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English Naval Officer Writes of Togo's Fleet.

**BIG BOOM IN HOUSE VALUES**

Elaborate Apartments and Suites—Romney and Some of His Noted Masterpieces.

London, Dec. 28.—A friend has shown a letter he has received from an English naval officer on board one of the British vessels belonging to the squadron in Chinese waters, who gives an interesting account of the condition of Admiral Togo's fleet. "During its long comparative inactivity," he says, "the fleet has been to all intents and purposes completely renewed, the ships having repaired, one or two at a time going to the Japanese arsenals for thorough overhauling. The reports on some cases even rearmament. There has been some disposition to consider much of this work unnecessary. But the Japanese do not share this opinion, or they would not have done so much. As a matter of fact, they take a much more serious view of the condition of their ships than one would have thought possible after the way in which they have smashed up the Port Arthur fleet."

In the course of his letter the officer states that the Japanese have given every opportunity to study the British war vessels to obtain the effects so far as they may be seen on the Japanese ships of modern shell-fire, and at the same time the subject have been forwarded home to the admiralty.

One of the most interesting facts discovered is that the greater velocity of the shell the less is the probability of its exploding effectively on contact. The Japanese are, therefore, endeavoring to serve out a new kind of fuse to facilitate the explosion of the charge on meeting with the slightest resistance possible.

Every once in a while the British admiralty have searches of heart over the condition of the fleet, and now Sir John Fisher, the newly-appointed sea lord, is busy overhauling things and making recommendations to do away with all obsolete vessels. In the three principal dockyards of the United Kingdom there is lying at this moment upward of 150,000,000 worth of obsolete warships, which must be scrapped as effective in their various classes of reserve.

The Sultan, for instance, which was sunk in the Comino Channel between Malta and Gozo, has cost over £1,000,000, including construction and repairs. The Sultan carried muzzling guns, and this day, and every penny spent on this vessel during the last ten years has been money thrown away.

All the third-class cruisers of the "P" type are equally useless for fighting purposes. There are thirteen of them, their average cost being £150,000. They are miserably armed with the obsolete 4.7 gun and carry only 250 tons of coal. The originator of this class of vessel wasted more than £2,000,000 of national money. Sir John Fisher's drastic treatment of the situation he finds in Whitehall will, he is confidently commended on the principle that it is no use throwing good money after bad.

**PROPERTY VALUES ADVANCED.**

A sign of the immense increase of wealth and luxuriousness in the west end of London in recent years has been the excessive prices which have been paid for town houses which are perhaps occupied by their owners only for about six months out of the twelve. The increased prices asked, and given, for these palatial establishments, have been chiefly confined to Mayfair, or that area bounded by Park Lane, Oxford street, Regent street and Piccadilly. A house in a lease of 99 years, which was sold eight years ago for about £17,000, is now again in the market at a price of £40,000. It is indeed difficult now to get a house in one of the fashionable west end squares on a 21 years' lease for less than twenty, thirty, or forty thousand.

It was thought at one time that the modern craze for flats would seriously depreciate the value of houses. This expectation has not been borne out by experience, although many large old-fashioned houses, like that of the late Duke of Cambridge, are now being demolished to make a site for blocks of fashionable flats. But a town house, as distinguished from a mere flat, will always have a powerful attraction for those who possess them as an inheritance, and for the newly rich, who look upon large establishments in town and country as the appanage and evidence of aristocracy.

It is with a knowledge of this weakness that agents are buying large houses in the west end squares at prices that would have been thought sensational a few years ago, and the improvement committee of the London county council, pursuing the council's aim of relieving serious congestion of traffic in Piccadilly, by widening the street.

**HAMILTON'S NEW CONSERVATORY**

That splendid institution will have New Scale Williams Pianos.

Musical people throughout the country have heard with interest of the fine new building that is being erected, at a cost of \$35,000, by the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, Limited. It will be equally interesting to learn that the management of the institution have determined to have the building equipped in the most modern manner. Everything they have purchased has been after the most careful consideration, and especially was this care exercised in the selection of musical instruments.

