the Home.

I heard the Postman on our street,
Say, GRANBY RUBBERS can't be beat.
In them I tramp and tramp about.
They're easy to wear,
and don't wear out.



A pair of GRANBY RUBBERS will wear as long as two pairs of ordinary rubbers and they look well all the time.
GRANBY RUBBERS WEAR LIKE IRON.

Removed to 426 Richmond Street
The Peoples Building & Loan Association,
OF LONDON, ONT.
DIVIDEND No. 19.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Six Per Cent per annum upon the permanent capital stock of the association for the current half-year has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the offices of the association on and after
January 3rd, 1905.

The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,
WILLIAM SPITAL,
Secretary-Treasurer.
London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1904. 510-15-16

Special Notice.
Cushions! Cushions! Feather and down cushions, 50 cents each. Goose feather pillows, mattresses, springs, beds, brass and iron beds, from \$3 each. Bedroom suits, sideboards, spring couches, fancy chairs, rockers, children's tables, at Hunt & Sons, Mattress and Feather Pillow Manufacturers, 503 Richmond street north, Phone 297.

WHILE MORE prevalent in winter, when sudden changes in the weather try the strongest constitutions, colds and coughs and ailments of the throat may come in any season. At the first sign of derangement use Bick's Anti-Congestive Syrup. Instant relief will be experienced, and use of the medicine will fill the cold and prevent it from spreading to the lungs from attack. For anyone with throat or chest weakness it cannot be surpassed.
Football and many other outdoor games are played by the blind, certain changes being made so that in each game the sense of hearing takes the place of sight.
Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

THE HEALTH BOARD HOLDS ITS FINAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR

Decides to Join in Move to Establish Sanatorium for Consumptives.

The board of health for 1904 held its final meeting of the year in the city hall today. Dr. English (chairman), Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, Messrs. W. A. Carothers, W. D. Willis, Charles Taylor, Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O., and Dr. Tamlyn, V. S., being present.

The annual reports of the medical health officer for the year were presented, and several other matters were dealt with.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, the report of the medical health officer was accepted, and it was warmly commended, and the doctor congratulated by the board.

Speaking of the death rate, Mr. Willis said that the deaths of people from outside places should not be included in the deaths of London, as the majority of London hospitals brought very many cases for treatment to London, with the natural consequence that there were many deaths in the hospitals. If these were not included, London's rate would be greatly reduced.

A clause of Dr. Hutchinson's report that only sanitary houses should be used in the schools of the city was ordered sent to the public and separate school boards, the members of the board of health considering it a very good suggestion.

A motion was also passed, thanking the chief of police for allowing the board to make the annual inspection of yards last spring, the board declaring that this year's inspection was more satisfactory than that of any previous year.

To Check Consumption.

In accordance with the request of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other Forms of Tuberculosis, the board agreed to

do all in its power to have the city council of London sign a petition, which is to be presented to the Dominion and Ontario Governments, praying that such Governments do everything possible to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, and to establish a sanatorium in each province for the care of tuberculous patients, the sanatorium to be run under such terms and conditions as may effectively conserve the rights and interests of all the cities, towns, etc., signing the petition. The board will also look into the matter thoroughly before seeking the aid of the city council.

The communication of the association stated that in the Dominion of Canada there are each year 8,000 deaths from tuberculosis, and 2,894 of these occur in the Province of Ontario. In the city of London there were 340 persons suffering from tuberculosis last year, with 48 deaths. These figures appeared to greatly inspire the members of the board, and the conclusion to take steps at once in accordance with the request of the association was reached without debate.

The Rendering Works Again.
In reply to an inquiry of Mr. Willis regarding the Arcsott works, Dr. English said the proprietor has installed a new plant, and appears to be about to begin rendering there in the near future, as he understands the works in Westminster are being closed by order of the Westminster Board of Health.

Dr. English added that the Ontario health department has not given its consent to anything that is being done in the way of installing new plant, and is opposing the works on Trafalgar street.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, a vote of thanks to Dr. English, the chairman, for his efficient work and indefatigable efforts for the public good during the past year, was unanimously passed.

Dr. English thanked all the members for their attendance and for the kind words of the resolution.

QUESTION OF AGE IS NOT LEFT ALTOGETHER TO THE BARTENDER

Magistrate Has Right to Say If Youthful Drunks Are Twenty-One.

There were quite a number of hotel-masters present in the police court this morning when the case of Sidney LeDrew, bartender at the Oriental Hotel, who was charged with furnishing liquor to minors, came up. Judgment was reserved, the case being adjourned for two weeks until the result of an appeal made by Mr. Mahon, against a decision handed down by Police Magistrate Love is announced.

