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Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

MARRIED. BLACK-VINCENT-In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, 860 Maitland street, by the Rev. George Jackson, Mr. James A. Black, of Laidlaw, Watson & Co., to Miss Florence May

BLIGHT-COBBAN-At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 22, by the Rev. R. W. Leitch, Mr. John Blight, of London township, to Miss Jane, daughter of Wm. Cobban, of the township of Caradoc.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND POSSE ALL THIS WEEK.

DANIEL R. RYAN. Prices—10c, 29c, 30c and 50c. This afternoon, matinee, "Wife for Wire." Tonight, "Lost Paradise." Seats now on sale. 24u

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LOST-A LIGHT WOOD CANE-WITH "Jerusalem" stamped on the head. Kindly return to Rev. W. J. Clarke, 307 Wolfe street.

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Narrow, fashionable Shoes for those who are after style, and after economy, too.
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ness people, at business prices to sell quickly.

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As Alderman for 1899.

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A New Irish Land War to Be Begun

New York, Dec. 25 .- The London correspondent of the Evening Post, referring to the vacant Liberal leadership in the House of Commons, says: "The information I was able to send you eight days ago regarding the reasons predominant with Sir William Harcourt in resigning the Liberal leadership in the House of Commons, and the intended nomination of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman as his successor, was made publicly known here yesterday. Everyone knows that Sir Henry is a safe man, with an exceptional grace of pawky Scotch humor, who may be trusted to carry the Liberals over an awkward parliamentary style as well as any man.

AWKWARD STYLES. will be plentiful. Not the least awkward will be the Irish Nationalist stile. John Dillon has this week outlined his party's tactics in the coming session. The new Irish county councils, are, he says, to be used as a political machine, as a powerful lever to

force full home rule from England. More startling is Mr. Dillon's assurance that ANOTHER LAND WAR is to be given by a new Unity Irish South African affairs, says: An ugly, are in a bad way, and thoroughly discontented with the decisions of the land commissioners. The new organization will follow the lines of the old

Land League, with modifications, and will deal with the compulsory sale and enlargement of holdings as a remedy for the state of the congested districts, also with a division of the great grazing lands. "We have," adds Mr. Dillon, 'a famine every five years. This can be remedied at the expense of a million or two." Liberals of the Rosebery type are admittedly tired of Irish agitation, but should Sir William Harcourt and Mr. John Morley gipe their blessing to this new movement, troubled days may again be before Ireland and England. Sore as the Ulster Tories are over reduced rents, new local government and the coming Irish Catholic University, they will not brook a further government surrender to the Nationalists.

THE REAL DIPLOMATIC CAPITAL Mr. Ford, cabling to the Tribune on the subject, has this to say: "Undue stress has been laid in America upon Mr. Henry White's visit this week to Lord Salisbury at Hatfield House. It is a social engagement which he makes every year, and has no special bearing upon a revision of the treaty, negotiations for which will be conducted in Washington, where other American-Anglo questions are under consideration. While it is true that at certain country houses where ministers and diplomats are entertained when parliament is not in session, are working centers where foreign affairs are discussed informally, Hatfield is not one of these diplomatic capitals. It is a place where Lord Salisbury broods in silence over British policies, and he is not likely to mingle business with pleasure. The real diplomatic capital for eight months in the year is the country house, where men like Mr. Bal-four, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton and Mr. Chamber-lain are entertained. If any ambassador wishes to approach Lord Salisbury on any subject and suggest a new line of action, he accepts invitation to the country house where Mr. Balfour is a guest.

SALISBURY'S ADVISER.

The latter is Lord Salisbury's confidential adviser in foreign affairs, and Mr. Chamberlain also has great influence over him. England is almost the only European state where country house are working centers of the governing class, where public business is dispatched and where ministers confer with one another and exchange opinions with foreign representattives.

Mr. Asquith is almost the only prominent Liberal, except Lord Rosebery, who is constantly met at these exclusive country houses, and for that reason

A FAVORITE IN SOCIETY CIRCLES as Sir Wiliam Harcourt's successor for the Liberal leadership of the House of Commons. He is ambitious, and Mrs. Asquith is liked, and he has the best wishes of the West End for carrying off one of the political prizes of the new year. It is an open question whether he has the temper and flexibility required for uniting the distracted Liberal party.

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, if he be not too indolent to undertake the laborious task of leadership, is still considered by close observers as a probable candidate of the Liberal caucus. Mr. Fowler is also favored as every-

body's friend and a national trimmer. Mr. Herbert Gladstone is preferred by Mr. Labouchere, and Sir Edward Grey's friends are seeking to prove that while he is in sympathy with Lord Rosebery's diplomatic policy he has strong radical opinions on social ques-When the list is exhausted the name of any candidate competent to meet Mr. Chamberlain in debate is not found. Sir William Harcourt is the only man on the Liberal side who is in any way a match for him.

Being Stacked Up for the British Military Authorities.

The Strained Relations Between Britain and the Boers.

Parisians Paralyzed by a Strike of Grocers' Employes.

Coup d'Etat News From the Gay Capital-Brewing Taught in a Birmingham College-Is 1898 a Sunday Short?

New York, Dec. 25 .- Henry Norman, cabling to the Times from London today, says: I have frequently called your attention to the fact that the arming of England has not undergone any reduction. The chancellor of the exchequer recently stated that only a few thousand pounds had been spent. With this statement may be compared the official announcement that the very large number of mechanics who have been working overtime at the Sheerness dockyard for months now have ceased to do so. A few thousand pounds would not pay these men alone for extra work. Moreover, when the channel squadron reached Devonport orders were issued to undertake no repairs that could not be completed in 48 hours. Seven million cartridges were ordered from private firms in Birmingham a few weeks ago. Now an order for 50,000 shells is given there. This means that the government arsenass cannot meet the demand. Not for years at this time have such quantities of ammunition stores been sent to the Mediterranean and to the east. Thirtyfive thousand tons were sent in October, 40,000 tons in November, more this month, and January will surpass any. All the depots abroad will then be com-

pletely filled. AN UGLY INCIDENT. New York, Dec. 25 .- The London corespondent of the Times, referring to but typical, incident still further strains the relations between England and the Transvaal. The Boer police were called upon to quell a row in front of the house of a British subject in Johannesburg, named Edgar. They called out Edgar and a policeman shot him dead. The policeman has been released on a \$1,000 bail. Tomorrow a meeting of foreign citizens of Johannesburg has been called to protest against the insecurity of life and property under the Boer rule, and to protection against police tyranny. Things have been going from bad to worse in the Transvaal for some time, and sooner or later such an

incident like this will bring about a crisis, out of which the Transvaal may not emerge at all. The British force in South Africa is being steadily increased in view of the eventualities. Four hundred men sailed from Southampton on Thursday, and more are leaving here today; there

will be another draft a week hencealtogether 1,000 men. Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the Cape, and Conyngham Greene, the British resident at Pretoria, are both in London, and have had several conferences at the colonial office. To a correspondent, who had written Mr. Chamberlain about the need of protection for British subjects in Transvaal, the colonial secretary curtly replies today that "British interests are thoroughly protected by her majesty's government, not only in the Transvaal, but everywhere else as

STRIKE OF PARISIAN GROCERS. New York, Dec. 25.-A Paris cable to the Sun says: Paris today presents an extraordinary appearance. The strike of the grocers' employes is spreading, and the strikers are terrorizing their substitutes. Householders are hurrying to do their Christmas shopping, mostly carrying their own parcels, which otherwise would have been delivered by carriers. The confusion due to the nervousness of the frightened "blacklegs" and the awkwardnes of the untrained women in the shops is indescribable.

The police are guarding the doors of the shops. The strikers wrecked a number of shops in the Batignolles district last evening. There were numerous fights between the strikers and the police, resulting in the spilling of considerable blood and the arrest of

many of the strikers. The employes in the provision trades allied with the grocers have voted in favor of solidarity with the strikers. The drapers threatened to join the strikers, and the assistants employed in the big Magasin du Printempts are to take a vote on the question.

COUP D'ETAT NEWS FROM PARIS. The French chamber yesterday sat twice, in order to be able to close the most sterile session on record. working of the parliamentary machine is yearly growing worse, and is now almost at a standstill as far as legislation is concerned. The entire time is spent in squabbling over interpellations, and but for the notorious uselessness of attempting to prophesy regarding anything French, one would say that the people will refuse to much longer suffer parliamentary institutions in which they have already lost faith. The latest contribution to what might be called coup d'etat news comes from the Chronicke's Paris correspondent. He

CHRISTMAS GREETING:

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Cairncross & Lawrence.

says that Empress Eugenie has con-sented to make Prince Victor Napoleon her residuary legatee, providing £27,-000,000 pounds is paid, according to the life policy on Napoleon III., with Eng-lish companies. The Chronicle's correspondent adds that it is no secret that Eugenie prefers the younger brother, Louis, but that she has favored Victor because she has been influenced by Louis. With this sum in perspective, it is believed that an imperialist loan might be contracted.

BREWING TAUGHT IN A COLLEGE London, Dec. 25.—Birmingham's university has decided to add to its attrac-It will shortly add, at a cost of \$250,000, a school of brewing, with a special professor of brewing in charge. The course will be scientific and techmical, and to aid the latter, a brewing laboratory will be provided on a site contiguous to the present university buildings. The Birmingham school will be the first of the kind in England, and the training will be as thorough as that given in the schools of brewing in

ONLY 51 ECCLESIASTICAL SUN-

DAYS IN 1898. London, Dec. 25 .- The Rev. Forbes Phillips, vicar of Goreleston, has decided that in 1898 there were only 51 Sundays, ecclesiastically speaking He says that the fact that Christmas day falls on the first day of the week takes away its religious character, and he has, therefore, advised his parish-ioners to stay at home and enjoy themselves with games and other amusements. The clergyman bases his action on the fact that the Church of England Prayer Book contains no provision for Sunday services when Christ-mas falls on that day. The announcement has created something of a sensation, simply because that just now the whole country is very sensitive about everything relating to the state church.

ANGLO-SAXON FRIENDSHIP. Cairo, Dec. 25 .- A farewell banquet was tendered this evening to Lieutenant-General Francis Grenfell, the recently appointed governor of Malta, who now retires from the supreme command of the Anglo-Egyptian army. The presence of Mr. Thomas S. Harrison, United States agent and consulgeneral, and Mr. Ethelbert Watts, United States vice-consul-general, led to an Anglo-American demonstration. Mr. James Rennell O. Redd, secretary of legation at the British agency, spoke warmly of Anglo-Saxon friendship. Mr. Harrison, who was received with Immense enthusiasm, made a stirring speech, in the course of which he reciprocated their friendly expressions.

BOY DUKE OF ALBANY SERIOUS-

LY ILL. London, Dec. 25 .- There is much concern in royal circles at the health of the boy Duke of Albany, who has always been one of the most delicate and eleverest of the Queen's grandchildren. He had to be removed from Eton a week before the end of the term, and

CATHEDRAL BURNED OUT

his case is said to be very grave.

Church and Organ at Harrisburg, Pa. -Electric Wires the Cause.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 25.-St. Patrick's pro-cathedral church of the Bishop of Harriston, Roman Catholic diocese, was ruined by fire this afternoon. The blaze was discovered in the rear of the church, near the altar, and the Christmas decorations were soon destroyed. The flames pushed their way to the center of the church, and the entire church was flooded before the flames were put out. The altar and vestments were saved. The organ was ruined by heat and water. The electric wires crossing caused the fire.

HUGH MILLER J.P., DEAD. Toronto, Dec. 25.-Hugh Miller, J.P., well-know druggist, died at his home, Jarvis street, Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Miller came to Toronto from Inverness, Scotland, in 1842, and went into business then. His sign is one of the oldest on King street. Mr. and could not awaken him. trate for years. He was universally

ONLY UNLESS RECORDS DE-

STROYED. Cleveland, Dec. 25.—According to Attorney Tolles, one of the Standard Oil legal representatives, none of the books of the company which are wanted for examination under the Ohio Supreme Court's recent order have been stroyed. He says that only useless records or books have been burned. 'So far as I know," said Mr. Tolles today, "the books in question will be produced when the proper time comes. Owing to the non-appearance of high Standard Oil officials, whose testimony is wanted, no depositions were taken before Notary Mason today, and it is probable that the hearing will not be resumed before the middle of next

Marked by Elaborate Decoration of the Churches.

Large Congregations and Choice Music -A Dark Side of the Picture, Where Misfortune, Misery and Murder Are

New York, Dec. 25 .- With holly. decked churches, clear skies overhead, and nearly the whole city at home, home, the Christmas Sunday that comes the Christmas Sunday that comes occasionally was observed in this city today. The clear sky caused the churches of all denominations to be filled from early morning until night. The musical services were unusually attractive. The especial solemnity in the ritualistic church, the brightening of the programmes in the other churches, and the elaborate decorations of houses of worship generally helped bring the

people to them. The day was observed, too, by singing and social societies with more than usual the number of festivities. These took the form of concerts of Christmas music and dinners to the poor. The city's charitable and penal institutions took pains to make the day as bright as possible for the inmates. The fes-tival in the homes of the city was indicated by the thousands of windows decorated with wreaths and other Christmas tokens, and even the throngs who passed through the streets wore bits of mistletoe and holly on their coats. The day was one of gen-

eral cheer. DARK SHADOWS.

But the shadows of life also attracted attention. The police reported the usual number of stories of misfortune and misery, of murder and suicide. Although not a legal holiday, Monday will be observed as a holiday in a number of business houses.

MURDER. In the hallway of her home, at 2,371 Eighth avenue, Mamie Remly, a 17year-old girl, was shot in the heart and killed this afternoon by Frank Nulty, 19 years old. At the same time Nulty shot himself through the head, and was taken to a hospital, and it is believed he will die. The young man is a clerk in the postoffice at University Heights, residing there with his parents. Nulty and the young woman met, and after that Nulty was a fre quent caller at her home, and a month after the first meeting they were engaged. Nulty presented Miss Remly with a diamond ring and his picture A short time ago

THE COUPLE QUARRELED. and Nulty ended by throwing the ring and picture into the fire and leaving the house. The girl told her mother of the quarrel, and the engagement was broken off, Still, from time to time, Nulty called. Once he said to the girl: "You will marry me or no one;

some day I will blow the top of your

head off." A few days he wrote her: "You had better go to confession, for the next time you leave church I am going to kill you." This afternoon Nulty called at the house. He preceded his visit with a note on Saturday, and when the girl answered his ring at the bell today she

carried with her a bundle of letters She met him in the hall.

A SCREAM AND THREE SHOTS. A few minutes later her mother heard a scream and then a pistol shot. Then a second and a third shot was fired. She ran to the hallway, and there, near the door, lay two forms. One was her daughter; the other was Nulty. The man had fallen on the body of Miss Remly. He still held a revolver in his hand. The girl clutched convulsively at the package of letters, tied with a

pink ribbon. An ambulance arrived from the hospital, but the girl was beyond aid, and her murderer was unconscious. The bullet had entered his brain. It is believed he will not live through the



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Yankees Capture the Iron Markets-Uncle Sam Selling Steel Rails to Russia-Retirement of the "Hanging Judge"-Britain and the Nicaragua Canal-Curious Request Credited to the Queen-Christmas Pantomime.

Mon to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe in general and in Great Britain in particular overshadowing the dreary broils of domestic politics, is the remarkable, aggressive commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper review or a public speaker during the past month has failed to notice with what giant strides America is coming into the first place in the alignment of the powers. It is certainly the chief object of conversa-tion on Lombard street and on the continental bourses

NEW YORK FORGING AHEAD. The manager of one of the greatest London banks recently drew an Ameri- lines, which have been prefixed as a can business man into his private office and said in awestruck tones: "This is the first time in the history of finance that New York has been in a position to dictate money rates to London, Ber-lin and Paris."

The bank manager added that London's purchases of American securities the feathers-weight compared with the balances of trade in New

MR. BRYCE GIVES WARNING. Mr. James Bryce, in a speech before the Leicester Chamber of Commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He pointed out that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines which Creat Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors. Mr. Bryce unhesitatingly asserted that the United States could produce rails cheaper than Great Britain, and said he saw no possibility of opening new markets except in China. CAPTURED THE IRON MARKETS.

Great Britain seems to have become reconciled to the capture of the iron markets by the United States. American firms are uniformly successful in adding against the British firms. The Carnegie Company and the Illinois beel Company have opened extensive inces in London, and are making inroads upon the British preserves. UNCLE SAM HUSTLING.

A dispatch from Berlin says it is a ordered 80,000 tons of American rails, and the prospect of American competithe contracts in connection Russia's extensive railroads alarms manufacturers there and elsewhere. Consuls assert that all Europe is swarming as never before with the agents of American manufacturers of steel, street railroads, electrical apparatus and all kinds of machinery, who are leading the commercial invasion.

A RUSSIAN LOAN. The reports of attempts to float a

Russian loan in New York have been received skeptically here.

Several financiers have told representatives of the Associated Press that Russia tried to raise money in London, Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam, and that she seems to have turned to the United States as a forlorn hope, possibly with the hope of reaping incidental political advantages. But it is admitted that it is a question of a short time when capitalists will have to recken with New York as a competitor

The Daily Chronicle comments upon the fact that American capitalists have the courage of their financial opinions if they think they know the European situation better than the capitalists of the old world."