It is announced that the Williams Piano Co., Limited, of Oshawa, have been requested to furnish the Conservatory with a number of New Scale Williams Pianos. This is not only highly complimentary to the manufacturers, but very creditable to the management of the Conservatory, who have secured these justly celebrated instruments.

The Williams Piano Company, Limited, 171 Dundas street, London, Ont. Agents.

**MADE BURGLAR BEG HER PARDON**

Bronx Man Captured Thief Who Tried to Get Into Wife's Bedroom.

New York, Dec. 28.—After firing three shots at a burglar as he was entering a side window of his home, in Van Buren street, north Maritz, Park avenue, Bronx, early yesterday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marquitz held him prisoner for ten minutes while making her vain heart for a policeman and then compelled him to apologize before freeing him.

The Marquitz house is a pretty two-story frame dwelling located in a populous section. Mr. and Mrs. Marquitz were preparing to retire at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after saying good night to a number of friends, when Mrs. Marquitz heard a noise at the window of her bedroom on the second floor. Quickly extinguishing the light she saw a face raised above the sill.

It was that of a rough-looking man who, in ascending, used an arbor as a ladder.

Mrs. Marquitz called her husband from another room. He procured an old army revolver and fired twice at the burglar. The burglar fled with a sword and became expert in the use of the pistol.

Mrs. Marquitz begged her husband not to wound the burglar. Taking aim above the head of the intruder, who was trying to lift the window, Marquitz fired two shots in quick succession. They grazed the head of the burglar, who in sheer fright dropped into the yard below.

Marquitz dashed downstairs, but when he reached the yard could not find the burglar. Finally, by footprints Marquitz traced the man to a hiding place behind some wood. Firing another shot, Marquitz compelled him to throw up his hands and surrender. The burglar was armed with a knife. Marquitz looked up and down the avenue for a policeman, but none was in sight. To attract the attention of a policeman, he fired twice in the air, but no policeman came.

Marquitz said yesterday that he had held the prisoner for ten minutes with the aid of his wife. It was more than a mile and a half to the police station at West Chester, and as he did not care to make his own special run, Marquitz turned the burglar loose, after compelling him to beg the pardon of Mrs. Marquitz for alarming her and trying to rob the house.

The man was grateful for his release and declared that he would leave the neighborhood immediately. He was covered with Marquitz's revolver until he got out of sight.

**ELEPHANTS RUSH ON THE WORKMEN**

Work On Cape-to-Cairo Railway Delayed by the Vicious Pachyderms.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 28.—Immense herds of elephants which roam the forests near Gondokoro have seriously interfered with the construction of the Cape-to-Cairo Railway. Such is one of the stories reaching here to explain the delay in building the road.

Gondokoro is an ivory trading village on the Upper Nile, a few miles from Ludo, which "Chinese" Gordon founded in 1875. Yet in a district comparatively well known and frequented by white men, a number of elephants terrorizes the railroad laborers and in capacitates them for work.

Many laborers have to be told off as guards against the beasts, which in blind rage or fright, rush through the temporary villages along the line, trampling and destroying men, huts—everything in their path.

Falling trees have also caused considerable interruption in building the railroad. The Egyptian section of the line has reached about 700 miles from Gondokoro, but two years will elapse, probably, before this distance will be covered, and Cecil Rhodes' dream be so much nearer realization.

The line has been surveyed between Gondokoro and Waddei, on the Upper Nile, about 45 miles below its issue from Lake Albert Nyanza. There Emin Pasha maintained himself from the outbreak of the Mahdist rebellion until Stanley relieved him in 1889. But between these two points work on the railroad is practically at a standstill.

