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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED

McCORMICK—Catharine D., the beloved wife of Thomas McCormick. Grand avenue, "fell on sleep," Wednesday noon, Dec. 19.

Funeral private, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Friday 3:30 p.m. Service at the house at 3 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers.

HILL—At Houghton, Mich., on Dec. 18, 1900, James T., eldest son of John Hill, formerly of the 8th con., Caradoc, aged 27 years 1 month and 25 days.

Funeral from the family residence, 187 Queen's avenue, on Friday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m.; service 2:30. Friends and acquaintance kindly accept this intimation.

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AUDITORIUM—SEE AND HEAR THE Kilties in the programme of band and vocal music and Scotch dances tomorrow evening. 25c, 50c, 75c. b

PROF. CLARK, CRONYN HALL, THIS evening. Admission, 25 cents. b

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Meetings.

A. O. U. W.—WOODBINE LODGE MEETS this evening. Visitors welcome. Election of officers. G. A. Werner, M. W. b

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64, A. F. AND A. M., meets tonight at Corinthian lodge room, East London, at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers and other business. B. S. Murray, W. M.; John Overell, P. M., Secretary. b

NOMINATION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL trustees will take place at St. Peter's school, at noon, on Dec. 26, 1900. T. J. Murphy, returning officer; M. O'Sullivan, secretary. 15c

FOREST CITY CAMP, No. 1, CANADIAN Order of Woodmen, meets Thursday evening, 20th inst., in Duffield Block. Election of officers and other important business. Visitors welcome. J. G. Roughley, C.C.; Charles Doe, clerk. 45u

MEETING OF REAL ESTATE OWNERS' Association, Friday evening, Dec. 21st, inst. Important business. W. H. Ferguson, Secretary. 46c

Christmas Cheer.

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CHEER—ALL deserving persons desirous of participating in the above will please apply to either of the following members of the relief committee by Friday next: H. T. Smith, [illegible] Dufferin avenue; S. Pannell, 98 William street; Wm. Skinner, 326 York street; J. H. Barnes, 369 Talbot street, Hoggins House; A. A. Roberts, 41 Regina street; G. B. Nash, [illegible] Talbot street; R. Cadwallader, secretary. 44u yw

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IF YOU ARE TROUBLED WITH OLD sores, piles, burns, skin disease, use New Century Magic Salve, No. 3 Market Square.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO RENT—EITHER FURNISHED OR unfurnished, the residence of the late Mrs. McNeil, 564 Wellington street, opposite the park. Apply to Thos. Coffee, Catholic Record office, Richmond street. 45n

TO LET—SHOP, WITH VAULT, ALBION Building, next door Canadian Express. Apply T. H. Carling, "The Brewery," or Colcrick Bros., Richmond street. 43n

MASONIC TEMPLE—A FEW OFFICES in the Masonic Temple, suitable for offices or sample rooms, to let with heat. Apply to Purdom & Purdom, Masonic Temple Building. 42n

TO LET—STORE AT PRESENT OCCUPIED by The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. Apply Thos. C. Knott. 31tf

TO LET—LARGE STORE, NO. 173 DUNDAS street. Possession Dec. 1. Apply, Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co. 3tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Co. Phone 346.



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A pair of comfortable, well-fitting, stylish Shoes or Slippers cannot but be deemed a sensible Christmas gift. When you consider the dampness of the streets incident to inclement Winter weather, any sensible man or woman would deeply appreciate a pair of our genuine damp-proof

RUBBER SOLE BOOTS.

These are the ideal winter footwear—a sure protection against colds by keeping the feet warm and dry.

Have you seen our Men's, Women's and Children's Velvet and Felt Boots and Slippers? It not, you should do so at once. They are "selling like hot cakes," and are as comfortable and "warm as toast."

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Lost and Found.

LOST LAST FRIDAY—POCKETBOOK, containing small sum of money and car tickets. Reward at Advertiser Office. b

LOST—CHILD'S GRAY PERSIAN LAMB gauntlet. Kindly leave at this office. 46c

LOST—ON DEC. 17—PURSE—OWNER'S name on Dr. Abbott's dental card. Reward at this office. 45u

LOST—WOOLEN CARRIAGE RUG—ON Hyman or Wellington streets. Reward at 309 Hyman street. 45c

STRAYED OR STOLEN FROM 518 Queen's avenue, London, on Dec. 3 white and black and tan English setter dog. Had on collar and dog tax tag. Liberal reward for information. J. C. Duffield. 45ff

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BLACKSMITH SHOP AND TOOLS TO rent in country. Good stand. Man preferred to board with family. Address Box 3, Advertiser Office. 44c

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PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE SOME money in sure, profitable investment will do well to address Box N. Advertiser. 29tf

Real Estate.

LOTS FOR SALE—NICE CORNER LOT, Princess avenue and Elizabeth street; one nice lot on Princess (cheap); one fine lot on King street (central); two on St. James (near St. John's Church); one on St. George (near St. James). J. F. Sangster, 403 Richmond street. 36tyw

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MISS EVELYN PERRIN, SCIENTIFIC palmist, graduate Occult College in India. This wonderfully gifted young lady is recognized by press and public as the greatest genius of the age. Your fate and fortune is in your hand. Hours 9 to 8. Queen's Hotel 43k

Business Cards.

FOREST CITY PARCEL DELIVERY—Nichols & Co. Orders received at office at Jenkins' Cigar Store, 133 Dundas street, two doors west Market Lane. Phone 170. ywt

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THE HARDING HALL GIRLS' SCHOOL LIMITED.
A BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL.
Musical Kindergarten in afternoon. Winter term begins Nov. 21. For prospectus apply to Mrs. J. K. Wells, 681 Talbot street.

Wanted.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—HOUSE, with all modern conveniences, four bedrooms, double parlors, etc., neighborhood of Princess, Dufferin or Queen's avenue or King street, and near Victoria Park. Address, stating all particulars, location and price, to Box 4, this office. 44c

WANTED—TO RENT—SMALL PLACE near city. Address, Box 2, Advertiser. 44c

ONE HUNDRED TO TEN THOUSAND dollars to loan at 5 and 5½ per cent on real estate. J. W. G. Winnett, barrister, etc., 420 Talbot street. ywt

Auction Sale—Household Furniture—On Friday, Dec. 21, at 250 Burwell street, corner Horton street.

NEIL COOPER has received instructions from Mrs. Sage, who is leaving the city, to sell contents of cottage, comprising in part carpets, furniture, stoves and kitchen utensils, Sale at 10:30. NEIL COOPER, Auctioneer. b

SHIP WAS SAVED

Only by the Coolness and Plucky Perseverance of the Passengers.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—The Centennial, formerly a transport carrying troops to Manila, which is now running as passenger vessel between Seattle, Honolulu, and San Francisco, arrived here in badly battered condition, only the coolness and readiness of passengers on board to help the crew saved the steamer from destruction. The 86 passengers set to work and bailed out the vessel for hours, preventing the water from reaching the cargo line, and saved the vessel.

The Centennial sailed Dec. 11 for Seattle. When two days out a storm began, and for four days the vessel was hammered by seas. On the 14th waves swept over the steamer, smashing the two lifeboats. Two barrels of lime were set on fire, but were thrown overboard. On the night of Dec. 16, from 6 to 10 o'clock, it seemed as if the vessel could not weather the hurricane. The saloon filled with water. The bridge started, while Capt. Engles and his chief officer were on it.

The 86 passengers volunteered to bail out the saloon to prevent the water from reaching the 4,876 barrels of lime stowed in the hold. The crew was occupied in navigating the vessel and could not aid in the work. The firemen worked all night in water up to their waists.

SERIOUS WORK BEFORE THEM

No Christmas Holidays for the British Soldiers in South Africa.

Lord Kitchener's Censorship of the News Creates Disquiet---Colonials Dreaded by the Boers---The Home-Comers on Board the Roslyn Castle---More Invalids on the Way.

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch dated Krugersdorp, Sunday, Dec. 16, says: "A pitched battle is imminent between the British, under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers, under Gen. Delarey."

BRITISH LOSSES.

The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for.

The war office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated, and that probably the troops who have been employed in chasing Gen. Dewet will be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the war office this can only be interpreted as confirming the reports.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquiet. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements. According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of the military operations. It is believed that the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and is making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

Lord Kitchener cables the war office that the charges made in parliament by John Bryn-Roberts, Radical and Home Rule member for the Carnarvonshire district of Elfon, that the Australian troops in South Africa had practically mutinied, were without foundation.

MANY BOERS KILLED.

A dispatch from Pretoria reports that many Boers were killed and injured by an explosion of powder among the stores abandoned by the British at Nooitgedacht. The Boers fired the supplies for the purpose of destroying them.

SALISBURY'S SON.

Lord Edward Cecil, fourth son of the Marquis of Salisbury, returned to Hatfield House last evening from South Africa. He was received with picturesque rejoicings. His carriage was encircled with a ring of flame by torch-bearers. The family group, headed by Lord Salisbury, together with Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Mr. Arthur Balfour, Mr. George Wyndham and Lord Selbourne, stood upon the steps of the Elizabethan mansion, to bid him welcome. All were surrounded by tenantry of the estate, bearing torches.

PRO-BOER MEETING IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 20.—Under the auspices of the Transvaal League, there was held last night a meeting for the purpose of arousing sympathy for the Boers in their struggle against England. An Englishman, Ernest Temple, Hargrove, of London, England, author of "World Policies," was the principal speaker. W. D. Sayman, who acted on Gen. Dewet's staff, told the audience that the Boers will never surrender so long as their lives and liberties are threatened by England.

HIGH PRAISE FOR CANADIANS.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Sir Chas. Ross is now here on his way to British Columbia. He was on the staff of Gen. Hutton during the war, and referring to the Canadian contingents, he said it is impossible to speak too highly of the work done by the colonials. Among the officers in the army, the Canadians and the New Zealanders have the reputation of being among the best mounted troops serving in South Africa. "I can speak Dutch, and had occasion to talk with a great many Boer prisoners taken on the road north. They said that the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the New Zealand Mounted Infantry had a great reputation. The Boers were afraid of them, and complained that these two corps were composed of men who, when they advanced against them, shot to kill."

TAKEN PRISONER.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—A letter has been received by J. H. Metcalfe, ex-M. P., from his son, Sergt. Fred. Metcalfe, C. M. R., wounded at the battle of Belfast on Nov. 6. He was wounded in the hip, and is yet quite lame. The bullet has not been extracted. The wound was X-rayed and it was decided not to have an operation in Africa, and he will wait till he arrives home. He is a passenger on the Rosyln Castle. After Metcalfe was wounded he managed to escape, and by crawling on his hands and knees, for he was unable to walk, and by rolling over and over, he managed to cover the thirteen miles separating him from the column, and was cared for by the surgeons. When he was taken prisoner the Boers took away his rifle and side arms. They also wanted to take away his watch and valuables, but these he absolutely refused to give up, telling them that if they wanted them they must first kill him.

The Canadians.

ON BOARD THE ROSLYN CASTLE.

London, Dec. 20.—The war office makes the following official announcement: The Roslyn Castle left Cape Town for Halifax on Dec. 13, with the following on board: Col. Lessard, Surgeon-Major Duff, Capts. Nelles and Wynne, Majors Williams and Forester, Veterinary-Major Hall, Lieut. Sutton, Col. Evans, Surgeon-Major Devine, Capts. Cuthbert and Allan, Lieuts. Wroughton, Cosby, Eustace, Neverent, Sinnett, Majors Saunders and Bliss, Capt. Baker, Lieuts. Moodie, Begin and Davidson, Veterinary-Lieut. Reddell; Canadian Dragoons, 213 men; Canadian Mounted Infantry, 180 men; Canadian Artillery, staff, 10 men; Canadian Artillery, 378 men; Col. Drury, Surgeon-Major Worthington, Rev. Mr. Cox, Capt. Thacker, Veterinary-Major Massie, Col. Hudon, Lieuts. Leslie, Irving, McCrae, Morrison, Murray and Goode, Majors Hurdman and Ogilvie, Capts. Patriet, Eaton and Costigan, Lieut. Ogilvie, Major Laurie and four men, Major Osborne. Nursing Sisters Forbes, Pope, Richardson, Russell, Affleck, Macdonald and Hurcomb.

CANADIANS INVALIDED.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian special force in South Africa have been invalided to England:

Second (special service) Battalion, R. C. R.—No. 821, Pte. J. Currie, 5th Regiment; No. 7,836, Pte. L. Smith, 62nd Regiment.

Royal Canadian Dragoons—No. 351, Sergt. W. Bissette, Q. O. C. H.; No. 38, Pte. D. Daouse, G. G. B. G.; No. 206, Pte. L. Wigle, 1st Hussars; No. 215, Pte. R. H. Reynolds, 1st Hussars; No. 330, Pte. S. J. McGregor, B. C.; No. 408, Pte. H. B. White, Waterville, N. S.

Canadian Mounted Rifles—No. 291, Corp. R. Stevens, N. W. M. P.; No. 29, Pte. T. A. Bird, Prince Albert, N.W.T.; No. 78, Pte. J. T. Doolan, Edmonton, N.W.T.; No. 134, Pte. S. H. Hodgkiss, Edmonton, N.W.T.

C (special service) Battery, R. C. F. A.—No. 98, Gunner J. C. Winger, 7th Field Battery; No. 132, Gunner L. Clarkson, Toronto, Ont.; No. 69, Dr. J. Porteous, Hamilton, Ont.

D (special service) Battery, R. C. F. A.—No. 310, Dr. C. King, 30th Regiment; No. 350, Dr. R. E. Boyle, 14th Field Battery.

Strathcona's Horse—No. 273, Sergt. T. L. Edmundson; No. 145, Pte. M. R. Harris, Falmouth, England; No. 154, Pte. J. Parker; No. 166, Pte. B. Yule, Prescott, Ont.; No. 279, Pte. A. W. Gee, Fort Steele, B.C.; No. 287, Pte. W. H. N. Dawson, Rainy River, Ont.; No. 351, Pte. P. Switzer, Carberry, Man.; No. 419, Pte. E. S. Cronyn, London, Ont.; No. 464, Pte. A. R. Lowe, Moosomin; No. 474, Pte. H. Fraser, Victoria, B.C.; No. 518, Pte. A. E. Harrison; No. 617, Pte. W. R. Fowler, Hamilton, Ont.; No. 623, Pte. C. J. Isbester, Ottawa, Ont.

A FIGHT IS ON!

Heavy Cannonading Heard North of Krugersdorp—Invasion of Cape Colony Spreading.

London, Dec. 20.—A special from Johannesburg dated Dec. 19 says that heavy cannonading was heard this morning north of Krugersdorp.

As cabled to the Associated Press from Krugersdorp, Transvaal, under date of Sunday, Dec. 16, and sent out last night, a pitched battle was then imminent between the British under General Clements, who had been reinforced, and the Boers under General Delarey.

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—The invasion of Cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Colesburg, south of Philippolis, and near the Orange River Colony frontier. The people here are much disturbed. A mixed force of 1,000 men was dispatched north yesterday evening.

London, Dec. 20.—The following dispatch has been received from Gen. Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

"A party of Boers, estimated at from 500 to 800, has crossed the Orange River at Rhenoster Hoek.

"A second band is reported to have crossed near Sand Drift. They have been followed. I have sent a considerable body of mounted men, who are getting around them.

"The Boers from Rhenoster Hoek are being followed closely from Venterstadt, which they left at 3 o'clock yesterday evening, going in the direction of Steynberg.

"The important points on the railways and the neighborhood are well guarded. I hope the band will soon be driven north again."

BLAZE AT BLYTHE

Several Stores and Mason's Hotel Destroyed by Fire Tuesday Night.

Clinton, Dec. 20.—A fire broke out in rear of Hamilton's drug store in Blyth Tuesday night and destroyed Hamilton's drug and fancy store, the Canadian Express and G. N. W. telegraph offices, Smith's jewelry store, a furniture store and the Mason Hotel.

Strikes and Strikers.

Antwerp, Dec. 20.—It is now estimated that there are 13,000 men on strike, including coal porters and sailors, who have joined the dock laborers. Most of the imported laborers have been induced to join the unions. The Red Star Line officials have offered men special terms, hoping to get the steamer Nederland loaded in time to sail on Saturday.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The officials of the Shedden Company claim that the strike of their carters is about over, as they have taken on a large number of new men, and are doing the G. T. R. cartage as usual.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The committee representing the engineers, firemen and conductors and trainmen of the Santa Fe Railway system declared last night that they would not advise a strike in sympathy with the telegraphers.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P., will again be the Liberal candidate for West York in the next provincial election.

A member of the Manitoba Cabinet stated, in response to inquiry, that the writ for the bye-election in South Winnipeg would be issued immediately after the new year.

The Conservative members and senators, it is stated, will meet in Ottawa, on the 5th of February, the day before the house assembles, in order to select one of their number to act as leader during the session.

Hon. C. H. Campbell announced at Winnipeg that it was the intention of the Manitoba Government to introduce the system of compulsory education into the province at an early date.

At the banquet in Winnipeg Wednesday, in honor of Sir Charles Tupper about 225 guests were present. Premier Roblin presided, and among the prominent guests who responded to toasts were: Hon. Messrs. H. J. Macdonald, Rogers and Davidson, Mayor Wilson, Dr. Roche, M. P.

The South Ontario Conservative Association held its annual meeting at Whitby on Wednesday afternoon and elected officers. Dr. Kaiser was chosen president. A banquet was also tendered to Wm. Smith, ex-M.P.

At the banquet to Premier Roblin at Morden Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, in the course of a speech, said he felt that a strong man would shortly be found to lead the Conservative party in Canada.

FIVE THOUSAND QUEBEC SETTLERS

May Come From Finland Yearly and Take Up Land on the Perabuka River.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—There is a great scheme on hand to add largely to the population of this province. It is understood that negotiations are progressing between the Quebec Government and certain representatives of Finland to secure a concession of a million acres of land on the Perabuka River, Lake St. John, and that the proposition is to settle 5,000 Finlanders every year on these rich agricultural lands of the Lake St. John.

The Perabuka is 450 miles long, and millions of acres of fine land, and well-wooded, are to be found on both sides of this great stream.

The delegates who represent the Finlanders say that the climate of Quebec is not so severe as that of their own country, and with the pulp mills and other industries, now under way, they claim that these proposed newcomers will make prosperous homes for themselves, and, at the same time, become valuable settlers.

FRENCH-CANADIANS TO RETURN.

Lake St. John also expects a heavy French-Canadian immigration from the State of Maine next season, no less than 1,800 new settlers having gone in this year.

Reports say that in spite of the alleged manufacturing prosperity of the New England States, the French-Canadian operatives throughout Maine, and in other states, are only working about half the time, and that they have decided to look to the motherland for homes.

Mr. Rene Dupont, the colonization agent of the Lake St. John country, declares that, while the very few French-Canadians who have succeeded in the states oppose the repatriation movement, the masses have but one dream, and that is to return to the province by the St. Lawrence.

Lake St. John, in 1898, exported butter and cheese valued at $150,000, and, in 1899, $290,000, which will have increased to $400,000 by the end of 1900.

SUICIDED FOR SHAME.

New York, Dec. 20.—Having been arrested and held in bail on the charge of having stolen $2, William Weil, an inspector of hydrants in the Brooklyn waterworks department, killed himself last night by drinking carbolic acid.

WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL.

The announcement will be received with the greatest pleasure that Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., is to lecture in London at the opera house on Monday evening, Dec. 31. "The War as I saw It" will be the subject of this lecture by the most remarkable young man of the day. He will give the thrilling account of his capture by and his escape from the Boers, and many other remarkable episodes in which he participated. A veteran of five wars, the author of five books, a member of parliament, at the age of 26 years, Winston Churchill stands out as one of the most brilliant young men of any day. In English history one has to go back to Disraeli to find a youth of equal prominence. People who hear Winston Churchill on this tour may possibly be listening to the premier of Greater Britain, as he has been called by Julian Ralph. The sale of seats begins on Thursday morning, Dec. 27.

What Shall I Buy For Christmas?

Is what everyone is thinking about at present.

Come to us, and we will easily relieve you of that burden.

We have made unusual efforts for this season, and are exhibiting a choice collection of dainty and attractive articles suitable for Christmas Gifts. Gifts worth giving. Every one a useful gift—as well as a dainty remembrance.

This year our Perfumes are exquisite, fragrant and lasting, and the packages very pretty, yet inexpensive.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Chemists and Druggists,
216 Dundas Street.

Re McGillivray.

THE VALUABLE oil paintings belonging to the estate of G. A. McGillivray will be sold by auction on Friday evening, the 21st inst., 8 o'clock sharp, by J. W. Jones, at his rooms, 242 Dundas street, city.

Catalogues can be seen on application to the auctioneer, where the paintings will also be on view. As there are many very valuable paintings in this collection, the sale is well worth the attention of the public.

GIBBONS & HARPER,
438 Solicitors for estate.

Light & Heavy Overcoatings

THERE will be found in our stock the nobbiest range of goods in London suitable for fall and winter. The assortment is very complete.

SLATER BROS.
Merchant Tailors,
399 Richmond Street.

TOYS!