THE HANGING JUDGE. Judge Hawkins, a ruddy, keen-eyed old gentleman of sporting proclivities, is the largest personage in the public eye, since the announcement of his retirement from the bench on Dec. 19. The newspapers and clubs teem with dotes of his sharp temper, kind heart and quick wit. His departure from the bench was as eccentric as his care upon it. It has been said that he adjourned court after recording the verdict in his last case, and walked out, cutting off the attorney's attempts et the customary valedictory laudations with the remark, "No speeches." His popularity was greater with the public than with the profession, the people believing that in spite of his trascibility and his habit of violently taking sides, he seasoned his judgments with the sauce of common sense. The

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London, Dec. 26 .- It is no exaggera- bar's chief grievance was that, although 81 years of age, he persisted until the last in holding court far into the night. The retirement of Judge Hawkins leaves the bench unusually

colorless in personality.

SIR GEORGE'S NEW BOOK. Sir George Trevelyan, the former secretary for Scotland, promises an interesting book in a month, a "History of the American Revolution." He recently wrote a biography of Fox, the minister of George III., and his studies convinced him that a history of the parliament of that period could not be judged without a record of the events beyond the Atlantic. So the new work will be in the nature of a sequel of Sir George Trevelyan's biography of Fox. Its spirit is indicated by Tennyson's

"Strong Mother of a Lion line, Be proud of those strong sons of thine, Who wrenched their rights from thee."

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME. The old institution of the Christmas pantomime holds many theaters here. Among the Americans appearing in leading parts are Amelia Stone, at Drury Lane; Thomas Murray, at Manchester; Julie Ring, at Birmingham; Julie Mackey, Madge Ellis, Ed. Tredway and Billee Barlow at other places. The American comedy "What Happened to Jones?" has attained its 200th performance here. Reports of new opera enterprises are unusually numerous. It is announced that steps are being taken towards founding a Wagnerian theater on the Beyreuth plan, and an Austrian millionaire is credited with the intention of building a grand opera house in the heart of Belgravia. A scheme to exchange artists and operas between the grand opera at Paris and Drury Lane is under dis-

BRITAIN AND THE BIG CANAL. A London correspondent, cabling this afternoon, says: Although much has posed abrogation of the Clayton-Bullar tariff war. wer treaty. It is still premature to speak of any formal negotiations to tinued for some time before any formal negotiations are opened.

The result of the tentative inquiries is reassuring and satisfactory to the foreign office. They indicate the United States administration's willingness to accept the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as the starting point for new negotiations, and consent to meet half-way the British views of a neutral canal with equal privileges to ships of all nations.

On the English side there is no desire to share in the construction or control of the canal, providing the United States undertakes both. On these terms there is reason to believe the preliminary soundings about a canal are much more satisfactory to the British Government than is the progress made in

the Canadian negotiations. With respect to the latter, England's poistion is very difficult. For world purposes, especially in the far east, Lord Salisbury does not desire to ampair the Anglo-American friendship. He wishes also for imperial purposes to uphold the Canadian preferential tariff for British goods; and thirdly, for Canada's sake, he would like to obtain for her trade advantages with the United States in the present settlement of differences.

A QUEER REQUEST.

The English habit of entirely dropping serious affairs at the holiday season has respited the squabbles about the Liberal leadership. But Sir Edward Russell, who is writing his reminiscences, furnished material for a new controversy. He writes that when Lord Rosebery was resigning the premiership the Queen earnestly, almost affectionately, begged him not to turn Conservative. He explains that her Majesty dreads the alignment of all the aristocracy on the Tory side against all the commonalty on the Liberal side. Lord Rosebery has promptly requested the newspapers to deny the statement, and Sir Edward Russell says: "I have good reason to believe it is true, though nobody shall drag from me my auth-

The English newspapers pursuing their traditional policy of keeping the sovereign above partisan politics, refrain from commenting upon the incident, but the people discuss the story with the utmost interest.

ANGLO-AMERICAN FEELING. Commenting on the work of Prof. Woolsey, of Yale, on America's foreign policy, the Saturday Review commends it to the careful consideration of wellmeaning sentimentalists, bewitched with the dream of an Anglo-American alliance. The chief value of Proz. Woolsey's addresses, says the Review, "is found in the fact that it shows that the normal attitude of the United States towards Great Britain before the spring of this year was one of settled hostility. People, ho build high upon the sudden friendship of the United States ought to remember that this friendliness, short-lived, has behind it a century of hatred, not that the people of the United States hated Great Britain, but the policy of their govern-ment and the attitude of their poliucians have been persistently unfriendly. Can it be supposed that a long, deep-set hostility will suddenly disappear from the policy of the political bosses in Washington, as if it never

WOMEN VOTE IN FRANCE. Commercial Agent Atwell at Roubaix, France, in a report to the state department at Washington, says that for the first time in that country women paying



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a tax on the profession or trade in which they are engaged will be entitled to vote. Judges of a class, which considers commercial matters are to be elected during December and women will be allowed to vote for them. in Roubaix, although there are several hundred women entitled to suffrage, adde Mr. Atwell, it is a remarkable fact that not one has yet inscribed herself. The women of Turcoing, an adjoining town, seem to be more progressive, as twenty have complied with the necessary formalities. French wo-men as a rule are not enthusiastic concerning the right of suffrage. 8-9 COMMENT ffJ- J- J-

TOOK A HINT FROM WILLIAM. Berlin, Dec. 25.-The result of the trial of Frank Knaak, of New York, who was acquitted of the charge of referring to Emperor William as a "blockhead," on the ground that he was in no position to realize his offense, came as a great surprise, even to counsel for the defense, as the testimony was precisely similar to that of the majority of such cases which have ended in conviction. The presiding judge, Herr Denso, convicted R. F. Kneebs, the American horseman charged with "ringing" the mare Bethel on the German turf, and sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,000 marks. Judge Denso is considered to be very severe and learned, and there is the very best authority for saying that the acquittal and unusual leniency shown Mr. Knaak were due to a hint from Emperor William that his acquittal, if legally possible, would be appreciated by his majesty and by the German Government, in view of the present delicate relations between the United States and Germany.

GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. The officials of the United States embassy generally express the opinion that the German Government sincerely desires to improve its relations with the United States, and sees indications pointing to a successful issue of these efforts, though the bills simultaneously introduced in the House of Representatives and in the Senate at Washington, foreshadowing retaliation, have been received with a great show of indignation by the governmental press, while the Liberal, and especially the commercial papers, have unanimously expressed fears that the legislative ac-

The Vorwaerts says: "The greed of the agrarians has disturbed our relations with America for years past. that end. All that has taken place so Under the pretext of protecting the far has been merely a preliminary teethealth of the German people, the iming of the ground by each government, portation of American products has been prevented in spite of the treat Continuing, the Vorwaerts demonstrates that German exports of sugar, textiles and wines to the United States are worth 18,000,000 marks, and says:

'As the financially weaker of the two, Germany will undoubtedly be the loser. But the agrarians ignore this. Provided the enhanced food prices flow into their pockets, they snap their fingers at the hungry masses." The Boersen Courier, a leading com-

mercial organ, says: "It is evident that the United States is preparing for a commercial war with Germany, which the German agrarians seem to regard as a trifling matter. We hope the Berlin and Washington Governments are more conscious of their responsibility. We fear the German export trade will have to pay the score the federation of husbandry has run up."
The agrarians are jubilant at the

prospect of a tariff war, which has been their dearest aim for years. A number of insuring articles have been published in their newspapers deriding the

Are a Very Independent Class of Men.

Have No Unions, but Manage to Bring the Bosses to Time Easily.

Havana, Dec. 25. - There are 18,000 cigarmakers in Havana. They have no union, and are not affiliated with any organization. Once upon a time they organized a union, but it died young. Although not organized they earn good wages, and they will struce as quickly as any organized workingmen in the Unitel States if things the shope are not going to suit What is more, they can bring the bosses to their terms. There is no question about it, for they have done so in the past. The fact that done so in the past. they can do it without a union is, however, no argument against a union. There are reasons why it is not.

SPANISH STEADIEST WORKERS. While the whole number in the city is 18,000, probably not more than haif that number are steady workers. The rest are men who work irregularly. Some of them have not the skill to make fine cigars. Others cannot be depended upon to work only when the factories are rushed with orders, and there are no more steady hands to hire. In point of skill there is no difference between the Spanish and the Cuban cigarmakers. The Spanish cigarmaker is, however, said as a rule to work more days in a year than the

Most of the shop foremen are Spaniards. A reason probably why there are so many Spanish foremen is that before English and German syndicates bought up most of the large cigar fac-tories in Havana, the owners were Spandards. They not unreasonably gave positions of responsibility in their factories to their own countrymen. The Spanish foremen and the Cuban cigarmakers have generally gotten on

very well. Inasmuch as the finest cigars in the world are made in Havana, the best cigarmakers in the universe work here.

Who can roll cigars that will suit kings and princes and other royal smoking personages of Europe — or even cigars that sell for \$1 each in the United States. The cigarmaker who can roll these kinds of cigars never has to hunt for a situation. He can take a vacation any time he pleases and when he feels like settling down to work again he can find an opening in any big factory. He commands a centen a day, or \$5 30 in Spanish gold, and his board.

ONLY GOLD GOES FOR PAY. All factories pay their cigarmakers in Spanish gold. If they united to pay in silver there would be a strike right away. The bosses tried it once this year. During the four months of the blockade mighty little gold was to be had. The cigar manufacturers notified their men that they would have to shut down unless silver was have to shut down unless silver was accepted for wages. The men agreed to take silver. When the blockade was raised the bosses gave notice that was raised the bosses gave notice that they were going to continue paying wages in silver. The men in most of the factories said they would strike. They had been living on half-fare during the blockade, half-starving, and they would stand it a while longer. The bosses gave in. They are paying wages still in Spanish gold. wages still in Spanish gold.

HAVANA'S DURTY KITCHENS. It may strike American cigarmakers that manufacturers should board their cigarmakers. They do it in many factories here. Not all the men, however, are boarded in any factory. Only the more skilled as a rule are boarded and provided with sleeping quarters. It does not hurt the sanitary condition of a factory, because workingmen eat and sleep in it. One Havana cigar manufacturer, who is worth several million dollars, lives with his family in a part of the building where he has his factory. It can be said for Havana's cigar factories that they are by far the cleanest build-

ings in the city.

There are cafes in Havana with marble floors and glass chandeliers, and where everything that is expected to meet the eyes of guests is very expensive. The guest will be wise who doesn't peep into the kitchen. It is one of the singular things of the country that public conveniences, which in hotels or cafes in the United States are placed in the basement or some such place, are here invariably located as near as possible to the kitchen. An American, after a tour of a Havana cigar factory, will enjoy a Havana cigar better than ever before, for the notion will be gone—if he ever had it—that Havana cigars are made by dirty workingmen and in the midst of filthy

PRETTY EXPENSIVE SMOKES. By \$1 cigars is meant cigars that United States \$1,000 cost dealers in st of making them is per 1,000. Th 00. That is what the about \$110 p

He may make 60 or he makes 50 it isn't a cigarmaker 70 in a day. Cigars that have a bad day's wo in the United States very large sa who get \$32 per 1,000. are made by me Prices of fine grades run from that figure up, but some grades are made cheaper. The men who pack these fine grades of cigars, and who can distinguish shades where the ordinary eye could see no difference, gets as high as \$35 a week, while men who select the tobacco for the cigarmakers get from \$18 to \$40 a week. So, on the whole, Havana cigarmakers are pretty well paid. They live and dress well.
With the reputation for excellency
that Havana cigars have the world over, manufacturers find it to their interest to hold the goodwill of the cigarmakers. They get enough for their cigars so they can afford to pay good wages. Every cigar is handmade. No molds are made. There are no restrictions as to the number of apprentices who can be em shop. Few manufacturers try to keep down their pay roll by hiring more than the proportionate number of boys that work in shops in the northern states.

POINTERS FOR CIGARMAKERS. Now that so many eyes in the United States are turned towards Cuba many American cigarmakers who learned trade in American shops may be thinking of coming down here and seeking employment in Havana shops. There are a few things they must bear in mind. Havana cigare are all made in what is known as Spanish styles. A first-class United States cigarmaker could not enter a Havana shop and do himself justice. They make cigars here without binders, and they roll them differently than in American A bright American cigarmaker might, however, after some weeks of practice and observation in Havana

shops, catch on to the style. There are a small number of cigarmakers who learned their trade in either Germany or the United States, They have learned the Spanish style. Cigarmakers can individually determine for themselves whether they can change the style of making cigars that they learned in American factires, and that they have always fol-lowed. As for the chances for learning the Spanish method-well they might find some and then again they might not. If a man has worked 10 or 15 years making cigars a certain way he can determine for himself whether he can change to a new way.

During Gen. Weyler's rule some of the Havana cigar manufacturers combined to reduce wages. The men began to talk strike. Gen. Weyler heard of their talk. He notified the manufacturers that he had trouble enough on his hands without having an army of striking cigarmakers loose on the town. If the manufacturers didn't head off the strike he would coak them with a new and increased rate of tax-ation. The manufacturers concluded continue the old rate of wages. There was no strike.

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LONDON VS. INGERSOLL. A very hot game of hockey is expectnd at the Jubilee rink this forenoon between the Jubilee and Ingersoll teams. The Jubilee team will line up as forlows: C. Johns, goal; A. Little, point; H. Kerrigan, cover point; H. Peel (captain), F. Hobbs, W. Reid, and W. Car rothers. forwards. BASEBALL.

HUNTING UP A LEAGUE. Hamilton Herald: Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of affairs of the Eastern League, it is very probable that the Hamilton club will have to bunt up a new arrangement for the coming season. It has been suggested that an international league formed composed of Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Kingston, on this side, and Rochester, Utica, Oswego and Auburn on the other. Ex-Manager Addie Richard has had some correspondence on the subject and has already received assurance from Manager Sayer, of Oswego, that he is prepared to enter such a league. It is hardly likely, however, that until the Eastern League matter is finally dis-posed of that any steps will be taken by the local club towards the formation of a new league.

TRIGGHE OELAWARE VS. MELROSE.

The Delaware rifle shooters' challenge to the Melrose Rifle Club to shoot for an oyster supper was held at Delaware on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The repoints. Captain Mahler was disappointed in about half of his men not coming who had promised. The Meirose team was represented by ten men, all of whom did not shoot.

The captains are likely to arrange for return match in the near future.

After the shoot the boys repaired to the supper was held, and mine host had prepared one "out of eight." At events, a very considerable large portion of it was out of sight soon after the boys had been seated before the elegant spread. The generous-hearted Irlehman and his wife were not content with serving oysters only, but there was turkey and other good things galore. After the supper, Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Komoka, was chosen chairman, and a very enjoyable time was spent in listening to speeches and

Following are the totals of scores: Captain Mahler's team-100 yards, off-hand, 161 points out of a possible 100; 200 yards, with rest, 150 points out pudding dinner. The citizens who have of a possible 300. Total, 311.

Captain Challoner's team-100 yards off-hand, 167 points out of a possible 300: 200 yards, with rest, 148 points out of a possible 300. Total, 315.

WHEEL. BIKING BUILDS UP WOMEN.

London, Dec. 25.—Dr. William Ewart, a very prominent physician, has re-vived the question of the effect of bicycling, especially on women. He scouts the idea of some learned physicians that the exercise dulls the brain.
"The bicycle." he says, "is doing more
than any other of the physical pursuits to build up splendid women. it 12 is completely revolutionizing the tenor of the female existence. Although bicycling among young women only dates back a few years, already they are attaining greater stature and weight. Young girls are showing brighter eyes, complexions and stronger nerves, and much of this is due to bicycling.

CHESS.

PILLSBURY FIRST. New York, Dec. 25 .- News reached this city today from Vienna that the committee appointed to decide the disposition of the prizes for the most brilliant games played in the recent in-ternational tournament at Vienna, has awarded the first prize to Pillsbury, for his game against Halpin; Lipke sec-ond prize for his game against Janowski; and Marco third prize for his game against Burn. The prizes are to the value of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively.

GOLF GOLF IS GOOD.

The growing popularity of golf among women, Dr. Ewart has no doubt has had something to do with their improvement, and it is the doctors' duty, he says, to do all they can to encourage athletics by the young. It is the only way to build up the race, which is beginning to deteriorate in this age of unrest and nervous strain.

It is common talk in golfing circles that a team of British golfing women next year will invade the United States on a golfing tour. No names are yet mentioned, but the team will be thoroughly representative. While last year the projected tour of British male golfers in America fell through, owing to the question of traveling expenses, nothing of the kind will hinder the team of women players.

THE RAILWAYS

Grand Trunk Business Booming-Hard Blow at Scalpers.

Grand Trunk Railway system earn-Ings 15th to 21st December: 1896, \$449,-128; 1897, \$469,000; an increase of \$30,-

The Wabash road has canceled its notice of withdrawal from the Western Passenger Association. It was led to do so by the Alton again becoming a

The Baldwin locomotive works nas, within the last few days, received orders for 56 locomotives, of which 16 are for the Imperial Railway of China.

The M. C. R. have issued the usual order that no trains but passenger and live stock and perishable freight be run on Monday so that as far as posaible employes may spend Christmas Day at home. The Wabash will also follow a similar course.

The new safety paper that many of the railways will use after Jan. 1 for tickets, will, it is said, prove a harder blow to the scalpers than any national or state anti-scalping measure. It cannot be tampered with in the least without a conductor, when taking up a ticket, discovering it. The paper is

THE "DAY" AT THE INSTITUTIONS

Christmas and "Santa Claus" Among the Sick and Sad-The Orphans and the Aged Poor Remembered.

In the general festivities yesterday, the city's sick, afflicted and unfortunate were not forgotten. At nearly all the public institutions, the day was pleasantly celebrated. Christmas cheer was liberally provided, and the authorities exerted themselves to make the anniversary one to be long remem-

ORPHANS MADE HAPPY.