It is probable that the laborers will avoid some of the fever-stricken districts of the Nile the route will have to be considerably changed.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

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**EMPEROR SENDS GUARDS TO WAR**

Japan Royal House Donates Personal Jewels to the War Fund.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—In her ardor to help her country, straining every nerve to meet the great demands of the war, the Japanese Empress has shown a self-sacrifice and nobility of purpose that has endeared her to her loyal people as nothing else could have done.

Her majesty has insisted on the reduction of her personal bodyguard and has dismissed the officers hitherto constantly in attendance. She has likewise presented her personal jewels to the treasurer of the war fund. This surrender of state where ceremony is almost an essential of the religious creed and at a moment when above all others the protection of the Empress must seem obligatory, is remarkable.

And the reason assigned by her majesty for sending away those who have been near her—that they, too, may fight for their country—has deeply touched the officers, who, whatever the honors of their posts, at home, pinned to share the dangers and glories of their fellows in the field.

Not satisfied with this the Empress gave audience to the major and commander of the Imperial Guards' division, commanded by Major K. Ohsawa, and the latter descended to express her high appreciation of that officers' devoted services, honoring him with a gift. She then desired him to return to his division immediately and fight in the cause.

Deeply impressed with her ardor, Major Ohsawa lost no time in going back to Tokio and rejoining the Imperial Guards' division. Not satisfied with this the Empress told the authorities that at this critical time she could dispense with official honors and insisted on reducing the guard to a whole. Her desire was promptly complied with.

Following the example set by the Imperial court, the high officials of the Imperial household department have agreed among themselves to hand over their gold and silver ornaments to the war fund.

The Emperor has withheld nothing. Even at the beginning of the struggle, while yet there was no urgent need of funds, he placed all the treasures in his palace at his country's disposal, including ancient gold coins, bullion and the like.

Manchurian soldiers, unreservedly following the lead of his beloved Emperor is only one example of many in which the Japanese have laid individual interests aside, and are working freely upon their country's altar.

**LIBERALS CALLED**

Convention at Mount Brydges On Jan. 4 to Name a Candidate for Local House.

A convention of the Liberals of West Middlesex will be held in the town hall in Mount Brydges on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m.

The convention has a threefold object—to nominate a candidate for the Local Legislature, to consider the amalgamation of the Dominion and local associations, and to elect officers for the year.

Every subdivision in the riding will likely send a full representation of delegates. Preliminary meetings for the naming of delegates will be held on Friday, Dec. 30, at the following places: Newbury—Town hall, at 7:30 o'clock. Wardsville—Town hall, at 7:30 o'clock.

Glencoe—Age office, at 7:30 o'clock. Moss—Town hall, at 2 o'clock. Ekfrid—Town hall, at 2 o'clock. Carleton Place—Town hall, at 2 o'clock. Metcalfe—Town hall, at 2 o'clock. Delaware—Howlett's school, at 2 o'clock.

The convention on Jan. 4 will be addressed by the Premier, Hon. George W. Ross, Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P., and others.

**A MISLEADING TITLE**

'The Black Hawk' Is Not a Blood and Thunder Melodrama.

Never was the title of a play more misleading than that of "The Black Hawk." It does not depend upon sensationalism to reach the auditor, but relies upon its dramatic intensity. Coming from the pens of H. Marriott Watson and Sir A. Conan Doyle, it is a play of more than ordinary interest may be expected. There are three acts. The first and third, are entirely new. The second act, however, was written by the blood writing, and the latter taken from Mr. Doyle's "Under the Red Lamp" series. The comedy vein throughout the action is particularly bright, and two catchy specialties are introduced, the one by Messrs. Lyndon and Wrenn being a feature. The play should be particularly attractive to ladies and children through the presence of little Beatrice Tyson, a precocious child actress who has an important role.

