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CROP OF CANDIDATES IS SHORT ELECTION THREE WEEKS OFF

Mayor Stevely May Be Opposed by Ex-Alderman Mathews, Who Still Has His Eye on the Big Chair--A Glance at Situation in Regard to Council and Other Bodies.

Few indeed are the number of municipal aspirants, in spite of the fact that elections are just three weeks away.

So far not a single candidate is out against Mayor Stevely, and although it is expected that ex-Ald. R. F. Mathews will again take a chance, he has not announced his decision.

Possible Candidates.

Mr. C. M. R. Graham has a desire for the place.

Mr. F. J. Darch, water commissioner, would likewise welcome a term in the mayor's chair, but he announced some time ago that he would run for the water commission again, and let the mayorality pass this time.

Mr. Graham will not run in a three-cornered contest, and as the time to prepare for the campaign is very short, it is not expected that he will face the music.

Council Aspirants.

Of the candidates for the council there are several announced. Of the present board, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Rose and Ald. Stewart are definitely in the field.

Ald. Beattie and Ald. Greenlees are considering the question.

Ald. Booth some time ago announced that he would retire, although pressure is being brought to bear upon him to change his mind.

There are some new aspirants for the position, not many yet, but the number will materially increase before the week is out.

The New Ones.

Mr. Benj. Noble, J. L. Flannigan, Neil Cooper, T. F. Kingsmill, jun., and several others have signified their intention of running.

The School Board.

In the school board there is little doing.

It is said that one slate is being made up as follows: E. J. MacRobert, Jas. Granger, A. E. Barbour, Dr. H. A. Kingsmill and C. M. R. Graham. Among other probable candidates are Mr. John M. Gunn, H. C. McBride and Col. Colby.

Water Commission.

For the water commission the names of Mr. Fred J. Darch and Dr. H. A. Stevenson are mentioned. Mr. S. Screaton announced some time ago that he would retire from the hospital trust, but it is probable that he will be induced to again seek the place. It does not look like a very strenuous election campaign.

EVERY STAMP A BULLET IN FIGHT AGAINST WHITE PLAGUE

Buy some stamps or send contributions to the London committee. Every penny from the sale of stamps and every dollar given by the people of London will be used to endow a ward for patients from London. Do it now, and help along those who are working so earnestly in this effort for the unfortunate ones of our city. Every member of the London committee is authorized to furnish

Christmas stamps for sale or to receive contributions. The public schools over the city are being supplied with stamps today, through the kindness of Mr. C. M. R. Graham, chairman of the public school board, and Mr. W. H. Liddicoat, principal of Talbot street school. The hearty co-operation of all teachers, scholars and parents is desired. The London committee is as follows: W. J. Underwood, 'phone 1546, house 1970; Rev. Dyson Hague, J. W. Westervelt, sen.; W. H. Liddicoat, A. Kingsmill, secretary, and R. J. Watson, treasurer, with Globe Casket Company. 'Phones 169, house 1654.

Wilson vs. Pratt Case in the Courts A Lively Row on Hyman Street

Plaintiff Sues Defendant for \$500 Damages--A Contra Claim Alleged.

A very interesting little neighborhood fight, with numerous melodramatic incidents, was heard before Judge Macbeth this morning, when William A. Wilson, of 234 Hyman street, sued his next-door neighbor, Charles L. Pratt, for \$500 damages, for the alleged blocking up of a drain of the former so that the cellar of Mr. Wilson, according to his own story, took on a Venetian aspect for weeks at a time.

Mr. Wilson built the drain and permitted Mr. Pratt to connect with it on the understanding that the latter should withdraw if he was requested to do so. As matters turned out, Mr. Pratt was requested to withdraw his connection, but did so, but failed to close the hole after he had removed the pipes, and as the hole is in the

latter's property, Mr. Wilson was of too retiring a nature to attempt to do this himself.

The result was that from one cause or another the sewer was blocked, intentionally Mr. Wilson says.

More Trouble.

Mr. Pratt claims that all his trees are dead or dying since that time, and accuses Mr. Wilson of poisoning them; and that his suspicion might be brought before the public he had a sign painted and placed in a tree, pointing towards Wilson's property, so that he that runs might reach which bore the word "Suspicious."

Mr. Wilson was incensed at this, and, armed with a paintpot, he made a descent upon the offending sign, and gave it a liberal coating, so the war waged merrily till it finally found its way into court.

There was a good deal of amusement in the court room.

Mr. Wilson, on several occasions, making matters interesting for Mr. Ed. Meredith, the prosecuting lawyer. The case is still in progress.

The University Senate Is Filling Up

The appointment of Mr. J. H. Smith, inspector of schools, Chatham, on Friday last, adds another to the rapidly-growing list of university senators.

A representative from the Trades and Labor Council will be named this week. Several names have been mentioned for the place, the most prominent being Mr. H. B. Archer and Mr. Joseph T. Marks.

Eight other members have been selected up to date, among them be-

ing Mayor Geddes and Judge C. W. Colter, by the St. Thomas Council; J. H. Smith, Chatham, school inspector; S. Frank Glass, Middlesex County Council representative; Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald, board of education; Rev. Father Tobin, separate school board; and Dr. P. R. Eccles, Principal Radcliffe of the Normal School and Vice-Principal R. A. Little of the Collegiate.

Other appointments are expected shortly.

MR. GEO. W. HODGINS MADE PROTESTANT

Reward for Active Part He Took in Building of Holy Trinity Church, Lucan.

Mr. George W. Hodgins, of Lucan, was pleasantly surprised at his home on Saturday evening by the board of management of the Holy Trinity Church, when they presented him with a neatly worded address, and a handsome gold watch, chain and locket, all suitably engraved. The address was read by Rev. Arthur Carlisle, rector of church, and the presentation

was made by W. E. Stanley. The board of management and the members of the congregation feel deeply grateful to Mr. Hodgins for the very active part he took in the building of the new church, and the watch and chain were a tangible token of the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Hodgins was completely taken by surprise, but expressed his thanks.

Confirmation Services.

Bishop Williams held a confirmation service at Emmanuel Church in London Township, yesterday, and administered the rite to a large class of candidates, presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Richardson.

LIBERALS, ATTENTION!

The nominations for the Young Liberal Club officers will be held tonight at Hyman Hall. A large attendance of the members of the club is requested. There is bound to be a keen race for the position of president. It is not known who will stand for the honor, but it is certain that there will be two or three candidates at least. Every member is asked to be present.

Westminster Man Had Narrow Escape Buggy Struck by a Traction Car

Mr. A. K. Saddler Had His Horse Killed at Lambeth on Saturday.

Mr. A. K. Saddler, of Westminster, had a very narrow escape from serious injury on Saturday afternoon, while driving near Lambeth.

He has just turned into the gateway of Mr. T. Hamlyn's place, and was crossing the Southwestern Traction Company's tracks when his horse and buggy was struck by the freight trolley on the way to St. Thomas.

Horse Was Killed. Fortunately for Mr. Saddler the harness broke. The horse which he was driving fell beneath the wheels, and had one of its hind legs cut off.

The buggy, with Mr. Saddler in it, bumped along the tracks in front of the car for nearly 30 feet before it was thrown to one side.

The car was not stopped until it had gone about 100 feet. The horse had to be killed, and as it was a colt worth \$150, the loss is a severe one. Mr. Saddler, however, is very thankful that he escaped with his life.

Says Whistle Wasn't Blown. To The Advertiser today he stated that if he had had any warning whatever he could have easily stopped it.

He alleges the whistle was not blowing, and says the motorman stated to him that he was so badly frightened that he was unable to stop the car.

The car was in charge of Motorman Taylor and Conductor Connell. It is likely that Mr. Saddler will enter an action for damages.

TO EXTEND SCOPE OF BOUNTY ACT

Veterans Want All Anglo-Saxons Who Fought in Africa To Benefit.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Dominion Government will be asked to extend the scope of the volunteer bounty act passed last session. Men who served in the South African war, but who under the terms of the act, are not entitled to share in the land grants, have formed the Imperial South African Veterans' Association, the avowed object of the association being to "seek to have the above act extended so that all men of the Anglo-Saxon race who took part in the South African war, and who are not entitled to participate in the land grant, and who were residing in Canada at the time the said act came into force, shall be included in its provisions." A largely attended meeting of these interested in the movement was held Saturday evening in the Labor Temple. At this meeting, Sheffield Grimwood, general secretary of the association, explained the object of the association, giving the reasons which, in the opinion of the veterans, the bounty act should be broadened.

The Imperial South African Veterans' Association was formed just a month ago. Already applications for membership have exceeded 2,450. Circulars have been distributed, the answers to which show that of the number replying, 91 per cent would settle on the land if they get it; 8 per cent are doubtful, and 1 per cent would not settle. A. H. H. Hair, of Montreal; George C. Webb, J. W. Thomson, of Ottawa; L. Wilshaw and Sheffield Grimwood, of Toronto, will go to Ottawa to lay the request of the association before the Government.

EPIDEMIC AMONGST SCHOOL CHILDREN

Catharrhal Jaundice Is Affecting London Scholars.

There is an epidemic of catharrhal jaundice among the children of the city. According to the statement of a well-known physician, there must be at least 150 cases of it here. The disease, which is rather rare, affects children from 2 to 12, and while not dangerous, causes the little ones to be very ill. "There was an epidemic of it here two years ago," said Dr. H. A. Stevenson. "It is very bad at present. I know of a number of cases and other physicians tell me that they have quite a number of youngsters ill with it. I suppose the weather has something to do with it."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 12-13—At New York—Ultonia, from Trieste; Martha Washington, from Trieste; Philadelphia, from Southampton; Minnehaha, from London. At Antwerp—Montana, from Montreal; Zealand, from New York. At Leith—Calabria, from New York; At Naples—Laura, from New York; Caronia, from New York. At Plymouth—New York, from New York. At Halifax—Corcoran, from Liverpool. At Queenstown—Cedric, from New York. At Liverpool—Ebbontan, from Boston; Victorian, from St. John.

SHEATH GOWNS MANY SHADES

Modification of the Noted Directoire for London Fair Sex This Season.

Scare headlines in many American papers have been warning unhappy husbands that the new styles in dresses are to be of such a radical nature that there is no hope of last season's dresses being made over. In London, however, the demands of fashion are more conservative, and the tube effect, which is to make the fair sex assume the conformation of a walking stovepipe, is still only a nightmare of the future. The prevailing mode in this part of the world is likely to be a modification of the famous directoire gown. This, with the popular princess effect, in its many variations will be the two most entitled styles. The three-piece suit, which has gained such a vogue across the line, is itself but the modification or the directoire model.

New Colors.

While there are to be no radical changes in the form of fashion, there are a number of new colors that are likely to be much worn. Blue will be the most popular color, with grey an almost equal favorite. Mulberry and green shades, while not so universally worn, are expected to be favorites. The new colors and those which will be mostly worn are: Ashes of roses, toupie, which rejects in the shade, a soft, euphonious name of the color, which is already in vogue, and very popular; Arctic blue, sea, wisteria or blue chasseur, a bright blue of a turquoise tint, canard, a duck blue, palmon or peacock blue, a blue with a green tint; mole, a color similar to to a musketeer green, a new olive color, and catwaba, a purple with green shade, which has not yet been seen in London.

These will give enough variety to the costumes to make life worth living for the fair sex. The collars and ruffs that are already so popular seem likely to have an even greater vogue during the coming season.

THAMES RIVER IS FROZEN OVER

About Four Inches of Ice—Rinks May Be Made in City for Youngsters.

The Thames is completely frozen over. In many places there is as much as six inches of ice, although the general thickness is about four inches.

The "kiddies" have been skating on it, but they are generally the reckless chaps, who are not afraid to take a chance.

A movement is on foot to have the fire department flood a number of lots throughout the city to furnish miniature rinks for the smaller youngsters to skate and slide on.

Sheriff Cameron advocates these ponds, and it is understood the Playground Association will take the matter up.

This scheme is carried out in Detroit every winter, and works very satisfactorily.

Late Mr. McHarg.

The funeral of Stationmaster John McHarg was held this morning to the Grand Trunk station, and the remains were taken to Hamilton for interment. The funeral services were conducted at the residence of his son, Mr. D. McHarg, 419 Horton street, last night, by Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church. The railway men and telegraph operators of this city sent many very beautiful floral offerings.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS EXCELLENT

London Merchants Well Satisfied and Are Optimistic as to Future.

EARLY SHOPPERS IN EVIDENCE

Are Getting the Choice of the Bargains—A Moral in This for Others.

The Christmas shopper is busy, real busy. The storekeepers have been awaiting his and her advent for some time, and now the shoppers of both sexes are swarming the early bird, and are doing well.

As a rule merchants state that business is ahead of last year. This is quite true of the merchant who handles special Christmas lines, but is more than true if the man who handles staples.

A large number of the merchants were seen by The Advertiser this morning, and the replies were very optimistic.

All Are Optimistic.

"Business is 25 per cent ahead of last year at this time," said one merchant. "The real Christmas trade has not begun, although it will begin in earnest this week. Conditions are improving steadily."

"We do not look for a rush until the week before Christmas," said another. "But there was a lot of buying done on Saturday—much more than on the corresponding Saturday of 1907. The outlook is good for a fine Christmas trade."

"About the same as last year," said another merchant. "There is, however, an optimistic feeling, and I am looking for a much larger trade than last year. We have no complaints."

Better This Week.

"Trade is good with us, splendid, in fact," declared a Dundas street merchant. "Our business is showing a good increase. I can hardly say that the Christmas shopping has commenced in earnest. There have been some shoppers out, but not in very large numbers. We expect a better business this week. The snowstorm of Saturday night was a good thing for us. It is like Christmas weather now. We will do a larger trade than last year."

"In our business Christmas shopping does not commence until the week before Christmas."

BURGLAR BROKE INTO HIS ROOMS

Thomas Doherty, of 108 Dundas Street, Makes Complaint to the Police.