The little colony of motherless and fatherless children from the Orphans' Home attended St. John's Church in a body yesterday morning, and held special Sunday school services at the home in the afternoon, in which the inmates took part. Today will be a red letter one for the orphans, who will be treated to an entertainment in the afternoon, by the Busy Bees, and in the evening a Christmas tree is in order. This has been the all-absorbing talk of the little unfortunates for some weeks past, and is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by them, well knowing that there is always an abundance of toys, clothing, and good things to be presented. Some recitations and songs will be given during the intervals, to make the evening's pleasure more complete. Invitations have been extended to a number of the children's friends and former inmates to be present, and a very jolly and happy time is in store for the little ones.

AT THE ASYLUM.

At the Asylum, Christmas, as it fell on the Sabbath, passed off quietlymuch the same as other Sundays. The service yesterday was marked by excellent rendition of Christmas hymns and an impressive sermon, appropriate to the day.

Today, however, the usual cele-bration will take place. A bountiful supply of turkey, plum pudding and Christmas cake has been prepared for the patients, which will be served at dinner and supper. In the evening, the patients and attendants will assemble in the commodious ball room, where a large Christmas tree, heavily laden with presents for the patients. stands in all its glittering glory. The room is tastefully decorated and is decidedly picturesque in appearance. No Port Stanley Man Badly Burnedefforts have been spared by Dr. Bucke, the superintendent, and his energetic staff to make the day the most pleas-Tiffany's house in Delaware, where ant in the history of the institution. CITY HOSPITAL.

The inmates of the city hospital are as happy today as circumstances will permit. The staff have gone to considerable trouble to decorate the wards and corridors with evergreens, bunting, flags, etc. A very pretty Christmas tree, heavily laden with the contents of Santa Claus' pack, stands in the scarlet fever ward, and the children are delighted. Appropriate mottoes hang on the walls everywhere, and the hospital has quite a holiday appearance. The patients-those of them who are permitted to do so-will be treated to a roast turkey and plum contributed to the comfort and happiness of the inmates of the hospital are: (Dr.) Waugh, toys for the children; Colborne street south school children, picture books and toys; Mrs. W. T. Strong, two boxes of oranges; Dr. and Mrs. Eccles, two boxes of oranges, large cake for the nurses; the Flower Mission, flowers and a Christmas card for each inmate; Mrs. Buttray, Wolf street, fruit; Gertrude Taylor, toys for the children; Thomas McCormick, 74 boxes candy for patients and help, 16 boxes Paris bombons for house surgeon and nurses, two boxes assorted cakes and candies for matron and superintendent. Religious services will be held this afternoon.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL. Christmas was pleasantly observed at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday. Many charitable people remembered the sick by sending presents of fruit, flowcandies, turkeys and all the substantial good things that go to the furnishing and garnishing of a festive Two masses were celebrated by Rev. Father Beuter, of Washington University. As many of the patients as were able went to their homes to spend Christmas. This left most of the nurses free to spend the day with their friends. Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles sent a magnificent bouquet for the altar, Mrs. Rowat a present of bon-bons and cake for each of the nurses, and Dr. Meek a present of fruit for each of the pati-

NO CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR PRI-SONERS.

This year lawbreakers and offenders confined in the jail will have no Christmas dinner. In years gone by a liberal allowance of roast beef and plum duff has been served up on Christmas Day, but this will not be the case today, as no preparation has been made for this bounteous fare. The band of Christian workers, under Mr. Fred Matthews, yesterday morning provided a supply of good things for the prisoners' breakfast, which was most accept-ed. Arangements will be made, it is said, for a dinner to be given the prisoners on New Year's Day.

A Topsy-Turvy Land.

[From the New York Herald.] The land of the Japanese is that of inversion—least it seems so to us. Viewing things from an Oriental standpoint, we would probably think our present way of life the topsy turvy way and pity ourselves for shortsightedness and foolishness, as they

In Japan white is mourning, both for men and women, while women indicate their age by their costume. The Japanese has no foundation to his house, but instead the roof is ballasted that being considered a better safeguard against the violent storms. After dinner speeches are made before dinner, and probably no custom shows the innate good breeding of the Jap-anese more than this last. Think of the belated guests if such a custom Think of the speeches were ours? thrown to the air?

Some of the Japanese symbols are interesting and deserve recognition, so popular are their works of art in our homes. Look closely at Japanese screen, panel, kimono, fan, and you will find the inevitable cherry blossom the national flower: the plum, which signifies sweetness of heart; the pine, the strength of vigorous old age; a wo-man under a roof, charming symbol of

The obliqueness of the Japanese eyelid, which comes before one always in speaking of anything Japanese, is caused, it is said, by their living in high latitude, a protection of nature, accorded, too, to many animals.

It is said that the soldiers who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla stood the long marches in Cuba much better than the others

MILITIA PROMOTIONS

Changes That Affect Wolseley Barracks-A Bearer Section Formed-Great Interest Being Taken in the Work-Reception Day.

and that DriM-Sergeant Price has also pot, London, to replace. Sergt. Price. The change will take effect Jan. 15, when the men will be required to report for duty at their respective headquarters. Sergt. Price and Sergt. Dun-levy are well known here, where they have made a host of 'friends, with whom they are sorry to part. Their many friends wish them every success

their new home. Among the promotions at Wolseley Barracks (No. 1 depot) the following have been made: To be sergeants, Corp. A. Bethune and Corp. R. Davies; to be corporals, Ptc. M. O'Connell, and H. Kibbler; to be lance-corporal, Ptc. F. Anderson.

ceive their friends and endeavor to make things pleasant for them. New Year's Day they will hold another reception, when they will be pleased to see all their acquaintances.

A bearers' section has been formed in barracks, under Surgeon-Major C. W. Belton, ably assisted by Hospital Sergeant Copeman. The object is to instruct the section in the first aid to the wounded. A course of lectures is being given by Surgeon-Major Belton and Hospital Sergeant Copeman, on "Anatomy and Physiology," in which the men are much interested. Drill is also being performed, in order that the greatest proficiency may be attained by

The Debt on Alma College Completely Wiped Out.

Prominent Brantford Resident Dead.

O. J. & J. White, Learnington, shipped on Friday 208 hogs to London. A live pigeon and blue rock shooting match will be held at Sarnia on Dec.

The debt on Alma College, Thomas has been wiped out. This is a gratifying announcement.

D. L. Mackay, the flying-roller, announces that he will be an aldermanic candidate in the second ward, Wind-West Brantford is without gas while

the flood prevention work continues. The churches and all public places have to use lamps. Dr. Charles Leslie Smith, the wellknown veterinary surgeon, Brantford, passed quietly away on Thursday ev-

ning, at 5:30 o'clock.

The Ontario Government will give council then adjourned. D. Wylie, ening, at 5:30 o'clock. the Hamilton Plebiscite Association clerk. 5 in regard to the desired appointment of a tem-

perance license commissioner. The amount of money taken at the door at the St. Marys Knox Church Sunday school anniversary aggregated the sum of \$46. This amount will be placed to the credit of the Sunday

J. Lassaline, J. F. Ouellette, J. Laidlaw, Robert Jackson, Wes Smith and Wm. Parker are the only candidates for Sandwich council so far announced. It would take one more to make an election necessary. R. Glunus is being urged to run for mayor.

Miss Carrie Campbell, for four years past teacher of school section No. 23, Yarmouth, on resigning her position was presented with an address and six handsomely bound volumes of poems by her scholars. Ida Penhale read the address and Blanche Gilbert made the presntation.

A number of York county farmers have complained to the Woodstock police that a man representing himself as a commission agent, has sold large quantities of butter shipped by them to him, and has failed to make returns to them. Friday neither farmer nor police could find the man, and it is believed that he has left the city.

A proclamation is out offering a reward by the town of St. Marys, of \$200, coupled with an additional \$200 offered by the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary setting fire to the shingles stored in the shed on the J. D. Moore's Company's property, on Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

Charles Stewart, who was sentenced from Sandwich in 1894 to ten years in Kingston for attempting to burn Jailer Sparks' stable, has been liberated and returned to Windsor. The petition, praying for his release, which was sent to the minister of justice about a year ago, pleaded that the sentence had been excessive and that Stewart had already suffered sufficient punishment for the crime. A Port Stanley correspondent writes: Mr. John Ferguson, livery stable keeper, here, on Tuesday, drove a party to Dutton and got wet through. On arriving home Wednesday he was taken with chills. His physicians ordered that hot bottles be placed around him, but bottles not being obtainable, hot irons were used, and Mr. Ferguson being careless, forgot to wrap flannel around one, and consequently burned

himself very badly, from which it is doubtful if he will ever recover. Mrs. Pearl Howard, white, the quondam wife of Joseph Howard, colcred, wanted Magistrate Bartlet at Windsor, to punish her sister-in-law. Allie Howard. Pearl said she had refused Allie and her dusky lover admission to her house on Cataraqui whereupon the gentle Allie had armed herself with a broad-axe, and, climbing upon the lean-to, gained entrance to the attic. Without more ado, she leaped through the ceiling, landing in the midst of the family group in a shower of plaster and broken lath, brandishing the axe and yelling like a Comanche Indian. The

magistrate is considering the case. The following students were succassful at the recent semi-annual examination of the Ontario College of Pharmacy: Passed in all subjects— W. A. Armitage, Brantford; A. W. Miller, Ingersoll; E. R. Wigle, Wiar-ton. Passed in four subjects — O. E. Rennie, Linwood (dispensing, prescriptions, materia medica, and botany); R. A. Whitten, Ottawa (dispensing, prescriptions, chemistry and materia medica). Passed in two subjects now

and in previous examination—G. F. Brethour, Ottawa; W. L. Cameron, Norwood; Charles L. Collins, Princeton; G. E. Craig, Ottawa; F. R. Glassford, Owen Sound; E. C. Haines, Owen Sound; W. H. Hewgill, Moosomin, N. W. T.; F. W. Jeffs, Havelock; D. A. Kelso, Toronto; W. M. Scott, Bradford; I. A. Snider, Guelph; J. A. Stew-art, Ailsa Craig; W. H. C. Sommer-

feldt, Toronto. within the past year many changes in a body, the Chinese total windsor repaired Friday to the home of Miss Carrie Pattillo, 78 Dougall avenue, where they were entered avenue, where they were entered in the annula ly. The latest regimental orders post- an event unprecedented in the annals ed announce that Sergt. B. Dunlevy of Windsor. The Mogolians are con-has been promoted to color-sergeant at sistent attendants at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and their enter-No. 3 military depot, St. Johns, Que., tainers were their respective Sabbath school teachers. The foreign guests been transferred to the same depot. and their religious instructors present Drill-Sergeant Roberts, of St. Johns, were: Frank Lee, Miss Patiilo; Que., has been transferred to No. 1 de-Charlie Louie, Miss Bradshaw; Pang Si Chang, Miss Coutts; Pang Si Bing, Miss McLarty; Lee Wa, R. Ralph Brennan; Lee Goon, Miss Patillo; Chang Geo. A. Panspeary; Lee Show, Miss Trimble; Le Guy and Jesse Lee Goon, two other members of the class, were unavoidably absent, though their teachers. Misses Bamford and Brown, were on hand. The gathering was indeed a unique one, and it will long be remembered by those present.

TOWNSHIP COUNCILS.

EAST WILLIAMS. The municipal council of East Wil-Today the officers and men will re- liams met at Nairn on Dec. 15, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. John Rook, having performed his statute labor for 1898, the \$z charged against him was canceled. The following accounts were paid: E. Singular, work on bridge, 50c; Municipal World, for blanks, \$3 05; Banner printing account, \$4 25; R. Emery, road work, \$7; Dr. Gunn, share of ditch, \$6; B. oil and axie grease, 45c; G. Gillies, cleaning ditch, \$3 50; R. W. Tweddie, gravel, \$14 52; A. Currie, a sheep killed by dogs, \$4; E. I. Cotton, ditch, \$1 50; James Elliott, hauling gravel and plank, \$1 50; John D. Elliott, repairing culvert, 50 cents; John Moore, repairing bridge, \$12; D. McLean, gravel, 50 cents; Duncan Thomson, township share of Thomson drain, \$3; Archibald Gillies, tax remitted on one dog, \$1; R. McIntosh, 97 cents; Duncan Gillies, gravel, \$7 04; P. McKean, gravel, \$48 16; Thomas Adair, tile, etc., \$8 04; D. Morrison drain and outlet, \$3; Dan Mc-Naughton, gravel, \$3 60; K. McArthur, gravel, \$13 52; A. Brown, gravel, \$13 80; D. Rose, tax on one dog remitted, \$1; D. Treharne, gravel, \$7 63; Geo. Morton, gravel, \$4 64; township clerk, one quarter's salary, \$37 50, and fees re Milliken drains, \$4; James C. Shipley, gravel, \$25 68, and damage changing waterway, \$3; Neil Monk, gravel, \$17 94, and 8 days' work, \$8; S. Armstrong, road work \$1; John Heard & Co., tile, \$150 75; John C. McDonald, reeve, 11 days at council, \$22, and 7 days attending engineer, \$7; H. Matheson, 11 days at council, \$22, and com-missioner's fees, \$6; Duncan Campbell, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$11 25; Alex. Pedden, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$29 15; John McNaughton, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$8 59. Bylaw No. 90, appointing Colin Fraser, Ebenezer Leslie and John Moore deputy returning officers at pelling booths Nos. 1, 2 and 3, was passed. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the reeve for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided at the council board, and to the clerk for the faithful performance of his duties as clerk during his 37

LOBO. Lobo township council met Dec. 15. Present: John B. Janes, reeve; Archi-bald McGugan, deputy reeve; Donald Campbell, Malcolm Paul and Alexander McIntyre, councilors. Minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting approved and signed. The reeve will issue checks to the trustees of the several school sections for the amount of their school levy for the year 1898. The following checks were issued beeides the checks for school levy: L Treharne, \$26 35, for gravel; Wm. Moore, \$7 80, for township share of a drain; C. Saunders, \$1, for bolts; Noxel Bros., \$1 53, for plank; A. E. McKay, 50c, for lumber and work; D. Steels, \$1 25, for digging ditch; John Daniels, \$2, for cleaning out ditch; D. A. Brown, \$3, for work on culvert; John Oliver, \$10, for covering a bridge, etc.; Geo. Bowman, \$6, for drawing material and work on culvert; C. Saunders, 65c, for repairing bolts; James Patterson, \$4. for material and work repairing bridges; J. P. James, \$4, for adminis-tering declarations of office to pathmasters, poundkeepers and fence viewers for 1898; D. T. Gray, \$3, for teaming and work on culvert; T. Johnson, \$3 50, for road work; A. McDougall, \$2, for drawing piles; Aaron Hunt, \$1, dog tax relieved; David T. Gray, \$9 25, for building bridge; D. McDougall, \$1, road work; J. Marsh, \$60, salary as treas-urer for 1898; E. R. Barclay, \$100, balance of salary as clerk for 1898; members of council, \$45 each, for their service as councilors and commissioners for 1898, in all \$225; Jacob Marsh, \$22 83. for supplies-lumber, spikes, etc.; Samuel Clare, \$18, salary as caretaker of town hall for 1898; J. Dewar, \$4, for repairing bridge, etc.; Mrs. Annie Mc-Kay, \$2, being amount of statute labor relieved; H. W. Harris, \$1, dog tax relieved; Peter McBain, \$1, dog tax re-Meved; John M. Oliver, \$1 25, for ditchwork; J. B. Janes, \$2, expense to Strathroy re McTaggart bridge; H. James, \$21 15, for tile; H. W. Harris, \$1 27, tayer relieved; P. Showno \$1 10. \$1 37, taxes relieved; R. Sharpe, \$1 05, spikes; A. Seabrook, \$7 66, half of taxes on Cedar Springs cheese

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The Best Way to Select Alder.

We have had a good deal of discussion at the aldermanic board in this city with regard to the proper way to elect civic representatives, and herole efforts have from time to time been made to secure a change that would be more in the interests of the taxpayers, by giving good men a fairer opportunity to serve the community. But every year we have had a splurge over the question, and then the matter is practically left alone for another year, with an occasional snari at the Legislature for not providing a better system. This, of course, is hardly a fair way of dealing with the question. The Legislature-both sides of itgenerally desires in these matters to meet the needs of the general public, as voiced by their representative bodies, and by the outcome of proved municipal wants. If the civic representatives, in refusing to petition the Legislature to effect improvements in the municipal law, whether in regard to the term of service, or other matters over which full control may not have been given to the local councils, it is surely unseemly to lay the blame for inaction on the legislators, who ask for a sign by which they may respond to the proved municipal needs of the munici-It has been difficult in the past to

convince those representing outlying wards that if any changes are made they will not be injured. Minorities also are apt to believe that with ward representation they stand a better chance of having their views enforced when their interests are affected. St. John city, N. B., has solved the whole of the difficulty by a law passed a number of years ago. Under the law of that city governing municipal elections, the municipality is divided into thirteen wards, each one of which is entitled to be represented by an alderman, while an additional two aldermen are elected to represent the whole city. They have overcome the troubles arising from ward-grabbing by enacting that each one of the thirteen aldermen chall be voted for by the taxpayers of the whole city, though he must have his place of business in, or reside within, the ward for which he ceeks election. Thus, while these aldermen specially represent divisions of the city. and insure that no section shall be neglected, they must so comport themselves that they shall secure the indersation of the community in general, or they will find themselves in trouble. In this respect, they hold pretty much the same position as do our mayor, water commissioners, and hospital trustees, only they are elected every year, and our hospital trustees are not. In our opinion, it would secure a better order of things if the aldermen were selected as they are in St. John, but with a two-year term, one-half retiring each year. Where there are two representatives for a division, or ward, this would be possible.