**HORTON—MARSHALL**

Railroad City Man Claims London Lady as His Bride.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Marshall, of Cartwright street, on the afternoon of Christmas Day, a very pretty and happy event took place, when their daughter, Miss Mary Louise, was wedded to Mr. Edgar Horton, of St. Thomas. The interior of the house was beautifully decorated, and the strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. E. Griffiths, sounded peculiarly sweet, as the bride entered the room, attended by Miss Horton, sister of the groom, both carrying bouquets. The groom was supported by the bride's brother, Mr. Marshall, of this city. About 40 guests were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. D. S. Hamilton, pastor of the First Congregational Church. After the wedding breakfast and an enjoyable social time, the happy couple left on the 6:40 G. T. R. train for Toronto. They will live in St. Thomas.

The cost of living has doubled in Spain during the last few years, and emigration is increasing rapidly.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Dec. 28. Municipal elections in connection with East Nis-

souri took place at Kintore on Monday. The councillors were elected by acclamation, but Mr. B. B. McCarty and Mr. Ed McLeod will contest for amalgamation.

Mr. D. Quinn and Mr. D. McDonald are the candidates from East Nisouri for county commissioners.

The Methodist held a very successful concert and Christmas tree in the town hall on Thursday night. The programme, which consisted chiefly of singing, readings, recitations, etc., by the children, was a good one, and was heartily enjoyed by all present. Santa Claus was present and supplied the boys and girls with good things from the Christmas tree. There was a good attendance, and consequently, satisfactory door receipts.

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Perhaps you forgot some friend, and would like to remember them at New Year's. We have hundreds of nice articles that are reasonable in price and of Diamond Hall quality.

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## LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mrs. David Graham, Port Huron, has concluded a pleasant stay in this city.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Partridge and daughter, Toronto, are on a visit to relatives in the city.  
 —Dr. Patrick, Port Huron, a London Old Boy, spent the holiday with relatives in this city.  
 —Miss Maud Whately, of St. John's Hospital, Port Huron, is staying with her aunt, Mrs. B. C. McCann, 422 Central avenue.  
 —Professor Agnes Knox-Black, of Boston University, gave a recital for the Teachers' Club in Boston on the 8th inst., and in Wellesley College on the 12th.  
 —Miss Lillian M. Williams, of Exeter, and Mr. Bert Sherlock, of Oshawa, former residents of London, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Percy, 42 Byron avenue, South London.

—The Hamilton Builders' Exchange is holding its annual dinner this evening. The Lounston Exchange will be represented by President Harry Stratford and Messrs. Ed. Martyn and Thomas Jones.

—Mr. Arthur Siddie, of St. James street, sustained a very serious wound on his head by falling on the icy pavement Monday evening. He was removed to his home in a carriage, and will be confined to his room for several days.

**DEATH OF MRS. (DR.) HANSON.**  
 The death occurred at the residence of her son, Stephen, of Port Huron, ex-foreman, widow of the late Dr. Hanson, of London Township, who practiced in this vicinity for many years.

**RESIGNED AFTER LONG SERVICE.**  
 A very pleasant fair took place recently at the McClary works, where Mr. Thomas Valliers, who has resigned his position as foreman of the stove-mounting department, after 40 years' service in the company's employ, was remembered by his companions. The stove-mounters presented Mr. Valliers with a handsome chair and an address which expressed great appreciation of him. A suitable reply was made by the car, and the motorcade was greatly touched by the kind remembrance.

**CHOIR ENTERTAINMENT.**  
 The choir of the Chalmers Presbyterian church, sustained a very serious wound on his head by falling on the icy pavement Monday evening. He was removed to his home in a carriage, and will be confined to his room for several days.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

**PEARL CRESCENTS,**  
**PEARL SUNBURSTS,**  
**PEARL STARS,**  
**PEARL RINGS,**  
**GENTS' PEARL TIEPINS,**  
 in 14k gold, make a useful Christmas Gift.

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## For Those Who Are Going to Keep New Year's

**This After-Christmas Week is a Good Time to Visit Our Store.**

Besides clearances of holiday goods we still have a lot of high-grade goods for you to select from.  
 N. B.—Another consignment of **FLORIDA ORANGES**, for 25c per dozen, that will cost you 40c in any other store.