Thomas Doherty, who lives above 108 Dundas street, has reported to the police that on Saturday his rooms were broken into and a gold watch and chain, which he had left there, taken.

Mr. Doherty lives alone, and the theft was committed while he was out. The detectives are working on the case.

MARINE DEP'T MEN CALLED TO ONTARIO

Witnesses Indignant at Being Asked to Fetch Along Their Books.

Kingston, Dec. 14.—Subpoenas have been served on Messrs. McKinley & Birch Selby, Youden & R. Davis, to attend the marine inquiry Tuesday in Ottawa, and bring their books. The firms are very indignant, and think court should have come to Kingston, as the removal of books is done at great inconvenience and considerable risk. They absolutely deny anything saving of graft or payment of commissions.

DINED WITH PRESIDENT.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Earl of Warwick, of England, dined at the White House last night, and related to the President an interesting experience.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 14—8 a.m. Moderate winds, mostly west and south; generally fair and mild today and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday. 8 a.m. Min. Max.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Today, Yesterday, and Max. Rows include London, Sunday, Monday, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Estleford, Qu'Appelle, and Halifax.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure continues low over the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada is for the most part comparatively mild. Since Saturday morning heavy rain has occurred in the Maritime Provinces, and light local snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND KILLED AND TWO MILLION INJURED

Awful Accident Record for the Past Year Among the Workmen of the United States, Iron and Steel Workers Being Greatest Sufferers.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths, and 2,000,000 injured, is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued today by the bureau of labor. Of those employed in factories and workshops, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees.

Delbert Botterill Was Committed Charged With Stealing a Watch

Alleged That He Took the Time-piece From a Man on the Market.

In the police court this morning, Delbert Botterill was committed for trial at the next sittings, commencing Jan. 11, by Magistrate Love, on a charge of stealing a watch and chain from Growski B. Fleming.

In the witness-box Fleming stated that he was down around the market one morning several weeks ago, and on going home had missed his watch. He thought he had lost it, and did not know anything more about it, until it was shown him by the detectives.

Says He Had the Watch. John L. Haines, a chum of Botterill's, gave evidence to the effect that Botterill had had a silver watch and chain, and had acted in a very uneasy manner regarding it.

He had given a wrong name to a man to whom he had attempted to sell it, and had been very anxious lest the police find out about it. Botterill's counsel did not put in any defence, and Magistrate Love sent the case to the sessions.

A Switchman Killed at St. Thomas

St. Thomas, Dec. 14.—William C. Stuart, switchman on the Pere Marquette Railway, was killed in the company's yards here this morning.

He lost his balance and fell beneath the wheels of a car which was being switched.

Bishop Williams Denies the Story

There has been some talk concerning the appointment by His Lordship Bishop Williams of the Diocese of London of a committee to investigate the system of spiritual healing that has gained such a hold in several of the larger cities of the United States under the name of the "Immanuel Movement."

Speaking to an Advertiser reporter this morning Bishop Williams said there was no truth in the story whatever, the only excuse for it being that the Bishop of London, England, had taken such action.

Bishop Williams thinks it a far cry from London, England, to London, Canada, and stated definitely that he had neither taken such action, nor did he or any other of the bishops intend to do so. The matter had come up, he stated, at the last general sessions and

had been very strongly advocated by a member of the session who had come in very close touch with the work of the leader of the movement, Mr. McCombs, of Boston, and at that time it had been definitely decided that no action should be taken. In London, England, said the bishop, where people were living in a more artificial environment and where as a result the nervous or diseases more or less spiritual in their nature were prevalent, the movement had acquired a hold on the imagination of the people, and it was necessary for the church to meet this movement in some way and for that reason the Bishop of London, England, had formed a committee to examine into it.

The movement was in no way similar to the Christian Science movement.

Mystery in the Death of Kent Lady

Chatham, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Reaume, a widow who kept house for John Coogan, was found dead yesterday morning when Coogan returned from the country where he had been for several days. The doors of the house were all locked and Coogan had to gain entrance by a window. The corpse was lying on the bed and it is supposed she had been dead for some days.

The remains were taken to Burrow & Sons' morgue, where they await inspection by the coroner. There is some talk of foul play, and a coroner's inquest into the death will be held this morning.

Chatham, Dec. 14.—The jury empanelled in the case of Mrs. Emma Reaume, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances yesterday, viewed the body and adjourned till tonight. In meantime a post-mortem examination of the body will establish the cause of death. She was subject to fits and only recently had a fit on the street, and was taken to the hospital.

Church Filled With Worshippers Afire

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Fire from an overheated furnace caused the destruction of the Roman Catholic parish church at St. Ambrose. The conflagration started while the service was in progress. The edifice was crowded to capacity, when without a moment's warning flames burst through the registers in the floor and the church commenced to fill with smoke. Despite the efforts of the priest and a number of the less excited members

of the congregation the audience arose and rushed for the entrances. The wide exits permitted the congregation to leave the building quickly, which no doubt prevented the partly panic-stricken audience from injuring one another. The church had been recently erected and was considered one of the finest in the district. The loss is placed at \$100,000, covered by an insurance of \$50,000.

MR. BORDEN BACK. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion Opposition, arrived here today from Hot Springs, Arkansas, looking the picture of health, and says he has benefited greatly by his three weeks' rest. Mr. Borden has come to Toronto to attend a meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia, of which he is a director. When questioned about the election, he said he knew nothing about the arrangements. He had as a fellow-journer at the Springs, Mr. Taft, the United States President-elect.

A POSTHUMOUS TITLE. Pekin, Dec. 14.—An edict was issued yesterday conferring on the late Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi An the posthumous title of "Phil and Admirable Empress of the Heavens, Equal and Bright in Practicing Holiness." The edict orders that special ceremonies be carried out in connection with the conferring of the title.

Water Commissioners. The water commissioners will meet this afternoon to wind up the business of the year. There is little to be transacted, and the session will be of short duration.

A WOMAN'S BACK WAS NOT MADE TO AGUE.

Thousands of Women Suffer Untold Misery Every Day With Aching Backs That Really Have No Business To Ache.

Under ordinary conditions it ought to be strong and ready to bear the burdens of life. It is hard to do housework with an aching back.

But they can't help it. If more work is put on them than they can stand it is not to be wondered that they get out of order. Backache is simply a warning from the kidneys and should be attended to immediately so as to avoid years of terrible suffering from kidney troubles.

Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you in the same way as they have cured thousands of others. Mrs. O. Warren, Radisson, Sask., writes: "I was troubled with very severe pains in my back for years. I tried everything I could think of but they did me no good. A friend told me about Doan's Kidney Pills and after taking two boxes, I have not been troubled since."

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RAAWAY'S READY RELIEF. PARISHIAN SAGE. Parian Sage stops falling hair—it prevents the hair from falling. If your hair is falling out, stop it. There is one sure remedy that will cure these misfortunes and aid you to remain young.

SOME GOOD ADVICE. If you have dandruff, get rid of it by killing the germs. If your hair is falling out, stop it. There is one sure remedy that will cure these misfortunes and aid you to remain young.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS for CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLEVIATES ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world.

EXPLOSION ON PANAMA CANAL KILLS SCORES OF WORKMEN

A Twenty-five Ton Dynamite Blast Rips Open Hillside and Many Laborers Are Buried by the Wreckage or Blown to Bits.

Colon, Dec. 14.—The explosion Saturday at Basobispo of the twenty-five-ton dynamite blast was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama Canal since the United States took control. A thorough investigation, with a view to fixing the responsibility, has been ordered, and already officials are taking evidence and endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the premature discharge of the blast.

The dead now total thirteen. That many bodies have been recovered, but it is believed a score or more are still under the masses of rock and earth that were thrown up. The death list would have been appalling had a train conveying 500 laborers, passed a few minutes later. This train steamed down the cut and was barely out of view when the explosion occurred. For a distance of 800 feet in length and 400 feet in width the Basobispo cut presents a graphic picture of the effects of the explosion. The whole hillside has been devastated, the dynamite rending the earth in twain and tossing huge boulders in all directions. A 90-ton steam shovel lies

Dutch Dare Castro's Big Guns Cruiser Carries Off a Guardship

Goes In Under Nose of Artillery, But Is Not Fired Upon.

Willemstadt, Dec. 14.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland came into this port yesterday morning, towing the Venezuelan coastguard ship Alix, with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix off Puerto Cabello on Saturday. At that time the Alix was lying close in shore and notwithstanding the resistance which the Venezuelan Government had made to fire upon any of the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at speed towards the guardship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance and no shot came from the forts on land. The crew of the Alix was put ashore, the officer and some marines remained on board, the Gelderland finally taking the Alix in tow and steaming away with her prize.

The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland Government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela, and to carry off any Venezuelan ships of war or guard vessels that they might find. The arrival of the Gelderland at Willemstadt this morning was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by those who noticed the cruiser's approach and soon the entire populace were down to the water's edge to welcome the return of the Gelderland, towing the first of the enemy's ships, as though from a great conquest. A communication to this effect has been forwarded by the Dutch Government to the German minister at Caracas. It is learned from the officers of the Gelderland that the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and the cruiser Friesland are now off Lagunaira and that further captures may be expected at any time. These two vessels left here on Friday, cleared for action, and it was believed at that time that the intention was to make a forcible demonstration at Lagunaira. The opinion is held here that the Venezuelan Government, in the absence of President Castro, will not go so far as to fire upon the Dutch warships, which, in view of the fact that Venezuela is practically without a navy, hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

Cuts Throats of His Children When Crazed by the Influenza

English Sailor Commits Terrible Deed While Out of His Mind.

London, Dec. 14.—A seafaring man, named George Nadin, cut the throats of his five children, and afterwards his own, in a house in Bethel avenue, Hermit road, Canning town, early on Saturday morning, apparently in a fit of frenzy brought on by influenza. Three of the children were killed outright, and the two others are lying in a critical condition in St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow. Nadin himself, also

dangerously injured, is in the Popular Hospital, and his wife is suffering from several cuts received during a desperate struggle for the razor with which he committed the crime.

Nadin left the breakfast-table in the morning as usual, and went, as his wife thought, to kiss the children good-bye, before going out. A few moments afterwards Mrs. Nadin heard a scream, and opening the door of the room in which she was sitting, she saw her son Angus in the grasp of her husband, who held a razor, with which he had cut the child's throat. She rushed at her husband and tried to wrench the razor away. She did not succeed, but the boy was able to slip from his father's grasp and run downstairs into the gutter.

Mrs. McCombie, who lives in another flat in the same house, rushed to the spot on hearing the boy's scream, and joined Mrs. Nadin in the struggle. Once she got the razor in her hand, but Nadin wrestled it away. Finally the two women managed to force him into the front room and locked him in. Then they went to the other rooms. In one of the two oldest children, George aged 11, and Margaret, aged 8, lay with their throats cut, but still living. In another, the two youngest were lying dead.

SOME SARNIANS IN A NICE MIX-UP

Woman Living With Supposed "Jack the Hugger" Skipped With Another Man.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, Dec. 13.—The woman, Mrs. Lib. Clark, who has been living with Charles Forran, suspected of being "Jack the Hugger," and Forran's employee, Louis Whitsell, who is charged with having run away with Forran's horse and rig and \$200, entrusted to the woman's keeping, have been arrested, and brought back to Sarnia. The couple were captured at St. Clair. They appeared before the magistrate Saturday morning, Whitsell being committed to jail to await trial, and the woman released on bail, to appear when called upon. Forran lives on the fourth line, Sarnia Township. He is a married man, whose wife deserted him several years ago, and Mrs. Lib. Clark, who has been living with him, left, so she says, on account of his dissipated habits. Forran, after his arrest on the "Jack the Hugger" charge, left over \$200 in cash in the hands of this woman. When arrested the woman had \$162 in her possession, while Whitsell had about \$250. Officer Harris, of Sarnia, took charge of the cash. An alarm from box 3 last night gave the firemen a run. It was a chimney fire in the Knapp block, Front street. The services of the brigade were not required. Funerals. The funeral of the late Miss Nellie Davis, who died suddenly on Thursday morning, took place yesterday from the home of her mother, Mrs. Davis. The funeral was private. Public sympathy is with Mr. and Mrs. Keat, in the loss of their son John Tremayne, whose death was referred to in these columns on Saturday. The funeral was held from his late residence, Brook street, yesterday afternoon, to Lakeview Cemetery. The remains of the late Mrs. Walter White (nee Luscombe) were brought here from Chicago, and were interred in Lakeview Cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of her father, Wm. Luscombe. The most saddest sights seen in Sarnia was the funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Paul, the unfortunate victims of gas asphyxiation. The funeral was held Friday afternoon to Lakeview Cemetery and was largely attended. Hockey Players Busy. A meeting of hockey enthusiasts will be held Tuesday evening in an effort to form a local league. A cup will be offered providing a league can be formed. At a meeting of the auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Devine Street Methodist Church, Miss Armstrong, who has lately returned from Japan, gave an interesting address, after which luncheon was served. Joseph Peterson, proprietor of the Hotel Northern, entertained the county council and a large number of friends Friday evening. About 150 were present and enjoyed a delightful spread. POULTRYMEN ELECT Mr. Richard Oke, of London, Made Vice-President of the Association. Guelph, Dec. 14.—The poultrymen held their annual meeting here Saturday. The association selected Hon. James Duff, minister of agriculture, and his predecessor in office, Hon. Nelson Montebello, as honorary presidents. Other officers elected were: President, L. H. Baldwin, of Toronto; vice-presidents, Richard Oke, London, and W. J. Teale, Guelph; directors, Jos. Russell, M. P., Toronto; A. W. Tyson, Guelph; G. G. Henderson, Hamilton; T. H. Scott, St. Thomas; P. L. Greer, Owen Sound; T. Kiley, London; N. K. Cornwall, Thamesville; C. H. Wilson, Hawkestone; representative to Canadian National Exhibition, Wm. McNeil, London; Wm. Barber, Toronto (second representative if two can be secured); representative to Provincial Winter Fair, W. McNeil, London; A. W. Tyson, Guelph; L. H. Baldwin, Toronto; W. Tregwin, 34 Leuty avenue, Toronto. A silver cup for competition between members of the Canadian Wyanotte Club at the Buffalo show was offered at the meeting of that organization by Mr. Stanand, of Buffalo. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Prof. W. R. Graham; president, J. S. Martin; vice-president, J. E. Daly; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Bullock; executive committee, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. C. Hall, W. F. Baldwin, A. Devit and Joseph Russell.