WE'VE gathered here a Wonderland of Toys—the kind that will gladden the heart of childhood. Toys that you wind with a key, and toys that go by a spring. Toys for boys and toys for girls.

EARLY IN THE MORNING.

Some think a store doesn't get its business eyes open till half-past ten. That's wrong. Most room in the morning. An early day and early in it—that's the secret of good Christmas shopping. But come when you please and as often as you please—the welcome will be just as hearty.

TOYS FOR GIRLS.

Ironing boards, 10c; grandmother rockers, 10c; extension tables, 10c; round post cradles, 10c; pastry sets, 10c; dolls, 10c and 15c; carpet sweepers, 20c; pocket folding cups, 20c; dolls, 20c; typewriters, $1; pianos (15 keys) $1; furniture sets, 25c; china tea sets, 12½c; doll swings, 25c; toilet sets (5 pieces) 20c and 35c; folding cots, 25c; kitchen sets, 25c; tea sets (7 pieces) 20c; kid dolls, 25c; blackboards, 15c, 25c, 30c and 50c; tricycles, 35c; decorated tea sets (7 pieces) 35c; folding cups (in watch cases) 35c; dolls' carriages, 30c, 35c, 85c and $1; child's wood rockers, 50c; decorated tea sets (15 pieces) 35c; 50c and 75c; dolls' wood rockers, 25c; decorated china sets (15 pieces), $1.25 and $1.50; folding chairs (plush seats) 50c; decorated china sets (20 pieces) $1.25.

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TOYS FOR BOYS.

Bugles, 5c; frogs that go, 5c; tops, 5c; autotops, 10c; climbing monkeys, 10c; whips, 10c; trumpets, 10c; pacing bobs, 15c; nickel pistols 15c; paint boxes, 20c; 27th Fusiliers, 20c; tin tops, 20c; fur monkeys, 20c; laughing cameras, 20c; pocket folding cups, 20c; fascination game, 25c; gunboats, 25c and 50c; Noah's arks, 25c; artist, 25c; barking dogs, 25c; tops, 25c; globes (educational), 25c; climbing monkeys, 25c; hot air toys, 25c; donkey party, 25c; trumpets, 25c; kid dolls, 25c; tool chests, 25c; magic boxes, 35c; 7th Fusiliers, 35c; khaki soldiers, 35c; tricycles, 35c; motocycles, 35c; express, 35c; folding cups (in watch cases), 35c; 13th Hussars, 35c; tenpins, 35c; reversible engines, 25c; brass engines, 35c; mule truck wagons, 50c; hook and ladder brigades, 75c; fire engines, 10c and 25c; cabs, with driver, 75c; locomotives, 10c; passenger trains, 45c; artillery, $1; fire chief, 50c; fire engines, 65c; patrol wagon, 65c; banks, $1 and $2; brass drums (6-inch) 35c; brass drums (8-inch) 50c; brass drums (11-inch) 75c; blackboards, 15c, 25c, 35c and $1; combination secretary and blackboard, $2; parchesi boards, $1; typewriters, $1; electric batteries, $1; tool chests, 75c.

And the result of months of planning and buying is ready for your viewing and choosing. It's Christmas all over the store. From our Toy Department alone have we picked this half-page of pointers for Christmas buyers. They are only hints to help those who are puzzled. We could comfortably take care of the entire shopping population of the city if we could have them distributed over the entire day instead of having one-fourth in the afternoon. That's why we urge you to come early—as early as convenient.

OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

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

DECISIVE BATTLE IN COLOMBIA

Rebels Defeated in a Two Days' Fight.

Two Hundred Christians Massacred in Turkey.

Floating Gambling Palace To Be Moored Off Brighton, Eng.—How a Lady Lost Her Fortune—Royal Couple Get a Permit to Marry.

FLOATING MONTE CARLO CASINO

London, Dec. 20.—A syndicate has been formed to buy an obsolete Atlantic liner, fit her up as a miniature Monte Carlo casino, moor her off the English coast, just outside the three-mile limit, and run a big game in the English Channel off Brighton. Launches will run back and forth to meet London trains.

The boat will be a floating hotel, as well as a gambling resort, and visitors may live aboard as long as they please in luxurious surroundings. Experienced croupiers will be imported from Monte Carlo, and roulette will be the principal game, played in strict accordance with Monaco rules.

Nominally it will be a club, but any man belonging to any recognized club in Europe can easily obtain admission on payment of a nominal fee. This is similar to the rule of the Ostend club. A private part of the ship will be devoted to a restricted club, like any London club, with heavy subscriptions and limited membership. This will be for private play.

The promoters say making money is not so much their object as providing a place where Englishmen can gamble. They reckon the profits of the hotel and restaurant business will be sufficient to pay the expenses, so every reasonable concession will be made to gamblers.

The cost of the ship and outfitting is estimated at $250,000, while more than that will be subscribed to stake the bank.

LADY MILES' LOSSES.

London, Dec. 19.—The story of Lady Miles, widow of Sir Philip Miles, her thousands and a bucket shop, is being told before the lord chief justice, the lady having sued Messrs. Duncans, of Waterloo Place, for £6,127, the proceeds of a sale of consols.

Duncans is the name under which Henry Lowenfeld, of the Shaftesbury Theater; A. A. Hannay and W. Stark do business as outside or "curb" stock brokers. They issued a book called "How Money Makes Money." Lady Miles saw this book in August, 1898, and whote to Messrs. Duncans.

Lady Miles began with a three-share deal in August, 1898. By November, 1899, transactions involving about £100,000 were opened between her ladyship and Duncans.

"While the firm," said the plaintiff's counsel, "were ever ready with advice to Lady Miles about buying stocks and shares, whenever she bought they always sold."

Toward the end of the dealings Lady Miles' daughter suggested to Messrs. Duncans that it would be a good thing to sell instead of buying. Hannay told her it would be ruinous "to sell a bear."

Said Lady Miles: "I now see it would have been ruinous—to him; so he did not sell."

Lady Miles decided to go in more heavily. A statement of her accounts rendered on Nov. 24 showed that the proceeds of the sale of her £6,500 in consols, as well as some goldfields shares, had been absorbed.

"A portion of your capital is used to reduce the value of your shares," was the way the firm put it. When she instructed them to close her speculative accounts she was told that all her money had been swallowed up, besides which she owed the firm the sum of £1,800. This means that Lady Miles had lost altogether £10,719.

SIX HUNDRED KILLED.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department has received a cablegram from United States Charge d'Affaires Baubre, at Bogota, stating that a great battle has been fought at Girardot Point, Magdalene River, Colombia, which lasted two days, and resulted in a decisive victory for the government. It is reported that 600 were killed and many hundreds wounded. Other victories by the government forces, of the utmost importance, have been announced. The government is celebrating the victories, and considers itself greatly strengthened by the success of its arms.

200 CHRISTIANS PUT TO DEATH.

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central province of Turkey, where 200 Christians have been killed.

ALLOWED TO MARRY.

Madrid, Dec. 20. — In the senate yesterday the royal message announcing the marriage at an early date of the Princess of the Asturias, heiress-presumptive to the throne, with Prince Charles, second son of the Count of Caserta, was adopted by 157 votes against 4.

ANOTHER AIRSHIP.

Vienna, Dec. 20. — An Austrian engineer, William Kress, has invented an airship, which is pronounced to be better than Zeppelin's. The emperor has become much interested, and expressed the belief that it would be successful. The Emperor has contributed $1,000 toward building an experimental ship.

DREYFUS TROUBLE IS ON.

Paris, Dec. 20.—4:55 a.m.—That the troubles incidental to the Dreyfus affair are not yet over, in spite of the passage of the amnesty bill, it is evident from a letter from Major Guignet, in the morning papers, asking the assistance of the minister of war in an action for libel against the Siecle, which has charged him with forgery.

CABLE NOTES.

The Chamber of Deputies, says a dispatch from Valparaiso, has passed a bill appropriating $500,000 for the Chilian exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo.

The French Chamber of Deputies, after an all night session, adopted the amnesty bill by a vote of 156 to 2. The benefits of the measure extend to offenses connected with strikes, public meetings of associations and the troubles in Algeria in 1897-98, in addition to cases arising out of the Dreyfus agitation.

THE WAR VOTE.

London, Dec. 20.—The war office has issued a full "estimate of the further amount required in the year ending March 31, 1901, to meet additional expenditure due to the war in South Africa and the affairs in China." As already announced, the government obtained from parliament £16,000,000. The financial provision for the army for the present fiscal year has been as follows:

	Net total.
Original	$307,497,000
Supplementary estimate, July	57,500,000
Supplementary estimate, December	80,000,000
Total	$444,997,000

The heads under which this second supplementary estimate is asked are as under:

Transport and remounts	$26,500,000
Provisions, forage and supplies	21,250,000
Clothing	3,750,000
Warlike and other stores	23,500,000
Works, buildings and repairs.	5,000,000
Total	$80,000,000

WEST POINT HAZING

Cadets Swear That It Is a Very Mild Proceeding—Congress Takes Action.

West Point, Dec. 19.—Sixty-eight cadets are to be examined by the military court regarding the hazing of Cadet Booz. Four have already admitted that mild forms of hazing were practiced at West Point, such as obliging cadets to do athletic exercises.

It was also admitted that cadets were obliged to eat tobacco sauce, but only a few drops at a time. Several cadets swore that Booz was regarded as a coward.

One of the witnesses was the brother of Lieut. R. P. Hobson, of Merrimac fame. Another was the son of Gen. Phil. Sheridan, and a third, Mark Brooke, of Pennsylvania, is a nephew of Gen. Brooke, who is presiding officer of the court. All three told of the hazing they got during the encampment of 1898 at the time Oscar Booz was their classmate. They said that the treatment they received and the things they had to do were neither brutal nor degrading.

Hobson's worst ordeal was when he had to stand on his head in a bath tub in which there was about ten inches of water. He said he was partially strangled, but was all right in a few minutes.

Young Phil. Sheridan was made to ride a broom-stick along the company's street in commemoration of his illustrious father's ride, and he had to keep shouting "Turn, boys, turn!" all the time. He did not think that was humiliating, he said, although he did not relish the task.

In nearly every instance the witnesses said that all these forms of hazing were obsolete, and while 'bracing" was still practiced secretly, it was against the regulations, and if any one was detected violating these regulations he would be punished.

CONGRESS STIRRED UP.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate the circumstances connected with the death of Oscar L. Booz held its first meeting yesterday, and decided to enter upon the investigation immediately after the holiday recess. The committee has determined to probe the Booz case to the bottom. Young men who were in Booz's class, but who have failed or left the academy for other reasons, will be examined in order to procure testimony which is not prejudiced by the atmosphere of the academy. The committee will investigate the general subject of hazing sufficiently to make an intelligent recommendation to congress.

BEER IN CANTEENS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The sub-committee of the senate committee on military affairs has completed a complete substitute for the army reorganization bill, and will report it to the full senate committee. The house canteen provision was amended so as to permit the sale of beer.

DEATH-DEALING TROLLEY CARS

Six Persons Fatally Hurt and a Dozen More or Less Injured in Four Accidents.

THREE FATALLY HURT.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 20. — Two electric cars on the Huntington & Ironton line collided in a fog yesterday. Three persons were fatally hurt, five were seriously injured, and half a dozen more sustained severe cuts and bruises. The cars were nearing the center of the city and were filled with passengers.

EIGHT CASUALTIES.

Indianapolis, Dec. 20. — In a head-end collision yesterday between two electric cars on the Greenfield and Indianapolis Interurban Line near Jim, Ind., Emory Scott and John Glascock, motormen, were fatally injured. Six passengers were badly hurt. The cars were running at a high rate of speed.

TWO MORE AT DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec.19.—Christian Schroeder, an Erwin township farmer, was killed by a construction car on the Rapid Railway last night. Schroeder was 70 years of age and weak-minded. He had wandered onto the tracks, and was run over. He leaves a widow and several grown-up children.

John Lenoski, widower, 65 years old, residing on Chandler avenue, Hamtramck, was driving along Kirby avenue yesterday afternoon, when he was run into by a south-bound Chene street car. His horse escaped, but his buggy was smashed, and he was crushed between the fender and the ground. He was removed to Harper Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained concussion of the brain and internal injuries.

Miss Hattie Willis, telephone operator, was injured in a street car accident on Dec. 9, and has been in a state of nervous collapse ever since. Her condition has become so serious that she will be removed to Harper Hospital at once.

GET INSTANT RELIEF FROM PILES.—This most irritating disease relieved in ten minutes by using Dr. Agnew's Ointment, and a cure in from three to six nights. Thousands testify of its goodness. Good for Eczema, Salt Rheum and all skin diseases. If you are without faith, one application will convince. 35 cents. For sale by C. McCallum & Co.—127.

WAKING WELCOME

Chicagoans Will Start the New Century With Watch Night Services.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Welcoming the new century and bidding farewell to the old is to be made the occasion of the most elaborate and impressive "watch night" services Chicago has ever known. Bishops of the Methodist Church have united in requesting all pastors and congregations of that denomination to observe the event in a befitting manner.

Other churches are joining in the movement, and the indications are that few eyes in Chicago will be closed in sleep on the night of Dec. 31 until the twentieth century has made is appearance. Leaders in the movement for a general celebration maintain that there are many sentiments associated with the event that should make it one of the most important in history.

Middlesex.

On Monday last, at the residence of Mr Henry Jackson, Gladstone, North Dorchester, Mr. Enoch Bratt, one of the oldest men in this part of the country, passed away. For a number of years the deceased was a resident of Westminster, but two years ago he took up his residence as above stated. Up to the last Mr. Bratt retained all his faculties. His wife died ten years ago, and his remains were laid beside her in the churchyard at Dorchester Station.

FISHERIES SEIZURE.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Ontario fisheries department officials on Tuesday seized the tug Crawford, operating in Lake Erie, near Port Burwell, in Canadian waters, and without a license. The Crawford is believed to belong to the Empire Fish Company, of Buffalo. She had on board several hundred pounds of herring.

TORONTO LIBERAL CLUB.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The attendance at the annual meeting of the Toronto Reform Association Tuesday night taxed the capacity of St. George's Hall. Unanimity and harmony were the distinctive features of the gathering. The contest for the office of president was one of the hottest in the history of the association, but it was conducted with perfect good-nature, and the best of feeling prevailed. When the contest was over Mr. McBrady, who came within a few votes of winning the honor, stepped forward and shook hands with Mr. H. M. Mowat, Q. C., his successful opponent, amid the cheers of the gathering.

Vice-presidents were elected as follows: Ald. J. K. Leslie, Joseph Oliver, L. V. McBrady, W. B. Rogers, Geo. C. Campbell, J. W. Mallon; secretary, H. H. Hamilton; treasurer, Walter J. Boland. The meeting adjourned with cheers for the Queen, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Hon. George W. Ross.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
Has been used for over 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 DIARRHŒA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

The Great Event of the Century

Great Retiring-From-Business Sales All Over Our Bright, Busy, Thronged Stores

For 61 years we have been caterers to the holiday gift shoppers. Now that we are retiring from business there is an avalanche in prices in all the departments.

Today we give you a few ideas to ponder on. Those who are hesitating would do well to consider how very much they can buy in our stores for very little outlay.

If you have a number of presents to make stop at our

Ten-Cent Table, Good Value at - - 25c
Fifteen-Cent Table, Good Value at - 40c
Twenty-Five-Cent Table, Good Value at 50c
Fifty-Cent Table, Good Value at - - $1 00

If you can afford anything better, our Dollar Table ought to suit you.

Our Dollar Table, Great Value for $2.00 and $3.00.

The early comers are assured of more time and will avoid the great crush when buying the last few days before Christmas.

THE CRYSTAL HALL.
W. J. Reid & Co.

Advertise in the Advertiser.

WHISKARD'S

Three Busy Stores,
228, 230 and 232 Dundas St.

WHAT SHALL THE GIFT BE?

The Question of the Hour is "What Shall I Give Him or Her for Christmas?"

Ladies should remember that it's the useful article that appeals to the one who receives the gift.

Something to Wear Makes the Ideal Christmas Gift.

Splendid Value in Rugs.

MOQUET RUGS, LARGE SIZE; worth $3 50, for $2 75 each.

VERY LARGE MOQUET RUGS, worth $5, for $4 25 each.

LARGE REVERSIBLE RUGS, $2 75 each.

Large Rugs, at 59c each.

Door Mats, at 20c, 25c each.

Carpet Squares, special prices now.

2 yards by 2 yards, 97c, $1 19, $1 49 each.

2 yards by 3 yards, $1 39 each.

2½ yards by 3 yards, $1 39 each.

3 yards by 4 yards, $2 10 each.

Lace Curtains — Special.

43 inches wide, 3 yards long, taped; worth 75c, for 50c yard.

CHENILLE CURTAINS, in cardinal, green and blue, $2 79 pair.

CHENILLE CURTAINS, cardinal, brown and blue, $3 47 pair.

TAPESTRY CURTAINS, all colors, $2 47 and $3 29 pair.

Chenille Table Covers, 49c, 97c, $1 97 each.

Fancy Department — Baskets.

Fancy Scrap Baskets, 20c, 33c, 50c, 89c each.

Work Baskets, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c to 50c each.

Dolls, from 5c to 89c each, special. Kid Body Dolls, large, 25c each. Jointed Dolls, 10c each.

Dolls' Toques, 8c each; Dolls' Bootees, 5c each.

Children's Silver Sets, knife, fork and spoon, 15c.

Metal Photo Frames, worth 25c; for 15c each.

Japan Crumb Tray and Brush, 15c and 25c set.

Ladies' Shopping Bags, 15c, 20c, 25c each.

Decorated Opal Ware.

Large Jewel Boxes, 2 for 25c.

Cuff and Collar Boxes, 25c each.

Opal Trays, decorated and tinted, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c each.

Decorated and Tinted Toilet Bottles, 25c each.

Double Attractions in Furs.

Quality and price. In this collection of Fashionable Fur Pieces we are enabled to offer Furs at half price. We have sold a big lot of them. Come before the rest are gone.

Electric Seal Collarette, with large cluster of Sable Tails; regular price $8; ours $5.

Ladies' Electric Seal Boas, $3 50 each.

Ladies' Mink Ruffs, $2 75 and $3 50 each.

Ladies' Blue Opossum Boas, worth $8, for $5 79.

Ladies' Caperines, $5, $5 50 each.

Special values in Satins, Silks, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Gauntlets, Laces, Battenburg Work, Roman Embroidery Shams, Ladies' Underwear, Flannelette Night Dresses, all suitable for Christmas giving.

FOR PRESIDENT

Statement of the Popular Vote Cast in the United States on Nov. 6, 1900.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Times has compiled a statement of the popular vote on the 6th of November, 1900, for presidential electors on the various tickets as officially ascertained. The vote for the elector receiving the highest number of ballots has been used in all states where obtainable. The totals are:

McKinley	7,217,677
Bryan	6,357,853
Woolley	207,368
Barker	50,188
Debs	94,552
Maloney	33,450
Total vote (including 6,211 scattering)	13,967,299
McKinley's plurality	859,823
McKinley's majority	468,055

PENSION FOR PRIVATE MULLOY.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The war office has notified the militia department that an imperial pension of 2 shillings and 6 pence a day has been granted to Pte. Mulloy, of Winchester, who lost his eyesight from a Boer bullet.

LIVELY BLAZE AT OAKVILLE.

Oakville, Dec. 20, 1 a.m.—At 12:30 fire broke out in the dental office of Dr. T. H. Harris, above Henry Wilson's store, on Colborne street. Gulledge's harness shop, Wilsons' grocery, Urquhart's store and A. Black's photographic studio were destroyed. Estimated loss between $25,000 and $30,000.

NEW BUILDINGS IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 20. — This week's Journal contains the following list of new buildings in Berlin: Center ward, sixteen new buildings and nineteen improvements to buildings, at $47,950; north ward, 26 new buildings and five improvements to buildings, at $26,955; east ward, eleven new buildings and twenty improvements to buildings, at $18,610; south ward, eleven new buildings and eleven improvements to buildings, at $29,000; west ward, 23 new buildings and ten improvements to buildings, at $27,985; total, 151 new buildings and improvements, at $150,000. The list includes eight new manufacturing establishments or additions to existing ones, a good sign of the general prosperity of Berlin.

GREAT STORMS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Numbers of Wrecks Reported—Much Uneasiness Felt for Cross-Channel Steamers.

London, Dec. 20. — Depressions of great size and depth are spreading over Great Britain from the westward. Storms are reported on all the coasts, number of minor wrecks have occurred and the southwest gales continue with unabated fury on the Irish coast.

The White Star Line steamer Teutonic, which sailed at noon today from Queenstown for New York, experienced the full force of the storm. The Teutonic arrived at Queenstown somewhat late, and after embarking her passengers and 1,592 sacks of mail, she had some difficulty in clearing port.

The Teutonic passed the White Star Line steamer Cufic in town at 1 a.m. off Tuskar Light.

There is great uneasiness at Queenstown in regard to the cross-channel steamers w hich left yesterday evening, so violent is the storm. All arrivals at British ports report having experienced fearful weather.

AN AGREEMENT OF THE CONSULS

Regarding Chinese Negotiations is Once More Announced.