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## Furs of Quality

**NOW BEING MADE**

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ian Church were entertained last night at the home of Mrs. James Pirie, Grey street. About thirty people were in the company and all expressed themselves as highly delighted with the hospitality of the hostess, who was assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Oscar Pirie.

## MASONIC OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED

**Interesting Ceremony in the Blue Room of the Temple by the D. D. G. M.**

The officers-elect of the eight Masonic lodges of four were formally installed last night. The Blue Room of the Masonic Temple was the scene of the interesting ceremony, and a large number of brethren were in attendance. The installation was conducted by R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, the district deputy grand master of London District, who was assisted by W. Bro. Spencer, of St. Thomas, and I. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney and E. T. Essery, W. Bro. T. G. Davis, and Bro. A. G. McNeill, of Thamesford; W. S. Davidson, of Union 580; J. A. Tancock, of St. John's 29; A. G. Stephens, of St. George's 12; J. W. McNeill, of Corinthian 300; R. W. Evans, of St. John's 29, and other past masters of the city.

The work of installation was very well carried through, and the ceremony was due to R. W. Bro. Roe and W. Bro. Spencer, also to all who assisted them. A cordial vote of thanks was at the close, tendered to the installing officer and his chief assistant, Bro. Roe made an appropriate reply.

## TO SEE DYING BROTHER

**Woodstock Man Summoned Home On Christmas Day.**

When the eastern flyer pulled into the G. T. R. station Monday evening, shortly after 6:30, a young man about 27 years of age, who might have been seen on the vestibule of one of the cars, leggedged every moment that the train stayed 15 minutes.

The man was Will D. Dickert, of 77 Michigan avenue, Detroit, and he was on his way to Woodstock, to see his brother, Harry S. Dickert, who was thought to be dying. The car was pulled in, and Dickert hurried to see his brother and to bid him a last farewell before he died.

To a Londoner who was on the same train, Dickert said he had been employed as an expert in a large jewelry store on Michigan avenue in Detroit, and had not visited his home in Woodstock for over a year. After the crash of Christmas business, Mr. Dickert was enjoying a little leisure at his residence early yesterday afternoon, when the doorbell rang and the following telegram was handed to him: "Harry is very low; come quickly." Mr. Dickert had known that his brother was ill, but did not think that there was any immediate danger, so the above message came as a great shock.

Hurrying to the station, Dickert found that the next train for the east was to leave the depot at 2:45, central time. It was the just minute short of 2:30, and Mr. Dickert had three miles to go to the station. Fortune favored him, and when he did not have to wait a minute for the car which he wanted, almost three miles in fifteen minutes is pretty quick time for a street car to make. But, the day being a holiday, and the weather bad, there was not much to delay the progress of the car, and the motorcade did his very best. Mr. Dickert rushed into the Brush street depot and boarded his train just as it was pulling out. His good luck did not end there, for No. 16 did not lose a minute on the road, despite the condition of the tracks. There seemed to be a race with death, and fortune was aiding the traveler for all she was worth. The train pulled into London, as has been said, sharp on time.

## OF WHAT GOOD IS \$2,000 A WEEK

**George Ade Has Got Dyspepsia and the Noted Humorist Asks the Question.**

Chicago, Dec. 28.—With an income which is fast approaching \$2,000 a week and a stomach upset by dyspepsia, the condition of George Ade, humorist, playwright, newspaper man, bears a remarkable similarity to the condition of the other unfortunate celebrities.

John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Ade has signed a contract with Charles Frohman providing that the manager shall play the part of Ade in the new production. He is to receive a royalty of 25 per cent of the gross receipts. This will appreciably add to his earnings.