The St. John people have also been wise in fixing their municipal camthe holiday season, which, in our opin-It is not advisable that we should have the turmoil of a municipal contest during the season of Christmas, or that good men should be kept out of public life because they have not the time to spare from their business, in the busfest time of the year, to engage in the municipal campaign. In the New Brunswick city whose experience we have quoted, the mominations take place every year on the third Tuesday of April, and the new council is sworn in on the first Tuesday in May.

They are wise in another respect in this city down by the sea. In their election bylaw they make a provision the city taxes. If any person has failed to pay the taxes assessed against him for the year preceding that in which the election is held, at least seven days before the election, the receiver of taxes must mark the name of such person off the voters' list, and hand it to the returning officer, who must on no account give a ballot to the delin-

We are having very little discussion on municipal affairs this year, but it will be well for the taxpayers to attend such meetings as may be held, and see that live questions are discussed, and good men elected, charged with the improvement of the present condition of affairs.

Did the London Advertiser coin a word when it said Sir William Harcourt's defects seem to be "temperamental?"-Parkhill Gazette. We enter a modest disclaimer. The late Mr. Webster anticipated us.

That stalwart Conservative paper the Montreal Gazette, gives a hard rub to the Hamilton Spectator. London Free Press, Ottawa Citizen, and other journals of its own political stripe, when it says: "Some of the papers which profess to be funny, are calling the Doukhobors 'Doukhoboes,' and making other jokes, equally witty, at their expense. But the fact remains they are among the immigrants Canadians are anxious to have for neigh-Maine, in the Western States, in Western Ontario, and in Manitoba, as

Christmas in Europe.

If any Canadian fails to find this merry Christmas and envies the joy of others, let him compare his lot with that of the rulers of Europe.

This is a doleful Christmas for Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. His is a melancholy figure, wifeless, childless, bowed down by private and public afflictions, his kingdom torn by intestine strife and threatening to crum.

ble at his death. Neither is the Czar of Russia an object of envy. A pensive young man, apparently awed by the perilous responsibilities of his office, haunted by the dread of assassination, having no taste nor aptitude for statecraft and sensible of the misery of millions of his subjects, the czar seeks relief from the crushing cares of empire, in the privacy of his domestic circle. . He sits on a splendid throne, but beneath it there is the Nihilist's bomb.

For King Oscar of Sweden, also, this is no merry Christmas. The Norwegians are claimoring for independence. They would split his kingdom in twain. The two nations may before long be locked in a death struggle which may overthrow the monarchy and end in the complete or partial absorption of Scandinavia by Russia.

The Queen-Regent of Spain is in the same category. Her life work has been the rearing of the delicate Alphonso for a tottering throne which the recent war threatened to wreck and which is now menaced by Carlist sedition and national bankruptcy. Beset by treason, by the strife of political factions, by the uncertainty of her son's future, and by other anxieties. Christina of Spain is a woman to be compassionated.

King Humbert of Italy, if he feels for his country, cannot spend his Christmas in unadulterated joy. He sees the elements of anarchy and revolution all around; the nation groaning under taxation and at the end of its financial resources, and the lower classes of the population deep in poverty and destitution.

President Faure of France enjoys no advantage over his royal neighbors. The republic is tossed on a sea of troubles which may engulf it. M. Faure's position is precarious. It is suspected that he aims at a dictatorship and has intrigued with the army against the civil power; but he is not the strong man needed to rally France.

The Kaiser is so eminently selfsatisfied and self-centered that he may enjoy his Christmas. This is a period of financial distress in his empire, but this will not worry the Kaiser, as the army is being increased again.

The happiest sovereign in Europe is our own Queen, who can enter into the joys of the season unclouded by public cares and secure in the love of her family, the affection of her subjects, and the strength of her empire. Yet even she has vacant chairs to

The Record of Strikes.

The British Government has published a very interesting Blue Book on the strikes and lock-outs of the past year, which demonstrates the wisdom of those who believe that no reasonable effort should be spared to adjust labor difficulties without resort to warfare of this sort, and which almost inpaign so that it will not interfere with variably proves disastrous both to workmen and their employers. Last ion, ought to be done in this province. Year it appears ten million days were lost by strikes and lock-outs in Britain, to say nothing of the misery of families and loss to ordinary humanity arising from these wasted moments. It is further proved by the Blue Book that the weapon of the strike does not give to the workmen anything like a fair share of the victories. Only a fraction over 21 per cent of the total disputes resulted in favor of the workers.

It is little wonder that intelligent labor leaders everywhere are in favor of discarding the strike as a clumsy and ineffective weapon. Both parties may agree to compulsory arbitration which aids in the prompt collection of before long. It has been given a trial in that most advanced country, New Zealand, and our latest information from the antipodes is that it has worked admirably. The British people who have suffered so much from labor disputes, losing not only the results of the labor and capital thus paralyzed, but trade with foreign countries, which they find very hard to regain, seem to be fast reaching the frame of mind that will bring about compulsory arbitration in all cases where great interests are involved. It has been a principle in our Ontario law for some years to settle labor disputes by voluntary arbitration, but the trouble generally is that one of other of the parties to a dispute is so cock sure of is own position that it is averse to putting its side of the dispute into the balance with that of the other. The bogey of "the difficulty of compelling sides to abide by the award" has usually been set up, and is no doubt yet maintained by those opposed to the principle of arbitration, but it has been found that where arbitration has been honestly resorted to, the objections have been found to

have little or no foundation. In face of the above record of strike failures, it is surely incumbent upon all parties to honestly try conciliation and arbitration. The time for warfare as a means of settling labor disputes is past. In these days of keen international competition, when a bors. Homes were offered to them in | market once lost is so hard to regain, it is better that there should be a little intenference with the continuance well as in the Northwest Territories. of work as is possible. In securing Nobody showed the same anxiety to continuity of operations, the workman have the Galicians settled in their and his employer are equally inter-

ICanada's Winter Port.

We desire to commend the city corporation and Board of Trade of St. John, N. B., for their enterprise and local patriotism. They have just issued and distributed throughout the Dominion a very attractive pamphlet, setting forth St. John's advantages as "Canada's winter port." The publication is finely illustrated. There are various maps and a handsome panoramic view of the city and harbor of St. John. Another map shows the city's railway connections with the east, the point being that St. John is 356 miles nearer Montreal than is Halifax. St. John lays particular stress on its railway facilities. It is the Atlantic terminus of the C. P. R., and one of the Atlantic termini of the Intercolonial.

The remarkable progress of St. John as a winter port is a matter of national pride, since it is an index of national prosperity. In the winter of 1895-96 there were only 36 steamers sailing from the port. In 1896-97 the sailings had increased to 46, and last winter the number was 57. The total outward tonnage of freight carried by subsidized the winter season of 1897-98 was 126,622 tons, compared with 77,000 tons in the like period of 1896-97, while the inward tonnage of freight was nearly trebled in the same period. The value of the export trade from St. John has increased from \$3,744,907 in 1895, to \$7,663,992 in the current year.

St. John is doing good work in diverting trade from American ports. The outward cargoes included not only Canadian produce and live stock, but cattle, dressed meats, grain and provisions from Chicago, flour from Minneapolis, cotton from the south, and other cargo from United States sources, while more or less of the inward cargo was destined for points in the western states. The fact is very significant, establishing beyond dispute the favorable situation of St. John, with its railway and steamship connections, as a competing port for the trade of a territory embracing not only Canada, but a large section of the United States. The distance from Liverpool to Chicago by way of St. John is shorter than by way of New York.

Vessels drawing 27 feet of water can enter St. John harbor at any time after half-flood tide, and the channel is to be dredged to admit vessels of the largest size at any time of tide. The depth of the harbor itself varies from six to fifteen fathoms. It has never been frozen over in all its history. The terminal facilities are adequate for the present, but great sums are being appropriated to enlarge them for future

The people of St. John rightly claim that Canadians should contribute to the building up of Canada by giving trade to the all-Canadian route. The same sentiment, they claim, should actuate the British merchant. The pamphlet concludes:

"The citizens of St. John are not soliciting special favors or asking recognition that would involve a sacrifice of business interests or a loss of trade. On hard business principles first, and then on the plea of an enlightened patriotism, they base their argument and their claim on behalf of St. John as the chief winter port of Canada.'

A correspondent asks the meaning of the French word "dossier," which occurs so often in the dispatches relating to the Dreyfus case. In court practice, "dossier" means a bundle of

Confederate veterans in the United States are taking advantage of the improved feeling between the North and South to urge that they be granted pensions as well as the Northern vets. If the frauds on the existing list were weeded out, the deserving Northern and Southern veterans could both be provided for out of the present appropriation of \$145,000,000 per year; but there is no hope that this will be done. With its proposed \$360,000,000 military establishment, the republic, which was dedicated to peace, will have quite enough

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Divided in Denominations [Boston Herald.]

Down in Savannah, on Sunday, the President attended the Methodist Church, Alger and Shafter the Presbyterian, Wheeler and Wilson the Baptist, and Long the Episcopalian. And even then the administration party didn't cover quite all the religious denominations. We await the returns from the remainder of the party.

Building a Navy.

Goldwin Smith, in the Sun.] To build a great navy will be no hard matter for the Americans. It will be harder to man it. Protectionism has protected their mercantile marine out of existence, and, even if it had not, seamen cannot be produced at once with the special training required by the battleships of the new style. England will have to take care that her seamen are not drawn off by the high pay offered in the American service, Her own navy is stated to be short of men, and her mercantile marine

Kissed Out of Fame.

[Chicago Times-Herald.] If Lieutenant Hobson has any remaining trace of the mantiness he exhibited at Santiago he will cancel his speaking engagements in America and ask the President to order him on a long sea cruise. He has allowed himself to be kissed out of the front rank of heroes of the late war into the company of self-complacent coxcombs who excite the disgust of self-respecting

women and ribald jeers of men. Mrs. Henry L. Turner but faintly expresses the views of modest women when she says that the exhibitions L'outenant Hobson is giving are "dis-gusting." He has forfeited her respect

and that of all of her sex who consider modesty its most subtile and precious charm. No wonder her ad-miration for Hobson has vanished. So has that of every American who admires bravery in man and modesty in

This fellow had the courage that ought to have graced chivalric man-hood. Abiding fame has no niche for a man who makes a kissing blockhead of

> Happy Days! [Toronto World.]

Canada is on the dawn of Happy

The long years of depression-the seven lean years-are over; the seven fat years are coming, the Happy Days. The man of the hour is the man who believes in Happy Days.

Happy Days is the watchword in nunicipal affairs, in national politics. When you greet your friends, greet them with Happy Days.

If you have suffered from real estate depression, welcome the Happy Days. Happy Days-the word henceforth for old and young, for rich and poor.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Not Pure

Doctor-Can you get pure water at your boarding house? Patient-No, not always. I frequently transatlantic steamers from St. John in detect just a flavor of coffee in it.-Detroit Free Press.

> How It Happened. "How does it happen, Jane," snapped the angry mistress, "that I saw you feeding that policeman pumpkin pie in the kitchen last evening? "I forgot to plug the keyhole, mum."

A Timely Warning. An authority states that a ton of diamonds is worth \$35,000,000. Remember this, and don't pay a cent more.

Merry Christmas. Now all our neighbors' chimneys

-Detroit Free Press.

And Christmas blocks are burning; Their ovens they with baked meats

And all their spits are turning. Without the door let sorrow lie. And if for cold it hap to die, We'll bury it in a Christmas pie, And evermore be merry.

Country Vs. City. The towns I like to live in air the towns

where you kin see A man a second time, an' git to know him good enough To form a good opinion bout the kind

that he may be An' just what mettle's in him an' the temper of the stuff. The city has attractions with its din

an' clatter soun', But take me down the cross-roads for a quiet leetle nap, Where there's lots o' friends a-waitin' an' it's in the air aroun' Down in one o' them places that they

don't put on the map.

The Backing. "They say he has a fortune back of him.

"More than that. He has squandered three of them to my certain knowledge."-Chicago News. The Mystery. The swift dawn groweth,

The frail flower bloweth: Eve brings solemn snades, The wan blossom fades. This is the secret of the ancient earth, This is the primal mystery of birth. The clear sun rides on high Through the shadowless sky;

Black clouds gather round, Fanged with fire, big with sound. This is the tale of life, portentous, strange. Joy mixed with pain, the sport of time and change.

The fountain upspringeth, The strong pinion wingeth: The spent flow sinks down,

And the tired bird is flown. This is in brief the tale of the breatning of breath, the sum of man's story, from birth unto death. -Louis Morris.

THE LONG SLEEP

Sad Christmas Eve of Mrs. Rupp and Her Children in New York.

New York, Dec. 25 .- Peter Rupp returned on Friday night from work to his home in the rear tenement at 207 Avenue B, loaded down with mysterious packages. After supper he lay on the lounge, while his away at the sewing machine and talked over plans for making a happy Christmas for their three children with the contents of the bundles.

"I'm very tired," said Rupp, with a long sigh, and he closed his eyes. His wife did not wish to disturb him, so she worked silently at the machine till midnight. Then she put her work away and gently shook the sleeper. He did not respond, and, becoming frightened, the woman ram for Dr. Richter, near Her husband had fallen asleep, and she could not awaken him. Dr. Richter looked at the man and said gently: "Don't try to awaken him. It's the long sleep."

BIG LUMBER PLANT IN ASHES. Burlington, Vt., Dec. 25.-Twelve acres, containing eleven million feet of lumber, a planing mill, eight sheds, and a large quantity of machinery, the property of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, of Boston, and this city, were swept by fire yesterday forenoon, causing a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. The entire plant of the company was practically wiped out of existence.

MORE SERIOUS WORK THAN KISSING.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.-Lieut. known to be largely manned by foreign Richard P. Hobson sailed yesterday for the Philippine Islands on the steamer Gaelic. He will report to Admiral Dewey on his arrival and will undertake the work of raising and preparing for service, under the flag of the United States, the vessels of Admiral Montijo, sunk in the battle of Manila

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Life Pills, Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weak ness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. Sold by

all druggists. A United States street lighting com-bine is being formed.

GAVE HIM A CLOCK

A Popular Foreman Presented With a Handsome Timepiece-Mann & Sons Give Turkeys to the Men at the Street Railway Power House.

Mr. Harry Welburn, foreman in the machine shop of the London street railway, was on Saturday presented with a handsome parlor clock by his fellow-employes, accompanied by the following address, signed by the men: "Mr. Harry Welburn: Dear Sir,-Taking advantage of this joyous Christmastide, sacred to the expression of goodwill and kindly feeling, we, the employes of the machine shop of the London Street Railway Company, desire to offer you some slight token of the respect and esteem which your frank, manly, courteous bearing towards the men in your charge, has inspired in us. We wish to recognize in a tangible manner the eminent fairness and tactful consideration you have always shown in your treatment of the The intrinsic value of the gift is in no sense a measure of our esteem but we recognize in it a symbol of life for as the fleeting seconds glide into minutes, and the minutes glide into hours, so is life made up of little things, and it is for the little kindnesses of our every-day life we would thank you. May the hands of this clock never point to an hour that will find our relations less cordial."

The men at the power house were presented with Christmas turkeys by Mann & Sons, coal merchants,

DISGRACEFUL SCENE

A Drunken Brawl Which Made Things Lively for the Police.

A disgraceful scene was enacted on

King street, opposite the market, on Saturday afternoon, the result of too much "booze." Timothy Sullivan and Christoper Moriarity, two young men with lengthy police court records, celebrated the festive season by getting drunk. In the Boswell House bar the pair became involved in a fight. They were hustled out of doors, and continued the fistic encounter on the street. Both combatants were sufficiently primed to be desperately determined, and were rolling over one another, when P. C. Robert Black appeared on the scene. He placed the combatants under arrest, and then a crowd assembled, which grew to about 500. The prisoners attacked the policeman to free themselves, and the crowd interfered. Moriarity began to bite the po-This gave Sullivan liceman's hand. his liberty, and he was soon smuggled away by his friends. Moriarity and the constable were jostled into the doorway of Frost & Wood's place, where about \$3 worth of glass was smashed. Charles Ferguson and Dan Woodward took a hand in the fight, which was becoming rather warm, when P. C.s Howie, Johnston and Thompson arrived. The patrol was summoned, and the crowd dispersed, but not before P. C.s Howie and Johnston had received several blows with sticks in the hands of Daniel Woodward and Charles Ferguson. Moriarity and the two latter were piled into the patrol wagon and taken to jail, where they spent their Christmas. The batons of the police were used with good effect on the crowd. The three men will be brought before Magistrate Parke today, and charged with disorderly conduct in assaulting constables.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klon-For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages, and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Sold at any drug store. Regular size, 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Lots of men join a secret society be cause they think its emblem will show up well on their watch-chains. Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of

feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again. A marriage without love and a steam

boiler without a safety-valve indicate that someone is going to get blown up. Koladermic Skin Food restores youth and beauty. At all druggists;

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When we would, with utmost detestation, single some monster from the traitor herd, 'tis but to say ingratitude is his crime.-Froude.

Pain In the Back

Being troubled off and on with pains in my back, caused by constipation. I tried several kinds of pills I had seen advertised, and to put the truth in a nut shell, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the only pills that have proved effectual in my case. I can heartily recommend them. JOHN DEVLIN.

John Devlin, Unionville, Ont. There's nothing new. Our grandmothers often took spins on chainless

FAGGED OUT .- None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. feel as though there was nothing to live There, however, is a cure-one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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"I have suffered for some years with a smothering sensation caused by heart disease. The severity of the pains in my heart caused me much suffering. I was also very nervous, and my whole system was run down and debilitated. "Hearing of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills being a specific for these troubles, I thought I would try them, and therefore got a box at McLeod's Drug

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Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

A STORY OF THE KAISER.