Three Thousand Christians Said to Owe Their Lives to Russian Troops Scandinavian Missionaries Killed.

Pekin, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the foreign ministers late this evening, everything in regard to the terms of the joint note was agreed to, including the British modifications. The ministers refuse to disclose anything in connection with the matter, believing that the home government should give the particulars to the public.

Washington, Dec. 19.—While nothing has been heard from Mr. Conger regarding the agreement said to have been reached in Pekin regarding the terms of the joint official note, the officials hope that the statements are correct, and that the way is now paved for its formal presentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The officials here are unable to say just what the British modifications referred to in the Pekin dispatch are, but it is believed they rested upon the exclusion of the "irrevocable" clause, which the government has all along insisted must not appear in the preamble to the note.

SAVED BY RUSSIANS.

Brussels, Dec. 19.—The following dispatch, dated Vladivostock, Dec. 18, has been received at the headquarters of the Scheut missions here: "In the district of Pins all our interests have been entirely destroyed, except the Episcopal residence. The bishops, 19 Belgian missionaries, 4 Chinese priests and 3,000 Christians were saved by Russian troops arriving in haste in five columns. Commander Eletz, with a flying column, arrived first, Oct. 28, and made a heroic defense for five days. During the terrible siege he lost in dead and wounded one-third of his force. Although twice wounded he refused to leave his post until the arrival of reinforcements."

MISSIONARIES KILLED.

Boston, Dec. 19.—News has been received by Prof. Fridolf Risberg, at the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America, from Missionary N. J. Fridstrom, in China, that all the Scandinavian missionaries to Mongolia are killed, and among them Carl Johann Suber, of Boston.

MAN-HUNTING IN THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Blood Hounds and About Two Hundred Men Chasing a Negro.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—A special from Gulf Port, Miss., says: "This evening about 5 o'clock, Albert Lewis, a negro, became involved in a quarrel with Matthew E. Richardson over the arrest of his nephew. The nephew shot and killed Richardson instantly. After firing three shots Lewis and his nephew and son ran westward along the railroad. Bloodhounds from Bilixie were given the trail. About 200 men are following the dogs. Great excitement exists, and a lynching is thought to be inevitable if the negroes are captured."

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Rouses' Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The body of J. Julian was found on the railroad track at Alburgh, Vermont, this morning. Foul play was suspected, and it was discovered that the murdered man had been seen the evening previous at Rouses' Point in company with Frank Collidge. Collidge was apprehended tonight at Lacolle, P. Q., on his way to Montreal. Robbery is believed to have been the motive.

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The United States battleship Kentucky has arrived at Port Said.

The Owen Sound board of trade has decided to tender a banquet to Hon. J. I. Tarte on Jan. 8 or 9.

About 1,600,000 Lee-Enfield cartridges were made at the government cartridge factory in Quebec this year.

Mrs. Vere Goold, of Montreal, a fashionable dressmaker, has succeeded to a title, her husband becoming a baronet.

The marriage of Mr. Harry Robertson, of Toronto, to Miss Ethel Ross, daughter of Mr. J. C. Ross, of Tilsonburg, will take place on Dec. 26.

Albertus Poole, a university student, was awarded $3,000 damages at Montreal for injuries sustained in the elevator at the St. Lawrence Hall.

The turning of the first sod of the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway, which is to connect Bobcaygeon with the C. P. R., took place at Bobcaygeon.

The directors of the Lake Erie and Western Railway Company have declared a dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock, the same amount as declared in July this year. In 1899 dividends were suspended. Previous to that the annual rate had been 5 per cent.

AGE 96 YEARS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Probably the oldest lady in Toronto is Mrs. Loudon, mother of President Loudon of the university. She celebrates her 96th birthday today, and is in the enjoyment of all her faculties. Mrs. Loudon has been a resident of Toronto for 70 years.

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BICYCLE THIEF GETS FOUR MONTHS

George Andrews Charged With Stealing—Seduction Case Dropped.

George Andrews, one of the men convicted last spring for chicken-stealing in the rural districts, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to having been drunk yesterday. He was so drunk, he said, that he did not remember whether or not he had stolen a pair of top-boots from the wagon of George Nesbitt, of Granton, in the City Hotel yard. Andrews will be tried on the stealing charge on Saturday.

Fred Lyons, who rented and sold a bicycle livery wheel last July, was sentenced to four months in the Central for the offense.

When the case of Daniel Gray was called, Crown Attorney McKillop announced that he had no evidence to offer in the charge of seduction preferred against Gray by Helena Garside. Gray was accordingly discharged. It is understood a settlement was effected for a small amount. The complainant and her mother were both convicted of shoplifting last spring.

A BROKER'S LAST DEAL.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Henry Wallace, for 30 years a member of the board of trade, who had won and lost several fortunes in the wheat pit, was found dead last night in a small office which he had occupied for some time near the board of trade. Death was due to heart failure.

KILLED BY A TORONTO TROLLEY CAR.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Alice Evans, 69 Grange avenue, widow of the late ex-Alderman Geo. M. Evans, was run over by a trolley car at the corner of Queen and Peter streets shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and died from her injuries about an hour later. Mrs. Evans was crossing the road behind a west-bound car, and apparently did not notice an east-bound trolley approaching. She was knocked down, and the wheels of the car went over her legs, nearly severing them at the knee. She was taken to the hospital, where she died a short time after her admittance.

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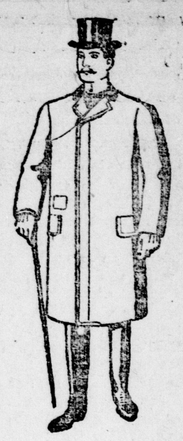
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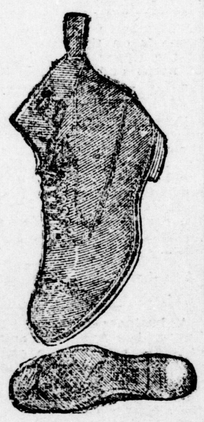
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Corruption in Toronto.

"Toronto is inundated with municipal corruption," was the declaration made by Rev. J. T. Morris, a Toronto preacher, on Sunday evening last. This was the second occasion embraced by the reverend gentleman to make the charge that corruption was generally prevalent in the management of the pretentious city. On the Sunday previous Rev. Mr. Morris declared that corruption was rampant; even such small matters as the giving out of the civic contract for making dog tags, he asserted, was attended with corruption. This statement drew from one of the audience the retort that it was untrue. But Mr. Morris was not dismayed by this. On Sunday evening last he returned to the attack and made the statement that the contract to make the dog tags for the city was undoubtedly obtained by corrupt means, whereupon the dog tag contractor, who, though a member of another congregation, was present, rose in his place and gave the lie directly to the allegation. The preacher, however, stuck to his contention, and said that the charge would be proved if a public investigation were granted. Then the preacher gave what he held to be another proof of his contention that dishonesty was widely prevalent in civic affairs. He said he had been told by a man whom he could rely on that when that monument of civic extravagance—the new city hall—was being supplied with linoleum, and the money necessary for its purchase had been voted on, an ex-alderman went to one of the parties interested and said: "I will do my best to get you that contract if you will pay me for it." Yet another illustration of the civic rottenness brought forward was to the effect that another official at the city hall—a meat inspector—went into a place of business one day in the course of his duty, and produced from his pocket a piece of poetry of his own composition and asked the storekeeper to give him 50 cents for it. The owner of the place did so, and his premises were not inspected, though the storekeeper afterwards explained that he had at the time in his back shop a good deal of questionable soft pork.

Rev. Mr. Morris declares that he has not made these statements without making himself secure. It will be observed, however, that he has mentioned but one man's name—that of the person who is contractor for the dog tags—and though he has produced a sworn declaration, sworn to by some one, whose name he refuses to divulge, it must not be forgotten that the dog tag contractor has strongly denied the charge of corruption. There is no definite charge against anyone in the declaration of alleged bribery of a civic employe by a pork dealer. If the charge can be proved, however, that a civic official scamped the inspection which he was paid to undertake, and accepted a bribe to steer clear of pork that ought to have been condemned, it would have been a very serious affair. The accusation that an ex-alderman went to one of the tenderers for the covering of the floors of the new city hall and offered for a consideration to get the contract for him, is also a serious charge. The Toronto preacher has either gone too far or not far enough. But unless he, or those who have supplied him with information, is prepared to go a good deal further and disclose the names of the corruptionists, whose names, he says are in his possession, the partial exposure he has made will be futile.

It may be that the Toronto aldermen and civic inspectors will be contented to lie under the odium thus thrown upon them as classes of the community. In that case there need be no inquiry, for Rev. Mr. Morris has, so far, failed to implicate anyone by name except the dog tag contractor, and he has promptly denied the charge. We think the aldermen and officials of the city of Toronto should at once by resolution ask the reverend accuser to formulate his charges, giving names of those implicated, and promising if this is done to have an investigation, thorough and complete. It may be that the corruption may be as widespread as this preacher believes from the evidence in his possession it is. If so, all the more necessity is there for its exposure and the application of a remedy. If the civic shortcomings are limited so much the better for the reputation of Toronto. In any case it will be neither creditable nor satisfactory if matters are to remain as they now are.

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CIRCUS MAN SELLS DIVORCED.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Peter Sells, the circus man, has been granted a divorce from his wife on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

A Radical View of Imperialism.

A North of England daily paper, which is conducted with considerable intelligence and skill, and has fought the battle of Liberalism in its district vigorously for many years, gives in a recent issue its view of "Imperialism." "Imperialism," as we know it, in this country, is, of course, "jingoism" renamed, and it has congeners in French "Chauvinism," and American "spread-eagleism." In all its forms there is the spirit of the braggart and the bully, and quite naturally those who adopt the cults are prone to display a bullying and generally ignoble spirit in election affairs." Reference is then made to base methods adopted by Tories in the late election, and to charges made against the Democrats in America of being traitors in league with Filipinos, etc. We may point out that we have always tried to distinguish between imperialism and jingoism; and we believe that Liberals in England will have to make the distinction, using one term to mean the drawing together of all parts of the Empire for mutual defense, and the other for the bold, blustering policy which Liberals are bound to despise and resist. The Sunderland Echo makes denunciation of unfair election methods in the following paragraph: "Mr. Chamberlain cried aloud that every seat lost to the Government was a seat 'sold to the Boers, and Liberals everywhere were called 'traitors.'" This flinging about of the charges of disloyalty and treachery is a miserable business everywhere, and we believe that many fair-minded Liberals in England have reason to feel bitter, but if the party is to be united under Lord Rosebery or any other strong man, there must be room for different shades of opinion within the party, and an attempt to look the whole matter in the face. The same journal speaking of a dinner given to Mr. Chamberlain some time ago, says, "The colonial secretary of course waved the flag in fine style. Towards the close of his oration he exclaimed: 'Will anyone ever again dare to say that the colonies are an incumbrance to the empire?'" To this the journal replies: "We know of only one British statesman who ever said so and that was Lord Beaconsfield, who wrote: 'These wretched colonies will all be independent, too, in a few years and are a millstone around our necks.'" This writer has his eye also on Mr. Rhodes and thinks that this "patriot" may once more seek "to eliminate the Imperial factor." All this shows the bitter feeling in England as well as the wretched situation in South Africa. It is evident that the highest statesmanship is needed to make matters tolerable.

Registration of Births.

The fining of several citizens in police court yesterday for failure to register births of infants, as required by the registration act, calls attention to a matter that is too little thought of by the general public, and the persons more directly affected. It is understood that next week further prosecutions will be entered, not only against the responsible heads of families, but also against certain city physicians. It is not generally known that the registration act imposes the duty of registering births, marriages and deaths not only on parents and heads of families, but in the case of marriages upon clergymen, and in the case of births and deaths upon the attendant physician, the undertaker called in in case of death, or the nurse or other person in charge of a case.

It is of very great importance that the provisions of the registration act should be strictly carried out, particularly in the case of births. Ontario's low birth rate has for some time been a source of reproach by other provinces and alarm within itself, and though the rate is undoubtedly lower than it should be, failure to register births is to a large extent responsible for Ontario's poor showing in this respect. The deputy registrar-general has several times issued warnings against neglecting to comply with the law, but it is now evident that the department's leniency has been unavailing, and stricter measures will now be adopted. It is strange, indeed, that the law cannot be more effectively carried out in a matter affecting so closely the credit and welfare of the Province and the Dominion, and one requiring so small an expenditure of time and attention on the part of the individual.

Elgin Winter Assizes.

The non-jury winter assizes opened at the St. Thomas court house Tuesday afternoon, Justice Rose presiding. The case of David Balantyne against John Jacobs, et al., an action over trust funds, was referred to the local master.

Kate McLachlin vs. Mary Turner Campbell et al., on a will, dismissed with costs on plaintiff.

David H. Palmer vs. John Ellman, dismissed. It was alleged that the plaintiff, who sold a farm to defendant, reserved the right to remove certain buildings on the property. The plaintiff swore that he had reserved the right when the sale was made; the defendant swore that no such contract was entered into.

Arretta Sutton vs. the village of Dutton—Action for injunction to abate a nuisance. Judgment reserved.

Campbell vs. Ferguson—This is an action brought by D. Ferguson, executor of the will of Mrs. Mary Campbell, formerly of Southwold, to establish the will. The deceased left most of her property to Mrs. Sinclair, with whom she had resided for some time before her death. The deceased's son, Daniel D. Campbell, Chicago, and other heirs, resist the action, and ask to have the will voided on the grounds of insanity and undue influence. The will was upheld, costs of all parties to be paid out of the estate.

Cornelius Brown vs. Winnie McGee, an action to ratify an agreement, dismissed.

SOME IRON LIONS SCARE A BIG DOG

Great Dane Becomes Frightened and Creates a Panic Among Chicago Shoppers.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"Sport," a Great Dane dog, owned by Godfrey Johnson, 72 North Clark street, threw Christmas shoppers into a panic at Washington and State streets yesterday afternoon. Johnson brought the dog down town for exercise, and all went well with the man and dog until the corner of Washington street was reached, and the dog found himself beside one of the big iron lions that guard the door of a department store. The minute "Sport" saw the lion he went into a fit. With a howl of fear he bounded out into the middle of the street. In his dash for the street through the crowd the dog upset a half-dozen women, who carried arms full of purchases, and they added to the noise incident to the dog's discovery of the lion. While Johnson was quieting the dog, remarks were passed about ordinances requiring muzzles on dogs in the down town district. The women were calling out that the dog was mad. Then Johnson concluded that the best step was to make himself scarce, and hurried off with "Sport," fearing that some central detail officer would shoot at him and kill somebody at Madison street.

Substitution Is Suspicious.

The attempt by a dealer to sell his customer a substitute in place of the article the buyer calls for at once places that dealer under the ban of suspicion. The only reason why the buyer does not invariably realize the suspiciousness of substitution and promptly resent it, is probably because in many cases the money transaction involved is so small that it does not suggest the motive for fraud. Suppose a jeweler advertises a diamond at $50. He places it in his window. A would-be buyer enters the store and asks for this particular diamond. But the jeweler says, "I can give you that diamond if you want it, but here's another that's just as good as the one advertised." The buyer's suspicions would be aroused at once. He would insist on the stone in the window and he'd keep an eye on it to see it wasn't changed. But in the case of a 50-cent transaction it is different. The buyer often accepts the substitute which is offered as "just as good" as a widely advertised article, although substition is just as suspicious in a 50-cent transaction as in one involving $50.

Look at the question from another point of view. A sale of stock is advertised. There are horses with pedigrees and records to be sold. Farmer Brown attends the sale with the purpose of buying one of these good horses. But the seller says to him, "That horse you want is a good horse, of course, but I've got another here that is just as good which I'd like to sell you."

"Has he just as good a pedigree?"

"Well no, he hasn't any pedigree to speak of."

"Has he any record?"

"Well no, we never held a watch on him that I know of, but he's 'just as good' as the horse you want."

Would Farmer Brown buy the "just as good" horse? The question answers itself. And yet this same farmer will allow himself to be swindled time and again by accepting "just as good" articles in place of those he called for. The article he called for has, so to speak, a pedigree and a record. It's a standard in the markets of the world. Yet in place of this standard article he would accept the substitute, which nobody knows anything about, an untried, unproved article which has no record of value, and no proof of origin.

Let the buyer who is offered a substitute bear in mind that substitution is suspicious, and that a substitute always carries the ear marks of a swindle.

TROUBLE OF THE OFFICE BOY.

I dunno whether mine is a trade or a perfeshun, but it's jolly hard lines, wotever it is.

I goes for the letters in the mornin' an' another chap sez:

"'Ello, been made a partner yet?"

"No," sez I.

Then he hits me over the 'ead, an', of course, the letters get spilt.

Then there's that Higgins; he's the bookkeeper, an' awl his cash goes in not payin' 'is tayler.

"Chawles" he sez, "if anybody comes for me, say I'm out."

A chap does come.

"Mr. Iggins is hout," sez I.

"Oh," sez he, "tell him 'is uncle called to take him out to lunch."

"An' I gets wacked fer that. 'Ow wos I to know it wasn't his taylor? No, a offis boy may be a objeck of laffin', to some ijuts, but if you arsks me he's more like a marter!—Answers.

Good Boys

Are the bad boys very often. The boy that's good for anything is generally pugnacious. He's a healthy animal, and the healthy animal will always figit for his rights.

When a boy shuns the rough sports of his companions he is apt to be a weakling, and to be conscious of the fact.



A great many mothers have testified to the wonderful curing and strengthening power of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. All strength comes from food after it has been perfectly digested and assimilated. By curing diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, "Golden Medical Discovery" enables the perfect nourishment of the body, which is thus built up in the only way a body can be built up—by food.

There is no alcohol in "Discovery," and it entirely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics.

"Dr. Pierce's medicine has done wonders for my two sons," writes Mrs. M. Hartrick, of Demster, Oswego Co., N. Y. "Both had scrofula. My eldest son was taken two or three years ago with hemorriage from the lungs. It troubled him for over a year. He took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and has not had one in over a year. My younger son had scrofulous sores on his neck; had two lanced, but has not had any since he commenced to take your medicine."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in paper cover, sent *free* on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing *only*. For cloth binding send 50 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Electrical Printing.

[Scientific American.]

A London photographer, Mr. Friese Greene, has succeeded in producing electrographic paper which promises to revolutionize the "art preservative of all arts." Using the new patent paper, the Electrical Inkless Printing Syndicate has recently perfected a process of printing without ink. Instead of saturating the paper with the sensitizing materials, as has hitherto been done, it has been found best to mix them with the pulp in the process of manufacture; and so a radical departure has been made and a new machine-made paper has been invented that has rare properties.

As the chemicals used are abundant and cheap, the new medium can be produced as cheaply as common paper. The prepared paper is stable and colorless; is unaffected by any other agent than the electric current; may be kept indefinitely and sent to the press directly from the roll as manufactured, with no preliminary treatment whatever; yields instantly a dense black, permanent print; requires no subsequent "fixing" or developing; indeed, is ready for distribution immediately, as there is nothing like ink to smirch or require drying; in short, meets all the requirements of a perfect medium for electric printing. Given such a suitable paper and the mechanical problems incident to a practical system of electric printing are comparatively simple. The London syndicate, having satisfactorily completed the experimental part of its undertaking, is now engaged in demonstrating the workings of the new process and overcoming the objections of printers.

The machine for electric printing is simply an ordinary press divested of all its inking mechanism and having a cylinder or paper-bearing surface covered with a suitable conducting metal. The work of "make-ready" is the same as for ordinary printing; and line blocks, electrotypes, wood-cuts, half-tones, engraving, all kinds of designs in relief, may be used at will.

The "form" is connected with one pole of the dynamo or battery—for most purposes the current may be taken from an ordinary incandescent light wire; the paper-carrying cylinder or surface is connected with the opposite pole. Thus, the metal surfaces of both cylinders are the electrodes, while the paper is in reality a very thin cell in which the pulp is an inert medium and the contained chemicals are the electrolyte. As the cylinders approach each other to press the paper as it is fed between them, the current is switched on automatically and flows from one cylinder through the paper at the points of contact to the other cylinder, the impression being produced instantly by electrochemical action. A governor, or variable "resist," permits an operator to control the quantity and intensity of the current, which must be continuous. The paper possesses magnetic electric properties, and consequently the amount of current required is surprisingly small. The voltage used may be from 10 to 100, and 4 amperes are ample for the largest machines. All inking mechanism being dispensed with, the power necessary to drive the press is greatly diminished. For a given piece of work the cost of current for the actual printing is said to be only one-half that of ink, while a saving of at least one-third in the original cost of presses is assured. The new process lends itself readily to all speeds, even to the fastest web presses.

Pygmies of the Great Forest.