All of Mr. Ade's recent productions have made successes; yet he is not happy. When he arrived in Chicago from New York yesterday he presented a forlorn appearance. Welcomed home by friends, he smiled wanly. Pressed for the reasons of his careworn face, he said:

"Oh, it's all right, boys. They say I am successful, but I don't believe they know what success is. You notice my thinness? Look at that," and he held out his emaciated arm.

"You say I'm over-begone? Well, I'll tell you. I'm off my feet. I've been fasting for nine days. Real fasting, you know. I don't take any nourishment, except a little hot water when I get up in the morning."

"The doctors said this was the only way to cure my dyspepsia. It's a pretty good cure, isn't it? I can eat anything. What's the use of \$2,000 a week?"

**No Bank Merger.**  
 Montreal, Dec. 28.—Negotiations between the Merchant and Royal Banks for amalgamation have been indefinitely called off by the directors, owing to the unwillingness of the Royal directors to sink their bank's identity in various directors of both banks are going to Europe. It means negotiations are off for the moment.

The removal of General Manager Fischer of the Merchants' Bank, is due to ill-health, and has no connection with the proposed merger.

**A STITCH IN TIME.**  
 Do not neglect that cough. If you do, it is only a matter of time when it may become chronic or incurable. Take Angier's Emulsion. It will soothe the throat, heal the inflamed or torn membranes, cure the cough and prevent its recurrence. Tens of thousands testify to its power to cure.

Osage Oil Company's dividends cashed at par by presenting them at Joseph Beuch's office, 588 Clarence street, London. Phone 1514.

## Letters to the Editor.

**THE GARBAGE BY-LAW.**

I said in a letter last week which appeared in your valued daily that the garbage by-law would be worked in the interests of the big bugs, and so it will. I got my information from "The Powers That Be," the chairman of the board of health to the contrary notwithstanding. The so-called "Poorer Ratepayers" residing outside of the "Quality District" don't need it, and have not asked for it. I notice if any improvement is needed among the poorer ratepayers (an electric light for example), they petition for it, and make their wants known. If they wanted to have their garbage collected, they would have heard from them long ago. The chairman says the only expenses there will be to the public will be the cost of a receptacle to hold the garbage, etc., for each house, and that the garbage, etc., will be collected absolutely free of cost. I would like to know how it is possible to collect the garbage all over the city absolutely free. I guess the public will remember the iron boxes placed on the main corners to receive waste paper, etc., a short time ago. They are gone but not forgotten, and the public paid for them. Will be another case of the "Hospital" which cost double the taxes. Where are we drifting? We are about at the limit of our borrowing power, and will have to stop before we all know too well. Hoping the ratepayers won't put another mortgage on their homes by voting for this most unfavourable and costly by-law, I remain, yours truly, G. T. HISCOX.

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 Stuffed Figs ..... 10c  
 Webb's Plum Pudding, 1 and 2 pounds, for, pound 25c  
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 Leave us your order for the holiday.  
 Extra Selects, quart ..... 50c  
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**WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO EIGHT CANDIDATES ON MONDAY**

**Temperance Workers Decide On Course of Action for the Municipal Campaign.**

A meeting of citizens interested in temperance and moral reform was held in Somerset Hall, Dundas street, last evening. The attendance was small, but all present evinced the deepest interest in the proceedings. Mr. J. H. Scott, president of the committee, read the report of the committee which had been delegated to arrange a temperance slate for the municipal election. The report was to the following effect:

"That the temperance party will not and it is necessary to place any special candidates in the field, because there are enough candidates among those brought out by the other parties who are favorable to reform in the division desired by this association. But we can make our vote effective only by concentrating them upon a limited number of candidates whom we are reasonably sure of support."

Mr. Scott said that there were a number of hotels in the city which are in reality nothing more than saloons, with a make-believe accommodation for guests. These should be abolished, and the speaker thought that the requests of the temperance party with regard to the reduction of licenses were reasonable. That the council of 1905 would not refuse them.