WEATHER PROBS: Fair Milder Smallman's Ingram Limited MONDAY, DEC. 14. THE SATISFACTORY STORE, PHONE 655

The Christmas Spirit Was in the Air Last Week

Let the Good Work Be Continued This Week. Shop Now—and take advantage of our best store service, particularly in the morning, and have your parcels delivered promptly NEXT WEEK you'll find everybody in a hurry, and before you know it you'll have time only to make hurried selections. Do everything that is possible this week, and in the morning hours, when you can make your selections leisurely, and with comfort.

Ladies' White Lawn and Muslin Aprons

New and Pretty Styles for Christmas Selling. A new style made of Fine Lawn, finished with rows of fancy hemstitching, with bib to match, and straps over shoulders. For only, each 45c. Another new style of fine lawn, has extra deep, hemstitched hem, with bib and shoulder frill to match; also finished with wide sashes. For, each 65c. Maids' Aprons, 75c. A Good, Wide Skirt, with fancy bib, trimmed with cambric insertion and embroidery, with frill of embroidery over shoulder. For, each 75c. Maid's Princess Style, \$1.35. These are made of Fine White Lawn, Princess style, with three rows of cambric insertion running down front, bib finished with embroidery to match, and extra wide ties. For each \$1.35. Other styles also from, each 25c to \$1.35.

Ladies' Aprons, \$1.00. Made of Fine Lawn, skirt finished with groups of hemstitched tucks and Swiss insertion, with bib to match. For, each \$1. Children's Lawn Aprons, with fine embroidery or lace trimmings. Each 25c to \$1.50. Dainty Styles in Ladies' Swiss and Fine Lawn Tea Aprons. Pointed effect, finished around edge with lace and insertion, lace pocket and Swiss ties, made of Swiss muslin. For, each, only 50c. Waitresses' Aprons, plain or embroidery trimmed. At, each 20c, 30c and 35c. Bleached or Unbleached Linen Aprons, with or without bib. Each 35c to 75c. Gingham All-Over Aprons, with or without sleeves. Extra good values, 45c to 85c. Ladies' Sleeve Covers, colored or white. A pair 20c. THIRD FLOOR.

Ready-to-Wear Garments for Infants and Children

Infants' Hand-Made Woolen Coats, plain white, pink and white, or blue and white; very pretty colors, warm and comfortable Coats, from, each 50c to \$1.40. Children's Hand-Made Woolen Underskirts, in grey, cardinal, black and cream. Each \$1.10 to \$1.60. Also Children's Knitted Underskirts, with waist, in grey and white, blue and white, and plain creams. At, each \$1 and \$1.25. Children's Teddy Bear Pajamas, in castor, pink or blue, 2 to 12 years. Suit \$1.75. Infants' Hand-Embroidered Barriocoats, in flannel. Each \$1.25 to \$2.50. Children's Fancy Silk Dresses, pretty styles, From, each \$2.50 to \$7. THIRD FLOOR.

Special Offer for 1909 Monthly Designer

Subscription for one year, commencing with the January number (if you wish), delivered from this store, 50c a year—published monthly. If mailed to out-of-town subscribers, 25c extra, to cover postage. Standard Fashion Book also goes with this offer for 10c, containing a coupon which entitles you to any Standard pattern free. Therefore, for 60c, you get the Designer for one year, worth 10c a single copy, a 20c fashion book and a 15c pattern—\$1.55 in all—but in this way only 60c. Can you resist this tempting offer? PATTERN DEPARTMENT.

Store closes 6 p.m. daily, Saturday included. Smallman's Ingram Limited DUNDAS and RICHMOND STREETS.

FREE! THE STARR HOCKEY SKATES. To every boy and girl in London who will bring four of the following orders to The Advertiser Office. I hereby state that I have not taken THE LONDON ADVERTISER regularly for the past 30 days, and in consideration of The Advertiser furnishing a pair of Hockey Skates free to (Boy's or Girl's Name) I order The London Advertiser and agree to pay for the same at the rate of 10 cents per week for at least twelve (12) weeks. Signed, Start Paper Address SPECIAL NOTICE Start Today To Earn a Prize. Bring in each order as soon as you get it, and it will be placed to your credit. A Bone-Handled (2 blades) Knife for one order. A Pearl-Handled (2 blades) Knife for two orders. A Gunmetal Watch for three orders. A Waterston Fountain Pen for one order. Better ones for two or three orders. Hockey Stick for one order. A long list of prizes to select from. See the Circulation Mgr., London Advertiser

FOUND WITH FEET FROZEN, MONTREAL FULL OF SUNDAY SHOWS

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Thomas Beland, the young man whose feet were frozen lies in the hospital still in a precarious condition. The doctors have given up hope of saving his limbs. Beland's story is most pathetic. A week ago he went to Riviere a Pierre for a hunting trip. Sunday evening, after having made a camp fire he went to sleep. When he awoke the fire was out and both of his feet were frozen. He could not walk, and as he was out of reach of any help, he commenced to crawl through the woods toward the village. It took him four hours to drag himself a mile. He was absolutely exhausted and about to give up the struggle, when he was found by a woodman who chanced along, who took him to the nearest house, some five miles away. Beland's family was notified, and he was brought to Quebec by the Quebec and Lake St. John train. MINISTERS WANTED. Toronto, Dec. 14.—Speaking at Trinity Methodist Church this morning, Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Winnipeg, made a strong appeal for support for educating young men for the ministry. The shortage of preachers in the western provinces was now, he said, 100. TAFT'S MAJORITY. New York, Dec. 14.—According to figures compiled by the New York Times, the vote for Taft in the recent election was 7,659,688, as compared with 7,623,468 for Roosevelt in 1904. The Democratic vote is given as 8,450,690 as against 5,077,971 four years ago. According to the table the Socialist vote was less than in 1904 and fewer votes were cast for the prohibition candidate as compared with 1904.

COLEMAN'S CAMPHO QUININE FOR COLDS & LA GRIPPE. Don't be laid up in bed with La Grippe. Break up the cold and fever with Coleman's Campho-Quinine. Cures in 24 hours—no bad effects—25c. At all dealers or from COLEMAN MEDICINE CO., TORONTO.

Condensed Advertisements.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words. Amusements—Ten cents per line each insertion...

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATHS. COLLINS—On Sunday, Dec. 12, 1908, at her home, Mowbray road, Caradoc, Mary Margaret, wife of Thomas Collins.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

BENNETT'S THE BIGGEST FIVE-CENT SHOW IN TOWN. Every Evening 1:30 to 10:30. Every Night 7:30 to 10:30.

LUSITANIA

The largest steamer in the world, sails from New York Wednesday, Dec. 16, with passengers for Christmas.

ALLAN DOMINION CUNARD, ANCHOR

and all other lines. Tickets issued at lowest rates outwards and prepaid by all classes.

SKATING TONIGHT, EAST END RINK

Band Monday night. Skating afternoon and night. Popular prices. 35c

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DON'T MISS "AN EVENING IN BONNIE SCOTLAND"

Rev. A. J. Vining's illustrated lecture in Talbot Street Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, 8 o'clock. Silver collection. 35c-25c

VICTORIA RINK—SKATING TONIGHT

and every afternoon. Admission, 10c. Good ice. Corner Adelaide and Fleet. Dilly street. 35c

THE LADIES' AID OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS

will hold a bazaar in the church on the evening of Dec. 14, afternoon and evening of the 15th. Refreshments, refreshments, etc., on sale. Admission free.

GRAND WEEKLY HOP PALACE

Auditorium, Monday evening, Dec. 14. Invitations. Advanced class opening Wednesday evening, Dec. 16. Start in first night. Gentlemen, Tuesday, ladies Thursday evening. Phone. Dayton & McCormick.

LEARN TO DANCE—RAPID TEACHING

Low prices. Special attention. Waltz and two-step. R. B. Millard, 245 Princess avenue.

TRACTION COMPANY

Hourly Service. London to St. Thomas, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Every two hours to Port Stanley, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES

balls, banquets. Phone 1285. Tony Viti's Italian Harpers, 122 Queen's avenue.

TONY CORTESE, ORIGINAL LONDON HARPER

Special attention. 151 Maple. Phone 1570.

MEETINGS.

Union Lodge, No. 380, A. F. and A. M., this (Monday) evening, 7:30 o'clock, at Masonic Temple. Visitors welcome. James Dean, W. M.; J. Ward, secretary.

WANTED.

FASHIONABLE MODISTE—EVENING costumes, land and dressmaking, plain or fancy. 386 Waterloo street. 35c

WANTED—ODD JOBS, ALL KINDS

all trades; promptly attended. Box 84, Advertiser. 35c

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN WILL

pay highest cash prices for your war medals. D. S. Robb, 425 College street, Toronto. 35c

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOW—CHRISTMAS

and wedding cards. Big Bell Restaurant, 122 King. 35c and 5c per post. F. G. Myers, proprietor.

WANTED—HURON AND ERIE AND

Ontario Loan Companies' shares. John Wright, 405 Dundas street, Richmond Hill. Phone 683.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—STERLING SILVER CUFFLINK. Initials: between Kenneth Avenue and First Presbyterian Church. Reward at this office. b

LOST—BLACK BEKSHIRE SOX, FRIDAY

night. Reward at 124 Maitland street. b

LOST A LITTLE OVER A MONTH

ago, \$500 in cash. Finder please return to 856 Dundas street. 35c

WOULD THE PERSON KINDLY RETURN

to Hall Bros., Walper House stables, two small parcels put in cutter by mistake? 34c-vz

HELP WANTED.

BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED—BIG money made selling London Souvenir Calendars at 1c each. Call 142 Grey street. C. L. Graves, publisher. 35c

SITUATIONS WANTED.

EXPERIENCED STENOGRAPHER DESIRES position first of year, whole sale house preferred. Apply Box 57, Advertiser. 35c

FIRST-CLASS WASHER AND IRONER

wishes work by the day. Apply at 575 1/2 Fall Mall. 35c

RESPECTABLE WOMAN REQUIRES

daily work; housework, cleaning. Box 85, Advertiser. 35c

ELDERLY WOMAN WISHES POSITION

as housekeeper to old lady or gentleman. Good references. Apply 44 York street. 35c

BUSINESS CARDS.

PAINTING AND RUBBER-TYPING AT reasonable prices. First-class job. Gould & Mohr, rear 234 Dundas street. 35c

CARPETS—REMODELED, CLEANED

and laid promptly; all hand work. Thorne, 550 York street. Phone 178. 35c

ELECTRO-PLATING, NICKEL AND

antique finishing cut specialties. Bicycle parts reniced. Bala, 84 Carling street. 35c

PERSONAL.

GENTLEMAN IN ALBERTA DESIRES to correspond with respectable Protestant Christian lady, about 30. Box 78, Advertiser. 35c

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—EXPERIENCED maid; middle-aged preferred. Apply to Mrs. John Green, 525 Ridout street. 35c

WANTED—A HOUSEMAID; FAMILY

of two; references required. Apply 83 Central avenue. 35c

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL

housework. Apply Mrs. Chapman, 255 Piccadilly street. 35c

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED, MUST

be long on towels; competent; small family; willing given out. Apply in writing. Full particulars Box 57, Advertiser. 35c

MALE HELP WANTED.

FIRST-CLASS PAINTMAKER WANTED at once. Apply O. Laballe, 220 Dundas street. 35c

FOUR CANVASSERS WANTED, APPLY

between 8 and 9, Alfred Tyler, 355 Clarence street. 35c

SHOES REPAIRED QUICKLY AND

neat. Desiring work and wages. The Famous Shoe Repair Store, 301 Dundas street. Phone 225. 25c

YOUNG MEN TO QUALIFY FOR POSITIONS

on Canadian Northern, C. P. R. and G. T. R.; agents, operators, freight and ticket clerks, baggage men, and for mail courses; winter term begins at college, January. Rail-roads and express companies. 35c-12c

YOUNG MAN OR BOY TO DO CHORES

on farm. Apply 10 Beaconsfield avenue. 35c

SAWYER THAT CAN MANAGE PORTABLE

mill, carpenter with tools preferred; steady and wages expected. Reid Bros., Bothwell. 20m

TEACHERS WANTED.

SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED FOR school section No. 4, Delaware, within walking distance of Truxton line; must hold second class certificate; duties to commence Jan. 4. C. Wonnacott, secretary-treasurer, Howitt. 25c

TEACHER FOR SCHOOL SECTION 21

until Dec. 21. Apply J. H. Taylor, Box 65, East London. 35c-12c

TEACHERS WANTED—PRINCIPAL

and assistant teachers for public school in school section No. 3, Chatham Township; duties to commence January 4. Apply D. Ewing, Tupperville, Ontario. 35c

WANTED—TEACHER FOR SENIOR

room, S. N. 12, Southwood, for 1909; experienced teacher preferred. Apply, stating salary and qualifications, to W. F. Glover, Fingal, Ont. 25c

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FOR SALE—GOOD GROCERY BUSINESS, with postoffice and buildings. Apply to Postmaster, Longwood, Ont. 35c

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HAVE YOU MONEY TO INVEST?