A very instructive article on pygmies is contributed by Mr. Lydekker in Knowledge for the current month. This peculiar race of men live in the Upper Congo forest, which is so vast that one may journey through it for weeks without coming to the other end. "In this perpetual gloom live the pygmies, the most diminutive of the human inhabitants of the globe, of whose existence there have been more or less authentic rumors since the time of Herodotus and Aristotle, but whose true characterists and mode of life it has been reserved for recent times to disclose. . . . In 1861 Dr. Touchard records the destruction of a tribe of dwarfs, whom he calls Akoa, in the interior of Gabun; and states that an adult who had been captured measured only 4½ feet in height, and had a comparatively short and rounded head. In still more modern times, when the interior of the Dark Continent was being gradually opened up, Stanley heard of pygmies, whom he calls Watwas, in the country within the great bend of the Congo, who hunted the lordly elephant to death with poisoned arrows, and whom he describes as of a chocolate color. And a Dr. Wolff refers to the members of the same or an allied tribe, as never exceeding 4 feet 7 inches, and averaging 4 inches less in height. But to the celebrated German traveler, Dr. Schweinfurth, was reserved the honor of first making known to European science the Akkas of the ancient Egyptians, whom he first met with at the court of the ruler of Mambettu (Mombuttu), but whose home is on the Aruwimi, a tributary of the Upper Congo, in about latitude 3° north and longitude 25° east.

Scrofula the Cause.

Eczema, catarrh, hip disease, white swelling and even consumption have their origin in scrofulous conditions. With the slightest taint of scrofula in the blood, there is no safety. The remedy for this disease in all its forms is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which goes to the root of the trouble and expels all impurities and disease germs from the blood.

The best family cathartic is Hood's Pills. f

A business man of Fort Worth, Texas, has brought suit for $5.000 damages against the publishers of a city directory for having described him as colored.

IT IS A LIVER PILL.—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

The flower of civilization is the finished man, the man of sense, of grace, of accomplishment, of social power—the gentleman.—Emerson.

There is no great achievement that is not the result of patient working and waiting.—J. G. Holland.

Fine Sweet Oranges, 2 Dozen, 25c.

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

Open Till 9:30 P.M.

A Money-Saving List of Useful Articles For Friday and Friday Night.

Staple Department.

12½c Ginghams, Friday, 6c Yard

17 pieces assorted Scotch Ginghams, plaids and checks; 12½c quality. Friday, 6c Yard

Wrapperettes, 7½c Yard.

20 pieces of our best 10c and 12½c Wrapperettes. Friday, 7½c Yard

Apron Muslins, 8½c.

40-inch White Apron Muslin, drawn and hemmed, 12½c yard. Friday, 8½c

$2 75 Shirt Waists, $1 75

Fine French Flannel, plain spots and stripes, about 17 in this lot. Friday, $1 75 Each

75c and $1 Waists, 45c

5 dozen Flannel and Flannelette Waists, were 75c and $1. Friday, to Clear, 45c Each

$1 25 Gowns, 98c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, plain blue and pink only, lace insertion trimmed; $1 25, Friday, 98c Each

50c Gowns, 25c

Girls' Wool Tams, white, brown, awn; 40c and 50c. Friday 25c Each

Handkerchief Specials.

20c and 25c White Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Friday and Friday Night, 2 for 25c

All-Linen Hemstitch, 3 for 25c.

Five dozen only, wide and narrow hem, regular 15c and 20c. Friday and Friday Night, 3 for 25c

50 Dozen Handkerchiefs, 5c Each.

Lace corners, fine drawn work Handkerchiefs, were 7c, 8c and 10c. Friday, 5c Each

Taffeta Ribbons, 19c Yard.

Three inches wide, pure Silk Taffeta Ribbons; light blue, pink, cardinal and green. 25c Ribbon. Friday, 19c Per Yard

Kid Glove Christmas Specials

Another consignment of those celebrated 75c Gloves. Every pair warranted, Black, Brown, Tans, Reds, White. 75c Gloves, 59c

$1 00 French Kid Gloves, 79c

Shades—Brown, Tan, Mode, Black, every size, all warranted. $1 00 Gloves, Per Pair 79c

A Bargain in Fine Table Linen

Just when you want it. 3 pieces Fine Double Damask, full bleached; our $1 50 quality. Friday, Per Yard $1 00

Napkins $1 75 Dozen

12 dozen Pure Linen, ¾x¾ Napkins, 3 ranges of patterns, $2 50 quality. Friday, Per Dozen $1 75

Hosiery Department.

Ladies' fine 60c and 65c Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, sizes 9 and 9½. Friday, 50c Pair

Boys' Heavy Ribbed Hose, double heels and knees, 40c quality. Friday, 30c Pair

Linen Aprons, 15c.

Best 25c and 30c Butchers' Linen Aprons. Friday, 15c

Handkerchief and Glove Sets, 25c

About 30 sets left, nicely decorated Glove and Handkerchiefs Boxes; 50c. Friday, 25c Set

Purses, 25c

Solid Leather Purses, oxydized clasps and trimmings. Special, 25c Each

Black Seal Purses. Special, 50c Each

Placques Special

Chippendale Placques, Wedgwood style, poets and classic figures, a nice gilt; 50c. Friday, 39c Each

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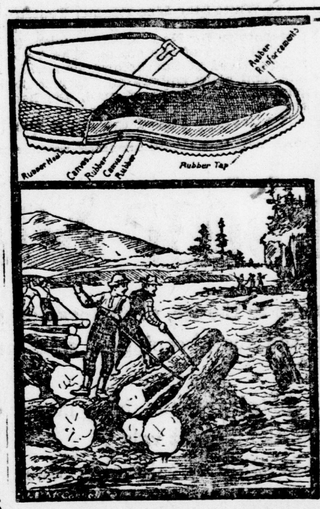
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An extra thick corrugated protection band of pure rubber coming high on the upper (see the cut). Thick soles of pure rubber and taps and heels of extra strength and thickness.

These are soles that wear as long as the uppers.

They are the strongest and best heavy rubbers in Canada.

Look for this trade mark on the soles.

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NEEDLESS NOISES AND THE SICK.

The aldermen of Chicago amused themselves a few nights ago by ridiculing an anti-noise ordinance proposed by a local medical society. It was urged in behalf of the measure that certain unnecessary noises inflict great suffering on the sick. Chicago aldermen are themselves a noisy lot, even their clothes being loud, and it was incredible to them that anybody should seriously prefer quiet to clamor. They treated the subject as a huge joke, and after offering absurd amendments voted the propostion down by a big majority. It is not unreasonable to ask, nor would it be impracticable to effect a mitigation of the needless punishment to which people with nerves or active minds are subjected by noise makers. Some day, perhaps, every American city will have its society for the suppression of needless and maddening noises; and, if this should fail, its society for the assassination of needless noise makers.—Philadelphia Record.

HOLLOWAY'S CORN CURE is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of 25 cents.

The highest order that was ever instituted on earth is the order of faith. —Henry Ward Beecher.

EXCELLENT REASONS exist why Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions or external injuries. The reasons are, that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

After Dinner

To assist digestion, relieve distress after eating or drinking too heartily, to prevent constipation, take

Hood's Pills

Sold everywhere. 25 cents.

THE MARKETS.

Local Market

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.

London, Thursday, Dec. 20.

Wheat, white, per bu ....61¾c to 63c
Wheat, red, per bu ....61¾c to 63c
Oats, per 100 lbs ....75c to 78c
Peas, per bu ....50c to 54c
Corn, per bu ....42c to 44c
Barley, per bu ....33½c to 43c
Buckwheat, per bu ....40½c to 45c
Beans, per bu ....$1 00 to $1 10
Dressed hogs ....$7 25 to $7 75

Receipts of grain were fairly good today and values steady and unchanged in all lines, except oats, which were 1c to 2c lower, closing at 75c to 76c.

Hay was abundant and very little inquiry; $6 50 to $7 50 were the ruling prices at noon and 20 loads unsold.

Dressed hogs brought $7 25 to $7 75—demand good.

The balance of the list is unchanged. Quotations:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs.	1 03	@	1 05
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs..	1 03	@	1 05
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs....	..	@	..
Oats, per 100 lbs...............	75	@	78
Peas per 100 lbs...............	82	@	90
Corn per 100 lbs...............	75	@	80
Barley, per 100 lbs.............	70	@	90
Rye per 100 lbs.................	..	@	..
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	85	@	90
Beans..............................	1 00		1 10
HOGS.			
Hogs, light, per 100 lbs........	5 25	@	5 40
Hogs, singers	5 25	@	5 50
Hogs heavy, per 100 lbs......	4 00	@	5 00
Pigs, young, per pair..........	3 50	@	4 50
Sows, per 100 lbs..............	..	@	..
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, selects	7 25	@	7 75
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, heavy .	5 00	@	7 00
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per load.....................	6 50	@	7 50
Straw, per load..................	3 50	@	4 00
Straw, per ton....................	6 00	@	6 00
Cloverseed, red, per bu........	0 00	@	0 00
Cloverseed, alsike, per bu ...	0 00	@	0 00
Timothy seed, per bu...........	0 00	@	0 00

For Housekeepers.

Business went with a rush on the market square this morning. It was closely covered over with vehicles and every supplier seemed to have no difficulty in finding a buyer.

It was a poultry market through and through. Wherever on the square you went you would see plentiful lots of turkeys, of geese, of chickens. Some splendid specimens were offered, too, birds for which a fastidious buyer did not hesitate to pay fancy prices. Turkeys predominated. Trade was quite fair, especially in large lots, but many of the farmers held out for prices that most people did not want to give. The market opened at 8½ and 9 cents, and many asked 9½ cents, but few got it. Later, the price receded about half a cent. There is a fair Christmas trade at prices lower than usual.

Fancy lots of chickens sold for 5 to 6½ cents per pound, and ordinary lots went for anything from 35 to 60 cents. Trade was fairly active.

Large lots of geese sold for 5 and 6 cents and resold for 6½ to 7 cents. They were in good demand.

Butter was supplied in large amounts and was brought up rapidly at slightly firmer prices. The wholesale market is quiet now, with little moving. Prices are steady and will most likely remain so until after Christmas, when an advance may be expected.

Eggs were supplied abundantly. They are weak in price because of an inundation of second-class cold storage stock. Strictly new laid eggs still command good prices.

Large quantities of meats were offered. Trade was fair at prices quoted.

PROVISIONS.			
Cheese, per lb	12	@	12
Eggs, single dozen	20	@	22
Butter, lb. large rolls or crocks	19	@	21
Butter, pound rolls, retail....	20	@	22
Butter, creamery	24	@	25
Lard, per lb.....................	10½	@	12
WHOLESALE DEALERS' PRICES.			
Eggs, store lots, doz	18	@	18
Butter, pound rolls, baskets..	19	@	20
Butter, crock	18	@	20
Butter, store lots..............	17	@	18
Butter, creamery, per lb.......	23		24
POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb	8	@	8½
Geese, per lb	5	@	6
Ducks, per pair	50	@	75
Chickens, per pair	40	@	60
...s, per pair	40	@	50
FRUIT.			
...es, per bag	50	@	75
...es, per bbl	1 50	@	2 00
VEGETABLES.			
...toes per bag	30	@	35
...nips, new, per bag.........	25	@	
...ery, dozen	30	@	40
...bage, per doz.	40	@	50
...ets, per bag	35	@	40
...ions, per bag	60	@	75
...rrots	30	@	40
...rsnips	40	@	50
...vory and Sage, per doz	15	@	24
...rsley, per doz	35	@	61
...rtichokes, per bag	75	@	75
...egetable oysters, doz	25	@	25
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, per lb.....................	5	@	6
Mutton, quarters, per lb	6	@	7
Lamb, quarter	8	@	9
Hides, No. 1, per lb	7	@	7
Hides, No. 2, per lb	6	@	6
Hides, No. 3, per lb	5	@	5
Calfskins, green	5	@	7
Lambskins	25	@	85
Wool, washed, per lb..........	14	@	19½
Wool, unwashed, per lb	8	@	0
Tallow, rendered, per lb.......	4½	@	4
Tallow, rough	3	@	3

No Farmer can afford not to have a

Ripley Tank Heater and Feed Cooker

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John S. Pearce, Canadian Agent.

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Oil opened at $1 07.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—Oil closed at $1 07.

OIL CITY, Dec. 19.—Oil—Credit balances, $1 07; certificates, closed, cash, offered, $1 08. During the day there were sales of 3,000 bbls, cash oil at $1 08; average, 88,040.

English Markets

Ruling prices for the past four market days—The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.
WHEAT—				
Red Winter..	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0
No. 1 Nor. Spring	6 3	6 3	6 3	6 3
Walla........	5 11¼	5 11¼	0 0	0 0
No. 1 Cal	6 2½	6 2½	6 2½	6 2½
Dec	5 10⅞	0 0	0 0	0 0
Feb...........	0 0	0 0	6 0	5 11
March.......	6 0¼	6 0	6 0¼	6 0
CORN—				
New..........	4 2	4 2	4 2	4 2
Old...........	4 2¾	4 3	4 3	4 3
Oct...........	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Nov...........	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Dec...........	4 2	0 0	0 0	0 0
Jan...........	3 10	3 9¼	3 10¼	3 10⅜
March........	3 9⅛	3 8¾	3 9¼	3 9⅛
Flour...........	20 0	20 0	20 0	20 0
Peas............	5 8¾	5 7¾	0 0	5 7¾
Pork, prime mess..	72 0	72 0	72 0	72 0
Lard............	38 6	38 3	38 3	38 3
Tallow.........	25 6	25 6	25 6	24 6
Bacon, light....	47 0	48 6	48 6	45 6
Cheese, white....	51 6	51 6	51 6	51 6
Cheese, colored....	52 6	52 6	52 6	52 6

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Wheat was easy early today, but rallied later on bullish Argentine advices, firm continental markets and a better cash demand, May closing ¼c to ⅜c over yesterday. Corn closed unchanged to ¼c higher. Oats a shade lower, and provisions 5c to 17½c to 20c up. Figures, which later proved to be incorrect, made Minneapolis receipts discouragingly heavy, and, together with the prospective increase of northwest stocks, gave the wheat market a push downward at the start. Primary receipts aggregated 715,000 bu, compared with 560,000 bu last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 363 cars, against 434 last week and 363 a year ago. Local receipts were 100 cars, none of contract grade.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec., 69⅞c; Jan., 70⅛c; May, 72¾c to 73c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 41⅛c; Jan., 37c; May, 36⅛c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 21⅜c; Jan., 21⅛c to 21⅜c. Mess Pork—Jan., $12 27½; May, $12 12½. Lard—Dec., $7 17½; Jan., $6 87½; May, $6 92½. Short ribs—Jan., $6 30; May, $6 37½. Cash quotations—Flour, dull and easy; No. 3 spring wheat, 66½c to 70½c; No. 2 red, 71c to 74c. No. 2 corn, 40½c; No. 2 yellow corn, 40½c. No. 2 oats, 22½c to 22¼c; No. 2 white, 25c to 26½c; No. 3 white, 25c to 25¼c. No. 2 rye, 48c to 50c. Fair to choice malting barley, 52c to 58c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 60 to $1 60½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 61. Prime timothy seed, $4 40. Mess pork, $11 12½ to $11 25. Lard, $7 10 to $7 15. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25 to $6 50. Dry salted shoulders, 5⅞c to 6⅛c. Short clear sides, $6 65 to $6 75. Clover, contract grade, $10 to $10 25. Eggs, quiet; fresh, 22c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 56,000 barrels; wheat, 219,000 bushels; corn, 650,000 bushels; oats, 407,000 bushels; rye, 5,000 bushels; barley, 77,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 27,000 barrels; wheat, 20,000 bushels; corn, 136,000 bushels; oats, 130,000 bushels; rye, 10,000 bushels; barley, 10,900 bushels.

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Will be THE BEST if you use PURITAN FLOUR. This is a fact.

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The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Butter was steady; creamery, 17c to 25c; factory, 11½c to 16c; June creamery, 17c to 23c; imitation creamery, 14½c to 19c; state dairy, 16c to 23c. Cheese dull; fancy large fall made, 11¼c to 11½c; fancy small fall made, 11¾c to 12c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Butter was dull; creamery, 15c to 24c; dairies, 13c to 22c. Cheese quiet, 10¼c to 11¾c.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 19.—Today's cheese market boarded 3,945 boxes—3,745 colored, and 200 white; 9¾c highest price bid no sales. Market adjourned for season until second Wednesday in May.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; natives, best, $6; good to prime steers, $5 20 to $6; poor to medium, $3 50 to $5 10; selected feeders, $3 75 to $4 40; mixed stockers, $2 75 to $3 75; cows, $2 50 to $4 10; heifers, $2 50 to $4 60; canners, $1 85 to $2 40; culls, $2 30 to $4 40; calves, $4 to $5 50; Texans, Texas fed steers, $4 to $4 85; do grass steers, $3 25 to $4; do bulls, $2 40 to $3 20. Hogs—Receipts, 37,000; tomorrow, 30,000; top, $4 90; mixed and butchers, $4 65 to $4 90; good to choice, $4 70 to $4 90; rough, $4 50 to $4 65; light, $4 60 to $4 87½; bulk of sales, $4 75 to $4 85. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; good to choice wethers, $3 65 to $4 25; fair to choice, $3 25 to $3 70; western sheep, $3 65 to $4 25; Texas sheep, $2 25 to $3 50; native lambs, $4 to $5 25; western lambs, $4 50 to $5 25.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Cattle were dull and lower than Monday's close, with 7 loads on sale; the market was stronger; choice to extra, $7 50 to $7 75; good to choice, $7 to $7 50. Sheep and lambs—Top lambs were in fair demand, and quotable on the basis of $5 50; lambs, choice to extra, $5 35 to $5 50; good to choice, $5 to $5 35; common to fair, $4 50 to $5; sheep, choice to extra, $4 to $4 25; good to choice, $3 75 to $4; ewes were in light demand, but quotable at $3 25 to $3 75; Canada lambs were quotable at $5 40 to $5 50. Hogs steady, on the basis of $4 90 to $4 95 for all grades; roughs, $4 40 to $4 65; stags, $3 75 to $4 25; there was a fair general trade, and sales were uniformly $4 90 to $4 95; the close was steady at the quoted rates, with about all the offerings, 35 loads, sold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,614; steers extremely dull and 10c to 15c off; bulls strong; cows generally steady; thin cows weak; steers, $4 to $5; one car choice, $5 30; oxen and stags, $3 to $4; bulls, $2 50 to $3 90; cows, $1 50 to $3 75; extra fat western, do, $4 to $4 20; exports, 2,600 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 1,442; very dull and 25c off; little calves lower; grassers steady; veals, $4 to $8 25; little calves, $3 to $3 50; grassers, $2 50 to $3; fed and mixed, $3 25 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8,046; sheep very slow; good lambs steady, under good demand, and 10c to 15c off; sheep, $2 25 to $4; culls, $1 50 to $2; lambs, $4 50 to $5 85; two cars at $5 75½; culls, $3 to $4; Canada lambs, $5 60. Hogs—Receipts, 8,567; half a car on sale; market quoted lower at $4 35 to $5 25.

Hides Skins and Tallow.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Hides—The market for hides here is ½c lower this week. In Chicago the prices have declined 1c in the past ten days or two weeks. The receipts are liberal and the quality good. We quote green at 8c for cows and 9c for steers. Cured are quoted at 8½c to 8¾c for cows and 9¾c for steers.

Sheepskins—Are in good supply, there is good demand and the market is steady, at 90c.

Calfskins—Are unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.

Tallow—Is steady; local dealers are offering 5c; a lot of 30 tierces sold today at 5½c.

WORST ON RECORD

A. N. Wideman's Case Attracting Great Attention to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Duntroon, Dec. 17.—Mr. A. N. Wideman's case has been attracting a great deal of attention lately. Mr. Wideman is a resident of this place, and consequently well known here. His case was truly remarkable. For five months he lay in bed, bent, twisted, distorted by rheumatism. He was actually in agony, sometimes screaming with pain. Bed sores came out on his body, one of which was poulticed five hundred times before it healed. Until Mr. Wideman started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills it was thought that death was the only way out of his misery.

Mr. Wideman was treated by doctors to no avail.

They gave him medicine containing mercury, which made his teeth break off, but which absolutely failed to cure him. Mr. Wideman was cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. His case is regarded as the most severe on record, and his cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills is the most successful cure of rheumatism known. Mr. Wideman gets letters from all over the country inquiring about Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A Washington dispatch says that a plot has been discovered to murder McKinley, Roosevelt, Hanna and Depew.

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PRESENTATION AT THE COLLEGIATE.

Students Remember Classical Master McKee, Who is Retiring on Account of His Health.

The pupils of London Collegiate Institute this afternoon took occasion to express in tangible form their appreciation and esteem for Mr. G. A. McKee, B.A., who, on account of ill-health, has been forced to retire from the position of classical master at the institute, which he has for some years filled to the complete satisfaction of pupils, citizens and school authorities alike. The presentation, which consisted of a valuable hand-colored photogravure of Sir Frederick Leighton's study of one of the most beautiful of the classic myths, "The Return of Persephone," took place in the assembly room, and was made by Miss Charlotte Vining on behalf of the pupils of the upper school. The presentation was accompanied by the following address, composed and read by Miss Irene Love:

"Mr. G. A. McKee, B.A.:

"Dear Sir,—When you made known your decision to retire from teaching life, the announcement was received with sincere regret by every scholar in the Collegiate Institute. For some years your energy and your talents have been devoted to that most important part of our welfare, our educational interests. Over every one of your pupils you have wielded that influence which is always exerted by superior merit over the impressionable minds of the young. By your kind, yet firm conduct, you have won our respect and love, and have been the means of increasing the store of knowledge which it is our object to obtain. We can truly say that your diligent efforts on our behalf have been deeply appreciated, that you have exhibited the faculty of creating interest in the minds of the pupils in the subjects taught and in implanting in them a desire for learning, without which a teacher's efforts must fail. We deeply regret that we will lose by your departure your valued abilities as a teacher, but we can assure you that your example and teaching will remain with us throughout life as a constant inspiration and an incentive to increase our store of knowledge. While we have the deepest regret for your departure we are glad to feel assured that your worldly prospects will be bettered, and that most important of all considerations, your health, increased. In conclusion, we would express the hope that your labors in behalf of educational interests are not yet ended; that in wider fields you may find opportunities to use the abilities with which you are so generously endowed; and that everywhere you go, and in everything you do, you may win for yourself as much sincere admiration as you have by your work as a valued member of the staff of the London Collegiate Institute.