The evidence of the prosecution was heard last week, and Mr. LeDrew took the stand this morning and stated that he remembered the two boys in question coming into the hotel. They appeared to be over 21 years of age. His attention had been called to the clause of the liquor law with regard to minors, and he had been careful of late to live up to it. He was sure that he had asked the boys their ages before they received the beer, and he had not said, "You're 21, aren't you?" but had asked them straight if they were of age.

Mr. James Haverson, K. C., of Toronto, solicitor for the Licensed Victuallers' Association, appeared for Mr. Mahon, proprietor of the hotel where LeDrew is employed as bartender. He said he supposed there was no doubt the act said liquor was not to be sold to those "apparently minors." That "apparently" was the key word. The question arose, "Were those boys 21 years of age in appearance?" The bartender had said in a frank manner that he believed that they were 21, and if there was any discrepancy in regard to the statement of the prosecutor, the statement of the bartender ought to be accepted. The boys admitted that they lied to Mr. LeDrew, and the evidence of confessed liars

could not be taken. There were many things to be considered in the case. Between the ages of 18 and 21 there was great difficulty in fixing upon a person's age. The act of Parliament assumed that there were those who would appear to be of age and yet were not. There was an impression abroad that the magistrate's idea was that if a bartender sold to anyone under 21, whether he appeared to be that age or not, he was liable to a fine.

"There is no reason for any such impression," replied the magistrate. "I have made no statement to that effect."

In summing up the evidence and arguments, the magistrate said that he did not suppose that the act left the question of apparent age altogether to the discretion of the bartender. He thought that the magistrate or judge had the opportunity to exercise his discretion as to whether the bartender was reasonable in his view of the case.

He thought that he was the one to decide this matter, as he had done in the case of the boy who was now under appeal. While he had every confidence in Mr. LeDrew's honesty he thought that his opinion would be naturally prejudiced. "The boys were certainly not 21 years of age in the magistrate's view."

It was agreed to adjourn the case until a decision was given in the appeal of Wm. Mahon. The magistrate would adopt the ruling of the higher court for this case.

A young man who is home on a visit to his parents, was charged with assault by P. C. Probyn. The latter stated that he had picked the prisoner up on Dundas street and that he had been struck for his trouble. The defendant stated that he had had six drinks of whisky during the day, and that "half of those were water."

He did not intend to strike the officer, said that if he had done so it was accidental. The magistrate fined him \$5, which was paid.

One drunk was discharged.

Out notices that all such cases will in the future result in prosecutions.

In his letter Mr. Graydon quotes the statute as follows:

"No person shall use any church, hospital, college, school, hall, theater or other building of a like nature used as a place of worship, or for public meetings of amusement or resort, unless and until the same contains such a number of doors, halls, stairs, stair railings and other means of egress of sufficient size and strength as in the opinion of the inspector of buildings shall afford ample facilities for free and rapid egress in case of fire, panic, or other cause, and unless the same contains such a number of exits as shall be so situated that they may open freely outwards, and remain unfastened so long as such building is occupied by the public."

"Any person convicted of a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall forfeit and pay to the discretion of the convicting magistrate, a penalty not exceeding the sum of \$50 for each offense, exclusive of costs, and, in default of payment of the said penalty and costs forthwith, the said penalty and costs, or costs only, may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and in case of there being no distress found out of which such penalty can be levied, the convicting magistrate may commit the offender to the common jail of the County of Middlesex, with or without hard labor, for any period not exceeding 21 days, unless the said penalty and costs be sooner paid."

Bank Doors Closed.
Conneaut, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The First National Bank of Conneaut, and the Marine Bank of Conneaut Harbor did not open their doors for business today. The suspension resulted from runs on both concerns during the past few days. Officials claim the concerns are entirely solvent and declare that business will be resumed again in a short time.

The Chemist Laudin, in Sweden, has discovered a large and rich deposit of uranium, and is keeping the spot a strict secret. This radio-active substance has been found to exist in unusually large quantities in many of the mining districts of Portugal.

WANTED TO CHECK A P.G.

Farmer Insisted on Carrying Porker on Railroad Train.

Denver, Dec. 19.—Carrying a pig in a crate, Nat D. Sprowl, of Morrison, Ill., appeared at the baggage room, at the depot last night and asked that the crate be checked on his railroad transportation to that place.

"Hain't you better checking it? We can't check live animals," said the baggage man politely.

"No, I want it checked," said Sprowl. "I will have to check it. I got a right to check it. Hain't got no trunk."

The baggage man was busy, so he said, "Find Mike Clark, the policeman. He has charge of the pig department."