Large opportunity for party with fifty to fifteen hundred dollars for investment; safe, reliable proposition, yielding large returns; no mining stock speculation. Investigate thoroughly. Box 25, Hamilton. 35c

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STUDIOS, Y. M. C. A. AND 810 WEL-

LINGTON. Phone 267. J. Lamont Gallie, piano, voice, in song and speech. Mrs. Ave Galbraith, advanced piano-forte.

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UPRIGHT PIANO, IN SPLENDID CONDITION; when new, \$350; special this week, \$150, cash or easy payments. Nordheimers, Limited, 185 Dundas street. 35c

FOR SALE, CHEAP—VICTORIA BASE-

BURNER, almost new. Apply 62 Beaufort avenue. 35c

A 3-GALLON FARMER'S FEED BOILING

kettle, practically new; price low. The London Soap Company. 35c

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HEAVY PAIR OF SINGLE BOOTS, AP-

PLY 28 Miles street. 35c

FOR SALE—SPEEDING CUTTER,

nearly new; new pair muck ox robes. Apply 26 Stanley street. 35c

\$9.00—FROM NOW TILL DEC. 21, WE

will sell free-burning Lopez anthracite chestnut coal at 50 per ton; half ton, 25; no smoke, no cinders, no waste, burns entirely out. Green & Co., 425 York street. Phone 1381. 35c

FOXTERRIERS FOR SALE—A PUPPY

or young dog makes a most appropriate Christmas present. Our kennel is dog full, and until end of year we will make sales for \$5 up. Foxterriers, 425 Elbas street. See them. Kennelworld Kennels, 425 Elbas street. 35c

BUGGY, CUTTER AND HARNESS FOR

sale. Apply 847 Van street. 35c

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latest styles. See our samples. The Advertiser Job Department. 35c

FURNITURE OF ALL KINDS AT REAS-

onable prices for cash or on installments. Stoves, beds, dressers, hallcases, rugs, etc. Barnes & Co., 384 Hamilton road. 35c

HAND LAUNDRY

Work Called For and Delivered. FAMILY WASHINGS A SPECIALTY. Prices Reasonable. Miss Strachan, 347 Wellington st. 25c

FOR THE BEST FREE-BURNING

Lopez anthracite coal; best pea coal; best lump coal; no waste, burns clean, no smoke, no cinders, no ash. Scranton coal, \$1.50; mixed wood, \$1.50 per load. Green & Co., 425 York street. Phone 1381. 35c

GET YOUR MITTS, HORSE BLANKETS

—Langford's Hardware, 43 Hamilton road. Phone 278. 35c

Fresh Tripe, Pork Pies, Headcheese,

Pork Sausage, any of these make a tasty lunch for cold weather. BREEN & BULLARD, NORMANDY MEATS, Phone 2287. 2x 401 Richmond St. 35c

IF YOU WANT HELP, SITUATIONS,

want to buy or sell real estate, insert an advertisement in the Hamilton Herald, the recognized want medium of the city. Rate 2c a word, cash with order. Subscription: Daily, 25c a month; 12 yearly, \$2.50. Sample copy sent on application. 35c

SOME GOOD SECOND-HAND TOP

delivery wagons for sale. Abbott's Carriage Works. Wool-lined mule-faced mitts..... 25c Wool-lined calf-knit mitts..... 25c Wool-lined hogskin mitts..... 25c Wool-lined horsekin mitts..... 1.00 Good blanketing..... 1.00 35c

JAS. McDORMICK

255 TALBOT STREET. 25c

CN HAND—SALE OF UNPAID COR-

SETS. Canadian Lad's Corset Company, 255 Clarence street. Agent wanted. 35c

FOR SALE—POOL, BAGATTE AND

billiard tables. Apply 51 Dundas street. 35c

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FOR SALE—TWO-STORY FRAME house, also frame stable, to be removed from 67 Dundas street. Apply William Bernard, 401 Wellington street. 35c

\$4,000—HUNDRED ACRES, LONDON

Township, con. 16, near Profile Line; rich soil, well wooded spring. W. Chest, 85 College street, Toronto. 35c

FOR SALE OR TO LET—TWO-STORY

brick house, furnished, 112 Elmwood avenue, from 1st December; or for sale, including carpets and furniture; a bargain; also 119 Elmwood avenue, for sale, including carpets and stable. Apply Kilgour Couch Company. 35c

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WAH LEE LAUNDRY COMPANY—Goods called for and delivered. Guaranteed work. 283 1/2 Dundas. Please tell your friends. 35c

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Laundry. All hand work. Goods called for and delivered promptly. 150 Hamilton road. 35c

MEDICAL CARDS.

DR. GEORGE McNEILL, NORTHEAST corner Dundas and Waterloo streets. Telephone 418. 35c

DR. PINFOLD—OFFICE, 44 WELLING-

TON street, London. Electrical treatment diseases of women a specialty. 35c

DR. NORMAN H. BEAL (RETURNED

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DR. E. PARDEE BUCKE, 207 QUEEN'S

avenue—Eye, ear, nose and throat. 35c

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York Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, 425 Dundas, Richmond street, opposite Albert street. 35c

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chronic and malignant diseases. Cancer, tumors, ulcers, piles, and all diseases of the rectum. 425 Dundas Street, 420 and 422 Hamilton road. 35c

DR. MELDRUM, SOUTHEAST COR-

NER of King and Maitland streets. Phone 2872. 35c

MRS. CURRIER, PRIVATE HOSPITAL,

425 Dundas street. Special attention to nervous diseases and diet's also massage. Telephone 2332. 35c

DR. ECOLP'S CORNER QUEEN'S AVE.

Special attention diseases of women. Hours, 10 till 2. 35c

DR. JOHN D. WILSON—OFFICE AND

residence, 200 Queen's avenue. Special attention paid to diseases of women and children. 35c

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S. (Edinburgh)—Special attention diseases women, children. Office and residence, 491 Waterloo street. Phone 258. 35c

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M.R.C.S. (England)—27 King. Phone 839. 35c

DR. JAMES D. WILSON—OFFICE RE-

MOVED TO 134 Carling street. Specialty, diseases of digestive organs. 35c

USED BOMB TO BLOCK A BALL

Somebody Wanted To Break Up "Hinky Dink" Kenna's Annual Dance.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two buildings were wrecked, several persons are believed to have been killed and windows were shattered by a block around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley on Wabash avenue, near Sixteenth street early today.

The wrecked buildings adjoin the Coliseum, where the first ward Democratic hall, an annual revel, which is led by Ald. Kenna (Hinky Dink), against the holding of which this year much opposition has been made, is scheduled to be held tonight. The police are working on the theory that the bomb thrower designed to frighten people from going to the ball.

The report of the explosion was heard for a mile. The congregations of Grace Episcopal Church, adjoining the Coliseum, and of the Open Church, a block away, and guests of several nearby hotels, rushed to the streets excitedly.

A two-story frame building on Wabash avenue collapsed and took fire. The fire leaped across a vacant lot and spread to another frame building, which was also wrecked. Properties of the Coliseum stored in the buildings were fuel for the flames.

It was reported that men had entered one of the buildings a short time before the explosion, but so far the police and firemen have found no bodies in the ruins.

Mrs. Sbarretti Home. Papal Delegate Returns From His Visit to Europe.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—After three months absence, Mgr. Donatus Sbarretti, papal delegate to Canada, arrived home yesterday, from a sojourn in England and Italy. His excellency returns in excellent health. He left Ottawa in August to be present at the Eucharist conference in London. After attending this convention he went to Rome, and remained there till his departure for Canada. The papal delegate was accompanied by Rev. Dr. McNally, parish priest of Chelsea.

BIG CATTLE SALE BY AUCTION AT C/O. JACKSON'S FARM, WELLINGTON ROAD, WESTMINSTER, OPPOSITE WALKER'S BLACKBURN AND OTHER LIGHT CATTLE, on Thursday, Dec. 17, new milch cows, springers, stockers, also some horses and a number of good shoats. There will be about 50 first-class cattle at this sale. 25c

DR. W. J. STEVENSON, 31 DUNDAS STREET, E. Special attention diseases of women and surgery. X-rays. 35c

ALY. CAMPBELL, M.A., M.D.—SPECIALTY, diseases stomach. Hours, 2-4, 7-8, and appointment. 35c

Auction Sale

of furniture at 283 Hyman street, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. sharp. MRS. A. PEPIN, proprietress, leaving the city. 35c G. A. HATCH, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE

of household furniture, piano, etc., at 281 Hill street, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 10 o'clock. J. W. Jones, auctioneer. 35c

GARMENT CUTTING.

WE FURNISH CUTTING AND DESIGNING TAILORING, constructing and finishing garments and patterns. The London Tailoring Shop, 425 Dundas street. Lessons every afternoon and evening. 35c

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THE ARCHIBALD McPHERSON INSURANCE AGENCY. F. M. MILLMAN, Fire, Accident, and Marine. 105 Masonic Temple. Phone 745. 35c

SLATE ROOFING.

SLATE ROOFING, ASPHALT CEMENT ROOFING, etc. Walter Scott, 604 York street, London. 35c

MONEY TO LOAN.

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES on real estate. Macpherson & Co., 105 Dundas street. 35c

PRIVATE AND TRUST FUNDS TO

loan at 4% to 5% on real estate security; sums to suit; no commission charged. T. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 92 Dundas. 35c

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN—LOWEST

rates. Buchner & Gunn, corner Talbot and Carling. 35c

MONEY TO LOAN

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THE PATRONAGE LIST. The Toronto News, which appears to be making a strong bid for the position of chief apologist for the Whitney Government, endeavors to show that Conservative patronage lists no longer exist in Ontario. In support of its claims the News reproduces a form of advertisement, calling for tenders for certain supplies for the asylums, which it says has been sent out by Mr. Hanna every autumn since the present Government came into office. The News continues: "In response to these advertisements the trade, irrespective of politics, asks the department for the specifications and forms of tender. The specifications include the quantities required. In the case of tea and coffee and similar articles the firms which tender are required to submit samples of the goods which they are prepared to furnish. These samples are tested by officials, who are kept in ignorance as to whose goods they are handling. Purchases are made according to the report sent in by these officials, care being taken that the quality of the samples is maintained. That the publicity in regard to these purchases is real, and not perfunctory, is clearly shown by the fact that this year's advertisement brought in one hundred and five tenders. This was not an exceptionally large number, and in every instance, where the goods were up to specifications, the lowest tender was accepted. The department does not seek to enrich Tory partisans."

A limited range of supplies for Ontario public institutions has been already purchased by tender. The system has not been altered by the present Government, though the Conservative party in Opposition denounced it and promised a radical change. There is a patronage list for the purchase of supplies for all the asylums, and it is worked for all it is worth, as the public accounts testify. The total expenses of the London Asylum for 1907, exclusive of wages and salaries, amounted to \$98,176 42, the bulk of which went to well-known Conservative firms in this city. Indeed, the accounts indicate that it is only where there has been no Conservative competition that a Liberal has had any favors. There were some pretty nice plums during the year, too. One Conservative firm dipped into the public treasury to the amount of \$10,698 92; another got \$3,297 08; another \$6,086 27, and several others sums ranging over \$2,000. Included in the lot are supplies of many kinds—dry-goods, clothing, groceries, crockeryware, coal, flour, etc. It is not alleged that the Government has not secured full value for the expenditure. The merchants of London have a high standard of integrity and are in as favorable a position to furnish the goods as any rivals in business. But the Conservative press is not candid in inveighing against the patronage list at Ottawa while defending the same practice at Toronto, or pretending that it does not exist. The change of Government at Toronto has had no effect upon the purchase system, except that the names of Liberal merchants have been replaced by those of Conservative merchants, in the public accounts.

TWO GREAT ENTERPRISES. The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has good ground for the confidence it feels that the two great national enterprises it has undertaken—the National Transcontinental Railway and the Hudson Bay Railway—will be completed during the life of the present Parliament. As to the Grand Trunk Pacific, the portion of the road running from Fort William to Edmonton is nearing completion, and it is probable that before the end of next year a through service between the great lakes and the Rockies will be established. Meanwhile contracts for the construction of every section of the Moncton-to-Winnipeg division have been awarded, and next season work will be in progress along the whole route. The Grand Trunk Pacific Company is vigorously pushing forward construction through the Rockies, and it is safe to say that within four years Canada will have a second transcontinental system nearly four thousand miles in length. At present the line is being operated for 670 miles between Winnipeg and Wainwright, and it is claimed that when the finishing touches are put to the grade this section of the work will be the best piece of roadbed on the continent. The other big project, which is to give Western Canada a new outlet to the markets of the old world via Hudson Bay and Straits, is also an assured fact. The Government has decided that it must be begun without delay.

Already surveying parties are in the field, and it is expected that in a short time they will have marked out the best available route for the proposed line to the northern sea. The vigorous policy of other western roads in improving their systems, so as to be able the better to compete under new conditions, will also materially assist in solving the transportation problem in the newer portions of the Dominion.

THE PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL. A resolution in Congress, asking for an investigation into serious allegations respecting the Panama Canal, has revived discussion in the United States of a matter which most people here have forgotten. It is charged that certain prominent citizens of the Republic—among them Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, and Chas. P. Taft, brother of President-elect Taft—shared largely in the money paid by the United States Government for the property rights of the old Panama Canal Company. Both men stand high in business and social circles. The President has spoken for Mr. Robinson in explicit denial of the charge as relating to him, and Mr. Taft not only makes indignant denial, but intimates that he may take the matter into court for redress of the wrong which he asserts has been done him. The President, in a published letter, declares that all the papers in possession of the Government bearing upon the case have been accessible to everybody. Many of them have not been printed because of their lack of public interest, but none has been concealed. The President further promises a final ventilation in the prosecution of suits for criminal libel, if the detractors can be got at in that way.

The Democratic National Committee refused to use the story in the recent campaign. Certain Democratic papers did, however, give it publicity, and that is why Congress is demanding an inquiry. While a congressional investigation might be proper enough, a court trial would bring out the complete evidence, and a judicial decision might be taken as final. That evidently is what President Roosevelt has in mind, when he talks of taking criminal proceedings against the alleged libellers. And so an Ontario Liberal convention is to be held in June. It is to be hoped it will help the party more than did the last one.