He Tal ,ed Away His Time and Misso ed Kissing His Wife.

Koloman von Miksath, a distinguished Hungarian author and politician, tells the following story of the Emperor William, which was narrated to him by one of the actors in it:

Count Szoegyeny, the Austrian embassador in Berlin, was one morning dawdling over a late breakfast and reading the papers that lay in a pile before him, when his valet burst into the room with the startling news, "His majesty the em-M. Szoegyeny barely had time to meet the emperor on the threshold.

'I have come for a glass of beer," said his majesty, walking in and taking the most comfortable armchair he could dissover. "How unexpected, and how fortunate for me," was the embassador's answer. "I have not seen you for a leng time," said the emperor, "and felt I wanted a chat with you. I will take a cigarette, if you please. And how is the bar-"She will be here directly and oness?" "She will be here directly and will appreciate the honor of seeing your majesty in her house." "And how was your harvest in Hungary?" "Satisfactory, cording to my brother's account."

The conversation had lasted some time when the baroness came in and took part in it. All at once the emperor took out his watch and jumped from his seat. "Saperlot!" he cried, "we have talked away all the time! Have you a telephone?

"Does your majesty wish to have a message sent?"

"No. Take me to it directly." "But cannot I speak in your majesty's

"Certainly not," laughed the emperor. "I must speak to the empress and say goodby to her. I am due at the station in an hour. I must leave for the maneuvers, and I cannot drive to the schloss, see the empress and reach the station in time. I will drive to the station from here, but I must excuse myself to my wife for not re-

turning home before I leave." Szoegyeny went to the telephone with the emperor, who did all the ringil hello crying himself. Then he said: "Don't be angry, dear. I have chatted too long with Szoegyeny and must drive to the station from here, so I cannot give you my parting kiss, which I am sorry for. Goodby, dear."-Berlin Correspondence.

WASP AS AN ENGINEER.

Bit of Insect Cleverness That Won Praise From Army Men.

Several members of the United States engineer corps were interested witnesses of a feat of insect engineering near the road on which they were working. One of their number found a blue ground wasp an Argentine stock farm. The sheep dragging along the ground a dead swamp spider one-quarter the size of a full grown tarantula. Whether the wasp killed the spider or found it dead is a question beyond solution. He was having a hard time dragging his prey along, and presently left it to go prospecting for his abode. The discoverer of the wasp called his companions, and one of them coming stepped upon the wasp's ground hole, crushing down some blades of dried grass across it. This caused no little trouble to the insect, who, upon locating the hole, nipped away at the obstructing stalks with his strong mandibles until he had cleared a passage. Then he went back and sized up the spider, walking around the big body and surveying it from all sides.

"He's reckoning that the hole isn't big enough," said one of the engineers. That's all right. He'll fix it," said another as the insect went back and commericed vigorously widening the entrance to his domicile.

Again he returned to the spider, seized it, and dragged it to within a foot of the orifice. To the spectators it was evident that more work would have to be done before the spider could be dragged in. This struck the wasp, too, for again he ran around the body, examining it carefully, and returned to the hole to take measure. ments. He went to digging a second time. Having dug for two minutes, he brought his prey up to the edge of the hole, nipped out a piece of dirt here, cut away a grass stem there, and after 15 minutes of hard and skillful labor disappeared underground, dragging the spider after him. The engineers then resumed their work, exchanging comments of ad-

Voiced His Dislike. A correspondent of the London Speclator says: "I send you an extract from Gunning's 'Reminiscences of Cambridge, published in 1854-a book which abounds

in good stories: 'The tutor,' Cardinal Thorp (for so he was always called), was lecturing on the law of extreme necessity, which justified a man in disregarding the life of another in order to insure his own safety. He said: 'Suppose Lowther Yates (the master of the college, Catharine Hall) and I were struggling in the water for a plank which would not hold two and that he got possession of it. I should be justified in knocking him off,' and he then added, with great vehemence, 'D-n him, and I would do it, too, without the slightest hesitation!' (volume 1, page 18). It is scarcely necessary to add that the turor had an inveterate dislike to the master of the college."

No Christmas and New Year's table should be without a bottle of Dr. Slegert's ANGOSTURA BITTERS, the world-renowned appetizer, of exquisite

flavor. Beware of imitations. Kent county's new house of industry has been formally opened.

The Argentine Republic as a Sheep Raising Country.

It Possesses Over One Hundred Million of Sheep-Mutton to Burn and Wool to Sell-The Frozen Meat Industry -Visit to the Biggest Frozen Meat Factory in the World at Buenos Avres.

How would you like a mutton chep two months old? Hundreds of tons of such meat is sold in the markets of Europe every month. Some of it comes from Australia, not a little from New Zealand and of late a great deal from the Argentine Republic. It is shipped in a frozen state, and, if properly cared for, will keep for a year and taste as fresh and juicy at the end of that time as when

cut from the dying sheep.

We ship vast quantities of beef to
Europe every year, but the passage across the Atlantic is so swift and the waters so cool that the meat is merely chilled and kept in cold storage. In going from the Argentine to Europe the ships must steam over the seething equator. It requires from 20 to 30 days for the veyage, and all meat must go either alive or frozen. Living animals are expensive freight, and the result is the Argentine is now freezing its mutten for shipment. It has millions invested in frozen meat factories, and it has one establishment which is said to be the largest frozen

meat factory of the world. We know something of their grain out. put. Their wheat, when they have a fair crop, makes our wheat fall in the markets of Europe. Still, the wheat farms are a bagatelle in the consideration of the products of the Argentine. These people are stock farmers rather than grain farmers. The grain-producing areas are limit-The pastures, however, are the largest of the world. No such extent of grazing lands exists anywhere else, and the area of the stock farms increases every year. The character of the grasses improves by pasturing them with sheep and cattle, and the flocks and herds steadily grow. It is estimated that one-half of the republic is adapted to sheep raising. This

makes an area of 591,000 square miles. How many sheep the land will support is not known, but the number will run into the hundreds of millions. Some parts of the Province of Buenos Ayres, in which four-fifths of the sheep of the Argentine new are, will feed two or three sheep to the acre, and the other parts further south need from two to four acres for a single sheep. The average in Buenos Ayres is 592 sheep to the square mile, or that number to a section of land. The total number of sheep in the Argentine is now 105,000,000. It is enough to give every family in the country a flock of 100 sheep, and have some millions for export. The sheep, however, are not divided up in this way. They are in the



AN ARGENTINE SHEPHERD AND HOUSE.

hands of comparatively few. Some men own 100,000, and there are one or two nabobs who have as many as a million. The usual size of a flock of sheep numbers from 1,200 to 2,000. This many are put in charge of one shepherd, who watches them on horseback. letting them graze about as they please. The sheep are never ted. They live out of doors from one year's end to the other. They get all they need by grazing, for there is no such thing as a tern or stack of hay on wander off grazing in the direction whence the wind blows in the morning, and they return in the evening to sleap about the hut of the shepherd. In some cases the fields are fenced with wire, but the greater part of the sheep farms are the pampas as the Lord created them. It is the herder's business to keep his sheep from mixing with these of other flocks, and to see that they are free from diseases. He also keeps off the dogs, and has the general care of the flocks. For this and his work at shearing time he is paid \$16 to \$20 gold a month, or he may work on shares for one fourth of the profits. The Argentine shepherd has a life which is dreary in the extreme. He lives in a mud hut away out on the prairie. He may have a garden, but as a usual thing he is too lazy to make one, and his chief food is mutton, his employer allowing him to kill enough sheep to supply him with meat.

Raising sheep for mutton has until now not been done by the Argentines. In the past their profits have been from the wool, bides and tallow. Sheep and cattle were and are still killed for their skins and tallow, the meat being thrown away. Where the flocks have multiplied too rapidly thousands of the elder sheep have been driven over the rocks into the sea. They have at times been used for fuel, and in the days when the Spanish ruled the country an edict was published making it a crime to drive living sheep into the fires of the brick kilns. At present it is estimated that the Argentine Republic raises one and one-half billion pounds mere meat every year than she can consume, or enough waste meat to give every man, woman and child in the world a full pound and have a hundred

millions pounds or so to spare. It is this great surplus that has brought about the establishment of big meat factories-factories which turn out millions of dollars' worth of beef extracts year-and factories for freezing so that it will not melt until thawed out for sale to the retail butchers

of Europe. The chief branch of the industry new is in frozen mutton. How fast the business is growing can be seen by the comparative shipments of the last few years. In 1883 only \$11,000 worth of sheep carcasses were saut across the ocean. In nine months of last year the sales amounted to \$1,500,000, and the number of frozen wethers shipped to two and onehalf millions. At present about 200,000 sheep are being exported every month. There are four companies in Buenes Ayres engaged in freezing, and their capital is \$6,000,000.

The Sausinena factory is killing and freezing about 3,000 sheep a day. It is at Barracas, at the south end of the city, near the wharves, so that the trozen meat can be taken almost directly from it to the steamer.

The Sansinena factory was one of the first to be established, and it is said that

been spent upon it. It covers many acres, Complihaving vast cattle yards and sheep pens. Its slaughterhouse has more than an are of floor space. It is but one storey, having stone floors and a corrugated iron roof. Stop a moment and watch the killing. It is so quickly done that in four minutes and a half by my watch a sheep will pass from active bleating life to the condition of a carcass, skinned and Season. cleaned. It was ready for the meat shop had it not been that it must be first frozen and then sent over 7,000 miles of



We Wish You_

A Merry Xmas,



THE BIGGEST FROZEN MEAT FACTORY IN THE WORLD.

water to reach it. If sheep can understand and feel for their fellows, the kill-

ing is rather cruel. Scores of them look on awaiting their turn while their

brothers and sisters are butchered. In

each pen there are at least 50 sheep.

As soon as the sheep has been killed it

is seized and carefully skinned. The

entrails are thrown into one place to be

cleaned and shipped to Germany for

sausage skins. The kidneys and their fat

are laid in another, for the kidney fat is used for making a sort of oleomargarine, which is largely sold for cooking, and the kidneys go to the markets of Buenos Ayres. The feet and heads are cut off and the tongues and hearts are saved. The carcass which is left is as neatly cleaned as any you will see in the best meat markets. It is dressed after the fashion of the English markets, a matter so important that the factory has a skilled London market man here to superintend this feature of the work.

The freezing is done in great chambers, each of which will hold 60,000 carcasses at one time. The chambers have walls of wood and sawdust a foot thick. The ceiling of each is covered with coils of pipe, in which flow ammonia and brine so arranged chemically that they fill the room with air which is 30 degrees below zero. It takes three great engines to keep the pipes filled, and these work on both day and night. The coils are covered with frost an inch thick, and the chamber is intensely cold. In it, hanging down from books with their headless necks toward the floor, were something like a thousand freezing carcasses of mutton. Within 48 hours after being put in the freezing-room the carcasses are perfectly hard. After they are frozen they are sewed up in fine white muslin cloths and laid away in cold storage to await the next steamer.

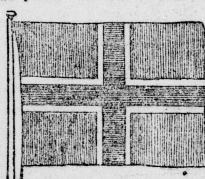
The average carcass weighs, when shipped, from 30 to 70 pounds, according as it is a sheep or a lamb. The sheep cost about \$2 apiece, as only the finest are used for this purpose. Sheep, as they run in the flock, can be bought for from 50 to 75 cents apiece. The freight to London costs from one to two cents a pound, and the mutton there sells for ten cents and upward per pound. As much of the work as possible is done by machinery, but the wages paid are much less than in Canada. The average for slaughterers, skinners and general workmen is less than \$1.10 a day, and foremen receive less than \$2 per day.

Everything connected with the refuse, ith the exception of the blood, is sold. the shin bones for knife handles, buttons and Corrections. She was the warm and combs, and some of the entrails form personal friend of Neal Dow. They spent "catgut" for fiddle strings. The sheepskins are dried and sold in bales, and the tongues and hearts are frezen for export. In this same factory partridges and pheasants, chickens, turkeys, ducks, fish and armadilloes are frozen for shipment to Europe.

NORWAY'S NEW FLAG.

Its Adoption Will Be Fought by the

Swedish People. A great stir has been caused in Norway and Sweden by the recent action of the Storthing at Christiania in the matter of the Norweigan flag. The Storthing has voted that hereafter Norway's banner shall float without a jack-the symbol of the union with Swaden. Some say that should King Oscar veto the resolution two more diets must pass upon the matter before it can go into effect; others that the new flag will come into immediate use. Since 1844 the closest relations have been maintained between Norway and Sweden. At that time the flag of each nation was changed so that the jack in the upper left-hand corner combined the colors of the other nation. For several years past, however, there has been a growing feeling of discontent in Norway concerning the close relations of the two powers. This dissatisfaction King



WITHOUT THE JACK.

Osear has striven to assuage. The two countries have entirely separate and distinct governments, but are ruled by the same King, Oscar of Sweden. Each country has its own Parliament, which passes laws for its respective country. All laws are subject to the approval or disapproval of the King.

The flag of Norway, with the jack left out, will be four red corners, with a Greek cross of blue through the center. The Swedish flag has four blue corners, with a jack of red, blue and yellow in the upper left-hand corner and a Greek cross of yellow in the center. The Norwegian flag had formerly the jack, which contained the bar of yellow as a symbol of the union with Sweden, but this will not appear in the flag in the future.

The Last of the Post Boys. There died in Chesham, England, on Dec. 1, 1898, the last of the old post boys, immortalized by Dickens, Thackeray and other writers. His name was Jonas Miles, and he was in his 94th year at the time of his death. He was in the royal service, and had ridden for George III., George IV., William IV. and the present monarch.

The Kent Mills Company Chatham, shipped seven carloads of flour to Newfoundland and two to New Bruns-

ments of



A PROSPEROUS

Happy New Year.

Miss Willard's Successor Well Equipped for the Work.

A Foregone Conclusion That Mrs. Lillian Stevens Should Be President of the Greatest Organization of Women in the World - A Near Friend of the Founder of the Institution.

It was a foregone conclusion before the meeting of the National Women's Chiistian Temperance Union, at St. Paul, that Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Maine would succeed the late Miss Willard as president of the National W.C.T.U. When the day for the election of officers came Mrs. Stevens received all but 39 of the 356 votes cast for the president of the greatest organization of women in the

Mrs. Stevens comes to her new office admirably equipped for the duties that before her wait. She was one of Miss Willard's nearest and dearest friends, and was with her during her last hours. Few women have had larger experience in temperance and philanthropic work. She has for 22 years held the office of president of the State W.C.T.U. of Maine, and is now president of that most active temperance organization. She has been recording secretary of the National W. C. T.U. She had also been vice-president-atlarge of the national union, Miss Willard herself nominating her to that office. She has always been one of the most aggressive workers, not only in the temperance movement, but in the cause having for its object the uplifting of humanity. She is now the Maine representative The hoofs are used for making glycerine, on the National Conference of Charitie



many years working together to bring is a custom that permiss a youth to about the present temperance laws in

Maine. A large-hearted, intensely earnest and active woman and of very clear and acute perceptions, Mrs. Stevens is expected to worthily wear the mantle of Miss Willard.

Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany. Prince of Germany, son of Emperor William and heir-apparent to the throne of the German Empire, is a sturdy little Hohenzoilern, who bids fair to be as military as his father. Prince William, as he is called for short, is only 16 years old, but his training and the influence of his father have made him a very manly, strong hearted boy, who can frown terribly when he conceives it necessary and to whose ears the clink of a sword is music. The boy will certainly be a scholar and a deep one when he shall have attained his maturity. He is already far advanced in the arts and sciences, and even the abstractions of economics and



are not strange to him. Little Wilhelm is an officer in ever so many regiments, and if put to it he could take command of one and acquit himself with more credit than many an officer old enough to be his father. All of which is very sweet to his military progenitor.

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BRYAN IN A FIX.

Count Itsu, a Japanese Boy, Adopts Him as His Father-Queer Custom of Japan.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan is in sore trouble. The apostle of free silver has something worse than Republican majorities to worry him. His present ailment is not political or military, but domestic, Mrs. Bryan shares the Colonel's sorrow, and each tenderly sympathizes

with the other, while friends sincerely sympathize with both. The cause of all the trouble in the Bryan household is astounding-nay, almost incredible. It made its appearance a few weeks ago when Colonel Bryan was spending a short time at home during his furlough. The Colonel one day was sitting in his parlor surrounded by eminent political friends with whom he was discussing grave matters of public concern, when on a sudden the front door was opened from without and a handsome Japanese lad of 19, gorgeously attired, entered the room in which sat

the politicians. Bowing with oriental dignity and grace, the strange visitor made straightway to the leader of the Democracy and handed him a card on which was engraved

COUNT ITSU,

SAKURA, JAPAN.

"Father," said the boy, "I am at last here at home. Where is Mother Bryan?' The stampede at the Chicago convention or the vote in his own State never took Colonel Bryan by mere surprise, or by more unpleasant surprise, than did the appearance of this Japanese count, At first a dark frown clouded the mobile face of the Colonel, but presently the frown gave way to smiles and the smiles to laughter. The Colonel welcomed the Count and bade him be seated. Thus began the second act in the Colonel's serio-comic play. The third act is yet to come, but the second, now b is the climacteric act and the most interesting.

Having begun this marvellous story in medias res, it is now the proper thing to 30 back a few laps and begin at the beginning. The scene changes from the prosaic town of Lincoln to the sunny slopes of Shimaso in Japan. There in the picturesque little town of Sakura lived the Count Itsu, young, ambitious and bold. He had passed through the best schools of his country and had gained all the knowledge his native masters could teach him. On every hand he had heard of the United States and of the people-of their enterprise, their inventions, their liberty, their institutions, their big ships and their soldiers and their statesmen. Itsu's mind was made up. He would go to America, master its civilization, and then return to Japan and enter the Parliament of his country.