"On behalf of the Upper School:

"Irene C. Love, IV.; Chester Mathewson, III.a; Charlotte Vining, III.b; George Little, III.c; Cloyne B. Higgins, III.d; L. M. Fleming, II.b; E. Wells, II.b; Jessie Hamilton-Strong, II.c; Alice Clarke, II.d; J. Robb, II.e."

Mr. McKee, though much surprised, made a short speech, expressing in a few well-chosen words his gratitude for the evidence of the feelings entertained toward him by his pupils.

On Tuesday the members of the Collegiate hockey club, of which Mr. McKee is president, presented him with a solid gold locket of original and pleasing design, consisting of two hockey sticks crossed above a puck.

At Aberdeen School.

The closing exercise of Grade VIII., Aberdeen school, were held in the kindergarten rooms Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance of parents and children. Mr. Thomas Evans, school trustee, of No. 3 ward, presided. An excellent programme was rendered as follows: Recitation, Gladys Pinch; song, Merry Christmas, four little boys; Recitation, Month at School, Albert Hopkins; solo, I've Not Sold a Paper Today, Anthony Adair; recitation, Old Union Jack, Annie Lewis; instrumental duet, Messrs. Connel and Babcock; recitation, A Letter to Santa Claus, Christena Mackenzie; song, Blue and the Gray, Daisy Babcock; chorus, Winter Lullaby, by Grade VIII; solo, Hazel Heard, recitation, Annie Lewis; solo, Anthony Adair; recitation, Miss Webb; song, Mina Taylor.

The Boyle memorial medal was presented to Russell Winslow for passing highest at Aberdeen school.

Mina and Maggie Taylor sang a duet in fine voice. Votes of thanks to the chairman and all who took part were passed.

A special feature of the programme was a number of recitations by a young lady, Miss Howard, of the Model School, who, in an able manner, entertained the audience. The entertainment closed by singing God Save the Queen.

A neat sum of money was collected in aid of Canadian College mission fund.

KILLED BY FOLDING BED.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Henry Bon, who resided with his family at 4,808 Langley avenue, was found dead in a collapsed folding bed Sunday night. Bonn retired at 9:30 o'clock and nothing unusual was heard by the other members of the family during the hour that followed. Nothing was known of the accident until the victim was discovered in the closed bed an hour later. He was 68 years of age.

NEW GLUCOSE COMPANY.

New York, Dec. 20.—E. T. Bedford, of the Standard Oil Company, confirms the report that several large capitalists identified with that corporation are about to organize a $3,000,000 glucose company to operate a large plant at Shady Side, N.J., independently of the Glucose Sugar Refining Company or any other company. The new plant is to have a capacity of 20,000 bushels of corn a day, and this may be doubled later.

CONCILIATION PLAN GOES

Labor Conference Agree to Method for Harmony.

Hugh H. Lusk, the New Zealander, Wins Applause by His Strong Speech on Arbitration.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Conciliation in the settlement of labor disputes is the crystallized sentiment of the "capital and labor" conference which closed on Tuesday night in Steinway Hall. Compulsory arbitration had a brave and persistent advocate in Hugh H. Lusk, for twenty years a member of the New Zealand Parliament, and one of the fathers of the law now in force in that country. His presentation of the results of the experiment produced a clash with Samuel Gompers, which lasted for nearly an hour. The applause gave the honors of the debate to the white-haired gentleman from abroad.

LUSK AND GOMPERS CLASH.

The address of Hugh H. Lusk on the workings of the compulsory arbitration law in that country, proved the interesting feature of the day. The speaker, by his scathing reply to the speech of Samuel B. Gompers on Monday, and his clear exposition of the details of the law, soon gained the attention and applause of the members of the conference.

So pointed were Mr. Lusk's remarks that Mr. Gompers asked for and received time in which to reply. He defended his position "that labor had an absolute right to strike, when, how and where it pleased, and that that right was liberty." After he had concluded Mr. Lusk was again recognized.

"We do not call that right liberty in New Zealand," he said; "we call it license." From that point on, Mr. Lusk and President Gompers carried on a bitter debate.

PLEA FOR COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Mr. Lusk's closing speech was, in part, as follows:

"In New Zealand, and by and by here, the time will come when people will take a wider and a more rational view of such a question as the meaning of the word, but, at all events, in New Zealand compulsory arbitration laws mean laws to compel arbitration. They do not mean laws to compel servitude, they do not mean laws to oblige people to carry on business whether they like it or not. They simply mean this, that if employers and employes shall differ on any question of principle, which they cannot settle between themselves, then the compulsion is that they do not fly at one another's throats, that one does not take up a cudgel and hit the other over the head, but that they shall submit the question at issue to a tribunal which is organized to be as fair, as just, as disinterested, as our ingenuity can contrive.

"Having done that, having delayed for six weeks what is euphemistically termed by Mr. Gompers 'going out,' may take place as soon as ever these gentlemen want to go out. But while the question is under discussion of the courts, it is manifestly not in the interest either of the employer or worker that there shall be a dislocation of all their connections and a paralysis of trade.

PUTS THE PUBLIC FIRST.

"We do not reckon that the worker is everybody. I am inclined to think Mr. Gompers does. We do not reckon that the employer is everybody—I dare say some of you gentlemen present are inclined to think that they are everybody. But we come to the conclusion that there is a much larger community, a much more important part of society which is neither in the class of the interested worker nor of the interested employer, and it is to that class that we look as being the great majority of the people whose interests have to be served. We say that it is not asking too much of the men who have all the protection of the law, all the advantages of society, that they will give up the savage right to vindicate themselves by the strength of their muscles for six weeks until the question can be decided. That is the extent of the compulsion that we have inaugurated in New Zealand.

"We have said 'You shall not fly at one another's throats.' Yes, even if Mr. Gompers lost both his arms, as he is so unwilling to do, we should say, 'Better that Mr. Gompers' arms should go than that he should fly at the throat of society and try to choke it.' (Applause.) Mr. Gompers' or any other man's arms are important in New Zealand, but they are not so important as the well-being of society at large, and therefore we say——"

MR. GOMPERS INTERRUPTS.

Mr. Gompers—Would you for that reason cut off my arm?

"Certainly not," replied Mr. Lusk. "Mr. Gompers' arms would be perfectly safe in New Zealand, and, I may add, that Mr. Gompers' head would be improved. (Laughter.) We are not attempting anything in derogation of the liberty of man. We are only protecting the reasonable security of the great public of our country, and is not that reasonable security fully protected when we say to men, 'You shall take reasonable means to find out whether you are right or wrong before you go to the extreme of destroying your means of livelihood and going out to make your wives and your children starve,' because, gentlemen, wives and children are, after all, rather important things in communities.

NOT LIBERTY, BUT LICENSE.

"The first thing that was told here was that this idea of compulsory arbitration was a thing wholly unsuited for a free people, people who have got a special brand of liberty—(laughter)—which is much superior to the brand of the man in the next street. Yes—well, I am glad you are so well satisfied with your brand of liberty; it is not the sort of liberty that is understood in the country where I come from. Our idea of freedom is not that every man or every party of men is to do as he pleases; it is not that every man or every association of men is to disregard the interests of all other men, and to claim that he is at liberty to do just as he chooses. As Mr. Gompers expressed it, to strike for any cause which he thinks fit, to strike for no cause at all if he thinks fit. That is to say, to bring down destruction on the commerce of his country; to bring down misery on thousands of his fellow-creatures; to make himself or his association a curse to the community, for no reason at all but because he pleases. That is what Mr. Gompers calls liberty. The language which we profess to know calls it license, not liberty. We don't know that kind of liberty in New Zealand. We don't want to.

NO RIGHT TO DO WRONG.

"Now, there is no word that Mr. Gompers used to which I take exception so strongly as his false idea of right. No man or body of men in this world can have a right to do wrong! (Applause.) It cannot be right that one human being or one lot of human beings should yearn to fly at the throats of his neighbors.

"But we hear so much that we are trying to stop these men from going out—'going out' sounds so nice, 'going out' sounds so mild, so inoffensive a thing to do, and under that is covered the idea of a club which is used to knock in the heads of the people opposed to you. You have the right to go out in New Zealand to your heart's content, as soon as ever the question at issue has been settled. To go out of the country if you fancy it, but that is not what Mr. Gompers wants. He wants to stay in. He calls it going out. It means staying in and putting the other fellow out.

"But, my friends, you are not ready for compulsory arbitration. You are still in the Gompers age of development. Time will probably get you out of it. I am in hopes—I do not give up hope for Mr. Gompers. You may not believe it, gentlemen, but I positively believe it possible that experience may teach him."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

In the resolutions adopted an appeal was sent out to the American people "for greater sobriety of judgment," and recognizing that permanent peace and substantial prosperity are impossible with labor not regularly employed and dissatisfied, and also that capital must find adequate returns for its investment if wages are to be fair and discontent averted.

The resolutions continue:

"To the end that tranquility in the industrial world may prevail, this conference on conciliation and arbitration would make the following recommendations to the American people:

"1. That employers and wage-earners could enter into annual or semi-annual agreements or contracts.

"2. That all industries in the United States should establish boards of conciliation within the several and varied interests, to which boards of conciliation all differences and disputes arising between employer and employe, if not readily adjusted between the immediate interests concerned, may be referred for settlement.

"3. Recognizing the fact that compulsory arbitration—aside from all other objects urged against it—is not at this time a question of practical industrial reform, and whereas, such systems of arbitration as are now in vogue do not seem fully to meet the requirements of the different interests,

"We therefore recommend that the presiding officer of this conference appoint a committee to serve for a period of one year, to be composed to six representatives of the employe class, these representatives to be selected as nearly as may be consistent from the different sections of the country, for the purpose of a general system of conciliation that will promote industrial peace.

"We would also recommend that this committee of twelve be given power to appoint such auxiliary committees from the industries, trades and professions as may seem best to promote the work of conciliation and education."

GOOD REASON FOR IT.

The Success and Popularity of the New Catarrh Cure.

The remarkable success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh, but catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their system; no secret is made of what they contain. They are composed of hydrastin, blood root, guaiacol and red gum, are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and the whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing just what you are taking into your system is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies, as so many of them are well known to contain these injurious drugs

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with the approval and cordial support of physicians because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common sense cure for all forms of catarrhal trouble.

With nearly all advertised catarrh cures it is a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into the stomach, as the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, are very careful to keep it a close secret as to what they really contain.

This is one reason why Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have been so widely recommended, because they are not only pleasant and convenient to take, but the patient also knows he is not putting into his stomach anything of an injurious character.

These tablets are sold by druggists everywhere in the United States and Canada at 50 cents for complete treatment and probably there is no better remedy ever devised for the permanent cure of catarrh whether located in the head, throat, bronchial tubes or in the stomach.



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HEALTH AND BEAUTY, health and happiness, are inseparably linked together. Life's grandest prize and beauty's greatest charm is health—robust, vigorous health. It is health that makes life worth living and gives one the ambition and energy to accomplish great things. Sad it is to think of the many who fall by the way — the nervous and physical wrecks. Overcome by mental strain, overwork or wasting disease, men and women get nervous, irritable and depressed, the duties of home or business worry them, they get weak, wrinkled or debilitated. Life has no charm, no hope when health has taken flight.

When you begin to fail is the time to take action—the time to replenish the nerve force by the use of the great nerve-building medicine DR. A. W. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD. It is not like any remedy you ever tried. It does not stimulate nor deaden the nerves. It simply increases the vitality of the body by creating new nerve force and forming new, red corpuscles in the blood.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

Fills the nerve centres with health, vigor and strength. Gradually and certainly the headaches and neuralgic pains disappear, the irritability and sleeplessness become a thing of the past, and joyous, robust health is felt pulsating through the nerve fibres, carrying new energy to every organ.

Mrs. D. W. Cronsberry, 168 Richmond street west, Toronto, Ont., states:—"My daughter, who sews in a white goods manufactory, got completely run down by the steady confinement and close attention required at her work. Her nerves were so exhausted, and she was so weak and debilitated, that she had to give up work entirely, and was almost a victim of nervous prostration.

"Hearing of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, she began to use it, and was benefited from the very first. It proved an excellent remedy in restoring her to health and strength. After having used four boxes she is now at work again, healthy and happy, and attributes her recovery to the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

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MUSTERED UOT

Death of Major Vantuyl of Petrolea—Judge Ouimet Dead.

MAJOR VANTUYL.

Petrolia, Ont., Dec. 20.—Our town was shocked yesterday by the announcement of the death of Major B. C. Vantuyl, of the firm of Vantuyl & Fairbank, hardmare merchants. Mr. Vantuyl had been a resident of Petrolia for years and was connected with a great many of the different industries of the place. The deceased was highly respected by all. One of his sons, Thomas, is now in South Africa in the second contingent.

DR. TAFF.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Dr. Charles Sabin Taft, who attended Abraham Lincoln after he had been shot in Ford's Theater, in Washington, on the night of April 14, 1865, died yesterday at his home here at the age of 65 years. Cancer of the throat was the cause of his death. He has been ill for more than a year.

JUDGE OUIMET.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Hon. Joseph Alphonse Ouimet, puisne judge of the superior court, died this morning at the age of 55 years. He was a native of St. Eustache.

MILD UNTIL FEB. 1.

A Michigan Weather Prophet Gets in His Work.

Dowagiac, Mich., Dec. 20.—Professor Inman, Dowagiac's weather prophet, says the present weather conditions will prevail until Feb. 1. There may be a few squalls, but no severe weather will be experienced. The professor two years ago predicted that wheat raising would be unprofitable for six years to come, owing to protracted mild weather in the autumns. Thus far his predictions have been verified. He insists that the next four years will be a repetition of the two just passed.

THIS IS DIFFERENT.

Twenty degrees below zero was the mark reached by the thermometer at Newport, Vt., on Wednesday. For the last ten days the mercury has been hovering between six and fifteen below.

A Coldwater (Mich.) dispatch says: Five young boys in Matteson township had a narrow escape from drowning. They were skating on the lake, when the ice gave way about twenty rods from the shore. All of them suffered terribly before being rescued, and one small boy's hands were fearfully frozen as he clung to the brittle ice.

DIED ON DUTY

G. T. R. Conductor Samuel Dear Expires on the Way to Brockville.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.]

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 20.—Samuel Dear, a freight conductor on the G. T. R., died last night while on duty. He complained of feeling ill when his train was at Kingston, and his crew arranged a bed for him in the van. A telegram was sent from Mallorytown for a doctor to meet the train at Brockville, but when the train reached here Dear was dead.

Dear was about 60 years of age and was the oldest G. G. T. R. conductor in this division. A wife and two daughters survive him.

Whisperings of the Wires.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, will celebrate his silver jubilee on Friday.

Hon. Mr. Patterson, minister of customs, has been inspecting the ports of Halifax, St. John and Montreal.

D. B. Wood and A. G. Montgomery are candidates for the Brantford, Ont., mayoralty. They are both Liberals.

A. C. Fraser was elected mayor of Brandon on Tuesday. W. J. Cooper was elected mayor of Portage la Prairie.

A conference will meet at Ottawa in January under the auspices of the Dominion Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The gate receipts at the Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph last week were over $1,200. It is found that no less than 1,518 members of farmers' institutes attended.

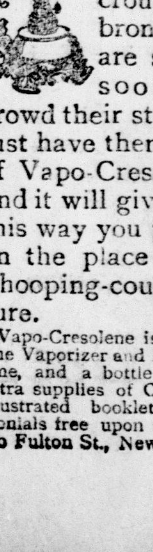
The board of directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad have declared the quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent on the company's stock, payable Jan. 15.

William H. Burr, a theatrical manager, ended his life at a Chicago undertaker's last night by shooting himself. He was despondent over having been unable to obtain an engagement for nearly a year.

T. J. Chisholm, of Montreal, who is charged with conspiring to defraud the Merchants' Bank of Montreal of $220,000, got away from Cincinnati on Tuesday, just before the Canadian officers arrived there.

OWNED IN PORT STANLEY.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—When shown a dispatch from Toronto announcing the seizure by the Ontario fisheries department of the tug Crawford, J. P. Trible, president of the Empire Fish Company, said: "A mistake has been made in seizing the tug Crawford, and she will probably be released. She is owned by Howard Deming, of Port Stanley, Ont., and not by our firm. We only buy the fish caught by the tug."



Any Boys?

If there are boys in the house, or girls either, then croup, coughs, catarrh, bronchitis, and sore throat are sure to be there, too, sooner or later. Don't crowd their stomachs with medicine, just have them breathe-in the vapor of Vapo-Cresolene; they'll like it, and it will give immediate relief. In this way you put the medicine right on the place that needs it. For whooping-cough it's the perfect cure.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Cresolene complete, $1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. VAPO-CRESOLENE CO., 180 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

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TO-DAY'S MARKETS

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off
Canadian Pacific	88½	88⅜
Duluth, common	6½	5¾
Duluth, preferred	17	15½
Commercial Cable, xd	167	165¼
Com. Cable Coupon Bonds	..	100
Commercial Reg. Bonds	..	170
Montreal Telegraph	175	173
Richelieu and Ontario	110	108⅝
Montreal Street Railway	277½	275
Montreal Street Railway, new	267½	266
Toronto Railway	109¼	109
Montreal Gas Company	209¼	209
Bell Telephone	176	171
Royal Electric	207	206¼
Bank of Montreal	260	124
Ontario Bank	..	190
Molsons Bank	192	..
Bank of Toronto	..	153
Merchants' Bank	156½	175
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	190	..
Quebec Bank	..	..
Union Bank	..	150
Bank of Commerce	51	47
Northwest Land	180¾	..
Montreal Cotton Co	85	80
Canada Colored Cotton	92½	90
Dominion Cotton		

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	235	250
Ontario	125	124
Toronto	242	237
Merchants	..	162
Commerce	149½	149
Imperial	217	215
Dominion	232	230¾
Standard	225	222
Hamilton	192	189½
British America	103	100
Western Assurance	117	115
Consumers' Gas	215	212½
Montreal Gas	210	208½
Northwest Land Company, pref.	49	48
Canada Pacific Ry Stock	88¼	88½
General Electric	191¼	191¼
London Electric	108	104
Commercial Cable	168	166⅜
Cable Coup. Bonds	102	101
Cable Reg. Bonds	102	101
Dominion Telegraph		121½
Bell Telephone Company	172¼	172
Richelieu and Ontario	109	108¾
Toronto Street Railway	109⅝	109¾
London Street Railway	..	165
Dominion Savings and Invest	75	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	171
Huron and Erie, new	..	163
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	..	..
London Loan	..	112½
London and Ontario	..	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	120

New York Stocks.

New York, Dec. 20.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

	Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Anaconda	48	49	..	..	48
Amal. Copper	95½	96¾	98¾	92⅞	98
Atcheson	42½	42⅜	43½	42⅜	43¾
Atcheson Pfd	86½	86½	87⅞	86¼	87⅝
B. & O	81	80½	81¾	80	80⅞
Brooklyn Tran	78¾	79¼	79½	77¾	139⅞
C. B. & Q	138⅞	139	140⅜	138½	139⅞
C. C. C	71¼	71	71	70½	70⅞
C. F. I	53⅜	53¾	54¼	53¾	54
Gen. Electric	178	180¾	181¾	180	181
Jersey Central	145	145	145	144½	144½
K. & T. Pfd	42¾	43¾	44¼	42½	44
L. & N	85¼	85⅛	86	85¾	85¾
Manhattan	113	113¾	113¾	112⅜	112¾
Metropolitan St.	174¾	175⅛	175	173	173
Mo. P	63¾	63⅞	68	63¾	67¾
N. Y. Central	142¾	142	142	141¾	141¾
Norfolk and W	44½	44¾	44¾	44	44
Northern Pacific	78¾	79⅝	85⅛	78¾	83¾
Ont. and Western	29	29	29¼	28⅞	29
Pacific Mail	42	42⅛	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	143¾	144	144⅝	143⅜	143¾
People's Gas	99¼	99¼	101	99¾	99⅝
R. I	117⅝	117½	119	117¾	118⅝
Reading	69¾	69⅜	69⅝	69¾	69
St. Paul	131¾	131¾	133¾	131⅝	133¾
Southern Ry. Pfd	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝	71	71⅛
Southern Pacific	43¾	43¾	43¾	43	43¾
T. C. I	63½	63⅞	64½	63½	64
U. Pacific	75⅞	75½	77½	75½	77½
W. U	85½	84⅛	85⅝	84¾	84¾
TRUSTS—					
Lead	21	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
Leather	15⅝	..	..	..	..
Leather Com	14	13⅞	14¼	13⅜	14
Sugar	130½	131	133⅝	130¾	133
Federal Steel	53½	53⅞	54	53½	53¾
Rubber	28½	29	29¼	28¾	28½
Steel and Wire	43¼	43¾	43⅞	43	43⅛
Tin Plate	54	54	54	53	53
Tobacco	111½	112	112	110⅞	111½
Continental	39¼	39½	39⅞	39½	39¾

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 20—Closing.