Abel Ruef, the leader of the San Francisco plunderbund, has been again found guilty. If he should go to prison it would be as great a shock as the earthquake. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported to be in excellent shape for the approaching session. The election returns certainly had no prejudicial effect upon his health.

A crank has been arrested at Stratford-on-Avon for firing off a revolver because he could not see Marie Corelli. He had evidently been reading her books without an antidote, and they had gone to his head. Mr. Bourassa is to establish a daily paper in Montreal to be named Le Bleu Publique. The title indicates his virtual alliance with the Bleu or Conservative party. Will the Ontario Conservatives care to be held responsible for his utterances? Montrealers are vexed over the project of a winter carnival. Canadians now shiver at the idea of advertising the winter season. Even in the Christmas publications there is nothing that suggests or illustrates a real Canadian Christmas.

AT THE DOOR. (S. E. Kiser.) Love passed one morning, pleading at proud America's door, But she within, unheeding, Retained the crown her wore. Stirred by one passion only, Ambition dreamed and planned, Forgetting to be lonely, Stayed by no friendly hand. At last Ambition, sated, Turned, sighing, to the door, Where Love long, long had waited— But Love was there no more.

MARY'S TIMELY SUGGESTION. (Philadelphia Press.) Mrs. Justward—Oh, dear! Mary! Mary, since you've been here—only one month—you've broken more china than your wages amount to. How on earth are you to prevent this sort of thing? Mary—Well, mum, I might have my wages raised.

MODERN MIRACLES. (Chicago News.) Tom—Mrs. Potter tells me her hair turned grey in a single night. Jack—Nothing remarkable about that. I know a girl whose hair turned yellow in a less than an hour.

A HECKLER CRUSHED. (New York Sun.) Among the most interesting books published in London this year must be counted "The Autobiography of Albert Pell." This "the old English gentleman," as he is well called in the introduction to his own story of his life, was one of the last of a type of manhood. Mr. Pell was known to favor legislation obliging children to perform duties toward their parents, which but for the encouragement given them by the poor law of that time they would never have been obliged to do. On one occasion Pell was asked on the hustings by a heckler whether he was the man who in his place in Parliament has made the law obliging poor men to maintain their parents. "No!" rapped out Mr. Pell in reply, "that is an older law. It was written by

God Almighty on two tablets of stone and brought down by Moses from Mount Sinai, and as far as I can make out, Thomas, it's the stone and not the law that has got into your head." The abashed heckler got his answer, and for many a long day was known as Stony Heated Thomas.

HOW JOHNNY MANAGED IT. (Chicago Record-Herald.) "You and that little Wattle boy seem to play very nicely together," said Johnny's mother, "I'm glad there is one boy in the neighborhood that you can get along with." "Yes," replied Johnny, "I lick him every morning, and then he's nice to me all day."

NERVY. (Gang.) Nervy men, my neighbor Smith is about the limit. Gebhart—What's he done? Nervy—He called yesterday morning to borrow my gun. He wanted to kill a dog that kept him awake nights. Gebhart—Well? Nervy—He killed my dog.

HOW HE FELT. (Chicago News.) "I actually felt like a hypocrite this morning," said Mr. Peck. "What did you do, Henry?" asked his so-called better half. "I congratulated a friend of mine who has just got married," replied Peck, as he hurriedly closed the door from the outside.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. (S. E. Kiser.) "I never knew," said he, "How dear you were to me 'Efore you went away; I stand with my glass And vainly sigh 'Alas! Likewise 'Alack-a-day!" "Oh, if you might come back Fond care you should not lack; And I should about with grief; But I am left to grieve— Ah, why—why you my leave Me bald at thirty-three!"

OFF WITH HIS HEAD! (Kingston Standard, Tor.) It seems to me that so far as Canada is concerned we might with more safety to ourselves and with fully as much confidence in the future, pattern ourselves in our fiscal policy after England rather than after the United States, and stamp out the high-tariff-made millionaires. Moreover, we believe that the time will come—and it may come sooner than some of us expect—that a line of custom houses extending along the border between the United States and Canada will be as ridiculous as would a line of custom houses extending between England and Scotland.

MR. DAFOE'S VICTORY. (Hamilton Times.) The Times congratulates Mr. J. W. Dafoe, editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, upon his vindication by the court which tried the charges of criminal libel brought against him because he accused a leading Tory of Winnipeg of organizing a gang of hoodlums that hooted down Hon. Mr. Duffin at a Winnipeg meeting. Mr. Dafoe's victory is one for the freedom of the press, good order and decency. The organized rowdiness of that night, disgraceful as it was to the city, was much of it by the Tory organs, was made much of by the Tory organs, was made much of by the Tory organs, was made much of by the Tory organs.

TOMORROW'S CHANCE. (S. E. Kiser.) How fair a world this world would be, How free from pain and sorrow, If trouble should become a thing, No man might ever borrow. If you and I somehow could cling To yesterday's confidences, When trials come tomorrow. How softly all the winds would blow If when the morning dawns, No man looked backward with a sigh, Tomorrow's chance forgetting; If, bruised and beaten, you and I Could not amuse us with the foe And cease our vain regretting.

LOSING THE USE OF OUR LEGS. (Lady's Pictorial.) A French Journal gloomily prognosticates that we shall have lost the use of our legs in a generation or two. The tendency of the age is to invent means by which human beings are conveyed from place to place as quickly and cheaply as possible. People certainly walk far less now than they did twenty years ago. They walk still less in fifty years time. When a century has passed, perhaps, as our French contemporary suggests, we shall ourselves have forgotten how to walk, and our descendants will hop like wren when they are on the level and fly when they get the chance. But what will become of their lives? Will they be the poor things ever to enjoy the delights of looking at the shops?

LEOPOLD'S SPITE SALE. Will Disperse \$10,000,000 Art Collection to Keep It From Daughters. London, Dec. 14.—It is said that King Leopold of Belgium is preparing to sell his valuable private art collection to his two daughters. The reason assigned for his action is characteristic of how he is being completely left out of his daughters' lives. The collection is of a reported value of \$10,000,000. The pictures include "Christ and the Children," by Rubens; two sketches by the same master, "Christ Triumphant Over Death," and "Sainte Theresia"; a beautiful portrait by Van Dyck, and a picture by Angelico da Fiesole, representing the Virgin holding the infant Jesus, which came originally from the private gallery of the Princess Charlotte of Wales, daughter of George IV., who was the first wife of Leopold I. The royal galleries also include many pictures by more modern painters, such as Ingres, Delacroix, Constable, Lays and Stevens.

STENOGRAPHER SUICIDES. Remorse Over Actions Drives Man to Desperate Act. Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 12.—Seth Berry, a well-known supreme court stenographer, died here last night from morphine poison, taken with suicidal intent. Deceased had been engaged all week taking evidence in the divorce case, but over-indulgence in liquor brought a rebuke from one of the lawyers engaged. Berry retired from the case and sent another stenographer in his place. He also wrote a letter full of remorse to Hon. C. N. Skinner, who was also engaged on the trial, and declared suicide. He was 33 years old, unmarried, and one of the most skillful stenographers in the province.

THE HELPING OF THE CHILD

Sermon in the Memorial Church Sunday by Rev. Mr. Skeey of Toronto.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Mr. Joseph Naramore Pays Tribute to the Worth of Late Evangelist Moody.

Yesterday marked the 35th anniversary of the opening of the Croydon Memorial Church, and the special services held to commemorate the event were very largely attended. Rev. Lawrence Skeey, formerly of this city, but now of Toronto, preached both morning and evening, and in the afternoon addressed the Sunday school children.

In the morning Mr. Skeey chose as his subject, "The Helping of the Child," and took his text from Matthew, xvii, 19: "Why could not we cast him out?" "The whole world is asking in these days," said the pastor, "is the church doing the work that it should do among men? The whole world is in a similar position to the man who brought his sick child to Christ's disciples, and when they could not heal him, scoffed at them. It is because the church fails that people scoff at Christianity. Jesus Christ had given his disciples the power to heal the boy, but because of their unbelief they could not use it. They believed their own power more than the power of Christ, and failed. The church now believes in the power of its own organizations more than in Christ's power, and it fails likewise, because of its unbelief."

The disciples were out of touch with God and so is the church. It takes a good deal of self-sacrifice to keep close to God. The individual must be willing to give up his or her pleasures. Very few people are willing to do this, and to take upon themselves the prayer and fasting which Christ said was necessary in order that the miracles he did might be accomplished. The whole world is asking why the church does not cast out the evils that are in the world. God knows there are enough of them. It seems almost impossible now to have honest politics. The church and the individual that has power today is the one that keeps close to God. There are thousands of workmen and others in our land today who do not believe in Christ. It is the church's work to convince them. The world brings its devil-possessed children to the church to be healed and the church does not do it. I do not think that the church has failed utterly because when we look around we see much good that has been done, but when we think of what might have been done, and has not, and when we see what other people are doing, we are ashamed of ourselves. The Salvation Army is doing a wonderful work among those whom the churches do not reach, and who are looked down upon.

The church is proud of its heritage and traditions. Yet if it has not faith what is the use of the heritage? As soon as the church learns to have faith it can and will reach out and do the work it was intended to do. But as long as it is made up of lazy, easy-going, so-called Christians, who are not indifferent to the world, nothing will be accomplished. Faith is not the mere asking for things. It is really communion with God. You may have a beautiful church and splendid music, but if you want your prayers to be answered, you must keep close to the Master, and lay aside a time to do his work in it. In the evening Mr. Skeey preached on "The Abounding Life."

Chalmers Church. At Chalmers Church last evening Rev. W. H. Moffat preached on "Doing Good," and showed in the course of his remarks that it is the duty of everyone to do good and to use their power of helping others. It is everyone's duty to look after their own spiritual needs, and also those of others as they can. In speaking of the power of the word, he mentioned in vigorous language those persons who have a vote and do not avail themselves of it. They were, he said, simply leaving for others to do what they ought to do themselves, and while they were doing so they were doing it in an inefficient and unsatisfactory manner. In the end, however, those who suffered most were the careless ones, although they brought a large measure of suffering on others also.

St. Luke's Church. At St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, last night, Rev. Principal Walker of Huron College preached a special Advent sermon on the subject, "When Is Jesus Coming?" The speaker thought there were many indications in the world of Christ's second coming being not far off, and mentioned the growth of skepticism, the increase of vice and crime in large cities particularly, the great national movement of the Jews, the great increase in missionary work and the great state of unrest that prevails in many parts of the world.

First Methodist Church. At the First Methodist Church last night the Rev. Mr. Rutledge spoke on the influence and power of the home. He showed that it was the home for the state existed. The church very often fails to do its duty as an expression of the life of the home, and the home itself was more than they stood forever before us as a memorial of a lost Eden. Now is the time to realize the meaning and deeper significance of the home, for the time will come when it will be beyond our power to change our attitude to these we love. We each have our influence. We are builders of human life, and it be-

Tabbot Street Baptist Church. At Tabbot Street Baptist Church last night, Rev. A. J. Vining made some forcible remarks in speaking of "Greed." "The demon of greed was never more in evidence in the world's history than at the present time," he said, "and it runs like a Juggernaut over millions of lives. Thousands of persons, especially women, are working for wages that will scarcely keep body and soul together, and thousands are growing rich on the proceeds of these poor people's toil." The only point of similarity between cannibals in former times and the cannibal of to-

PILES

It is stated by prominent Medical men that 9 out of every 10 people you meet on the street are suffering from Piles. Rich and poor are alike afflicted with this torturing and aggravating complaint, and being a delicate subject they often suffer in silence. This applies more especially to women. Piles are of two kinds, Blind and Bleeding. The pain is often so intense that the sufferer cannot either walk or lie, and are utterly unable to work or think while the pain lasts. Why men and women should suffer is a mystery when Curo! will relieve the pain immediately and effect a cure. Curo! is a pure Antiseptic Salve, with wonderful curative powers. Its penetrating and healing powers are simply wonderful, and is the best Pile cure known.



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booves us that no lack of sympathy should mar our work. Told About Moody. A large gathering greeted Mr. Joseph Naramore of Rutland, Vermont, at the Auditorium yesterday when he spoke on the life and movements of the great evangelist, Dwight L. Moody. The lecture was illustrated by a number of limelight views, illustrating scenes made famous by Mr. Moody's work, and the friends and associations that clustered around the home he loved so much in East Northfield, Mass. The speaker told of Mr. Moody's early success in business life, that held out a bright future of wealth and power had he given his life to that work. But his success with a class of girls led him to believe that there were greater things for him to do, and he turned more and more towards religious work. Then came the opening of the great civil war, and Mr. Moody's marvelous work among the soldiers, which spread his influence over all the land, and gave him a power that he had never dreamed of before. People had called him "Crazy Moody," but gradually this name was forgotten, as they realized that this was indeed a great man called of God. If ever a man was, his visit to England swept the country with a great revival, and opened every church to him. Mr. Moody was a great lover of children, and it was their needs that touched him most nearly, and we have as a monument of him the many schools that he built for both boys and girls. The Mount Heaman School for boys is probably the best-known of these. Here the boys learned lucrative trades, the very buildings of the school were for the most part built by the boys themselves. Mr. Moody was not an educated man in the accepted sense of the word, though he was widely read, and had a great appreciation of the best in literature, but he was acutely conscious that his grammar was not perfect, and he hesitated to face a gathering of students, but at last it dawned upon him, that this was perhaps his greatest field of usefulness, and at last he called a great student conference to meet at his home in Northfield. Out of this grew the student conferences that have swept through the colleges and schools of the continent and has been the fostering agent of the great Student Volunteer Movement that has sent student missionaries into every quarter of the globe. So the movement that Mr. Moody hesitated to start has become the greatest field of all his work. Mr. Moody died as he had lived, with a whole-hearted love and devotion to the cause of Christ, to which he had unreservedly given his life.