"There are more men that will go in for reduction of licenses than we might expect. We should have a committee on about eight candidates and plump for them. If we adopt that line of policy we will have success."

Mr. Thornley agreed with this point of view, but added that the 7,000 odd temperance voters should all be acquainted with this policy, and that they should have to get out and work for their slate in the manner of a political party. To do this, it would have been wise to have nominated special candidates some time ago.

The matter of disseminating information with regard to which of the prospective abstinence were likely to support the temperance platform, was left with the committees.

## CROSS OVER RIVER ON SWIRLING ICE

**The Dangerous Trip of Elopers Lovers Over the Mississippi River.**

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 27.—Emulating Eliza, with a pursuing constable in the role of Simon Legree, two young men, 16 years old and pretty, fled across the Mississippi River on the ice, determined to elope. When they were caught, sweetheart, Archie Dunbar, in the background was an irate mother, who opposed the match. Behind her loomed the industrial school.

The elopement, so far as the officers of the law are concerned, was a complete success. The floating cakes of ice, on which the lovers made their precarious way to the Minnesota shore, were kind, and the youthful elopers escaped to continue their flight to the altar.

Failing to break up the infatuation of the young people, Mrs. Pierce sought the courts several days ago. The girl was sentenced to the industrial school, and her fancy could die a natural death. However, the judge was disposed to grant a few days to spend with her parent.

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## CHRISTMAS IS ALL OVER

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The display has been kept up and the stock of HOLIDAY NOVELTIES and NECESSITIES, while somewhat broken from the heavy Christmas demands, is still sufficiently inviting to attract late purchasers and holiday visitors.

No difference, whether purchaser or visitor, you should see us in our new premises.

Following our usual custom we will close evenings at 6 o'clock, except Saturdays.

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**BLAZE AT RIDEAU HALL.**

**Fire Breaks Out in the Chapel—Earl Grey's Family Stirred Up.**

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The new Governor-General and his family had an exciting time last evening, when fire broke out in the chapel at Rideau Hall. Ernest Earl, child of the Governor-General, died in the morning of pneumonia, and his body was placed in the chapel. It seems that there had been no fire in the chapel for some time, and in some way it caught between the floors.

The city brigade was called out, but the fire was extinguished with only slight loss. Earl Grey afterward complimented Chief Provost on the way the fire was handled, saying it beat anything of the kind in England.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 28.—On Saturday night the general store of W. R. Carney, at Robin's Mills, in the township of Amelburg, was destroyed by fire. The store contained a large stock of goods, and was completely destroyed. Above the store Mr. Carney and his family resided, and all their household effects were lost. How the fire originated is not known, as all the members of the family were absent when it broke out. Loss upwards of \$30,000; contents of store and household effects insured for \$3,500.

**G. T. PACIFIC SURVEY**  
 Work Will Be Pushed Through as Fast as Possible.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Charles A. Young, the western representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway construction commission, arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa. He said that a number of surveying parties were to be dispatched from Winnipeg at once to locate the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific between this city and Lake Superior, and that he had some work on business connected with the organization of these parties. He also said that the commission had made good progress in arranging preliminaries for the line to be built by the Government between Moncton and Winnipeg. It was expected that by the end of the month the survey parties would be covering the entire field between these points.

**HER MISSING BUNDLE**  
 This Woman Held Up Train Till She Remembered Eating It.

New York, Dec. 28.—When the passengers alighted from an express train in the Grand Central station, one of them, an old woman from upstate, remained searching for a package. A brakeman came in to help her, and to him she explained that when she boarded the train she had five bundles. Now only four could be found.

Every nook and cranny of the car was searched, but the package could not be found. Then the conductor appeared.

He had to give the signal to back the train into the yards in a few minutes, he declared, and there couldn't be much more delay. If the woman would leave her address the brakeman would send her a note to let her know where to find it. But she wouldn't agree to that. Her bundle was in the car and she meant to have it.

Minutes were passing. The conductor fumed. So did the