Wheat—Spot, quiet; No. 1 Cal., 6s 2½d No. 1 northern spring, 6s 2½d; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 11½d; futures, dull; Feb., 6s; March, 6s 1½d.

Corn—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 1½d; do., old, firm, 4s 2½d; futures, quiet; Dec., nominal; Jan., 3s 10½d; March, 3s 9½d; May, 3s 9¼d.

Peas—Canadian, quiet, 5s 7¾d.

Beef—Dull; extra India mess, 67s 9d; prime mess, nominal, 65s.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, firm, 72s.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 8s 6d.

Lard—American refined, in pails, steady, 39s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady, 38s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 44s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 48s; short ribs, 18 to 23 lbs, dull, 46s 3d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 47s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, steady, 46s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, easy, 43s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 54s 6d.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 13 lbs, steady, 44s.

Tallow—Prime city, firm, 25s; Australian in London, steady, 27s.

Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot in barrels, steady, 20s 9d.

Cheese—American finest white, easy, 51s 6d; do, colored, easy, 52s 6d.

Butter—United States finest, quiet, 95s; do good, dull, 81s 6d.

Hops—At London, Pacific coast, steady, 2 5s to 3 3s.

Linseed oil—Steady, 31s 3d.

Turpentine spirits—Dull, 28s 9d.

Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 7½d.

Petroleum—Refined, quiet, 7s.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Wheat—Market easier, at 63c to 63½c for red and white, middle freights; goose steady, at 60½c to 61c, middle freights, and at 60c north and west; spring, 66c to 66½c for No. 1 east; Manitoba steady, at 89½c for No. 1 hard at Toronto and west, 84½c for No. 2 hard, and 79c to 80c for No. 3 hard, and, grinding in transit it is quoted at 91½c for No. 1 hard, 86½c for No. 2 hard, and 82c for No. 3 hard. Flour—Quiet; $2 80 bid and $2 85 asked for 90 per cent patents in barrels, middle freights; choice brands held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $4 20 for Hungarian patents, and $3 85 for strong bakers in car lots, bags included, at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $14 for shorts and $12 for bran west. Barley—Steady, at 39c to 39½c for No. 2, middle freights, and 37½c for No. 3 extra, north and west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 49c, middle freights. Rye—Unchanged, at 47c, middle freights. Corn—Steady; Canada yellow is quoted at 35c west; No. 3 American yellow is quoted at 44½c at Toronto. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 25½c to 26c, middle freights. Peas—Steady, at 60½c to 61c, middle freights, and 60c north and west. Butter—Dull; large dairy rolls are steady, at 15c to 18½c, and pound rolls weaker, 17c to 19c; low-grade rolls, 15c to 17c; tubs, inferior, 13c to 15c; creamery weaker; 22c to 23c for prints and 20c to 22c for solids. Eggs—New-laid, 28c to 30c; selects, 26c to 27c; ordinary held at 16c to 18c, and pickled at 15c to 16c. Live hogs—Receipts today, 500; prices unchanged, at 6½c for choice bacon; 5½c for heavy and light fat.



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American Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Flour—Receipts, 16,661 barrels; sales, 3,100 packages; state and western market was held with some confidence and had a moderately active demand. Rye flour—Dull; fair to good, $2 80 to $3 05; choice to fancy, $3 20 to $3 45. Wheat—Receipts, 38,850 bu; sales, 810,000 bu; option market opened easy, but quickly rallied on small northwest receipts and local covering; March, 73c to 79¼c; May, 79 9-16c to 79 15-16c. Rye—Steady; state, 52c to 53c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 56½c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 84,825 bu; sales, 20,000 bu; option market was generally steady but quiet, with wheat; Dec., 46¾c; May, 42 3-16c to 42 5-16c. Oats—Receipts, 43,400 bu; option market ruled slow; but steady; track, white state, 30c to 35½c; track, white western, 30½c to 35½c. Butter—Receipts, 3,672 packages; market steady. Cheese—Receipts, 4,112 packages; market strong; fancy, large, fall made, 11¾c to 11½c; fancy, small, fall made, 11¾c to 12c. Eggs—receipts, 4,626 packages; market weak; state and Pennsylvania, 24c to 26c; western, regular packing, at mark, 20c to 23¾c; western, loss off, 25c. Sugar—Raw steady; refined, quiet. Coffee—Dull. Lead—Dull. Wool—Quiet. Hops—Quiet.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, offices Masonic Temple. Phone 1278.

	Open.	High	Low.	Close
Wheat—Jan	70½	70½	70	70½
May	72¼	73⅛	72¾	72⅞
Corn—Jan	37¼	37⅝	36¾	36¾
May	36¼	36⅞	36	36⅞
Oats—Jan	21⅛	..	..	..
May	23⅜	..	..	..
Pork—Jan	12 20	12 37	12 25	12 25
May	12 15	12 15	12 12	12 12
Lard—Jan	6 87	....	....	....
May	6 92	....	....	....
Rib—Jan	6 32	6 35	6 32	6 32
May	6 37	6 42	6 37	6 37

AN AGONIZING MOMENT.

Suspense While the Committee Inspected Mirandy's Carpet.

"There on the platform stood the roll of new rag carpet, with the committee inspecting it, and there, not twenty feet away, stood a farmer with his wife and four children. With her own hands the wife had cut, sewed, dyed and woven. She had been encouraged by her husband and friends to enter that carpet for the prize and the hour for the fatal decision had come. The faces of the committee were impassive and unreadable. There was blue and red and green and purple in that carpet, but those colors did not seem to appeal. They did not look like men who knew what an A1, 4x, copper riveted rag carpet good enough for Senator Depew's best parlor should be composed of.

"Don't you be skeart, Mirandy," said the husband as he patted her on the shoulder in an encouraging way.

"I'm tryin' to be brave," she replied, "but oh, Joel, you know how hard I worked on that carpet. If I don't git the prize I believe I shall fall dead."

"But it must get the prize, mother," said the children in chorus. "We are taught that goodness is always rewarded, and who is gooder than you?"

The committee seized the roll and slammed it down and Joel and Mirandy turned pale.

The committee opened the roll to look for places where hogs might squeeze through and the children grew weak in the knees.

The carpet was measured, walked on, kicked about, rolled up and six persons heard the beating of their hearts.

"I think I'll die," whispered the wife as she sat down on a nail keg covered with a crazy quilt.

"Not yit!" replied the husband. "Now they are consulting together. Now they seem to have come to a decision. Now they are handlin' the diplomas. Now they——"

"Oh, Joe!, I can't stand it!"

"Don't give up. Now one of 'em is writin'. Now they hev got your name—now—now—now—you've hit the fust prize plumb center and are seven foot taller than any other durned woman in the country!"—Washington Post.

A SONG OF THE HILLS.

A fine tribute to "The Land of the Sky," is from the pen of Etta Wallace Miller, as follows:

"A canopy of azure skies above;
A carpet of bright emerald below;
And in the meadows spotless asphodels,
Soft swinging to the breeze their fairy bells.
The hearts of late, sweet roses, breathing love
Into the subtle lily's breast of snow;
And golden rod
A-sprinkle o'er the fields and fertile dells,
While the great hills, like mighty sentinels,
Keep watch for God!"

The last two lines of the above are exceptionally fine.—Atlanta Constitution.

THERE WAS KICKING.

"That is an awful green sleeping car porter. The conductor told him to blacken every shoe he found by the berths." "Did he?" "Yes; he even blackened the tan shoes."—Chicago News.

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Latest Weather Probabilities

FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, Dec. 20—10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Generally fair and mild. Friday—Temperature about the same.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

HIS FELLOW MAN.

I try to love my fellow man,
I always do the best I can,
E'en though he whistles night and morn
Some fiercely execrable tune;
E'en though he be the motorman
Who grins whene'er he barks my plan
To board his swiftly-speeding car
Which I had heralded afar;
Though he be one of those who say
Just what the plot is at the play
And taps his foot against my chair
Until he drives me to despair;
Though he be up at early dawn
To shovel snow or mow the lawn,
I love him still. I do my best,
But, oh, it is a fearful test!

—R. W. Barker, of Toronto, former postoffice inspector here, was in the city yesterday.

—W. J. Wilson, president of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, left for Toronto this morning to attend the examinations of the Ontario Veterinary College and annual convention of the association.

FOR MAYOR.

Ald. Douglass said to an Advertiser man today: "If things go as I anticipate, I'll run for mayor. Yes, I think I'll give Mr. Rumball a whirl."

A CORRECTION.

In the recently published list of contributors to the Charities' Organization, the name of C. S. Bayley, who contributed $25, was inadvertently given as C. H. Bayley.

COUNTY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for the county council take place on Monday next, Dec. 24, they being held two weeks previous to election, and a week in advance of municipal and township nominations.

THREE TONS OF TURKEYS.

The McClary Manufacturing Company have laid in their usual supply of turkeys for presentation to their employes at Christmas time. The aggregate weight of the supply is about three tons.

OPEN ONE DAY LATER.

On account of the municipal elections being held on Jan. 7, the jurors summoned for the winter assizes set for that date, will not be required to attend till 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 8. It is improbable that the trial judge will arrive until Tuesday.

THE KILTIES.

There promises to be large crowds at the concerts to be given by the kilties in the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon and evening. Don't fail to hear Canada's crack musical organization. See the big street parade at noon.

ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT.

Fred Willison and Harry Maudsley were arrested by Detectives Rider and Nickle this afternoon, charged with assaulting an old lady, Mrs. Catherine Shore, of 62 York street, on Monday night. They are said to have gone to her house on Monday night to see her nephew, and on being denied admission to the house, threw a stone at her, striking her on the forehead.

SONS OF SCOTCHMEN.

At a meeting of the Sons of Scotland, held Tuesday night, in Albion block, Rev. W. J. Clark gave one of his exceedingly interesting and eloquent addresses upon Scottish themes. The principal subjects he dealt with were the home, the church and the schools, as being the three elements that made and built up the character of Scotchmen. Addresses were also given by Mr. R. K. Cowan and Mr. J. W. McCallum.

TO BE "WATCHED."

Mr. F. T. Trebilcock, of this city, has just finished the manufacture of a handsome gold watch, chain and locket for Mr. Brodie, the Tilsonburg jeweler, to be presented to Corp. R. H. Wilson, of the R. C. R., on his return from South Africa, the gift of this fellow-townspeople. The watch is a plain hunting-case with the monogram "R. H. W." artistically engraved on the front. On the inside is the following inscription: "Presented to Corp. R. H. Wilson, R. C. R., by the citizens of Tilsonburg, on his return from active service in South Africa, Dec. 25, 1900. The chain and locket are of solid gold, and unique design. The present is valued at $125.

"A FEMALE DRUMMER."

In "A Female Drummer," which comes to the London Opera House New Year's, matinee and night, Charles E. Blaney, the clever author of half a score of successful farce-comedies, is said to have made a long stride beyond the class of work he has usually writen. "A Female Drummer" is described as a broad comedy, with none of the characteristics of a farce-comedy, except a number of broadly ridiculous situations that border on the farcical. "A Female Drummer" has a well-defined and ingeniously worked-out plot, and although liberally supplied with specialties, does not rely on them to carry it. The names of the well-known artists engaged to present the piece are enough in themselves, if anything were needed, to show the character of the play. Among the prominent members of the large company of forty are Mr. George Richards, Harry Ladell, Oscar Figman, Willis P. Sweatman, Nellie O'Neil and Helen Byron. Mr. Blaney has booked "A Female Drummer" in first-class houses alone, fully appreciating the fact that in this, his latest work, he appeals to a higher class of theater-goers, as well as those who have for the past six or eight years crowded to see any play of which he was the author.

NOT TILL THURSDAY

Will the Soldiers Arrive in London—Can Not Leave St. John Before Monday.

This morning Mayor Rumball received the following telegram from Ottawa: "Col. Pinault states that your soldiers cannot possibly be in London before Thursday, as they will not leave St. John before Monday evening. Will keep you posted."

A REVOLUTION OVER ASPHALT.

Venezuelan Government Canceled Concessions Held by a New York Company—Life and Property in Danger.

New York, Dec. 20.—A cable message has been received at the office of the National Asphalt Company from its agent in Venezuela, which announces that a revolution has broken out in that country. It is asserted that the situation is extremely desperate as regards Americans and their property in the South American Republic. The message, which was sent by a representative of the National Asphalt Company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States for the protection of Americans, whose lives and property are imminently endangered. A general attack, the cablegram says, is being planned upon all American interests in Venezuela, and if succor, in the prompt dispatch of warships by the United States Government, is not forthcoming at once the results may prove disastrous.

The cablegram is from Caracas and goes on to say that the revolution has been endangered by the fight between the National Asphalt Company and its rivals for the possession of the Bermudez Asphalt Lake. The lake is situated 20 miles from the coast of Venezuela, and contains expensive and rich deposits of asphalts. It has been in the possession of the National Asphalt Company, or its constituent company, the New York and Bermudez Company, for over twelve years.

The company's concessions to operate the lake were cancelled by President Castro and his council on Dec. 13. The right to operate the concession known as La Felicidad was then awarded to a rival syndicate, which carries the alleged right to work a trace of 1,000 acres, which comprises about two-thirds of the lake. This tract the National Asphalt Company claims as its exclusive property.

La Felicidad is said to be now worth twenty times its alleged purchase price of $40,000.

The National Asphalt Company intended making every effort to secure the dispatch of a warship to Venezuela.

For Quick Perusal.

Sir Charles and Lady Tupper will spend the Christmas holidays at Winnipeg.

The succession duties of the Ontario government for 1900 will be $200,000. This is $50,000 in excess of last year.

Coldbrook rolling mills, four miles from St. John, N.B., were burned to the ground Wednesday night. The mills belonged to the Coldbrook Iron and Steel Company. Loss, $100,000; insured. Three l. C. R. coal cars were also burned.

It was announced on Wednesday in Toronto that the British-Canadian Loan and Investment Company of that city had offered to sell out its business and assets to the Canada Permanent and Western, the big consolidated loan company. Its authorized capital is $5,000,000; subscribed, $2,000,000, and paid-up, $398,481. The total assets are $1,870,609.

A big contest is on before the courts over the $300,000 estate left by Contractor Hebron Harris, of Ottawa, who died last June at Syracuse, N. Y., leaving three widows, two children and several nephews and nieces. A will, which Harris had executed two days before his death, has turned up, and is now the subject of the litigation.

A CHRISTMAS MENU.

Half-shell oysters—consomme—
Should be served on Christmas Day.
Turkey and stuffing and cranberry sauce
Might well be balm for a business loss.
Then celery—onions—hot mince pie—
They're all good—and "that's no lie!"
Boiled plum pudding, wine sauce, fruit and nuts
Should be served in palaces and huts
Finally—bon-bons, cheese, crackers, coffee,
Should satisfy Tommy and Jerry and thee.

THE MAIN THING.

Mr. Wanterby—Nonsense! Why should we have burglar alarms in the house? We have nothing worth stealing.

Mrs. Wanterby—I know, dear, but it will make the neighbors think we have.—Philadelphia Press.

HIS GRATEFUL YOUNG FRIENDS.

"A Georgia legislator wants to have all the schools of that state closed for a year."

"I'll bet the Georgia schoolboys will erect a monument to that fellow before they get through." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. ywt

In Scotland a twentieth of the area is forest land. The greater portion of the country is mountain heath and lake. The cultivated land is comparatively very limited in its area.

FOR NINE YEARS.—Mr. Samuel Bryan, Thedford, writes: "For nine years I suffered with ulcerated sores on my leg; I expended over $100 to physicians, and tried every preparation I heard of or saw recommended for such disease, but could get no relief. I at last was recommended to give Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil a trial, which has resulted, after using eight bottles (using it internally and externally) in a complete cure. I believe it is the best medicine in the world, and I write this to let others know what it has done for me."

There is a healthful hardiness about real dignity that never dreads contact and communication with others, however humble.—Washington Irving.

PAID OUT A BIG PILE AS RANSOM

Millionaire E. A. Cudahy Gave $25,000 in Gold

To Recover His Son Edward, Who Was Abducted by Kidnappers.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.—Twenty-five thousand dollars in gold was paid by Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, as ransom for his son, Edward Cudahy, jun., who was abducted by a gang of kidnappers last Tuesday night.

Yesterday, about noon, several hours after a letter had been left on the lawn of the Cudahy residence, another missive was delivered to Mr. Cudahy through the mails, and contained a proposition to return the boy, safe and unharmed, provided the sum of $25,000 were paid that night. In the letter were full directions as to where the money was to be left, and the assurance was given that the missing boy would be allowed to return home within a few hours of the time when the cash was received. A consultation was held and the matter gone over in detail.

Plans were discussed for capturing the bandits when they should make their appearance at the rendezvous which had been designated; but one after another these plans were dropped as being impracticable.

SENT THE MONEY.

Finally, impelled by the strain under which the entire household was laboring, Mr. Cudahy decided to comply with the terms offered, and ransom his son. A trusted messenger, sworn to secrecy, was sent for the money, which was brought to the Cudahy residence. After dinner Mr. Cudahy had one of his horses harnessed to a light buggy, and, taking the money in it with him, started alone for the designated place at which the money was to be left. In the buggy he carried a red lantern. He drove five miles west of the town, until he came to a white lantern hanging on a short stick beside the road. Alighting from his buggy Mr. Cudahy deposited the sack containing the money near the stick bearing the white light. Then, without seeing anyone, he returned to his home.

SAW THE SIGNAL.

Meantime the abductors had seen the red light coming up the road, and as soon as the buggy disappeared they took away the money and prepared to keep faith with the father. The boy was bundled into a cab and set down close by his father's house about one o'clock this morning. Where he had been he was unable to say, but as nearly as he could estimate he had been taken five miles south of South Omaha.

The cunning of the gang and their thorough knowledge of the geography of the city are evidenced in the plans they laid. Close by the place where Mr. Cudahy was directed to leave the ransom for his son, the river approaches the road, and it is supposed the men were on the watch for the millionaire and saw his red light from a boat.

As soon as he had driven away, and they had satisfied themselves that no person was lurking near they probably clambered up the bank, obtained the sack of gold, returned to the boat again and escaped, without leaving any telltale footprints. There is absolutely no clue to the identity of the men.

Whether young Cudahy will be able to give information that will lead to their capture is not yet known.

NO ROOM FOR CRIPPLES.

[Letter in New York Journal.]

I have held a responsible position with the Plant system railroad and Southern Express Company as their agent. I am prevented from holding such a position now owing to the loss of a leg. This misfortune, I find, places me at a great disadvantage, and seems to make it impossible for me to obtain work at anything. I have made application time after time at places where positions were open, and such as I am sure I could have filled quite as well as a more active man, but my injury seems to have placed me where no one cares to give me a trial. I have done everything possible, except street begging, to be self-supporting, and I do not desire charity or something for nothing. So the question that now confronts me is: "Is a man debarred from obtaining employment when he has sustained the loss of a limb?" If not, can some of the Journal readers suggest a plan to be pursued when there is no capital at hand? And should they find it as I have, I do not hesitate to say congress should pass a law making it a capital offense for a person to be seen in public with a limb missing, or to be caught in a furnished room depending upon the efforts of a wife and child, who work from 6 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m. in order to keep the unfortunate being alive. Such is my unpleasant situation, and I have nothing but the best of references and a will to work, which I can refer to with pride.

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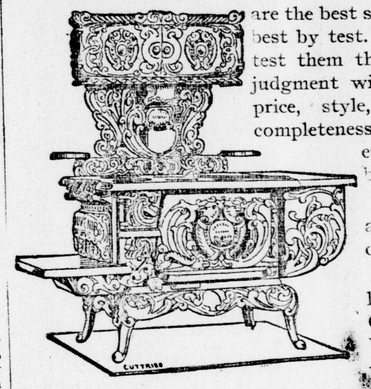
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The Queen's Veil.

Half of the door was composed of glass, across which a curtain of crimson stuff had been hung.

This was in flames.

Without a thought, save that the life of the duke was in danger, she dashed her hands against the glass, broke it into atoms, and tearing the curtain from its place drew it forth and trampled out the flames with her feet.

The noise of the breaking glass aroused the household and the royal guests, who hastened from their rooms to discover the cause of the disturbance.

The tableau which met their astonished gaze was, to say the least, striking, and one not easily to be forgotten.

The beautiful girl stood in the midst of the hall, her face and lips as colorless as marble, a frightened but determined expression in her eyes, her hands cut and bleeding from violent contact with the broken glass, but all unheeded in her eagerness to trample to death the fire-fiend that had threatened all their lives.