Played Again. The attraction at the Grand Saturday, matinee and evening, was "Messenger Boy No. 42."

Harry Lauder's Tour. The tour of Harry Lauder will open at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, tonight, with these cities to follow: Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Montreal. Return dates will be played in Chicago, St. Louis, Toronto, Buffalo and Milwaukee. W. S. Thompson will do the advance work, and Ted Marks will be the business manager. A bill of nine acts will be given and a full orchestra will be carried.

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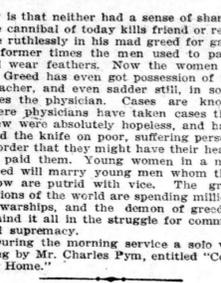
Sunday Cars. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I read a list of names in the press of gentlemen opposed to Sunday street cars or workmen's conveyances. I am much surprised at some who have always been in favor of, or at least not opposed to, a workmen's enjoyment of their private cars. We walk to means. I find quite a few names of men who have their own carriages to use on Sunday or otherwise as they may wish, which I contend they have a perfect right to do. I also find names of others having autos or rich men's conveyances. We walk to church, bad weather or not, for our spiritual devotion at the risk of our lives of being run down by one of these machines, yet we make no protest against the use of them upon the Sabbath Day. But because we are not able to own a private outfit or hire a livery we are told you must walk, or if the weather is hot put a piece of fly paper upon your head and sleep. I also observe, looking down the list of "philanthropists," gentlemen who leave the city in the good old summer time for two or three months' vacation with a well-filled purse for Muskoka or some other place where flies are less numerous and scarce. I contribute my mite, and wish the recipient a pleasant trip, hoping he will be benefitted by the change. Then, gentlemen, be consistent and fair to your fellowmen less favored to enjoy the luxuries I speak of. Why wish to deprive myself and family with small conveniences we wish to enjoy for a few hard-earned coppers?

A WORKINGMAN. London, Dec. 12. To the Editor of The Advertiser: The report in the daily press of the crime being committed against the children of our city in the office of the medical health officer by having these children inoculated with the filth of diseased cattle, in the name of medical science, should arouse the active interest of every parent in the city in a movement to eradicate this blot of an antiquated medical delusion. Hundreds of parents have been forced by the compulsory vaccination order of our school board, to have their children poisoned with filthy disease germs, which in many cases may leave a weakened constitution for life, thus preventing them from having a fair start in the struggle which is so keen in this competitive age, and preparing a splendid field for the growth of tuberculosis. Parents have rebelled against this working injury to those so dear to them, but as individual units have seen no way to avoid it, and it is time that an organized effort be made to get rid of what Alfred Russell Wallace, LL.D., C. L., F. R. S., has declared to be a delusion, and its penal enforcement a crime.

St. Paul's Cathedral. At St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday special Advent sermons were preached by Rev. J. Munday, M. A., rector of Grace Church, Port Huron. Large congregations were present on both occasions. In the morning Mr. Munday spoke on "Whom I Am," and in the evening "Whom I Serve."

St. Peter's Cathedral. At St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday morning Father Goetz preached on "The Advantages of Being a Christian," and showed the blessing that had followed the coming of Jesus Christ on earth. Many persons do not realize what it means to us to be surrounded by Christian institutions or the honor that is bestowed on us in being allowed to call ourselves Christians. Father Goetz urged all to live as became people in the possession of so great a heritage, in order that it may never be stained by any act or deed unworthy of its great a name.

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HER HAT TOO WIDE. Mrs. Dudley Couldn't Enter the Single Court Room Door. Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Marie E. Dudley appeared in the supreme court here on Tuesday, but 'too late, for the moment, at least. Justice Kitts had thrown out of court Mrs. Dudley's suit for \$100,000 against Mrs. Elizabeth Battelle Vanderpoel, of Washington and Sauger-tien-on-the-Hudson, whom she charges with having alienated the love of her husband, Edward Dudley, a millionaire lawyer of Philadelphia. That she was late no pale nor tinted Mrs. Dudley's lovely face. Quietly she determined to have the suit reopened. Having employed 21 lawyers since she began it, three years ago, she has engaged another, George Simpson, who is associated with Abe Levy, of New York city. Mrs. Dudley, richly gowned in silk and furs, swept through the corridors of the dingy court house like a queen. Court attendants and loungers did not know who she was, so their evident admiration must have been unfeigned. But excited instead in her increased vastness when Mrs. Dudley reached the door of the court room. It is a double door; the side which stood open was not wide enough to admit Mrs. Dudley's hat, with its far-reaching feathers. One of the court officers unbolted the other side of the door, Mrs. Dudley bowed slightly, and she and her hat entered the court room.

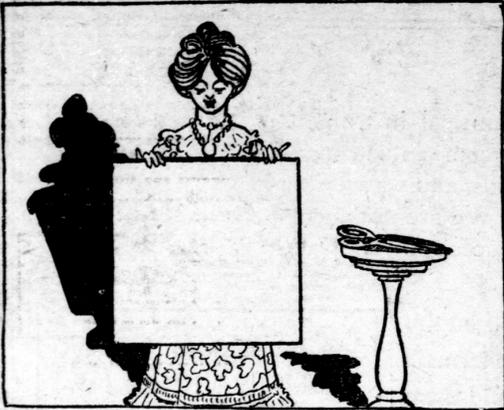
FRANCE AND CASTRO. Venezuelan President Informed He Would Have to Behave. Paris, Dec. 14.—Following President Castro's criticism of France's attitude toward Venezuela, given in his interview with a representative of the Times here last night, the French Government issued a semi-official note explaining its position. The note states that Castro was informed, when he disembarked at Pauillao, last week, that an opposition would be made to his landing, and also that if he reported from Port de France, Martinique, the distinguished visitor desired by his own personal intervention to re-establish diplomatic relations, the French Government was willing, provided he refrained from any declaration calculated to disturb public order, but at the same time, Castro was notified that eventually negotiations must occur through the regular diplomatic channels, and that any departure from the above conditions would be followed by expulsion. The note says Castro made no reply to the Government, but at Paris informed Foreign Minister Pichon, through his physician, that he was leaving for Germany. The Government will be questioned in the Chamber of Deputies today by a colonial deputy regarding its attitude towards President Castro, and it is understood that M. Pichon will make a statement in reply.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Scott's Emulsion. See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below. Very small and so easy to take as a sugar. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION. CURE SICK HEADACHE. Good Cough Medicine for Children. The season for coughs and colds is now upon us, and the children cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cough, the quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of them who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. P. Starcher, of Ripley, Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children, and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult."

SAM, LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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THREE SQUARE PUZZLE



Can you take a square piece of paper and cut a pattern for Miss Modiste? She has a square of silk which she wishes to cut into the fewest possible number of pieces which may be formed into three separate squares of similar size.

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ANSWER TO ZOOLOGICAL ARITHMETIC PUZZLE, PRINTED SATURDAY: Bag, Lass, Glass, Track, Rack—B A T.

THE AMETHYST CROSS

By Fergus Hume

"Yes," said Charvington, with an effort. "Weakness again. My wife knew the truth, and I did not dare to bring my child into the house. I provided that Lesbia should have a good education, and saw that she had everything she desired. Walter was kind to her in his own way. Gradually I came to accept the situation. Then the cross passed into Walker's possession, and—" he threw out his hand—"you know the rest."

Charvington signed again and hung his head. "I do not wish to speak ill of my wife," he said in a low voice, "but in justice to Lesbia I must be frank. Hale learned about the money waiting for Lesbia, and knew that it could be obtained if the cross was shown to you, Jabez. But Hale could not find the cross."

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punished." Mrs. Walker offered her hand. "You shall not be punished further by me," she said generously; "you were always good and kind, Philip, but always very weak. I held my tongue about you and I shall hold it still. As to Walter now, if—" "Oh," said Jabez rising, "I dare say I shall find some means to square him. In the interests of all parties it will be best to give him a hum of money and assure him of escape. Once abroad he will say nothing. Less than which he will not dare to venture back to England. You forget, Lord Charvington, that although he has a hold on you by knowing so much, you have a hold on him by what you know. Now, if—" "Do what you think best," said Lord Charvington, whose hungry, bloodshot eyes were fixed on Lesbia. "I give you full permission. But my child—" he held out his arms to Lesbia, who rose pale and trembling—"will you not forgive me," said the man in a thick voice, "I have done you wrong, but I have suffered and I will make amends and I—" Lesbia ran forward and threw her arms round his neck. "I forgive you," she whispered, and I will learn to love you, and—" "Father!" Her voice rose in a scream. Unable to bear the joy of this forgiveness, a long-threatened attack of apoplexy seized on the man's weakened frame. He tried to speak, choked, grew purple in the face, and fell full length on the floor from the arms of his daughter he had disowned for so many years.

CHAPTER XXV. Revenge. A week later, and George was seated beside Lesbia on the well-known bench under the famous chestnut tree. Lord Charvington had recovered from his apoplectic fit, and was now progressing favorably. For two or three days Lesbia and Mrs. Walker nursed him; but when Lady Charvington heard of her husband's illness she came down to the Court at once. A furious passage of arms took place between her and Mrs. Walker, which resulted in the defeat of the latter lady. Her enemy, being Charvington's wife and mistress of the house, had the power to send away those whom she regarded as interlopers, and she exercised this power forthwith. Lesbia departed under the wing of Mrs. Walker, and Charvington was too ill to prevent his wife from behaving in this despotical manner.

Mrs. Walker desired the girl to come to Medmenham, there to remain until such time as she could be married. But Lesbia, thinking of her father, and returning to Rose Cottage, she allowed her sufficient money to live on, pending his handing over to her the invested fifty thousand pounds, so there was no difficulty on the score of money. Then it was not likely Hale would come to prove that I was her child should any money be waiting for her. Bridget gave the cross to me and made me promise to say nothing to Mr. Hale, but to give it to the man I loved. While I was giving it to George, Mr. Hale came, and then—" "Then," said Lord Charvington, "he went to Cookham and told Sergeant, that you, Walker, had the cross. My wife had already learned through Sergeant, who obtained the information from Hale, that if Lesbia produced the cross she would inherit a fortune. Then—" she—"he hesitated.

Mrs. Walker took up the explanation. "I can see it all now," she said, scornfully. "Helen hated Kate so that she was determined that Lesbia should not get the money and so hired Sergeant to get the cross. He did through his brother. We all know about that. But did Helen know that Sergeant was a thief?" "No," said Charvington, sharply. "Helen is not altogether bad. She did not know of that, nor did she ever suspect that Walter was such a rascal. I was amazed myself when I heard the truth. I only learned it during the last few weeks. But you can see how the cross came into my wife's possession."

"Yes," said George, "but why did she tell the lie about its being in the library?" "To conceal the fact of how she came to get it, as she knew perfectly well Sergeant had obtained it in some underground way. She guessed that if she swore I had given her the cross, that no inquiry would be made, and, of course," he added apologetically, "as my wife, I should have been obliged to support her."

"No," denied the man, "I am strong. Things being as they are, I must make the best of them. Helen is my wife, and to save the honor of my name, all that I have told you must be kept silent."

Mrs. Walker shrugged her stately shoulders. "I shall say nothing," she observed, "neither will anyone else. As to Walter, he can be left to the punishment of the law. But I am certain," she added with emphasis, "that as he knows everything, he will speak if only out of revenge."

Charvington winced. "As I have told you, so must I read," he murmured. "Let us hope that out of shame Walter will be silent and not add to my burden, which is already sufficiently heavy. If I have sinned through weakness, I have repented and I have been punished."

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AUTHOR HAINS FIRST FOR TRIAL

Brother of Man Who Murdered Editor Annis Faces Jury Today.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Combining all the elements of a modern social tragedy, in which the characters and situations are developed in army life, the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains, author and writer, which will begin here today, promises to rival in public interest many of the country's noted murder trials. Hains will be tried as an accessory to the murder of Wm. E. Annis, a magazine editor who was shot at the Bayside Yacht Club last summer by the defendant's brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, jun., stationed at Fort Hamilton.

It will be charged that Thornton Hains, armed with a revolver, waved back a crowd of club members as Annis, who was stepping out of his coat, was fired upon five times. Counsel for the Hains brothers, who will set up the defense of temporary insanity in the trial of Captain Hains, which will follow that of his brother, have indicated that they may make the case of another who is temporarily insane. The chief issue in the captain's trial, it is expected, therefore, will be thrashed out at the trial of Hains' brother.

THE EXECUTION SHOCK

An Expert Says That Electroconvulsion Undoubtedly Kills and at Once.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Prison officials in New York State will not let them selves to an experiment which seeks to revive a man executed in the electric chair. The chief issue in the captain's trial, it is expected, therefore, will be thrashed out at the trial of Hains' brother.

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CLOSER TRADE WITH INDIES. Colonial Office Sends Sir Charles Lucas on Investigating Tour.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Sir Charles Lucas, head of the Dominion department of the colonial office, sails for Jamaica tomorrow. It is believed his trip is in connection with a movement for establishing closer relations between the West Indies and Canada.

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PANAMA SCANDL TORN TO SHREDS

Cromwell Declares No American in Public Life Ever Got a Penny of Big Fund.

New York, Dec. 13.—William Nelson Cromwell today issued a typewritten statement in which he replied to an insinuation recently made by the Indianapolis News that he could, if he felt disposed, shed some light upon the charge that the United States Government had bought from American citizens for \$40,000,000, Panama Canal property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000.

"The whole story is a fiction," said Mr. Cromwell. "They money of the United States went to France, and was distributed to hundreds of thousands of foreign owners, none of whom, so far as I know, were Americans."

Mr. Cromwell further said that neither Charles P. Taft nor Douglas Robinson ever had the least pecuniary interest in the business, while the president-elect never had any official connection with the canal bill until months after it had been acquired by this Government.