Now it would seem thet in Japan there choose for himself an adopted father and mother. This is a most convenient arrangement for the young people of a country, although it may be a little rough on the adopted parents-as Colonel

and Mrs. Bryan have found out. Itsu decided he would adopt a father and a mother in America as the best and the quickest way of gaining his end. His first thought involved a scheme to take up his residence at the White House, the very center of American institutions, so to speak, but then he remembered that the President had a war on his hands and might not be able to give him the necessary attention.

On second consideration he remembered Colonel Bryan, whose fame as a great American leader had crossed the broad Pacific. An American who could poll 6,000,000 votes must be a great man, thought the Count, and to Bryan he would go.

But he would write first and notify his father-to-be of the plan. In due time Colonel Bryan recreived the Count's "All I want," wrote young Itsu, "is

to have you for my father and to live with you about seven years. By that time I shall understand America. Now, Colonel Bryan answers very few letters, but he lost no time in directly replying to this. Colonel Bryan could, under no circumstances, accept the Count

as an adopted son. Colonel Bryan went off to the wars and thought no more of the young Japanese count until a short time ago when Itsu, in propria persona, presented himself to the Colonel's astonished eyes. Itsu placed his valise on the floor and announced that he had come to stay

seven years! Count Itsu lost no time after his arrival at the Bryan homestead. He began at once to assist in the housework. A more eager, willing servant was never soen in a household. In his leisure hours, which are many, he devours the newspapers and digs into Colonel Bryan's books, hopelessly trying to find out all about American institutions in a few days. He has even read Colonel Bryan's work on the campaign of '96. A book on economics is sweeter than Japanese persimmons to his

mental palate. After a siege of four or five days, in which he bothered Mrs. Bryan with the most pitiable pleadings to be allowed to do some work about the house, that lady surrendered to the eager, handsome,

earnest oriental. Colonel Bryan and his wife are busy

trying to devolve some plan of getting rid of Itsu without offending his delicate sensibilities,

Count Itsu is independently rich and is a nobleman of Japan.

Anne Bolevn's House.

Captain Guy Sebright has recently leased Hever Castle in Kent, and is restoring it most carefully according to its historical past. The castle was the property of Sir Thomas Boleyn, the father of the ill-fated Anne, one of Henry the Eighth's queens. Here the King's courtship took place, and his reyal progress thither was signalled by trumpeters and flags run up on the trees. Queen Anne's own sitting room, also her portrait, painted while she was Queen, and numerous other interesting relies, are preserved. When Sir Thomas Boleyn died and was buried under one of the few garter brasses in England, King Henry then claimed Hever, and presented it to Anne of Cleves. Some years ago her bed, bearing her cipher and coronet, was sold-

Salt Lake City.

This city, of 65,000 inhabitants, is beautifully situated in an elbow of the Wasatch Mountains, being sheltered by them on the north and east. These "American Alps," as they are called; reach into the regions of perpetual snow, and from their peaks flow streams of pure cold water. The city is regularly laid out, its streets being 132 feet wide, and many of them lined with beautiful shade trees. About 12 miles distant, to the west, lies Great Salt Lake, the "American Dead Sea," covering nearly 3,000 square miles of territory. In it are several islands upon which are living springs

of pure fresh water. Great Salt Lake is 4,250 feet above sea level, and is fed by four living rivers whose ceaseless floods of pure limpid waters never raise its surface above its natural level summer, spring nor winter, nor with all this vast influx of pure, sweet water is its saltness diminished one chemical atom. Where the surplus of water goes and where its mint of salt is, is one of its secrets yet unknown. The water of the Great Salt Lake is 16 times more salt than the Atlantic Ocean and no living plant or creature inhabits this

beautiful inland sea. Bathing in these waters is a very popular enjoyment in the summer season, and it is perfectly safe, for so dense is the water that a human being cannot sink

Helen Faucit's Modesty. Helen Faucit was once asked by Tallis, the publisher, to send her potrait for publication in his magazine. In courteously declining she said, "The public should know neither our features nor our fortunes, save in the exercise of our art.' What would this great actress have said to the hall doors and entrances to modern theaters and to shop windows, which for the most part are advertising picture galleries? But Helen Faucit was unselfish also where her art was concerned. There exists a valuable letter, written to Macready, in which she gracefully protests against the part of Violante in "The Wonder" was ill suited to her as a tragic ac-

tress, but she agreed to play it all the same. - New York Times.

The Bohemian. Who is the ideal Bohemian? An authority on men's clothing gives the 'palm" to Mr. Alma-Tadema, although his hair may occasionally be a trifle too long and his collar too low. Mr. Orchardson is pronounced irreproachable, while Sir Edward Poynter is pushed aside as 'too precise" in favor of Sir John Righy, whose baggy trousers, immense boots and coats that overlap arouse the critic's enthusiasm. Among novelists Mr. Rider Haggard and Mr. Grant Allen do most honor to Bohemia. - London Sketch.

Then Coolness.

Caller-What is the matter with Fido that you are watching h.m so closely? Charlie-Mamma said your hat was enough to make a dog laugh, and I wanted to see him do it. - Lendon Fun.

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The Oil Market. PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Oil closed at \$1 19. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25,-Oil opened \$1 19.

PETROLIA, Dec. 25.-Oil opened and closed Toronto Produce Market. TORONTO, Dec. 24.-Wheat is dear-

er at 681/20 to 69c for red and white west, and some holders are asking 70c: Manitoba wheat firmer, at 61c for No. 1 hard grinding in transit, and 75c to 76c Midland. Flour is dull, but firm. at \$3 25 for straight roller in barrels west. Millfeed is scarce and firm, at \$14 to \$16 for shorts, and \$12 to \$12 50 for bran west. Barley is steady, at 74%c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat firm, at 47c to 48c west. Rye steady, at 51c west. Corn, firmer, at 361/2c for Canada yellow wests, and 46c for American. Toronto. Oats are firm, at 28c for white west. Peas firmer, at 65c west. Eggs firm, at 20c to 22c for new laid, and 17c to 18c for held fresh, and 14c to 15c for limed. Butter is steady, at 14c to 15c for large rolls, and 10c to 131/2c for dairy tubs; creamery steady, at 20c to 21c for prints, and 19c to 20c for packed. Dressed hogs easier feeding, especially for light local packers, fetching \$5 10 for heavy. Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 24.-Cattle-The receipts were 5 loads, mostly good cattle. Calves were in light supply, moderate demand and on the basis of \$6 50, with a few sales, and a little higher. Sheep and lambs—The total sales were 40 loads, including about 4 loads of Canada lambs; there was a little more activity, and a pretty good clearance; choice to extra were quotable at \$5 25 to \$5 40; good to choice, \$5 to \$5 25; common to fair, \$4 75 to sheep, choice to extra, \$4 25 to \$4 40; good to choice, \$4 to \$4 25; common to fair, \$2 50 to \$3 50; Canadas sold on the basis of \$5 25 to \$5 40. Hogs-The offerings were 20 loads, and with an active demand the market was stronger and higher, according to weights: heavy and medium were quotable at \$3 60, a few fancy selected selling at \$3 70; Yorkers sold at \$3 50 to \$3 60; good weights sold on the basis of \$3 60; pigs, \$3 40; roughs, \$3 10 to \$3 20; stags,

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Receipts of cattle were even smaller than usual on Saturday, and the market was almost entirely a nominal one; yesterday's prices prevailed in the few transactions recorded. Hogs, \$3'25 to \$3 65.

Christmas Greeting:

We Wish to All

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Sheep, \$2 to \$2 50; yearlings, \$4 to \$4 50; lambs, common, \$3 50 to \$4; choice, \$5 10. Receipts—Cattle, 100; hogs, 17,-000; sheep, 1,000.

MR. COMPLIN

From the Board of Hospital Trustees.

Has Been a Trustee for the Past Ten Years-Likely Candidates.

Mr. C. F. Complin, who for the past board of hospital trustees, has decid- ated. ed not to again be a candidate for eiection. He feels that he has been in the position long enough, and that to seek election again might be regarded as selfish. This decision of Mr. Complin's will be regretted generally. He has been a competent and upright servant of the people in connection with the hospital trust ever since its organ-

The city elects two representatives on the trust, each for a two-year term. Mr. Complin will complete his present term with the close of this year, and Col. Lewis has yet another year to

Mr. Thomas G. McCormick and Mr. Frank E. Leonard are spoken of as likely candidates for the position which Mr. Complin vacates.

LOCAL BREVITIES

morning, the bishop of London cele-brated pontifical mass at 6 o'clock, and sermon, and gave the papal benediction. The music was very fine, and the congregation at each service filled the spacious edifice to the doors. usual collection in support of the clergy was a liberal one.

-A large congregation attended St. James' Presbyterian Church last evening to hear Rev. W. J. Clark, who had exchanged pulpits for the occasion with the Rev. A. J. McGillivray. Rev. Mr. ladies' counters were reticent and Clark delivered a masterly sermon, taking for his text "Prepare to meet thy God." The choir furnished special Christmas music, Mrs. James McCormick rendering as a solo "The Star of Bethlehem" in excellent voice and a most pleasing manner. CHURCHES CROWDED.

Several of the city churches proved too small last evening to accommodate all who sought admittance, and the attendance at all the services in the various churches was large. The special Christmas music was of a very high order, and the general excellence London's choirs was never more strongly evidenced.

WATCH FOR YOUR POSTMAN. Saturday was a record-breaker at the general postoffice here. Never in the history of the institution was there the history of the institution was there anything like the number of Christmas parcels and general mail matter. Last of the building mail bags were piled up ten or twelve feet in height. The parcels and mail matter placed for delivers and mail matter placed for delivers. The programme consisted of singing today by each of the postmen was One postman had a sleigh prepared for the purpose, and even that was filled. The English mail arrived this morning and is one of the largest ever received

here. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

At St. Andrew's Church yesterday the services were of a joyous Christmas character. All the hymns were of an appropriate nature, and sung by the congregation with a spirit worthy of the day. Mr. Charles Wheeler presided at the organ and arranged the following musical programme: Morning ing voice of Doug, and the aid of his service—Organ prelude, "Pastorale in E" (Lemare); carol, "Cristmas Bells ' A. F. Land; anthem and solo, "The Birthday of a King" Nied-linger; recitative and solo, "O Thou That Tellest" (Handel's Messiah); organ postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel). Evening service—Organ, slow movement from a Beethoven symphony; chorus, "Sing, O Heavens" (Tours); solo, "The Christ Child"; or-"Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tann-

PLACES FOR THE NOMINATIONS.

Speeches by the Candidates at the City Hall at Noon.

This is nomination day. After noon today there will be no dark horses in the race for mayor, aldermen, water commissioners or hospital trustees. The names of all but the aldermanic candidates will be proposed at the City Hall, the polls to be open from 11 till 12 o'clock, following which speeches will be delivered. The nomination places for the aldermen will be in the various wards, as follows:

No. 1 ward-The City Hall. No. 2 ward-W. Percival's store, Queen's avenue. No. 3 ward-James McDonald's house,

346 Colborne street. No. 4 ward-Thomas' Hall, Colborne

No. 5 ward-East End Hall. No. 6 ward-Trebilcock's Hall, Wortley road.

THREE BOYS DROWNED. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 25.-Three boys were drowned yesterday at the old Tivoli reservoir. The boys were playing shinney on the ice, when it broke

and they went under. MURDERED HIS FATHER, Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 24.-Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned tonight in the case of young John Henry Collins, charged with the murder of his father, James S. Collins, a prominent real estate and insurance agent of Topeka, who was shot as he lay asleep in bed early one morning in May last. The convict was a student in Kansas State University and a lay reader of the leading Protestant Episcopal Church of Topeka. The mo-

Mr. J. F. Wurtele, teller at the Merchants' Bank, Ingersoll, has been transfered to the Belleville branch. Mr. E. W. McIntosh, of the Kincardine branch, has taken his position at Ingersoll.

tive of the crime was found in the

youth's greed for money, which would

come to him upon the death of his fa-

THE STREETS

A Dense Crowd of Shoppers Saturday Night.

Amusing Incidents-Children's Patience Tried on Sunday.

Everybody knows there is a pagan as well as a Christian element in the modern celebration of Christmas day. The preparations are usually mixed to suit the taste of the individual. This year, Christmas falling on Sunday, the ten years has been a member of the Christmas element naturally predomi-It went a little hard, maybe, with the youngsters, newly come into possession of sleighs, skates and divers Sabbath-breaking toys, to lay them by for a long 24 hours. But so does youth learn patience, and there must have been some consolation in knowing that a Sunday Christmas would not occur again this century.

> The merchants were happy Saturday night. It was the culmination of their harvest. To say that Dundas street was crowded would be much too mild. The stream of pedestrians surged along the sidewalks like a swollen river and overflowed into the road. Cheerful, smiling faces were everywhere. But here and there some belated Christmas shopper, with the strained, hunted born of much vain cogitation over Christmas purchases, prodded his way in desperate haste through the crowd. Inside the stores clerks hopped about like jumping-jacks, pulled four ways at once by eager customers.

Any other time of year there would be cause for alarm at the number of -At St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday lady patrons at the cigar stores. They bought cigars by the box, usually choosing the boxes with the prettiest at 10:30 o'clock he delivered a masterly labels. They looked askance, however,

> Young ladies buying suspenders, neckties, and such like masculine accessories frequently grew confidential with the clerks, giving much interest-ing information regarding "his" tastes, "his" complexion, the color of "his" eyes, etc. But the young men at the looked sheepish. They spoke bashfully, hurriedly, and almost inaudibly. They usually bought the first thing offered, and made haste to lose themselves in the crowd to escape the sympathetic but amused glances of the girls behind the counters.

A TOWNLINE FROLIC

Surprise Party Visits a Popular Farmer-Balky Oxen Make Matters More Interesting.

Caradoc Townline, Dec. 25.—On needed for Wednesday evening a very happy in January. sleigh load was gathered up along the handsome team of oxen, but on ac-count of the ill-health of the host and hostess the party were not allowed to and recitations and speeches Messrs. P. Lamont and A. L. Campbell, while a few selections of choice violin music were rendered by Miss Campbell and Mr. Dougald Keir, with many humoros anecdotes from the chairman. The crowd then paired off to partake of a choice repast provided by the ladies of the family, and at a late hour the visitors dispersed. Everything went smooth until they reached a large snow-drift, when one of the oxen balked and swung around, as only oxen can, and spilt about half the crowd out. But by the commandbig blue birch they managed to get the sleigh on the road again and proceeded. Doug. intends taking out a few more loads this season, when he gets the oxen a little better under control. It is a rare treat to ride behind oxen these days.

MULTUM IN PARVOS

Inspector Simpson, of the Northwest Mounted Police, says that new discoveries are continually being made at Atlin, and predicts a reat rush to the

A dispatch from Buda-Pesth says that a duel has been arranged between Baron Banffy, the president of the Hungarian council of ministers, and M. Horensky, a member of the Hungarian Diet. The duel graw out of an altercation in the Chamber of Deputies.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF GAS. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 25 .- A terrific explosion of gas occurred yesterday in the east gangway on the first lift slope of the Lukefidlers shaft, by which two persons were fatally injured, several others seriously, and it is feared that some were overcome in the shaft by black damp. The force of the explosion was so great that ten batteries and limber sets were blown to pieces.

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son, Bates & Co., Toronto. Dr. Chase's New Illustrated Book, "The Ills of Life and How to Oure Tham." Sent Free to Your Address.

Will Fulfill His Role to the End.

How the Kaiser Spent Ohristmas-The Situation in Spain.

London, Dec. 26 .- The Venice correspondent of the Times says: Don Carlos, who is in perfect health, desires me to deny absolutely the report that he contemplates abdicating. On the contrary, he says he is more resolved asked to give a lecture on "Ideal Lonthan ever to fulfill his role to the end. He authorizes me to assert that he has asked no audience of the pope, and has requested nothing else of his holi-

The Agenzma Italiano (Rome, asserts that a German syndicate has promised Don Carlos a loan of 30,000,000 francs, in three installments, the first when he has 10,000 men under arms; the second when he has captured Bilbao, capital of the province of Biscayo, and the third two months after operations are commenced.

THE KAISER'S CHRISTMAS.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Emperor William and the members of the imperial family followed their Christmas observances today. Last evening the emperor, while taking his solitary walk in the neighborhood of the Sans Souci Palace, at Potsdam, entered freely into conversation with the soldiers and workmen, giving them Christmas presents. EFFECT OF PREMIER SAGASTA'S

ILLNESS. London, Dec. 26.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: Senor Sagasta's illness has brought to a standstill the political crisis and the negotiations for the reorganization of the Liberal party. Many Liberals are opposed to Gen. Weyler becoming minister of war, because they fear he will aspire to succeed Sagasta as leader of the party. WEYLER'S IDEA IN REGARD TO

WEYLER. El Liberal publishes an interview with Weyler, in the course of which he is represented as declining to give any information regarding the crisis,

but insisting upon the necessity for a strong government. such a govern-ment could not, he said, be drawn from the party led by Senor Silvela. Gen. Weyler hinted that the country would run great risks unless power were placed in the hands of a Sagasta-Weyler coalition government. DONS' MONEY RUNNING LOW.

The Bank of Spain has ceased to make advances upon Philippine and Cuban bonds, and has asked a supplemental guarantee for previous advances owing to the decline in the value of the bonds. The government has arranged with Madrid and Barcalona bankers to advance the amount needed for the service of these bonds

WOODBANK.