With a display of considerable diplomacy the policeman prevailed upon Sprowl to return to the baggage room, where, under the combined efforts of the baggage man, the policeman and the messenger, it was explained to him that the pig would have to be expressed to Morrison. He was directed to the express office, where the pig was properly tagged for its journey to Illinois.

DEATH OF MRS. DAWSON

London Lady Passes Away After a Lingering Illness

The death occurred this morning, after a lingering illness, of Mrs. Julia Dawson, wife of Mr. Wilberforce Dawson, of 44 York street. The deceased, who was 61 years of age, was an old resident of the city, and the news of her death will be heard with much regret by the friends of the family.

Mrs. Dawson was born in Bristol, England, and is survived by her husband and two sons, Fred H. and Benjamin, of London, and by three daughters. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Thomas Clark, resides in Toronto. The funeral will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MIDDLESEX COURTS

Dates Set for the Assizes and the Non-Jury Sittings.

According to a schedule just issued, the for Middlesex county will open at the courthouse on Monday, Jan. 9, before Mr. Justice Teetzel. The spring assizes will commence on Tuesday, April 25, before Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, and the non-jury sittings on Monday, June 5, before Mr. Justice McMahon.

Mr. Justice Magee, formerly of this city, is slated for the non-jury court at Stratford on June 6, and the St. Thomas non-jury court on June 28.

A GENUINE SNOWSTORM

London and District Mantled With a Beautiful Snow.

London and its surroundings are being visited by a real snowstorm. Former falls of "the beautiful" this season were just the advance-guard of old Father Winter's forces, but now it is a real snowstorm.

It was agreed to adjourn the case until a decision was given in the appeal of Wm. Mahon. The magistrate would adopt the ruling of the higher court for this case.

This is the first storm of the season that has threatened to hinder railway traffic. Former storms have been largely local and chiefly felt in the London district, but now the west wind, laden with the white flakes, is sweeping the whole stretch of country from the Tunnel to Hastings.

People, equally favored, if the storm keeps up, the Christmas traveler will undoubtedly have to take his patience with him.

A QUICK RESULT.

The Canada Trust Company were last week formally appointed administrators of the estate of the late J. Ellis Adkins, of London East, Jeweler.

The stock having been sold previously to Mr. A. F. Bass, who has since been advertising an extensive sale, a reporter called on the company and inquired the means taken to so quickly turn over the business. The manager explained that immediately after the deposit of the necessary application in the surrogate court the company took possession of the stock and upon making an inventory at once reopened the store to take advantage of the Christmas trade.

Within four days the company secured a cash purchaser for the stock and business, realizing \$12,000. To deliver the stock to Mr. Bass, who also wanted to secure the holiday trade, required a staff of fourteen, working continuously for nearly 36 hours. When it is considered that a business of this size was continued after the deceased's death, with no interruption except for stock-taking, and a sale for cash completed within six days after application for appointment as administrators, only to be sold, it is evident that the company must have an almost perfectly organized staff available for such service, and are to be congratulated on the expeditious method in which this estate was realized.

SET HORSE'S BROKEN LEG

Veterinarian Accomplishes the Task at California University.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 19.—The difficult and unusual task of setting a broken leg of a horse has been accomplished by Dr. A. R. Ward, veterinarian of the University of California, in his assistant, Dr. C. M. Haring. The horse's leg was kept in a thick plaster cast for six weeks. Today the cast, which was broken below the knee by the collision. The veterinarian demanded \$60 damages and got it. Then the butcher, thinking that the horse was a useless burden, turned it over to Dr. Ward. After setting the broken bones, the leg was put into a plaster cast big enough to prevent any movement of the bones. The horse got along nicely, lying down and standing up at will under the protection of the casing around the injured limb.

TUXEDO.

The ordinary Tuxedo does not possess any of the graceful lines of the Semi-ready Tuxedo.

The roll ends rather abruptly, from which point the coat is cut away too sharply. In the Semi-ready Tuxedo the crease of the collar is carefully conveyed to the bottom of the roll—so that from the top of the collar to the end of the front forms a beautifully graceful curve.

In designing, none of these points just happen so—every inch of the coat is studied—every line suggesting anything but symmetry and grace is eliminated.

In a Semi-ready Tuxedo the collar will retain its shape—that is scientific cutting.

Semi-ready Tailoring

LONDON.

146 DUNDAS STREET, also ST. THOMAS and STRATFORD.

TWO MONTHS FOR JOE

Indian Sentenced for an Assault on a Young Squaw.