"I do not know," said Mr. Cromwell, "and never have known any American citizen who ever dealt in any shares of the new Panama Canal Company, or the shares of bonds of the old company."

Perney Hirschman Tells His Part of Story

THE CASE FULLY REPORTED, PROVES THE WORK WAS DONE BY DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS.

Hullfax, N. S., Oct. 31.—A well-known resident at 92 Sackville street, Mr. Perney Hirschman, who has been in a somewhat serious condition lately, has recovered, and says: "Six months ago my appetite fell off and my health became very poor. I had terrible attacks of indigestion and often was unable to sleep at night. My poor color showed what an ill man I was, I tried numerous remedies but the only genuine one was Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. Two boxes cured my indigestion. My appetite increased and my strength came back quickly. Today I have a fine poor color as a young boy. Because they are so cleansing and so tonic in their effect I think Dr. Hamilton's Pills should be used by every person. My wife used them regularly with grand results."

from American citizens for \$40,000,000 property that cost these citizens only \$12,000,000. The statement is false. The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizen, even.

"From the statement issued in reply by the editor of the News, I quote the following: 'The only man who paid any attention to them (that is the criticisms referred to, etc.) was Mr. Charles P. Taft, who did deny that he was in any way related to the affair. We had no word from the President or Mr. Taft. The other men such as Cromwell and Morgan, who were believed to have full information in regard to the business, said nothing.'

"And he attempted to justify the publication of the false statements appearing in his paper by saying that they were based largely on statements of the New York World, criticisms which were made over and over again during the campaign, and were utterly ignored until today."

"The reply of the editor of the News furnishes another proof of the justice of the President's characterizations, for in the journal under whose sheets it now takes refuge—namely, in the New York World of Oct. 3, 1908—appears an explicit and unqualified denial by the editor of the Panama Canal Company which I used the following language: 'We may expect during a heated political contest all kinds of stories which are not worthy of notice, but this one I wish to denounce in the strongest terms as a lying fabrication without a shadow of truth in it. Neither I nor any one allied with me, either directly or indirectly, at any time or in any place in America or abroad, ever bought, sold, dealt in, or ever made a penny of profit out of any stocks, bonds, or other securities of either the old Panama Canal Company or the new Panama Canal Company or ever received for the same a single dollar of the \$40,000,000 paid by the United States. I make this the most sweeping statement that language can convey.'

Never Touched the Millions.

"As everybody connected with the affair knows, I abstained from receiving the \$40,000,000 in my own hands at Washington or New York as the general counsel of the company, and myself arranged for the payment of the entire \$40,000,000 direct from the treasury of the United States through the bankers of the Government into the Bank of France at Paris to the credit of the liquidators of the two companies.

"There it remained, subject to the order of the liquidators, until distributed by them to the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, and not one dollar of it ever came to me or any one in any way connected with me. Of course I do not refer to our regular compensation as counsel."

Shows Where Money Went.

"I wish to call attention to the fact that upon the first day of the hearings before the committee on interoceania in the Senate of the United States in February, 1906, I voluntarily made an explicit and detailed statement showing how the \$40,000,000 was paid by the United States through Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. as their agents, to the Bank of France at Paris

COMING SESSION WILL BE SHORT

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, BRIDGE AND TORONTO

Arrive from the east—*3:40 a.m., *10:56 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *6:30 p.m., *8:00 p.m., *10:10 p.m. Arrive from the west—*12:09 a.m., *3:35 a.m., *11:28 a.m., *1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., *6:25 p.m. Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:40 a.m., *7:30 a.m., *9 a.m., *11:38 a.m., *2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer). The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations. Depart for the west—*2:50 a.m., *7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., *1:40 p.m., *8:18 p.m. The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR

Arrive—*10:25 a.m., *4 p.m., *6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), *11 p.m. Depart—*6:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., *2:20 p.m., *8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH

Arrive—*3:25 a.m., *11:15 a.m., *1:33 p.m., *6:45 p.m., *11:25 p.m. Depart—*5:00 a.m., *10:26 a.m., *2:45 p.m., *4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE

Arrive—*10:10 a.m., *6:10 p.m. Depart—*8:30 a.m., *4:50 p.m. Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

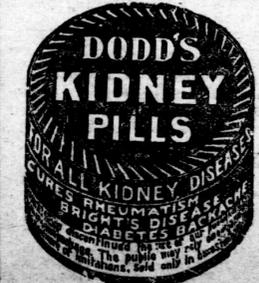
Depart—*5:40 a.m., *7:10 a.m., *9:45 a.m., *2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m. Arrive—*3:45 a.m., *12:20 p.m., *1:50 p.m., *4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m. * To and from Walkerville without charge. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive—From the east *11:30 a.m., *8 p.m., *10:52 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:35 a.m., *6:20 p.m. Depart—For the east—*4:40 a.m., *8:45 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—*11:38 a.m., *11:38 a.m., *11:00 p.m. Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. **From Chatham only. ***Runs only to Chatham.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Arrive—*5:55 a.m., *11:10 a.m., *5:10 p.m., *9:50 p.m. Depart—*7:15 a.m., *2:20 p.m., *6:35 p.m., *10:25 p.m. * Runs through to Waterford.



LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Coverpoint's Philosophy

The attempt to bribe Umpire Klem and Johnstone to throw the famous New York-Chicago game failed. It is well for the good of the game that this was made known, for it establishes beyond question the fact that the big game is on the level. It is worth a lot to know that.

This Canada Cup riot is developing more heartstone sailors than ever was. All they know is that there is a row on, and, by jinks, our side must be right, and the Yanks wrong. It's a grand sport.

Boston is building a magnificent hockey rink. It will be one of the finest in America.

The six-day grind has ended, and another grand uplift to sport must be recorded.

The local hockey teams will commence practice this week, and as all the candidates are in pretty fair trim they should soon be going at top speed.

It is too bad Herb Clark and Chad Toms had to leave Toronto. Good hockey players are so scarce in that town that when they get a real one it takes some time for them to get used to him.

Tom Phillips has come forth from his dug-out and has signed up with Edmonton for the Jaunt cast after the Stanley Cup. He is getting a great salary, some \$1,600 and expenses. He expects to be paid in No. 1 Manitoba hard, and three parts of the town.

Even money rules in Australia on the Burns-Johnson fight. Somebody must be boosting the "coon's" chances. The "Yellow Streak" will get his in plenty.

As a salary booster this Stanley Cup is the greatest thing in sight. As a developer of true love of sport it is also immense. Not yet.

"Jawn" L. Sullivan was granted a divorce from his wife on the grounds of desertion. Nobody but the judge seemed to blame the woman for doing it.

The cotton batting whiskers take their place in the dispatches at this time of the year to explain tragedies. A few days ago it was "Mistaken-for-a-deer" that did duty.

In these days the letter-carrier has something on the six-day bike riders in the way of endurance trials.

President Castro of Venezuela, with \$60,000,000, it is said, in Europe and is probably now in the hands of the tourist hotelkeepers, who will gently separate him from his encumbrance.

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ODDS FAVOR THE ITALIAN

The New York Sportsmen Send Over Large Sum to Wager on Borando.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—There is two thousand dollars of Dorando money at the King Edward Hotel. It is a little commission from New York. The man with the yellowbacks came to town Saturday and wants to bet that the odds are 2 to 1 and 3 to 2 on Dorando, but this wise guy figured that in Toronto, the Indian's home town, even money or better could be secured.

Preparations are being made by some local sportsmen to cover this sum. There will be a lot of real Italian money to bet on Dorando, too. An Italian wholesaler on York street has \$750 subscribed by his countrymen to wager on Dorando, and there will be more today.

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CASPAR WHITNEY ON YANKEE SPORTS

"Burns Has Not Beaten Anyone" "Therefore," Says Johnson "No One Knows What Kind of a Man He Is."

Jack Johnson has arrived safe and sound at Fremantle, Australia, and, according to the Daily News, of Perth, Western Australia, says: "I have chased the 'liddle' chap from his nest in 'Amurka.' I followed his 'liddle' footsteps to Paris, chased him over to the 'Big Smoke,' and then succeeded in chasing him to Australia."

"Bah!" broke in Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, petulantly, "Burns is a 'bluffer,' and I don't know whether we've got him yet, or not. I won't bet on it till I hear the bell ring."

"A bluffer he is," answered the black in a quiet, even, sonorous tone, "and yet the last season he has called me quitter. He is the man who is going to play for my body all the time and win out."

The black gave a mirthless grin, and held his hands above his head significantly. "And am I going to keep my hands above my head, so while Burns is playing for my body? No, sir! I have been fighting sixteen years now, and I reckon I know more about the game than any other man. I am a larger man than he, and I am a cleverer," added Johnson.

Bouquets for Lili Artie. It must not be presumed that this utterance was delivered in a boastful spirit. They were the well-balanced sentiments of a man quietly convinced of his superiority, and Johnson quailed himself as he spoke. What man he looked like, his great stature, mostly evidenced in the splendid pair of shoulders and the hanging arms, simply appalls one. His commanding presence adds a glamour to his physical being. Standing over six feet in height, and apparently tipping the scales at about 150 stone, one can easily imagine this black man as a champion heavyweight.

The first impression that comes to one is the fatality of a little Canadian measuring 5 feet 7 inches dancing around trying to get behind the defense of Johnson, as he is.

The least belligerent part of the man is the face. It is a strong face, without any of the characteristics of the trained prizefighter. Kindly nature dances from a rather small pair of black eyes, and when he smiles, why one can hardly imagine him capable of arousing the fighting instincts incidental to the ring.

"How does Burns want it?" continued Johnson, reflectively. "Does he want it fast, or slow? I'm his man in that case. Does he want it flat-footed? Goodness, if he does, why, I'm his man again."

"I have," added Johnson, "come a long way to do it. I've behind my important business engagements in London, and I will have to renew them on the first of February next year."

"Yes, I would have fought Burns under almost any conditions, but Sam here (indicating his manager) didn't see why 'Taimy' should have so much of the left, and that is why he didn't snap at the first."

"What do you think of Burns as a boxer?"

"Burns Hasn't Beaten Anyone. My dear man, no one can say what sort of a man he is, for he hasn't been up against anything good and hard. I think Burns is a good 'liddle' old fellow, and has got brains, but he hasn't beaten anything yet."

Johnson was informed that Jim Jeffries has been approached in reference to refereeing the fight on Boxing Day, but had opened his mouth too wide.

"What did they want to ask Jeff for?" answered Jack. "I would never agree to allow that man refereeing over me. He has always been very bitter against me, and couldn't fight me even if I beat his brother. Guess Jim was sore over that, and he's never forgiven me. When he was offered the better part of a \$50,000 purse to fight at he only applied in a sarcastic tone."

Talking of referees, I calculate that Nathan, of Queensland, will suit me well enough. I know he is a small man, but it isn't his size that counts. A baby pugilist referee. Both Burns and I are good boxers, and we'll offer the referee's touch and call every call, because we know when we are fighting wrong. But I do object to McIntosh arranging for a referee without consulting me."

"Do you think Burns is the next best boxer after you?"

"Hah!" said Johnson, as he sipped away at a cup of strong coffee. "But I am very much inclined to believe that McVey must rank second. McVey is liable to beat any man living. I best him, but I had to fight three times before I knocked him out."

"I suppose you have heard Burns is settling in Australia?"

"More rot! Why, he has been going to settle everywhere. First it was in Canada, later in Paris, then in England, and now in Australia. Bah! All paper talk."

TELLS OF AFRICAN HUNTING American Back From Trip Over Route Roosevelt Will Take.

London, Dec. 14.—John J. White of New York called for home yesterday on the Baltic. He has been hunting in Africa with Rev. Dr. Rainsford, of New York. The two covered much of the ground which is included in President Roosevelt's itinerary. Mr. White said:

"Dr. Rainsford and I sailed last April over the same route as the President will take, then travelled over the Uganda Railroad to Nairobi, where we got our outfit, and then continued 150 miles by rail. After that we headed for two plateaus, 7,000 feet above the sea, where we enjoyed excellent shooting."

"We got ten horns and seven elephants. One lion that I bagged was said by the natives to be the best one that has been shot in the plateau region. I had a very narrow escape with him. It was only a matter of a couple of seconds whether I got him or he got me."

"My second best prize was an elephant with eighty-pound tusks, and he also gave me a close call. These other close shaves were followed by what the natives called a sunstroke, which kept me in bed for a week and from which I didn't really recover until I left the country."

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BULL-FIGHTER INJURED. Mexico, Dec. 14.—Rafael Gana, a famous Mexican bull fighter, was fatally injured in a fight at Puebla yesterday. He was caught by the fifth bull, the horns of the animal penetrating the abdomen.

THE TURF. Winners Saturday. Oakland, Dec. 12.—Winners here today were: Mabel Hollander 11 to 20, Fullerton 5 to 5, Capt. Kennedy 25 to 1, Madman 20 to 1, Be Thankful 8 to 1, Roseben 11 to 20.

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER SCORES

London, Dec. 14.—Following are the results of games in the British Association Football League on Saturday: Bradford C. 4, Woolwich A. 1. Blackburn R. 2, Norwich C. 2. Chelsea 1, Newcastle United 2. Sunderland 0, Bristol City 2. Nottingham F. 1, Preston N. E. 1. Aston Villa 0, Middlesbrough 2. Sheffield U. 4, Manchester C. 0. Bury 2, Liverpool 1. Manchester U. 4, Leicester P. 2. Everton 1, Shrewsbury 1. Barnsley 3, Bradford 1. Blackpool 3, Gainsborough T. 0. Chesterfield 4, Birmingham 3. Clapton 2, West Ham 0. Clapton O. 2, Oldham 0. Derby County 2, Grimsby T. 1. Hull City 5, Swindon 1. Millwall 1, Tottenham W. 1. Leeds C. 1, Bolton 0. W. 2. Tottenham H. 4, Burnley 2. Norwich City 6, West Ham U. 3. Watford 1, Brighton and Hove 1. Bristol R. 2, Crystal Palace 2. Coventry 1, Brentford 2. Southern 1, Luton 0. Millwall 1, Swindon 1. N. Brampton 1, Portsmouth 1. Northampton 1, Exeter 0. Reading 2, Leyton 1. Southampton 1, Plymouth 2. Rugby Contests. Wales 5, Australia 6. Oxford 5, Cambridge 5.