Interesting Public School Programme -Good Entertainment by Delaware Indians.

Woodbank, Dec. 25.-The esteemed Dec. 21. The good order and intelligent answers of the pupils speaks volumes for Miss Furse as a teacher. She was assisted in the examination by Mr. Robson, principal of Byron public schools; Miss McMartin, of Glendale, and Mr. Furse. At the close of the examination Mr. Allen Bogue presented a gold medal to Mary Blinn for best progress and attendance in fourth and fifth classes, and Charles Foster a silver medal for best progress and attendance in junior classes. Some of the visitors expressed themselves as well

pleased with the school. Despite the very wet night on Tuesday, a large number of people attended the Christmas tree and entertainment in the Brick Street Methodist Church, and were amply repaid by the good programme that was given by the scholars, Mr. Timothy and family (Delaware Indians) of South London, and Mis Kilborne, of Kilworth. The scholgood style, gave two recitations, "The Lost Irishman," and "The Bachelor's Dream," which were well received. The Delaware Indians gave the following programme: Hymns, "I Am Waiting the Boatman," and "Reliance"; recitation, "The Wideness," by N. H. Timothy; hymn, "My Sainted Mother"; solo, "England," by N. H. Timothy; hymn in Indian language; recitation, "A Fly's Cogitations," by N. H. Timothy; address by Mr. N. H. Timothy. If the Delaware Indians should ever they would have a full house. Rev. Mr. Fisher occupied the chair. Santa of oranges, candies and nuts, and numerous presents, not forgetting the minister and the organist of the church.

Two Dickens Stories.

TAterature, published by Harper & Brothers, narrates two new and characteristic stories of Charles Dickens. It chanced on one occasion that the nov-elist was at a loss for a name to be-electric railways. With easy and open stow on a youthful parish foundling, whom he had chosen as his hero, when one day, as he was getting into one of Shillibeer's omnibuses, the conductor slammed the door and shouted to the driver, "Go on, Oliver Twist." "The singularity of the cognomen struck me," said Dickens, "and I said to myself, that the name for my hero." The other story is in reference to Dickens' connection with the novelist, Charles Lever. Dickens at the time was editor of the paper All the Year Round and, as he wished an infusion of new blood, he asked Lever to give him a lively story, whereupon Lever sent in "A Day's Ride." The story displayed less humor and more irony than his previous works, and also had the effect

of depressing the circulation of All the Year Round. To win again the confidence of this subscribers, Dickens then resorted to the unusual step of advertising the day on which the apparently endless ride was to end. The dodge had the desired effect, but, as was natural, it also was the cause of a slight coolness in the relations of the two novelists.

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Frederic Harrison Says the Metropolis of the World Is Too Large

To Se Ideal-To Be Beautiful It Must Be Smaller.

[London Times.]

At Toynbee Hall, on Saturday evening, a lecture was delivered by Mr. Frederick Warrison on the subject of "Ideal London." The chair was occupied by Canon Barnett.

Mr. Harrison said that he had been isked to give a lecture on "Ideal Lonion" as a conclusion to the series of ectures on London, past and present, which had been delivered in Tonybee Hall during the season; and by "Ideal condon" he meant "London" to the season; and by "Ideal season; and by "Ideal season; the season; and by "Ideal season; the season; and by "Ideal season; the don" as a conclusion to the series of lectures on London, past and present, which had been delivered in Tonybee Hall during the season; and by "Ideal London" he meant, "London as it might be, as it should be, and as it shall be." The true ideal was no ideal dream, but the justification of study and the motive of all useful endeavor. London was his birthplace and for nearly 60 years had been his home. For two generations he had watched its growth and rebuilding, and as a member of the county council he had experience of the practical difficulties of making improvements. In suggesting the ideal London he should try to keep within the bounds of practical statesmanship; but he was not bound by limits of time or by the exigencies of existing prejudices and legislation. An ideal London should contain all that pertained to pure and perfect citizenship. Now modern civilization had failed to carry on some of the best elements of city life as known to the ancient and medieval worlds. London did not inspire in Englishmen the feelings which Athens, Rome, Florence and Venice exited in their citizens. It was now valued as a market, an exchanges, an office, or a playground, though that had not always been the case. But a city that covered 120 square miles of buildings was not a city, but a wilderness of houses, and city life was impossible for a population of four or five millions. People must be within walking distance of the country, or the town became a prison and not a city. Therefore ideal London would not exceed two millions of inhabitants—and it would be better with only one million-and it would be but a third of its present size. He was no lover of the tenement, or flat

system, but it was absolutely necessary if a great city were not to grow to unmanageable bulk. London at present had no ideal tenements, and few satisfactory ones; but when spacious, airy, clean, and lofty blocks, provided with common Mbraries, baths. playrooms, and sick rooms, were available, the economy of such wise cooperation would leave room for boulevards, parks, gardens, and playgrounds. He repudiated the idea that London would go on increasing at its present rate; for he was sure that the causes which had led to that increase were only temporary. In ideal London the Thames would run as clear as at Henley, and again it would be the great highway of traffic. The bridges would be doubled in number, and the disfiguring railway bridges would have to be suitably treated. Steam engines would probably be prohibited within the city, and the air would cease to be polluted by the poisonous fumes of millions of chimneys. It was really strange how long we had allowed preventable nuisances to choke us. A pure and unlimited water supply would be public school teacher, Miss Furse, held a public examination on Wednesday, in Rome, from inexhaustible lakes and reservoirs. This would have been done long ago for London but for commercial self-interest, political intrigue, and administrative jealousy. Water, no more than fresh air, would be bought from money-making speculators. was a prime necessity of life, and as such, it was the duty of the state to supply it, pure and in abundance. Science and organization would annually save many thousands of lives now sacrificed by preventable diseases. Already the death rate of London had been reduced by one-half in the present century, and there was no reason why it should not be reduced very much further. With regard to the question of burial grounds, he believed that London would return to the honored and ancient practice of cremation. This practice would obviate the danger of infection to the living and the difficulty of visiting cemeteries which could only be reached by a long ars gave some good recitations, dia- and fatiguing journey. It was too logues, etc. Miss Kilborne, in her usual much forgotten that cremation was only the scientific process of preparaing the remains of the dead for disposal. The problem of the reorganization of London had taken a new phase since London had been broken up into as many parliamentary boroughs. He did not advocate "tentification," but he. looked forward to the different dis-

tricts of London, while united under a strong central government, having each a separate civic life of its own, available for all citizens within a mile of their homes and within reach appear in Brick Street Church again of their own influence. The buildings of London, which had now neither permanence nor self-respect, would Claus gave the children a good supply changed in character, and be made more worthy of the genius which built Westminster Hall and the Abbey. But through all reconstruction he hoped that the historic associations and land marks of a city which had an unbroken record of a thousand years would be preserved even at the expense of some regularity. New lines of traffic would be created, and the heavy avenues of communication, London might become as bright and gay, as full of fountains and flowers and statues as Paris and Florence.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. Harrison invited questions from the audience, and on being asked how he thought the population of London could be brought within the smaller limits which he had contemplated, he replied that the efficient cause would be economic. He did not suggest any legislative restrictions, but he could not believe that London would always continue to occupy its present unique position as the center of the financial and commercial world.

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DICKENS AND IRVING

The American Author No Speaker-Dickens' Fine Compliment.

The great literary boast of the city at this time was undoubtedly Washington Irving, cays Mrs. Juha Ward Howe in the January Atlantic. While still a child in the nursery I heard of his return to America, after a residence of some years in Spain. A public din-ner was given in honor of this event. One who was present at it told of Mr. Irving's embarrassment when he was called upon for a speech. He rose, waved his hand in the air, and could only utter a few sentences, which were heard with difficulty. Many years after this time, I was present, with other ladies, at a public dinner in honor of Charles Dickens. . . Irving was president of the evening, and upon him devolved the duty of inaugurating the proceedings by an address of welcome to the distinguished guest. People who sat near me whispered, "He'll break down—he always does." Mr. Irving rose and uttered a sentence or two. His friends interrupted him by applause, which was intended to encourage him, but which entirely overthrew his self-possession. He hesitated, stammered, and sat down, saying, "I cannot go on." It was an embarrassing and painful moment, but Mr. John Duer, an eminent lawyer, came to his friend's assistance, and with suitable remarks proposed the health of Charles Dickens, to which Mr. Dickens promptly responded.

This he did in the happiest manner, covering Mr. Irving's defeat by a glowing eulogy of his literary merits. Whose books do I take to bed with me, night after night? Washington Irving's, as one who is present can testify." This one was evidently Mrs. Dickens, who was seated beside me. Mr. Dickens proceeded to speak of international copyright, saying that the prime object of his visit to America was the promotion of this important measure. I met Washington Irving several times at the house of John Jacob Astor. He was silent in general company, and usually fell asleep at the dinner table. This occurrence was, indeed, so common with him that the guests only noticed it with a smile. Affter a map of some ten minutes he would open his eyes and take part in the conversation, apparently unconscious of having been asleep.

IN PETERBORO.

Mr. J. M. Donovan Teils How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Peterboro, Dec. 2.-This town is famed throughout the Dominion as the most go-ahead, progressive, wealthy and up-to-date on the continent. This reputation is thoroughly deserved, was earned by the quickness of the residents to see and to take advantage of a "good thing" when it comes 'our

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cure this disease. They never fail. No abilities, however splendid, can command success without intense labor and persevering application.-A. T.

remedy that has ever been known to

Stewart. The floor-walker says the girl in charge of the glove department is a

counter-fitter. Those who go down to the sea in ships should see that the ships do not go down with them.

In a golf match at Raynes Park, England, recently a lark flying across the grounds was thit by a golf ball and decapitated.

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THE QUEEN OF THE SEASON

"Take care that you do not play with your prize too long," the countess warned her. "Men sometimes grow impatient of so much rooling, and revenge themselves. There are girls as fair and more prudent than you, who would wish for nothing better than a chance of consoling the lover you trifle with."

Lady Esselyn spoke of the marquie, but her stepdaughter thought of Sir Innis, and turned the. She had seen him greeted with smiles, and courted and frattered by the mothers of pretty daughters who would have no objection to be wooed by the stately, handsome baronet. Was she really as ready to fling his love from her when she was to fling his love from her when she was tired of evoking it as she had fancied she would be? Would the high spirit on which she prided herself enable her to look on without a pang if he transferred the allegiance she scouted to another? Vivien had forgotten that while she revenged herself, others might be making ready to step in and catch the heart at the rebound which she was toying with so carelessly. But now these thoughts were forced upon her, they proved very difficult to classe away again.

my wishes are to be granted, after all?" Lord Esselyn exclaimed, when his sister joined him in the breakfast room on the morrow. "Hatherfield was with me an hour ago"—and he glanced at the clock, which pointed to the hour of noon—"and he tells me—"

But here, Vivien, with an imperative sture, silenced him.
"I do not want to hear what he told There cannot be anything more absurd than full-grown men making sentimental avowals to each other." "But, Viva, you must listen while I tell you in what terms Hatherfield has

proposed to you." Indeed, I know it already. He graclouely condescends to lend an ear to your hints that you have a sister to dispose of, and out of pure friendship agrees to take her off your hands. little thought that you would ever be so eager to be rid of me. Why have you not said to me, 'Vivien, you are in my way; I want my house to myself; find yourself another home as soon as you can.' It might have sounded harsh, but it would have been more honorable

than the course you have pursued." deserve such a wigging as this?" de-manded Aymer, planting himself on the hearth-rug and thrusting his hands to the bottom of his pockets. "I certainly have wish to see you happily married, and I ...d once or twice tell Hatherfield that it would please me much to see you and he united; but that is long, long ago. You have both made such strenuous efforts to convince me that you hated each other, that even now I find it difficult to believe

to the contrary." 'Then don't try, for I'm not sure but that our hate is only slumbering, and will soon break out anew."

But Hatherfield told me he had reason to hope---'As if the word 'reason' were not out of character in connection with such &

silly affair!" "But, Viva, do talk sense. Have you not agreed to marry Innis?"
"Certainly not!"

"Then what have you done?" asked aymer, sternly. I will be no party to the tricks of a heartless jilt. When you rejected the addresses of other men I did not complain much, because I did not want to see you throw yourself way on suitors who had so little to commend them; but all the same I was vexed and grieved, for you did not behave well." "The men were egregiously vain, and

am blamed for it," cried the young dy, with an air of injured innocence.
"Not for that, but for encouraging I don't like to see women anging for admiration, Viva, and it makes blush for my sister when she stoops "Have you finished? Of what is this

eture apropos?" she asked drily.
"Of Hatherfield, and I insist that u answer me this one question truthully-do you love him?"

"I like him sometimes." "But are you prepared to marry 'No, mon frere, most certainly I am

"Then, you are playing with him as you have done with others? The coun-tess is right, after all, when she says that you intend to accept Mandeville

Not for himself, poor, silly, duped lad! but for his title and the immense income pertaining to it. Do so, then; I may pity, but I cannot prevent it, for you have long spurned my advice; but you shall do it openly and at once. You shall not defer it till you have grown tired of amusing yourself with Hath-erfield's affection."

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"Are you going to make the marquis propose? Am I not to be allowed the old-fashioned alternative of a num-nery?" asked Vivien, leaning back in her chair and putting her queries with such a taunting smile, that Aymer, who was far more deeply moved than she imagined, grew more trate than

cause I am but a year or two your senior; but take care. There are times when I see the necessity of acting as the nead of our house, and your nat-ural guardian. You shall neither make Hatherfield ridiculous, nor disgrace yourself by any more of the contemptible conduct I have just been rebuking. Once again I ask you, have you ac-

cepted the proposals of Sir Innis?"
"And once again I make reply, 'No -no, most redoubtable earl, I have not. If he says I have, he is guilty or a wicked little fib for which I hope you will reprove him sharply. I don't see why all your fierce looks are to be bestowed on poor me!"

Then you have not given Sir Innis a definite reply?" "Oh, yes; but he is sadly obtuse; he would not take it."
"I will be the bearer of your deci-

"Thanks, but I'm not quite sure that I'm in the same mind that I was yesterday, or that I shall not think differently again by tomorrow. In fact, dear Aymer, I am so worried about my dress for the princess' ball that I cannot think of so much else. Mamma persists that tilleul becomes me, and

my glass tells me a different story. Aymer stamped his foot in his anger at her gay indifference, although he suspected from the tremulous movement of her hands that it was half-

"Vivien, I will be heard and answered seriously. Do you forget that the happiness of the best friend I have in the world is jeopardized by your friv-

"I thought Sir Innis politely declined to accept your invitation and rid you of your troublesome sister. If I had a friend whom I worshiped so enthusfastically as you adore him, I would not scheme to burden him with a girl for whom my best epithet was 'frivol-

"I'm quite ready to acknowledge that Innis has acted like an idiot in falling in love with a woman utterly incapable of estimating him at his true value; a woman whose greatest recommenda tion appears that he would be a puppet in ther hands."

Vivien rose from her seat, her face as dark with anger as his own. "It is commonly reported that brothers are apt to forget their manners when a sister is in question, but such speeches as you have just made are more than I ought to submit to, and

so I leave you." But Aymer interposed to prevent it. "Forgive me, Viva; I spoke rudely, and I am sorry for it; but you are trying my temper more than you seem to think. You know I have always been touchy on the subject of your treat-ment of Hatherfield, and I think you might be more forbearing, more womin your mode of listening to what

I feel it my duty to say."
"If we are not to quarrel, would it. not be prudent to lay the bill on the table for six months? When the London season is over, and I am satiated with its gaieties, you will find me more

amenable to reason." Now, what the deuce have I done to saucy proposal. "Do you intennd to reject him?"
"I do not know," was all that Vivien

would say. "Have you resolved to accept him?" To this she gave the same reply.

How long will it take to ascertain How can I tell? Fickle and frivolous creatures like myself— But here Aymer dashed in:

'Must have such momentous questions settled for them." He said this so imperatively that Vivien began to breathe more quickly, and her blue eyes to glitter with re-

bellious light. "Do you mean to say that you intend to marry me to Sir Innis whether I will or not?'

'Certainly not. The momentous question to which I referred is how long you must be permitted to trifle with I shall tell him from you that this day two months—your twentieth birthday, Viva—you will give him the

reply he demands."
"As you please," she answered, carelessly. "You may also tell him if you like that my beloved mamma will forbid him the house if she discovers his intentions."

Then Lady Esselyn will have to be told that this house is mine, and that I receive within it whatever guests I choose to invite

And to prove how thoroughly he was in earnest the young earl rang the bell and ordered the hall porter to be sent to him.

The man made his appearance just as Lady Esselyn came down accompanied by Cressida. The countess star-ed at her stepson, whose unusually

A MAN

Lost! No man understands the full meaning of that word like the man who has been lost. He will tell you: "I was in the woods going ahead steadily when I realized I'd missed the trail. With a cry of 'Lost!' I broke into a run heedless or ignorant of the direction I was

The first impulse of a man lost in the woods is to right. The only safe thing is to sit right down and reason out the

position, Son times a business man gets up at the usu hour, breakfasts, kisses his wife and starts for the office. He has for sometime seen signs that he was off the trail of health. To-day the signs multiply. His brain is dull and dizzy, his heart does not beat right, his breathing is difficult, his limbs feel tremulous. He is scared. He realizes that he's far away from the trail of health, and suddenly like a panther from a tree, the thought leaps on him, "You are a los man." The first impulse is to run for help, though the way is honey-combed with pitfalls of quackery. But the rational man faces the facts, sits down and thinks over the position and its proba-

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"Benson," said Lord Esselyn to the porter, in loud, firm tones, such as that functionary had never before heard him use, "remember that I am always at home to Sir Innis Hatherfield, and so are the ladies. Any want of respect shown to him will be resented, and very sharply, too, by me. Take care that my

had retreated.