The curtain had probably been ignited by the candle of a careless servant, who, half-dazed by the unexpected presence of royalty, had attended the duke to his chamber.

No further damage was done, but his grace's room was filled with smoke, and he declared that but for the Lady Althea and her presence of mind he should have probably been smothered to death, for he had taken a powerful anodyne to quiet his nerves and aching head, and in a little while it would have been too late to save him.

"You have saved my life, Lady Althea," he had said, taking her bleeding hands and wrapping them in his fine handkerchief, while his voice trembled with suppressed feeling, "every drop of this blood shed for me will be a burden on my heart while I live. I cannot be too grateful to you."

And the Lady Althea looked up into his eyes, her own shining like two stars from excitement, and though her nerves were strained to their utmost tension, she gave a clear, sweet laugh, full of graceful joy.

"It is nothing," she said, merely glancing at her hands; "they will soon heal, and they have performed a deed for which I shall never need to blush."

"I should say not," returned the duke, feelingly, and bending to touch them with his lips.

And thus having learned something of the history of the beautiful girl—that she was an orphan and a dependent, although she had been reared in the household of the king, and almost upon an equal footing with the youthful princess—he had felt privileged to make out a deed to her and ask her acceptance of a lovely litle villa upon the banks of the Rhine, together with a handsome annuity that would render her independent during the remainder of her life.

After leaving the presence of the duke, the Lady Althea slowly ascended the stairs, pushing through the upper hall with bent head and thoughtful mien until she reached her own apartments.

Entering, she walked to the centre table, picked up a card which was lying there, and drawing a jeweled pencil from her pocket, hastily wrote something upon it. She then rang the bell.

"Take this to her royal highness the princess," she said to the servant who appeared in answer to her summons as she handed him a small golden salver with the card upon it.

The man bowed low and retired.

He returned ere five minutes had elapsed, and replacing the salver upon the table, the card undisturbed upon it, he said:

"Her royal highness is engaged, and can admit no one at present."

"Did she not read the message?" Lady Althea asked, pointing to the card.

"No, my lady; she simply glanced at it, and remarked that her mind—her commands were unchanged.

Lady Althea's beautiful lips quivered slightly at this reply, but she motioned to the servant to retire, and when she was once more alone she bowed her bright head upon the table and gave way unrestrained to her grief.

Half an hour passed and there was no sound but that of low sobbing and long-drawn sighs in that lofty and elegant room.

At length the maiden grew more composed, and, rising, went to a window, pushed aside the rich draperies, and looked out.

The daylight was beginning to fade and it would soon be dark.

A sad wistful look came into those dark eyes gazing out upon the varied landscape—upon the beautiful surroundings of the palace, the lofty and picturesque hills beyond, and the broad river, that she could discern among the heavy foliage, and which, under the soft gray of the sky, seemed like a sheet of silver.

"There remains nothing else for me to do," she murmured, with a sobbing sigh, then turning quickly away from the fair scene without, as if the sight was too much for her, she passed into the room beyond, where she hastily exchanged her silken robes and filmy laces for darker and simpler clothing.

That evening a company assembled in the grand saloon of the palace, but the beautiful Lady Althea—she who had always been the life of the household—was not among them, and many were the inquiries as to the cause of her absence.

"She is indisposed," briefly explained the Princess Marie, when questioned upon the subject, while she cast a suspicious, resentful glance at the duke, her betrothed, who was standing a short distance from her, beside one of the magnificent Sevres vases that were placed on either side of the archway leading into an ante-chamber.

He noted the glance, marked the cold, hard tones of her voice, and remembering his recent interview with Lady Althea, her sadness and embarrassment, and her strange request, he instantly drew his own conclusions regarding the matter.

The princess had doubtless observed that he had sought her out several times of late, and realizing the vast difference in their personal appearance, feared that his regard might be won from her, and becoming jealous, had perhaps unjustly censured the lovely girl for what she was in no way to blame.

Later in the evening he approached the princess as she sat by the marble fireplace, which at this season was always a mass of flowers artistically arranged.

"Will your royal highness promenade with me in the great hall for a while?" he asked, bowing respectfully before her, and speaking with his most winning smile.

She instantly arose and placed her hand upon his arm, her ill-humor all dispelled by the simple attention and request, and the royal couple passed quietly from the room.

"I trust the Lady Althea is not seriously indisposed," the archduke remarked after they had taken one or two turns through the hall, and conversed upon indifferent topics, while, as he spoke, he bent a searching glance upon his companion's face.

The princess' brows darkened, and her lips curled instantly.

"Not so seriously but that she will survive, I imagine," she answered, ungraciously.

"I trust that her ladyship has done nothing to incur your royal highness' displeasure," the duke pursued, quietly.

"My displeasure! In what way?" the princess said, in assumed surprise.

"In no way, I hope," he answered, with his frank smile, that disarmed her again, immediately.

Then he added:

"By the way, perhaps I should have mentioned to your highness that I have solicited the assistance and advice of the Lady Althea in a delicate little matter, about which I am very particular."

As he concluded, his eyes dropped critically to the hand that rested on his arm, as if he were taking the dimensions of its small fingers.

The young princess started.

In an instant she comprehended everything.

It was her own betrothal gift that he referred to, and which he had asked Althea to ask him select, knowing her faultless taste and judgment, and also that she would best understand what would please her.

This was the innocent little secret that she had tried ruthlessly to wrest from her and which every feeling of her sensitive nature revolted against betraying, until the duke should have the pleasure of putting into her own hands the gift.

How cruel and unjust she had been to her.

How coarsely and harshly she had taunted her with her misfortune, her dependence and her poverty, and driven on by her excitable temper and jealousy, of seeking to win the regard of her noble lover away from her.

She was covered with shame and confusion, and tortured with remorse for what she had done and said.

She dearly loved her beautiful relative—they had, as the Lady Althea said, grown up together in confidence and affection, and although there was something of a mystery overshadowing the fair girl's birth, yet never before had anyone ever breathed of the fact in a way to wound her.

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THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Group Eight Hockey Schedule Drawn Up.

Jeffries and Ruhlin Matched for a 20-Round "Go"—Racing Results at New Orleans.

HOCKEY.

SCHEDULE FOR GROUP EIGHT.

At the Tecumseh House last night delegates representing the four clubs in group 8 of the intermediate series of the O. H. A., met and drew up a schedule for the season. W. A. Mace, the convener, was in the chair, and the delegates were: J. H. Chown, Stratford; A. Tillmann, London; J. W. Hobbs, Sarnia, and H. C. Becher, Tilbury. The following schedule was adopted, the club first named being the home team in each case:

Sarnia vs. Stratford, Jan. 3.
London vs. Tilbury, Jan. 3.
Stratford vs. London, Jan. 7.
Tilbury vs. Sarnia, Jan. 7.
Tilbury vs. Stratford, Jan. 11.
London vs. Sarnia, Jan. 11.
London vs. Stratford, Jan. 16.
Sarnia vs. Tilbury, Jan. 16.
Stratford vs. Sarnia, Jan. 22.
Tilbury vs. London, Jan. 22.
Stratford vs. Tilbury, Jan. 30.
Sarnia vs. London, Jan. 30.

In each case the game is to be played on or before the date set.

The board of trustees appointed were: London, J. W. Hobbs, J. A. Tune; Sarnia, G. N. Gauthier, J. S. Finch; Stratford, C. R. Rankin, J. Gibson; Tilbury, W. J. O'Neall, W. R. Neale.

A LEAGUE AT WINDSOR

A Windsor hockey league was organized on Tuesday night, with the following officers: Honorary president, Mayor Davis; president, J. C. Stuart; vice-president, C. C. Bourne; secretary-treasurer, G. H. Gauthier. The league will be composed of four teams: Frontier, Walkerville, Banners and a city team.

YACHTING.

AT BUFFALO.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A proposition to sail the Canadian cup races off Buffalo at the time of the Pan-American Exposition, has been received from F. B. Hower, commodore of the Buffalo Yacht Club. The Buffalo yachtsmen are already making preparations on a large scale for a regatta the last week of July. W. R. Crawford, of this city, who is president of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association, gave it as his opinion that the Chicago Yacht Club could not be tempted to let the international race go away from Chicago, but said he would do all in his pawer to encourage Lake Michigan yachtsmen to race their boats in the Pan-American regatta at Buffalo, setting the example as president of the L. M. Y. A. by taking there his celebrated 50-footer Vaneuma, which won the championship at the inter-lake regatta two years in succession.

FISTIC

FIGHT PERMITS REVOKED.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Mayor Harrison today revoked all permits for prize fights issued prior to the passage of the anti-fight ordinance by the city council Monday night. The mayor's action puts an end to stories that he would not approve the new law.

SCHOLES GOING TO ENGLAND.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—John F. Scholes will take passage for England, accompanied by his son, John F. Scholes, jun., in February, where the world's champion amateur light-weight will be entered in several notable amateur tournaments and the championships of the English Athletic Union in March. After that father and son will make an extended trip through Ireland, returning to Canada early in the summer. The projected trip will mean Jack Scholes' absence from the Canadian championships for the second successive year, as the Canadian amateur boxing tournament usually takes place early in March.

JEFFRIES AND RUHLIN.

New York, Dec. 19.—James J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin today signed articles of agreement to box 20 rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, at the Saengerfest Hall, Cincinnati, on Feb. 15.

ENDED IN A DRAW.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Joe McFadden, of New York, and Patsy Sweeney, of Manchester, N. H., fought one of the fastest battles seen in years tonight. Both men were full of energy at the end of the 15th round, so that no other decision but a draw could be given. Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, was the referee.

FIFTEEN-ROUND "GO."

Portland, Maine, Dec. 19.—Young Saxe, of New York, got the decision over Morris Rosenberg, of Boston, at the end of the 15th round tonight.

BASEBALL.

HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 19. — Charles Somers, one of the owners of the Cleveland club, returned today from the east. He said the report that Indianapolis would be dropped by the American League in favor of Buffalo is at least premature, as that matter cannot be decided until the meeting of the league in Chicago.

GOLF.

VARDON OFF FOR ENGLAND.

New York, Dec. 19.—Harry Vardon will leave for England today on the Majestic. The professional champion golfer, since his arrival in this country, has played 73 matches and has won 62. Of these he has played against odds except twice, when, curiously enough, he was beaten. According to Vardon's latest plans, he may become an American citizen. He has been so well pleased with the brief experience on this side of the water that he thinks of returning and making this country his permanent home.

TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 19.—In the steeplechase today, Harvey B. fell at the fifth jump, and C. Johnson, who rode him, was hurt slightly. Weather cloudy; track heavy. Princess Murphy and Sauber were the beaten favorites.

First race, 1 mile, selling—Judge Magee won, Castine 2, Brown Veil 3. Time, 1:47½.

Second race, 1 mile, selling—Gracious won, Valdez Menace 3. Time, 1:48½.

Third race, steeplechase, handicap, short course—Isen won, High Admiral 2, Dan Cupid 3. Time, 4:24.

Fourth race, handicap, 1⅛ miles—Monk Wayman won, Hood's Brigade 2, Reana 3. Time, 2:02½.

Fifth race, 1 mile and sixteenth—Chorus Boy won, Sauber 2, Henry of Franztamar 3. Time, 1:56.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Ben Chance won, Sunlocks 2, W. B. Gates 3. Time, 1:49.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Dominion Brewing Company, of Toronto, has issued its useful reference sporting annual, in the form of a neat vest pocket book. It is an invaluable adjunct to the sanctum.

SEVEN BURIED.

Fredonia, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Yesterday was a day of mourning here, the funeral services and interment of the seven victims of the State Normal and Training School fire being the occasion. Every store in the village was closed. Thousands came from far and near to witness the last sad rites. High mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Rev. Thomas F. Clark and priests of the Passionist order at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m. the services were continued in the Presbyterian Church. Following the services the caskets containing the remains of the six lady students and the janitor were carried in separate hearses to Forest Hill cemetery, and laid side by side in one grave.

ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 19.—The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association's annual meeting is being held in the city hall here, and will continue three days. There is a good attendance of delegates. President Orr opened the meeting this morning in a nice speech, extending a hearty welcome to the visitors, and trusting they would continue their interest in the work. Invitations from Brighton, Walkerton, Orillia, Cobourg and Kingston were received for the next annual meeting. J. Tweedie gave a report on the codling moth, and Mr. Bunting a report on transportation. The forenoon was taken up with preliminary matters.

THE SEAWANHAKA CUP.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Lorne Campbell Currie, of Havre, France, who has challenged for the Seawanhaka cup, backed by the Island Yachting Club of Cowes, has just given an order for his third boat. All three of these will be used to select the fastest possible boat to take to Canada. The boats will all be of different design, and of course, by different designers. One is being designed by Harley Mead, of Cowes; another by Linton Hope, of the Thames, and the third by Norfolk, a Broads builder.

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Western Ontario.

The Retail Grocers' Association of Windsor has decided to abolish all gift schemes. The grocers are determined to stop giving trading stamps.

Users of natural gas all over Essex county have received a scare by the notice sent to manufacturers by the gas company that they must prepare to use some kind of fuel other than gas. The factories at Kingsville may have to close down.

Ed. Mills, of Newark, Oxford county, was shredding corn on Thursday, when it became clogged in the machine, and in attempting to push it through his hand was drawn in the rollers and his fingers crushed. Doctors from Norwich amputated the hand.

The marriage of Miss Maude G. Pousette, second daughter of Dr. A. C. Pousette, of Sarnia, to Mr. Harold F. R. Willoughby, B.A., youngest son of Rev. Dr. Willoughby, took place in Sarnia on Tuesday. Many good wishes will follow Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby to their new home at the Ranches, Dundurn, Assiniboia.

A public meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Thedford, Monday night, for the purpose of raising money for the twentieth century thanksgiving fund. The turnout was small, but the results were large. Rev. S. Salton, of Centralia, exhibited a unique device in the shape of a cross—the sign of sacrifice. He put upon the cross figures representing about $700, which he wanted them to raise. Before he was through about $550 was realized for the fund. A fine new parsonage will be built with the proceeds. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pring, is to be congratulated on the great success.

TO PROMOTE WEDDINGS

Chicago Organization of "Eligibles" Has a Money-Making Scheme.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 20.—The attorney-general's office today received from Joseph Horner, of Grand Rapids, a letter and advertising matter of the "Eligibles," an association for the promotion of marriages, which has grown out of the rushing business in weddings at St. Joseph. The attorney-general was asked to become the league's agent and solicitor. The league's headquarters are in Chicago. Elmer M. Barnes, of St. Joseph, is district agent.

The league proposes to admit only single persons, eligible to marry, to issue a $500 endowment certificate to each member, the certificate to become due in two years if the member marries before that time or in five years, whether the member marries or not. The management retains 5 per cent of the amount realized on each call, the balance going to the beneficiary. The certificates and payments are forfeited for failure to pay calls within 30 days.

The attorney-general's office has notified Horner and Barnes that the league cannot do business in Michigan.

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TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' tickets will be issued Dec. 8 to 31, good to return Jan. 20, 1901, at one fare and one-third, on presentation of certificate from principal of school.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS will be issued tickets at single one-way regular fare, Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, good for return until Jan. 7, 1901.

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GENERAL PUBLIC at lowest one-way first-class fare, Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, good returning until Dec. 26, 1900. At lowest one-way first-class fare and one-third, going Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 27, 1900.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS at lowest one-way first-class fare and one-third from Dec. 8 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning until Jan. 20, 1901. Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and East; to and from S. S. Marie, Mich., and Detroit, Mich., and to but Not From Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, N. Y.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS (on presentation of commercial travelers railway certificate) at lowest one-way first-class fare, going Dec. 21 to 25, 1900, inclusive, good returning until Jan. 7, 1901. Between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and East.

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TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Province of Ontario, County of Middlesex, To Wit: } By virtue of a warrant issued under the hand of the Warden of the said county of Middlesex, and sealed with the corporate seal thereof, which warrant bears date the 10th day of November, 1900, and is to me directed and addressed as the treasurer of the said county, commanding me to levy in accordance with the provisions of "The Assessment Act," in that behalf, on the lands hereinafter mentioned and described, being in the said county, for taxes in arrears thereon respectively and lawful costs, I hereby give notice that unless the said taxes and costs be sooner paid I shall proceed to sell by public Auction at the Court House, in the City of London, Ontario, on **Wednesday, the 20th of February, A.D. 1901, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon**, the said lands, or as much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge the said taxes and costs and charges in and about the sale of said lands, authorized by the said act.

Township	Sub-Lot.	Street or Block	Name of Survey.	Original Lot.	Con.	Acres.	Years Which Taxes Due.	Am't Taxes Due.	Com-ted and Costs
Dorchester	w pt w ½	1	McClary's no ¼	15	3 NR	2	1897-1900	$1 67	$2 55
do		15	s s railroad	Hunter's	9	4 NR	¾	1897-1900	5 43	2 55*
do		s pt 4	west range	McClary's	11	1 SR	2¾	1898-1900	1 54	2 55
do		1	east range	McClary's	15	1 SR	10	1897	2 65	2 65
London		35		Oliver & Pollard's	11	"B"	1-5	1897, 1899	6 35	2 65†
do		12		Church Society's	15	3	44-100	1897-98-99	99	2 62
do		13		do	15	3	40-100	1897-98-99	90	2 62
do		14		do	15	3	38-100	1897-98-99	86	2 62
do		15		do	15	3	35-100	1897-98-99	80	2 62
do		16		do	15	3	29-100	1897-98-99	65	2 62
do		17		do	15	3	26-100	1897-98-99	58	2 62
do		18		do	15	3	23-100	1897-98-99	52	2 62
Westminster		11	block M, Kensal Park	s ½ 5 w of Whc. n pt 33 bk. front			1-3	1897-98-99	3 26	2 55‡
do		13	block M, Kensal Park	s ½ 5 w of Whc. n pt 33 bk. front			1-3	1897-98-99	3 26	2 55‡
Newbury Village		31	block T,	Webster's			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55‡
do		32	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55
do		33	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55*
do		34	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55
do		35	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55
do		36	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55
do		37	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55
do		173	do	do			¼	1897-98-99	66	2 55

*North of River. †South of River. ‡West of Wharncliffe.

All 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900. All 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900.

All lands herein mentioned are patented.

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A. M. McEVOY, Treasurer.

Authenticated by me, James Murray, Warden of the County of Middlesex, this 10th day of November, 1900. JAS. MURRAY, Warden.

County Treasurer's Office, London, Nov. 10th, 1900. 16bc w

Railways and Navigation

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Christmas and New Year Holidays, 1900-1901

Between all stations in Canada. From all stations in Canada to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Port Covington, Bombay Jct., Helena, Massena Springs, Rouse's Point, N. Y., and Island Pond, Vt. All stations in Canada to, BUT NOT FROM Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension Bridge, and Niagara Falls, N. Y. GENERAL PUBLIC—Going dates and limits—At Lowest One-Way First-Class Fare, Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Dec. 26, 1900. And also on Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 1. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 2, 1901. At Lowest One-Way First-Class FARE AND ONE-THIRD, Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, good returning from destination not later than Dec. 27, 1900; and also on Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 1, good returning from destination not later than Jan. 3, 1901. SCHOOL VACATIONS—To teachers and pupils of schools and colleges, on surrender of Standard Form of School Vacation Railway Certificate signed by principal. Going dates and limit—At Lowest One-Way First-Class FARE AND ONE-THIRD, from Dec. 8 to 31, inclusive. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 30, 1901. COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS—On presentation of Commercial Travelers' Railway Certificates for 1900. TERRITORY—Between all stations in Canada. FARE—Going dates, and limit—At lowest One-Way First-Class Fare, (not Commercial Travelers' Fare), from Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 7, 1901. TICKETS—All tickets good for continuous passage only in each direction. Tickets and all information from E. DE LA HOOKE, C. P. and T. A. M. C. DICKSON, D. P. A.

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New York to Liverpool via Queenstown

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*S.S. TEUTONIC.....Jan. 2, noon
S.S. CYMRIC.....Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m.
*S.S. MAJESTIC.....Jan. 23, 12 noon
*S.S. OCEANIC.....Jan. 30

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Railways and Navigation.

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after Monday, Nov. 26, 1900, the train leaving Union Station Toronto (via Grand Trunk Railway) at 10:00 p.m., connects with the Maritime Express and Local Express at Bonaventure depot, Montreal, as follows:

The Maritime Express will leave Montreal daily, except on Saturday, at 12 noon for Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., the Sydneys, and points in the Maritime Provinces.

The Maritime Express from Halifax, St. John, the Sydneys and other points east will arrive at Montreal daily, except on Monday, at 5:30 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Montreal daily, except Sunday, at 7:40 a.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1:05 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Levis at 5:20 p.m., daily, except Sunday, due to arrive at Montreal at 11:00 p.m.

Through sleeping and dining cars on the Maritime Express.

The vestibule trains are equipped with every convenience for the comfort of the traveler.

The elegant, sleeping, dining and first-class cars make travel a luxury.

The Intercolonial Railway connects the west with the finest fishing streams, seaside resorts and tourist routes in Canada.

Tickets for sale at all offices of the Grand Trunk System, at Union Station, Toronto, and at the office of the general traveling agent.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, General Traveling Agent, 10 King Street West, Toronto.