The serious assault case, in which two young Indians are the accused, and in which a young Indian squaw is the plaintiff, has been occupying the attention of Squire Smyth for some time in the interim sessions court. Joseph French pleaded guilty to common assault, and thus got off easier than he otherwise would have done. He was sentenced to two months in jail. The case of his brother, Samuel French, will probably prove to be more serious. When he heard that his brother was taken, he fled the neighborhood of the Caradoc reserve and got to Constable Timothy a hard chase. He was finally rounded up on Walpole Island, brought before the squire and remanded until Friday, when his case will be dealt with. The alleged assault was committed on May 3, 1902.

Another case, that of James Mackey, charged by Michael Jackson with theft of fence-rails, will come up on Thursday for trial.

AUTHOR OF THE CANCAN

Clodoché Is to Dance Again at the Varieties in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 19.—One of the sensations of the theatrical season will be the appearance at the Varieties of Clodoché, inventor of the cancan. His real name is Clodomir, and he was one of the celebrities of the second empire, creating a sensation in opera and at fancy balls. Clodoché made \$18,000 by dancing, but lost the money during the communique. He now keeps for goods furnished by Fortuné. He will dance the cancan in "The Dragons of the Empress."

"King Lear" continues to be the season's theatrical sensation. The critics and society unite in regarding the performance as the event of the year. The theater Antoine is crowded every night by fashionable Parisians. Opinions differ regarding Antoine, who portrays the mad king, but the praise is unanimous for his production, which is a scenic marvel.

Troubles with dressmakers brought two theatrical artists before the courts. Mlle. Carlier was ordered to pay \$4,000 for goods furnished by Fortuné between September, 1902, and June, 1903. Mary Garden contested a charge of \$450 for a body skirt, and offered to pay \$300 for the garment. A letter from the actress eulogizing the dress was produced, and the court decided that the artist must pay the bill in full.

Queen's Maids' Marriage Off.

London, Dec. 19.—Not a little commotion was caused in social circles yesterday by the official announcement that the marriage of Mr. Sandys and Dorothy Vivian would not take place.

It was behind this change in plans was not known, but the fact was noteworthy from the distinguished position Miss Vivian holds as one of the four maids of honor of Queen Alexandra. Her majesty was one of the first to congratulate her maid when the engagement was announced two months ago. Dorothy and her twin sister Violet are pretty daughters of parents who were also noted for their good looks. They are sisters of the present Lord Vivian and share the privilege of accompanying the Queen with the Misses Mary Dyke and Sylvia Edwards wherever her majesty goes. The Queen is much attached to the pretty twins, who are great favorites in the royal circles.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and if the inflammation is not removed, and the tube is closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube re-opened, it is a permanent condition. It will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular free.

J. C. HARTLEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, etc. Beware of cheap imitations. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

The entire stock of over \$35,000 must be sold at cost or less, and the public can rely upon this principle being carried out. All the stock is regular goods, and none has been purchased or will be purchased to deceive buyers. However, I will take orders for any kind of goods and sell them at cost. This is a rare opportunity for customers or for those who have never been customers. Try me. All goods will be guaranteed as sold, as arrangements have been made with the successors to the business for this purpose. Promises must be fulfilled. All goods have been purchased for cash, and consequently well bought. You cannot blame your jeweler for not competing with a man retiring from business. If he does so, he must sell at far below cost. The following prices are a sample of the rest of the stock. I am bound to sell out.

SALE WILL CONTINUE FROM DAY TO DAY TILL STOCK IS SOLD OUT

Store open Every Day from 9 to 12:30, 2 to 5:30, 7 to 9.

100 dozen Sterling Teaspoons, must be sold.

Gent's Waltham Watch in a gold-filled case, guaranteed 20 years, regular \$12.00. For \$6.75

1847 Rogers Bros.' Tea Spoons, A1, per dozen \$2.25

1847 Rogers Bros.' Knives, A1, per dozen \$3.35

Eight-Day Clock, half-hour strike, regular \$3.50, for \$2.00

Lemaire's Opera Glasses, regular price \$5.00 \$3.25

Alarm Clock. Regular price \$1.00, for 60c

Gents' Gold-Filled Hunting Case Watch, warranted to wear 20 years, with Waltham or Elgin movement \$10.00

Large stock of Purses and Hand Bags, Ladies' Umbrellas, of the best quality, Gold-headed Canes, and Manicure Sets in silver and ebony. Heavy stock Sterling Silver Goods in every line of the trade. Entree Dishes, Pearl-handled Desert Knives and Forks; Ivory Handles, Celluloid Handles of the English Rodgers—the best makers in these goods in the world. Diamond Rings galore. I have arranged for new stock of certain lines sold out, so as not to disappoint my customers. All goods sold and found not as represented will be taken back and money returned. I have thought it best to sell straight to the public instead of calling in an auctioneer, as I shall then have sole control of the selling, and there will be no misrepresentation.

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