"You had better not inquire," Vivien responded, with a curl of her lip. "It is I who am the culprit. I am guilty of sundry acts of incivility to the lord of my lord here, and am threatened with

"Dear me! what have you been do-g?" asked Cressida. "I'm sure I ing?" asked Cressida. "I'm sure I thought you were growing quite polite to Sir Innis."

newspaper, and sipped his coffee on sil-

MIDDLESEX NEWS

Pretty Social Event at Union-Dorie Lodge, 289, A. F. and A. M., Ko-

Miss Birdie McDougall, of Shelbourne, is seriously ill.

Muncey. Mrs. Howell, London, has been visiting her son, Cecil Howell, V.S., of Mel-

bourne. The matter of repealing the local option bylaw in Lobo will be voted on in January.

been very sick with appendicitis, is improving.
Rev. Mr. Shepherd preached in the Mount Brydges Methodist Church yes-

is home, after spending some few weeks with his sisters in the States. Mr. Solomon Graham, of Napier, arrived home on Friday evening, after

putting in about nine months sailing on the lakes. Mr. Wm. Gardiner, of Mosa, was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday, "Not a day, not an hour, shall Innis be kept in suspense if I can prevent it!" was the vehement reply to this the second stroke he has had in the

past few months. Smith & Gale, of Glencoe, are rapidly completing the plastering of the new school at Melbourne, and the trustees hope to have everything in readiness

Miss Eliza Willoughby and Mr. Jos. aice. Delawai noon on Thursday. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. James McKenzie, only the relatives being present. Rev. Mr. Going officiated. At Sutherland's school house, Caradoc, an entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. A good programme, consisting of readings, recitations, singing, dialogues and drills, will be given. Rev. D. E. Martin, chair-

A musical and literary entertainment, under the auspices of the Kerwood Methodist Sabbath school, will be held in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Great pains will be taken to make the entertainment a success in every par-

Candidates for municipal honors are beginning to crop up in Adelaide. It is understood a contest for reeve is and Mr. Wm. Sullivan. For councilors the names of James Early, James Adair, Thomas Patterson, Samuel Bel-

Mr. Lewis Clark has resigned the position as teacher of the Melbourne school. Mr. Robertson, of Strathroy, it

S. D., Bro. D. Steel; J. D., Bro. G. Tuckey; I. G., Bro. G. Murch; O. G.,

The Komoka Methodist Sunday school entertainment took place on Thursday evening, and a grand programme was given by the children, which was a credit to the young ladies who took the pains to teach them. Rev. Mr. Moyer was chairman, and the programme was chairman, and the programme consisted of songs, marching songs, and drills, including five tableaux. The first was "Recess"; second, "Home, Sweet Home"; third, "Sleeping Silence"; fourth, "Faith, Hope and Charity"; fifth, "Rock of Ages." Then came Santa Claus, who gave the children Santa Claus, who gave the children candy, etc., off the tree. Receipts at

the door, \$6 05. Stratford Herald: A pleasant event took place in McGillivray township on 21, being the marriage of Miss Maude, eldest daughter of the late Henry Miller, of that township, and niece of E. Hodgins, of the Windsor Hotel, of this city, to Joseph Shoebottom, a prosperous young farmer of London township. The nuptial ceremony, which took place at high noon, at the bride's home, was performed by Rev. L. W. Diehl, rector of Allsa Craig. The bride was prettily attired in Mc. Kinley blue and wore the regulation veil and orange blossoms. She carried a handsome bouquet of cream roses. Miss Shoebottom, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty costume of blue cloth. The groom was supported by Horton Miller, the bride's brother. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served, and the happy couple left for their future home in London township. The guests were principally relatives of the contracting parties, among the number being Mr and Mrs. E. Hodgins and family, of this

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on string instruments. Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Michigan, gave two grand selections in the way of songs, which were appreciated by all present. The speakers were Mesrs. L. Vail, Glennie, Cook, Elsie Heatly, Boles, Williams and Rev. Mr. Moyer. Everybody was high-ly pleased with the very enjoyable evening and the spread of oysters. Mr. Finch, of Komoka, brother-in-law of the teacher, acted as chairman. The programme was closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Harker had his mother and sister, of Strathroy, also his brother and wife, from Michigan, present at the supper. The number partaking of supper was 50. The class wish

their teacher every success.

The Union Methodist Church was the scene of a pretty social event on Wednesday evening, when Miss Bertha Sut-ton was led to the altar by her brother Cecil, of North Yarmouth, and married to Mr. Adam Fulton, jun., of South-wold. The bride looked extremely handsome, attired in white silk, satin trimmings, and pearl jets and lace, and carried a bouquet of roses; she also wore roses in her hair. Miss Mabel McIntyre assisted the bride, and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Gertie Mellor, Southwold, also assisted. Both young ladies wore white musin suits, trimmed with blue satin, and looked very pretty. Mr. Hugh Sulton assisted the groom. Rev. Mr. Going tied the nuptial knot in his very able manner. Mr. Josiah Long presented the Bible, as this was the first wedding in the church.

A grand concert and Christmas tree, under the auspices of the Sunday school of St. George's Church, Thorndale, was held in Harding's Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 22. A splendid programme was carried out, consisting of songs by flag drill by sixteen young ladies in costume. The rector, Rev. R. S. W. Howard, made an excellent chairman, and besides his address there were speeches by his brother, Rev. O. Howard, of Montreal, and Mr. M. Wright, superintendent of the Sunday school. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful gold watch and chain to Miss M. Logan, organist of the church, from the members of the congregation. A visit from Santa Claus concluded the festivities, and everyone passed a pleasant even-

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3rd, 1899.

SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, going Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, returning from destination not later than Dec. 28th, 1898; also on Dec. 30th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning from destination not later than Jan. 4th, Teachers and Pupils on sur-render of standard certificate: Single Fare and One-Teiro, going Dec. 10th to 31st inclusive, good returning from destination not later than Jan. 18th, 1899.

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dignified air startled as much as it sur-prised her. The good-humored boy who had borne his inflictions so cheerfully. was giving place to a man who knew his rights and would assert them; and half afraid to question him, she looked

to Vivien for an explanation.

But the latter only shook her head and remained mute. A storm she had often dreaded, was now lowering in the distance, and might at any moment burst over her head. She had more reason to dread a serious rupture between the countess and Aymer than either of them imagined, and she sat, outwardly tranquil and indifferent, but really suffering from an anxiety that almost deprived her of the power of

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orders are not neglected." "What is the meaning of this?" asked the countess, when the astonished man

condign punishment if I do not turn over a new leaf."

"How very ridiculous it is to have this doughty baronet thrust upon us in this way," the countess exclaimed; but Aymer, instead of retorting and losing temper in the boyish fashion that the school, recitations, tableaux, a had so often given the ladies of his candle drill by the little ones, and the household the advantage, picked up &

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moka, Elects Officers.

Miss Emma Nicholas has taken the position of matron at the institute at

Davidson Micks, of Union, who has

terday (Sunday).
Mr. William Forsythe, of Delaware,

probable between Mr. Ed. Henderson ton, Angus McCabe, Julius Shields and Samuel Mahon are mentioned.

is understood, has been engaged in his place, at the same salary.
A regular meeting of Doric Lodge,
No. 289, A., F. and A. M., Komoka, was held in their hall on Thursday. The following officers were elected: W. M., Bro. E. Shaw; S. W., Rev. Bro. Lindsay; J. W., Bro. H. McIntyre; F. S., Bro. P. S. Graham; chaplain, Rev. Bro. Holmes; treasurer, Bro. D. McGugan;

Bro. J. Robinson.

Mr. Harker, the postmaster of Delaware, also the Bible class teacher of the Memorial Methodist Church, gave his class of over 40 members an oyster supper recently. The members turned out in full force and spent a very en-

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Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 26 — 1 a.m. — Lower lakes: Generally fair; stationary or a little higher temperastationary of a fittle light local snowfalls or flurries.
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-Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Atkinson, of Glencoe, are visiting their parents in

house will be held at the Y. M. C. A. today. All visitors will be welcome.

-Joseph Grimshaw and wife, of Woodstock, are spending Christmas with relatives in South London. -Miss C. A. Cannell, of this city,

is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. K. Melburne, Hamilton. -Mr. Mel Hueston, who has been attending the Philadelphia Dental College, is spending his holidays at home. -Mr. Andrew Lamb, of Hamilton, is spending the Christmas holidays under the parental roof, at 566 Dufferin ave-

-Principal Plewes, wife and child, COURT DUFFERIN. of Waliaceburg, are spending their Christmas holidays with relatives in

-Dr. Harry Forsythe, of Amsterdam, N. Y., is spending his Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. R. A. Little. Central avenue.

-Chief Roe, on behalf of the city firemen, desires to acknowledge, with thanks, a fine Christmas cake from Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles.

-Mr. Frank Grimshaw, now occupying a position in Boston, is spending Christmas with his parents on Elmwood avenue. South London.

-Messrs, George and Jack Jeffrey, of John Bertram & Sons, Dundas, are spending the Christmas holidays at the parental, 137 St. James street. -The attendance at the men's meeting in the Auditorium yesterday after-

noon was fairly large. An interesting address was given, and music interspersed. -Revs. J. R. Hunter and H. T.

Crossley, the evangelists, have arrived For five weeks they conducted union services in Minneapolis, Minn., to large crowds, sometimes numbering 4,-Over 500 professed conversion as

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for Boston next Friday, conducting services in the Temple. Then they go to St. Johns, Nfld.

-Messrs. Frank Wonnacott and Samuel Hunter, of the Detroit Free Press, formerly of The Advertiser, are here spending Christmas with rela-—The employes of the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company were

presented with turkeys on Saturday by Mr. Wortman. The office staff received very substantial presents. -Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Waterman and Miss Nettie Waterman, of Dundas

street, have returned home from Montreal, where they have been staying for some time past at St. Lawrence -Mr. Harry Walker, who was re-

ported last week as having been trans-ferred to the branch of the Molsons Bank at Toronto, has received notice that he will be stationed at London for some time longer. -At the matinee today the Daniel R.

Ryan Company will produce "Wife for Wife." The play for the evening performance has been changed to "The Lost Paradise," one of the strongest plays in the company's repertoire.

-James Whittaker, of North Dorchester was before Squire R. F. Lacey Saturday, on a charge of fraud, pre-terred by Dennis Collins, of West Lon-don. It is alleged that Whittaker purchased a horse from J. H. McMechan for fifty dollars, and gave a lien note. On Oct. 27, Whit-taker sold the horse to Dennis Collins taker sold the horse to Dennis Collins for \$41. The note fell due on Nov. 1, and not being paid, Mr. McMechan recovered the horse from Mr. Collins. The evidence of Mr. McMechan was taken, and the case was adjourned until Tuesday next. Whittaker was

bailed in \$400. -A very pleasant afternoon was passed at school section No. 10, Westminster, on Thursday, the 22nd, when the parents and friends of the children gathered to enjoy with the little ones their closing treat. After a wellprepared and well-executed series of drills, tableaux, dialogues, songs and recitations by the scholars, cans for speecnes were heartily responded to by the trustees, Messis. C. A. Carrothers and Wm. Weatherston, who by their well-directed remarks gave much encouragement to pupils and teacher alike. The room was tastily decorated, and Miss McCall's desk presented a very attractive appearance with enoice flowers and pyramids of oranges, dates and candles, which were at the close distributed among the children. HAPPY EMPLOYES.

Mr. R. W. Bennet, of the Bennet Furniture Company, East London, presented each of his employes with a fine Christmas turkey on Saturdayabout 100 in all. The men responded with ringing cheers for Mr. Bennet's kind remembrance. This has been Mr. Bennet's custom for a number of years past.

At the regular meeting of Court Dufferin, No. 4, of the Independent Foresters, the following officers were elected: C. R., J. W. Ford; V. C. R., D. McDonald; R. S., J. F. Hicks; F. S., H. Pratt; treasurer, 1. Lewis; orator, F. Russell; S. W., J. C. Evans; J. W., J. Padneld; S. B., W. Hardy; J. B., J. Rompal; physician, Dr. F. P. Drake; C. D. H. C. R., W. H. Ford.

AGED PEOPLE'S HOME. The Aged People's Home presented

a festive appearance yesterday and today, having been prettily decorated with evergreens and bunting in honor of Christmas. There were no special services yesterday. Today the in-mates will be treated to a dainty Christmas spread, and feasted on sweetmeats. No formal entertainment will be given, but one will be held early in January.

A PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS PRES-

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, was surprised on Christmas eve by receiving a handsome purse which contained \$100 in gold-the gift of the ladies of the congregation, to be employed in pur-chasing books for his library. Later on in the evening an elegant and servicable library chair, upholstered in leatner, was left at his residence. This was the gift of the young men and women of the Society for Bible Study, conducted by Mr. Clark. At the Christmas morning service * the church (which was prettily decorated) Mr. Clark thanked the donors in very grateful and thankful words.

BLIGHT-COBHAM. A very pleasant event took place on the Muncey road, township of Caradoc, at the residence of Mr. William Cobham, on Dec. 22, being the marriage of his daughter Jane, who became the wife of Mr. John Blight, of London township. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Leitch in the presence of about 50 guests. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of silk and wool adorned with white roses and smilax. She was the

recipient of many beautiful and cost-ly gifts, testifying to the esteem in which she was held. After partaking of a sumptuous wedding breakfast the bridal party took the train en route for Detroit, Chicago and other places.

CARD OF THANKS. The management of St. Joseph's Hospital desires to acknowledge the thought of kindness and liberality of the charitable people who so generously remembered the hospital in their gifts. Among the donors were: John Daly, one turkey, two bottles maple syrup, one bag oranges; Ralph and Ethel McKay, one plant; Ryan & Ruegell, two boxes candy; W. T. Strong, two baskets oranges; James Wilson, one bottle wine, six boxes candy; Mrs. Macbeth, one turkey; Mrs. Ranahan, fruit cake and candy; a friend, \$10; a friend, \$5; Mr. O'Hagan, \$5; Turville Bros., one can corn, one box jelly; Mrs. McNeil, oranges and cake; Mrs. Rowat, candy and cake; Mrs. Burns, one turkey; Mrs. Harry Carling, books; Mrs. McClary, one turkey, one ham, one plum pudding; Dr. Meek, fruit. ously remembered the hospital in their

GOOD WORDS FOR AN EX-LON-DONER.

The St. Louis Republic, in a recent issue, contains the following reference to a former Londoner:

"Sharp Butterfield, the expert poultry judge, who made the awards on the chickens at the poultry and pigeon show this week, is said to know more about the barnyard fowl than any man living. He is much sought after by the managers of poultry shows the country over, and in the last ten years have depended his time exclusively to has devoted his time exclusively to judging exhibition chickens at prize shows. Mr. Butterfield hails from London, Ont., but spends most of his time in the United States. He is plain and homespun in his wearing apparel and conversation, and puts on no airs. He has been engaged in the poultry business all his life and developed from an exhibitor to a judge. The general sat-isfaction which his awards usually give have made him a most desir-able arbiter at such contests." TWILIGHT RECITAL.

light organ recital attracted s large and appreciative audience to Dundas Center Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hewlett is certainly to be commended for his energy in arranging these recitals. The lovers of music in this city have not been slow to appreciate this, and the success of these recitals in the future is assured. Mr. Hewlett's programme

Mr. W. H. Hewlett's monthly twi-

on Saturday afternoon was a good, but popular one, and, judging by the hearty applause with which each number was received, the audience were delighted with it. A special feature was the rendition of Dudley Buck's descriptive pieces, "The Holy Night,"
"The March of the Maji Kings," by
Dubois, and a gavotte of Mr. Hewlett's own composition. Mr. Alfred D. Sturrock, the celebrated young baritone, who assisted, will always be welcomed in London. Mr. Stunock was heard to advantage in Van de Water's "Night of Nights," and "The Star of Bethlehem," both of which were enthusiastically encored. The next recital of the series will be heard on

be largely attended. KNOX PRESBYTERIAN MUSICAL SERVICES.

Saturday, Jan. 28, and will doubtless

The services in Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, were in keeping with the joyous festival of Christmas, and were largely attended. The reading-desk, platform and choir galery were amply decorated with holly and flowers. Rev. J. G. Stuart, the pastor, conducted the services both morning and evening, and his sermons were founded on the birth of Christ and the redemption of the world. The musical programme was specially adapted for the occasion. In morning the selections were: "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn" (Leslie); Mendelssohn's "Te Deum" (adapted by Dudley Buck), with bass solo by Mr. Harry W. Givins, and solo by Miss Martin, rendered feelingly and in excellent voice, and quartet by Misses Leys and Kemp, and Messrs. Irwin and Givins; the recitative and "The Star that Now Is Shining" (King), by Mr. Givins and choir. Mr. Givins' singing was very credit-

In the evening another large congregation was present, and the music was a special feature. The hymns were all familiar ones, and were joined in heartily by the congregation. The anthems were: "Lead, Kindiy Light" anthems were: "Lead, Kindly Light" (Sir Arthur Sullivan): "Praise the Lord (Sir George Elvey), with quarter by Miss Leys, Miss Scott, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Givins; and an offertory solo, "O Holy Night" (Adolph Adam), by Miss Leys, whose sympathetic phrasing and good voice were very effective. Mr. F. L. Evans, the organist and choirmaster, has a splendid choir, and their feeling rendition and correct light and shade in both the hymns and anthems is much appreciated by the

large congregation. An Xmas Toast Then fill your glasses to the brim, Fill high, each welcome guest, Let every man's swift fancy limn The thing he loves the best. One toast to crown this festive day

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