H. A. PRICE, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 148 St. James Street, Montreal.

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Numidian	Jan. 2
Corinthian	Jan. 5
Tunisian	Jan. 19

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First cabin, $50 and upwards. Second cabin, $35 and upwards. Steerage, $25 and $26. New York to Glasgow. First cabin, $40 and upwards. Second cabin $32 50. Steerage, $26; $52 return, including Belfast and Liverpool. Reduction on first and second cabin return tickets.

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Forest City Business and Shorthand College, London, Ont.
J. W. Westervelt, Principal.

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We can give you the latest styles in patterns and cut in overcoatings. If you desire a coat that will please yourself and wear to the utmost satisfaction see our stock.

O. Labelle, 372 Richmond.

—AT—

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CHRISTMAS WEEK:

We are offering a full line of Carvers, Table Cutlery and Pocket Knives, at reduced prices. Also

Air Rifles	$1 50
Hockey Skates	40c to $2 00
Spring	50c to $1 25
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Meat Choppers	$1 50 to $3 00
Carpet Sweepers	$2 00 to $3 50
Wringers	$1 90 to $4 00

N. B.—See our Ball-Bearing Bob Sleighs for boys at $1 50.

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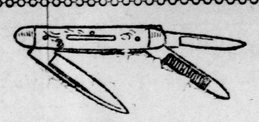
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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 19—8 p.m.—Mild weather now extends from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces; light snow falls in Quebec, and elsewhere the weather has been fair. A disturbance is developing in Louisiana, and should it become important, which is very likely, stormy weather will shortly occur from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-50; Kamloops, 38-48; Calgary, 22-42; Qu'Appelle, 12-26; Winnipeg, 22-24; Port Arthur, 26-34; Toronto, 36-43; Ottawa, 8-36; Montreal, 8-36; Quebec, 6-24; Halifax, 20-40.

Local Temperatures. — Wednesday, Dec. 19—Highest, 43 degrees; lowest, 34 degrees.

Today (Thursday) the sun rose at 7:47 a.m., and sets at 4:43 p.m. The moon rose at 6:25 a.m. and sets at 3:50 p.m.

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Every day our capacity is increased through new orders for our breads. When once tried we have no fear of the result. Ask your grocer, or phone 818.

Johnston Bros.,
The Best Bread Bakers.

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Merchant Tailor,
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No jewelry store in London can show you such an array of Christmas presents. A few of what we have:

Silver Bracelets	50c and up
Thimbles	25c, 50c, 75c
Sterling Silver Hat Pins	25c
Children's Silver Mugs	75c to $2.50
Sterling Silver Manicures	25c and up
Three-stone Opal Ring, genuine	
and solid gold	$3.50
Single Stone Opal Ring	$2.00

Mantel Clocks, handsome display.
Ebony Hair and Clothes Brushes.
Also Military Brushes, finest quality.

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E. BELTZ,
Leading Furrier.

COMMON TYPE.

"I do hate a fool."

"And what do you call a fool, please?"

"A fool is a man who won't see things in the same light as I do, of course."

If your stomach is weak it should have help. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives strength to the stomach and cures dyspepsia and indigestion.

To those whose god is honor, disgrace alone is sin.—A. W. Hare.

Years of Comfort

may be had by wearing good FURS in cold weather.

Make a selection now from our stock.

Large assortment of Furs suitable for Christmas presents.

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196 Dundas Street.
PHONE 1319.

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WARD, The Jeweler 374 Richmond Street.

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It is imperative that advertisers hand us copy for changes by 4 p.m. the day previous to insertion. We will not undertake to make changes unless copy is handed in at that hour. The great rush of Christmas advertising necessitates this action, and we hope our advertisers will act accordingly.

A LOCAL BUDGET.

A maiden to a turkey spoke,
And words like these she said,
"I greatly fear my royal bird,
You soon will lose your head."

The fowl replied right gallantly,
And in a tone not sad,
"Be it for you, O fairest maid,
I surely would be glad."

—H. S. E.

—Christmas music is now being prepared by the various church choirs.

—Mr. Charles Jones, of Buffalo, is in the city visiting his family.

—W. McNeill, city, is one of the judges at the Woodstock poultry show.

—Miss Ida Penwarden, of 140 Rectory street, arrived home on Tuesday from Cleveland, Ohio.

—Thomas Chamberlain, the last of the lunatics in Woodstock jail, was brought to the asylum here yesterday.

—Miss Ray Simon, of this city, who has been attending the Havergal Ladies' College, is home for the holidays.

—Miss Ethel Brock, of this city, who has been visiting her friend, Miss L. Armstrong, at Woodstock, has returned home.

—A splendid programme has been prepared for the Christmas closing exercises at St. Peter's school tomorrow afternoon.

—Miss Edythe Isabel Allan has returned home, after spending the past two months with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Neville, of Chicago.

—The pupils of Victoria School give an entertainment in St. James' Church lecture room tonight. A good programme has been prepared.

—James Hanlan, of Princeton, having completed his studies for the Roman Catholic priesthood, will be ordained next Saturday in St. Peter's Cathedral, London.

—The officers and members of St. George's Society beg to return their sincere thanks to Mr. Peter Birtwistle for the gift of a cow, for Christmas cheer to the poor.

—The friends of Mr. Alex. Donaldson, sen., of London township, will be grieved to learn that he had a paralytic stroke last week, causing him to lose the use of both hands.

—The glee club in connection with the St. John's Athletic Club is progressing rapidly under the direction of Mr. A. B. Cox. The club intend giving a concert on or about New Year's.

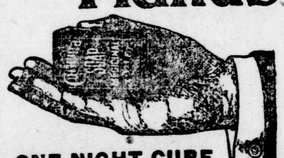
—Last evening the Draymen's Union, No. 6, met, and after routine business, election of officers, etc., the members retired to a restaurant for an oyster supper. After having spent a pleasant time they left for their homes.

—Professor Clark, of Trinity University, who is to lecture on "Idylls of the King" in Cronyn Hall this (Thursday) evening, should be greeted by a large audience, as he is Canada's greatest lecturer on literary subjects, and his subject is an especially attractive one.

—Amy of the returned Canadians from South Africa desiring to meet those returning from England may hand in their names to Capt. W. Smith, at the office of A. M. Smith & Co., and he will make arrangements, through the kindness of Col. Stacey, to obtain free transportation for them to Ingersoll and return.

—"A Member of Old Class 13, Dundas Center Methodist Church," has sent its former leader the sum of $10 anonymously, for distribution in his work among the poor. The recipient is in ignorance of who the kind donor is, and avails himself of The Advertiser to acknowledge its receipt, and to assure the giver that it will be distributed in the way designated by him. Should the "Old Member" ever have occasion to seek assistance in philanthropic work, his "Old Leader" will be happy in doing unto another what has been done unto him.

Sore Hands



ONE NIGHT CURE

Soak the hands thoroughly, on retiring, in a HOT lather of CUTICURA SOAP. Dry, and anoint freely with CUTICURA OINTMENT, the great skin cure and purest of emollients. Wear old gloves during the night. For sore hands, itching, burning palms, and painful finger ends, this *one night cure* is wonderful.

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FINED $1.

David Luce, of Komoka, appeared before Squire Lacey at the court house yesterday afternoon upon a charge of abusive language, preferred by George Sutherland, also of Komoka. Luce was fined $1 and costs. Detective Ward served the papers.

CONFIRMED.

The Bishop of Huron confirmed 22 candidates in St. Matthew's Church, Florence, on Sunday last. He preached in St. John's Church, Aughrim, in the afternoon, and again in St. Matthew's Church in the evening. He will hold confirmation at Aughrim at a future date.

EXPRESS OFFICE BURNED.

Mr. B. S. Murray, route agent of the Canadian Express Company, left for Blyth yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the continuance of the business of the company there, the office having been destroyed by fire during the night.

ADJOURNED THE CASE.

In the St. Thomas police court yesterday morning, George Gill, of this city, charged John Campbell, farm laborer, Southwold, with furious driving and malicious damage to property. The magistrate, after the evidence had been heard, adjourned the case till Thursday morning for argument.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The Arva Methodist Sabbath School held their anniversary services on Sunday last. Rev. John Morrison addressed the school in the afternoon, and in the evening addresses were delivered by Mr. W. Jeffery, superintendent of Wellington Street Sabbath School, London; Mr. McNab, the superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. W. H. Cooper.

THE SHENANGO.

The car ferry steamer Shenango arrived at Port Stanley last Saturday morning, also Saturday night and again on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. She then took a cargo from Conneaut to Rondeau on Monday, then again from Conneaut to Port Stanley Tuesday morning, bringing 26 loaded cars of coke and coal, making a total of 150 cars. There are 400 more loaded cars at Conneaut awaiting shipment to Port Stanley.

DAIRYMEN MEET.

A meeting of the dairy committee was held at the Fraser House, London, on Dec. 18, to make arrangements for the convention and dairy exhibition, which will be held here Jan. 15 to 18, 1901. Special reduced rates at single fare for round trip have been secured over all the railways running to London, for all persons attending the convention. It is expected that this will be the best convention ever held by the dairymen of Western Ontario.

ELECTRIC LODGE, A. O. U. W.

On Tuesday evening last the annual election of officers took place in Electric Lodge, No. 402, A. O. U. W., East London, and resulted as follows: Past master workman, G. Thomas; master workman, W. E. Armstrong; foreman, D. Potter; overseer, E. B. Hargreaves; guide, A. Belcher; inside watchman, Mr. Lingstrom; outside watchman, W. Pugh; financier, J. Armour; receiver, L. H. Dawson; recorder, Mr. Edy; trustees, Dr. English, E. Graham and C. Cook; auditors, E. Boyle and R. Watson; medical examiners, Drs. English and Cline.

MISSIONARY ENTERTAINMENTS.

At Dundas Center Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening a missionary entertainment was given, under the auspices of the "Peace Bearing" Mission Band. A pleasing cantata, entitled "Fetters that Fell," was given by a number of girls. Two drills were also executed in a very creditable manner. Miss Miriam Kurzenknabe, the elocutionist, favored the audience with several readings, which were heartily encored. Principal George B. Kirk, of Aberdeen school, acted as chairman. The children taking part were trained for their respective parts by Mrs. Hewlett, Mrs. Kirk and Miss Keeneyside.

KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE.

News reached here yesterday from Houghton, Mich., that Mr. James T. Hill had been killed on Tuesday at a town called Hancock. He was engaged in line work on a 25-foot pole, when his hand accidentally touched a live wire. Death came to him in a flash. Mr. Hill had been employed by the Michigan Telephone Company for some time past. He left Caradoc three years ago for Michigan, and had worked there ever since. He was 25 years old, and is survived by his parents, who reside at 187 Queen's avenue; by three brothers, John D., Robert W. and J. L., all of this county, and three sisters, Misses Mary, Maggie and Hattie. The remains will be brought here for interment.

MORNING MUSIC CLUB.

At Cronyn Hall yesterday afternoon the weekly recital of the Woman's Morning Music Club was given. The following attractive programme was rendered:

Piano recital .....
Mr. T. Mitcheltree.
Sonata Pathetique ..... Beethoven
Ave Maria (vocal trio)..... Marchette
Misses Magee, Regan and Bessie Moore.
(a) Nachtstuecke ..... Schumann
(b) Papillons, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.....
..... Schumann
(c) Paganini Caprice ..... Schumann
The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls....
..... Mitcheltree
Miss S. Regan.
(a) Prelude in B Minor ..... Chopin
(b) Polonaise in A Major ..... Chopin
(a) Nocturne ..... Mitcheltree
(b) Minuet ..... Mitcheltree

METERS-PINNELL.

Miss Minnie Pinnell, the youngest daughter of Mr. Lawrence Pinnell, verger of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Mr. Thomas W. Meters, son of Mr. Richard Meters, of Chiselhurst, were married last evening at the residence of Mr. J. Taylor, Tecumseh avenue east. Very Rev. Dean Innes performed the ceremony in the presence of a large company of relatives and guests. The bride entered upon the arm of her father, to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Pink. She was gowned in white silk, trimmed with silk lace, and carried bride roses. Her maids, Miss Mabel Taylor and Miss Maud Meters, were prettily dressed in white organdie and carried pink roses. Mr. Wm. D. Meters was best man. A wedding luncheon was served after the ceremony, and subsequently a pleasant time was spent in a social way. Mr. and Mrs. Meters received many handsome gifts. They will reside in this city.

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Woman's Work.

[Woman's Companion.]

A recent study of the industrial position women now occupy in New York State discloses some facts of interest to women elsewhere.

The first thing which attracts attention is the increase in the number of women who support themselves and the greatly increased list of occupations open to them. Fifty years ago there were only twenty callings in which women were engaged. Today they compete with men in almost every known occupation. In the middle of the century only one woman worked for every ten men. The ratio at present is one to four, and ten years later it will probably be lower still.

Moreover, women are changing from unskilled to skilled laborers, thereby increasing their own earnings and adding to the wealth of the community. Only thirty years ago two-thirds of all the self-supporting women in New York State were domestic servants, that is to say, unskilled laborers. The relative number has gradually decreased, until now the "domestic" represents only one-third of those who work.

In diversity of calling the men have little advantage over their sisters. Among New York women there are more than 500 hotelkeepers, 500 janitors, 1,000 journalists, 150 preachers, and 100 each of lawyers, dentists, inventors, designers and physicians. Even occupations heretofore regarded as exclusively masculine have their representatives. There are women blacksmiths, brickmakers, butchers, machinists and marble cutters, sawmill hands, steam-boilermakers, engineers and woodworkers.

Feminine ingenuity has also created new occupations. One woman has established what she calls a "catery," where she breeds high-class Angoras. Another is a physician for parrots, mocking birds and canaries, and still another a doll's bootmaker.

Much of woman's industrial progress is attributed to the repeal of the law under which a husband was entitled to his wife's earnings. Let us hope that the women, when they obtain full political power, will refrain from passing any law under which a wife will be entitled to all of her husband's earnings.

An Enviable Trade In a Model Store.

At the Christmas season, of all times of the year, a thrifty housewife desires to have her larder well stocked, and it is generally the aim to have in it the choicest groceries and edibles of all kinds. The fastidiousness is more apparent now than at other times. Perhaps it is because of the family gatherings that take place, and the motherly anxiety to give hearty welcome to the home-comers. Be that as it may, the fact remains that housekeepers like to be well-suplied with all that tends to make the Christmas time joyous. At Rowat's handsome store on Dundas street, just east of Park avenue, everyone who seeks the best that it is possible to offer, can be quickly satisfied. One of Mr. Rowat's first principles has always been to choose his stock with the utmost care, and with particular reference to the season. The result is that he now caters to the most exclusive trade in the city, while his prices are as moderate as are consistent with first-class goods. In another way, also, has Mr. Rowat given evidence of sensible business acumen. It it this: His store is always not only scrupulously clean, but it is extremely attractive in arrangement. Mr. Rowat has not permitted the existence of an idea that a grocery store cannot be arranged with as much taste as any other kind, and consequently he has achieved a reputation for suplying the choicest goods on the market, in one of the brightest and busiest stores in the city.

SIR JOHN AND THE REPORTER.

[Bystander in Weekly Sun.]

As a minister Sir John A. Macdonald had to speak at a banquet. A tyro in the profession was sent to report him. Sir John had been convivial, and his speech showed it so much that the young man shrank from sending his notes to his journal. After waiting for a time he obtained an interview with Sir John, who, by that time, was himself again, read over his notes, and asked Sir John whether they were correct. Sir John utterly repudiated them, and dictated a sober speech, which, having done, he said: "Now, young man, you tell me you are a reporter just getting out in your profession. Let me give you a piece of solemn advice. Never again attempt to report a minister when you're drunk." It is right to say that Sir John yielded to the temptation only when he was run down. His general habits were temperate, and the disgrace of his occasional lapses rested more on his generation than on himself.

ALMANACS

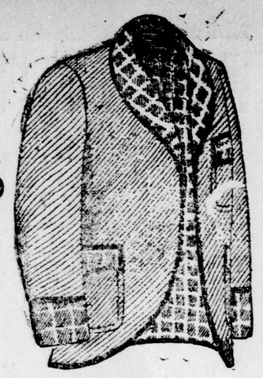
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Address THE T. MILBURN CO., Limited, Toronto. 45a bw

Smoking Jackets



$4.00

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FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY

Friday, Dec. 21, 1900.

CHAPMAN'S.

Double Trading Stamps

The last Bargain Day before Christmas. We are going to make it one long to be remembered by all Christmas shoppers. Follow the crowds to Fairyland and see what we are offering in the way of bargains. FREE CONCERT every evening this week. Come and hear our orchestra.

DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS

1—$1 00—Our bargain table of Ladies' Ulsters and Coats, for $1 each, will be to the front once more on Friday. Shop early and have first choice, only $1 each.

2—125 yards Mantle Cloths, in plain and fancy patterns, suitable for ladies' jackets and children's ulsters and reefers, regular price $1 25 and $1 50 yard, Friday for 75c yard.

3—Six only Ladies' Capes, made of figured silk and wool material, lined with quilted sateen, storm collar of Thibet fur, cape 30 inches long, a handsome and a comfortable garment, worth $10, Friday for $7 50.

36—Fifteen dozen Bleached Table Napkins, three-quarter yard square, regular price $1 50, Friday till all are sold, $1 18.

37—Nine only, Fine Toilet Quilts, English make, large size, price $2 25, Friday $1 69.

38—One more chance to buy Fine Bleached Huck Towels, in half dozen lots or over, at $1 75 per dozen, regular price is $2 40.

39—Hemstitched Damask Five O'Clocks, 42 inches square, price $1 25. We will sell one dozen of these beautiful cloths Friday at 69c each.

40—Hemstitched Bleached Sheets, 2¼x2¾ yards, plain or twill, whichever you prefer, worth $2 pair, choice for $1 49 pair Friday only.

41—50c Yard—Four pieces Extra Heavy "Almonte" Suitings, 54 inches wide, in Oxford gray, mid-gray and cadet blue, nothing better for tailor-made costumes, regular 75c, Friday only 50c yard.

42—33c Yard—300 yards Heavy Tweed Suitings, in gray, brown, blue fawn and green, seasonable goods, ranging in width from 48 to 52 inches, always sold at 50c yard, on Friday 33c yard.

43—75c for 25c Yard—Ten pieces new colors and designs will be added to the 25c counter on Friday morning. There will be 20 pieces in all, made up from 50c and 75c goods, to go at the very low figure, 25c yard.

44—$1 38 for 69c—Eight pieces Fancy Check and Spot Dress Goods, no two colors alike, just the thing for a nobby waist, regular price $1 38, on Friday 69c.

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John H. Chapman & Co

126 and 128 Dundas Street.

Old Stage Coach Days.

Adventures of varied nature belonged to the old English mail coach days. One of the most thrilling episodes of the road occurred one night on the way from Salisbury to London, in 1816. The story is told by Mr. Charles G. Harper in "The Exeter Road."

As the coach went bowling along, the horses suddenly became extremely nervous, and what was thought to be a large calf was seen trotting along by the left leader in the darkness. As they neared the inn the horses became uncontrollable; and then the supposed calf seized one of the animals. By this time the horses were frantic, plunging and kicking, and it was remarkable that the coach was not overturned.

The guard laid hold of his gun and was about to shoot the assailant, when several men, accompanied by a large mastiff, appeared. The foremost, seeing that the guard was about to fire, pointed a pistol at his head, declaring that he would shoot if the beast was killed.

The "calf" was a lioness, escaped from a traveling show. The dog was set upon the brute, who left the horse, seized the mastiff and tore him to pieces, and retreated under a granary. The spot was barricaded to prevent her escape, and she was noosed and returned to captivity.

The horse which had been seized was seriously injured by the lioness, but finally recovered.

THE MAJESTIC'S MAIL.

New York, Dec. 20.—The steamship Majestic, now on her way from here across the Atlantic, carried the largest mail, it is said, that ever left this port on a vessel. The Majestic will not arrive on the other side until the day after Christmas; but she carries 2,398 bags of mail, and 114 sacks containing 12,946 registered packages.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A Handsome Calendar.

Those beautiful souvenir calendars for 1901, containing thirteen splendid views of our city of London, and which makes a handsome present to friends, can be obtained from F. Hallam, 370 Richmond street. Postcard to same address will be promptly attended to. Price 25c. 45c

Feather and Down Cushions 50 Cents Each.

Large stock of Pillows and Mattresses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Pillows and Cushions filled with feathers on the shortest notice. Large assortment of Stoves at Hunt & Sons' Bed and Mattress Cleaning factory, 593 Richmond street, Telephone 497.

Electric Turkish Baths.

How much does wealth amount to without health to enjoy it? Turkish baths produce good health, the great boon of existence by sweating out the impurious and relieving the poison upon the nervous system. Try them at 321 Dundas street.

Twelve Magnificent Trains via New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

In each direction between Buffalo and New York. Four tracks, complete block system, and the only railroad with a depot in the city of New York. Fare same as other lines from Canadian points. A word to the wise is sufficient. Ask M. C. R. agent for tickets, etc. 37 ba

The Prince of Wales pays at the rate of £350 a thousand for his cigars. These precious weeds are seven inches long.