M'GRAW SWAPS ROGER FOR THREE CARDINALS Deal Put Through Which Sends Nathan to St. Louis.

New York, Dec. 14.—What is undoubtedly the most important trade so far disclosed in connection with the next National League playing season, came to light today with the announcement by Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis club, that he had secured Roger Bresnahan, a New York National noted catcher, as manager of the St. Louis team.

Bresnahan goes to the Cardinals in exchange for Pitcher Raymond, Outfielder Murray and Catcher Schiele, the last-named of Cincinnati. It is thought to complete the exchange and secure the turning over of Schiele to New York. Mr. Robinson will turn the trade into a three-cornered deal whereby either Karger and Fromme or Karger and Lush will go to Cincinnati.

Manager McGraw of New York later confirmed the announcement and terms stated, adding that the deal was closed at noon today in this city.

COURT LONDON LEADS IN CARPET BALL RACE The standing of the teams in the Canadian Order of Foresters Carpet Ball League is as follows: Won. Lost. Court Victoria 5 2 Court Ontario 4 2 Court Detiance 4 2 Court Eclipse 4 2 Court Orient 3 4 Court Robt. Hood 2 4 Court Middlesex 0 6

While Court London City is still in the lead, three teams are pressing it close, and the race for the trophy promises to be very even. The games have been discontinued till after the Christmas holidays, as it is too busy a season for many of the players to get off, and it is desired that the trophy-winner shall be decided strictly on the merits of the teams as they stand.

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Tom Phillips with Edmonton for the Jaunt cast after the Stanley Cup. He is getting a great salary, some \$1,600 and expenses. He expects to be paid in No. 1 Manitoba hard, and three parts of the town.

Even money rules in Australia on the Burns-Johnson fight. Somebody must be boosting the "coon's" chances. The "Yellow Streak" will get his in plenty.

As a salary booster this Stanley Cup is the greatest thing in sight. As a developer of true love of sport it is also immense. Not yet.

"Jawn" L. Sullivan was granted a divorce from his wife on the grounds of desertion. Nobody but the judge seemed to blame the woman for doing it.

The cotton batting whiskers take their place in the dispatches at this time of the year to explain tragedies. A few days ago it was "Mistaken-for-a-deer" that did duty.

In these days the letter-carrier has something on the six-day bike riders in the way of endurance trials.

President Castro of Venezuela, with \$60,000,000, it is said, in Europe and is probably now in the hands of the tourist hotelkeepers, who will gently separate him from his encumbrance.

merely a light work-out, to give the intermediates will make their first appearance on the ice at the Princess Rink between six and seven this evening. Arrangements have been made for the rink for these hours, and the event is looked forward to with no little interest. As yet, the consideration of the relative merits of the players has been largely guesswork, save in the case of those players who are well known in London. But tonight the new men, of whom much is expected, will have a chance to show what they can do. There will not be a hard practice, in-

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Customs Order Causes Some Delay

The customs authorities at Ottawa have issued an order to all customs offices, to the effect that any goods coming into Canada from the states of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Michigan, packed in straw, must be held at the port of entry until the customs authorities have examined the goods.

Local merchants buy large quantities of goods from these states, particularly toys and small articles, and some delay is being experienced in getting the merchandise in time for the Christmas trade.

OPPOSED TO SUNDAY CARS

Some Opinions Secured by the Lord's Day Alliance Committee.

The press committee of the Lord's Day Alliance and citizens opposed to Sunday cars has handed out the following:

In view of the letters published by the Sunday car advocates, it may be interesting to the public to read a few more of the opinions expressed by men who are strongly opposed to Sunday cars, and who evidently believe them to be very harmful to the communities in which they are operated.

Two points made clear are that the Sunday car is a serious injury to the Sunday schools and general religious life of the people and an injustice to the workmen who are obliged to labor for the convenience and pleasure of others.

My observation of the running of Sunday cars in Ottawa leads me to say: (1) They are a bill of expense to the workingman who cannot afford to take himself and family so many times to the parks.

(2) The electric company successfully hoodwinks the workman to rob his own pocket, to fill their treasury, hence, while at first nice paragraphs were written to show how pleasant to visit the parks between the services on Sunday and listen to "sacred music" now the afternoon has shifted to evening and the "sacred" is left off.

I have no hesitation in saying that the electric company is our greatest Sabbath-breaker and what is heralded as the working man's boon, is the winding of another coil about his freedom.

The pleasure of the crowd necessitates the labor of the men who operate the concern, therefore no Sabbath to them.

A. E. MITCHELL, Ottawa Erskine Presbyterian Church. During my stay in Vancouver I became convinced that in the summer time during the fine weather the greatest cause for the secularization of the people and of the Lord's Day was the running of street cars.

The street car company, to bring grist to their mill, engaged a band to play in the park on Sunday afternoon, and thousands of the people found their way thither in the cars and otherwise.

Crowds were going to the park as the children came to Sunday school and crowds were returning from the park as the people were going to church in the evening. No apparent harm was done. The crowds behaved in a most orderly manner.

Toilers in the week I have no doubt that the Sunday day, and the park, peace, of recreation; and yet it was difficult to get the boys over twelve to attend the Sunday school; and many adults, more especially young men and women, were kept away from the house of God, so that I became convinced that the greatest single influence for the secularization of the life of the place and against the attendance at the Sunday school and the church, was the work of the street car company.

Of course everything there was conducive to that end, but I have no doubt that elsewhere also the same results proceed from the same cause.

REV. I. NORMAN TUCKER, Secretary Church of England Missionary Society. The Sunday car does assist in bringing some people to the churches—but it takes away 50 where it brings 5.

The passengers are generally young people, or people who are careless or indifferent on religious questions—the thoughtless and pleasure-loving form the great bulk of the passengers.

What I observe is the strong influence brought to bear upon the young people of the community to stay away from church and Sunday school. It certainly is an evil of no small dimensions in this regard.

W. J. ROBERTSON, Mathematical Master of Collegiate Institute, St. Catharines, Ont. BOYS' CLUB FOR CHALMERS CHURCH

William Spindler Was Chosen President of New Organization. A Boys' Club was organized last week at Chalmers Presbyterian Church and at a meeting held on Saturday evening the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Rev. Walter Moffatt; president, William Spindler; vice-president, Lorne Lincolnton; secretary, William Carwell; treasurer, S. Pearce; captains, E. Mapletoft and Andrew McWainie. It is proposed to hold meetings every Tuesday in the Sunday school room, which will be fitted up with a full complement of gymnastic appliances.

Physical drills will be given under a capable instructor. The boys are strongly taken with the idea and already the club has a large membership.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jordan, of Chatham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ada C. Jordan, to Arthur W. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bell, of Alisa Craig, Ontario. The wedding has been set for the latter part of December.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION

Rev. D. S. Hamilton Gave His Impression of Gathering to Congregation on Sunday.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B. A., pastor of the First Congregational Church, who attended the meetings of the joint committee on church union, held in Toronto last week, gave his impressions of the conference yesterday morning at the church service.

Mr. Hamilton, as a member of the Congregational section of the committee, spoke of the Christian spirit which characterized the gathering, and paid tribute to the representatives of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, who gave every reasonable consideration to suggestions made by their less numerous brethren on the committee. The pastor of the First Church believes that the basis of union recommended by the joint committee will furnish a common meeting-ground for the three churches immediately concerned, without involving the sacrifice of principle on the part of any. Naturally in such a movement there had to be the spirit of mutual concession in regard to non-essentials. The speaker believes that the present duty of all the churches is to make their work as effective as possible in their respective denominations, that when union is consummated in the providence of God each may bring the highest contribution possible into the "United Church of Canada."

Local Items

—Mr. John Friend has returned home after spending three months in Los Angeles, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Blanche, who has spent the past year in that delightful climate.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Chesley Avenue Mothers' Club will be held in the kindergarten room of the above school tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4 p.m. A very interesting paper will be given by Miss Allison. All mothers are very cordially invited to attend.

Good Work. Principal Liddicott's Bible class of New St. James' Church, Sunday voted to buy \$25 worth of stamps to fight tuberculosis in Canada.

Slightly Improved. The condition of Mrs. Doty, the aged lady who was injured by falling down the cellar at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Finch, 343 Thames street, last week is slightly improved at Victoria Hospital.

Ordination Service. At the close of the service in the First Presbyterian Church, yesterday morning Rev. J. Gibson Inker, ordained Messrs. F. H. Heath, G. H. Gillespie, and W. T. Turnbull as elders of the church.

Mr. Gibbons at Brockville. On Saturday Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., president of the Canadian Club of this city, addressed the Canadian Club of Brockville on international waterways. Judge Deroche was chairman.

Caradoc Lady Dead. Mrs. Mary Collins, wife of Thomas Collins, of Caradoc, died at the family residence Muncey road yesterday. Mrs. Collins was one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of that vicinity. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon at Cook's Cemetery.

Infant Son Dead. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Osmon, of 776 Colborne street, will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of their infant son, Douglas Charles, which occurred yesterday after a brief illness. The funeral was held to Mount Pleasant Cemetery this afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Hannon.

Leg Fractured by Fall. Henry Kew, of 200 William street, met with a painful accident on Saturday, which will lay him up for some time. Mr. Kew was walking on the sidewalk when he slipped on an icy spot and fell heavily. When picked up it was found that his leg had been fractured. Dr. Seaborn attended Mr. Kew.

Church Opened. The church which has been remodelled by the congregation of Grace Church in Nissouri was reopened yesterday. The service was conducted in the morning by Bishop Williams, and in the evening Rev. G. B. Sage, of St. George's Church, West London, preached. The choir of the Anglican Church at Thorncliffe was in attendance and rendered a number of selections most acceptably. The new church has a seating capacity of about 200.

Death of James Foley. James Foley, an old resident of St. Thomas, passed away Friday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, after a lingering illness of two years. He was born in the county of Wexford, Ireland, 69 years ago, and lived the greater part of his life in St. Thomas. He is survived by his one son, John, of St. Thomas; two brothers, Patrick, of London, and Luke, of La Salle, Ont., and one sister, Mrs. L. Pearce, St. Thomas. The funeral was held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John, at 111 St. Thomas street, this morning to the Church of the Holy Angels, and then to the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Strangers' Fellowship Club. Last evening the Strangers' Fellowship Club of the Y. M. C. A. had their first meeting and lunch of the season. The meeting was held at the latter part of December.

ladies of the Epworth League of the Wellington Street Church. Over 40 sat down, the majority of whom were strangers who had come to the city but recently. They were all delighted with such a reception as given by the Strangers' Club, and after spending an hour socially they went off to the various churches accompanied by a member of the club. The purpose of the organization is to meet young men coming to the city, and get them affiliated with the association and church of their choice.

The M. C. R. Loses Again. The master in chambers at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, dismissed with costs to the plaintiff in the cause, the motion by the Michigan Central Railroad Company for security for costs in the action brought against it by Michael William O'Brien, a laborer, formerly living at St. Thomas, who claimed \$5,000 damages in common law and \$2,000 under the Workmen's Compensation Act for injuries received on Oct. 24, 1907, when a lump of coal fell off the tender of a fast passenger train passing him and broke his leg and otherwise injured him so as to permanently disable him. The master thinks the present motion looks too much like a last attempt to prevent a trial at the eleventh hour. The trial is to take place at St. Thomas on the 21st inst.

T. R. GRIDDED AT DINNER FROLIC

The Gridiron Club Has Its Annual Merrymaking at U. S. Capital.

Washington, Dec. 14. — President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, President-elect Taft and Vice-President-elect Sherman were among the guests at the annual fall dinner of the Gridiron Club Saturday night, and the club had fun with them and gave them an opportunity to get back at their hosts. There were many more prominent characters among the 220 people who sat down at the tables in the ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. These included members of the diplomatic corps, cabinet officers, senators and representatives, governors of states and outlying possessions, financiers, editors and politicians.

Of course the dinner was one round of merriment from the moment the electric gridiron flashed upon the festive hosts and guests until the festivities were ended. President Roosevelt, who attended a dinner of the Boone and Crockett club in the evening, as late in arriving as he sat at the right hand of James S. Henry, correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, the president of the club. Vice-President Fairbanks sat at Mr. Henry's left and Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherman respectively flanked the men they are to succeed in office.

When President Roosevelt arrived, at about 10:30 o'clock, the principal skit of the evening was performed. This was devoted to Mr. Roosevelt's prospective African hunting trip. The lights were switched off and from the gloom came the voice of President Henry, announcing: "We are now in Darkest Africa," while roars and growls of wild animals were heard on every side. Then the lights came up with the announcement, "Sudden sunrise in Southern Senegambia," and the guests found before them a tent and a voice saying, "Here, secretary, take this." Then followed "Scribblers Magazine, New York," Victoria Nyanya, April first. The lion is a wild and ferocious animal." At this moment it was discovered why the auditor was in the party.

He registered each word with his bell punch, and jotted the amount, at a dollar a word, after each sentence. "Thus the dictation, which was going on furiously in the tent, sounded about like this: "The lion is a wild and ferocious animal." "Eight dollars!" shouted the auditor. "It has a snout body and a hard face." "Seventeen dollars!" "The lion roars like distant thunder." "Thirty-five dollars." "But it is nobody's business what its religion is." "Forty-four dollars."

This dictation by the man in the tent of a story for a magazine and the thrifty spirit which prompted the placing of an auditor to keep track of all the words used, at a dollar a word, caused tremendous laughter.

Dictation of the story was stopped by the shout from within. "Wait a minute! I will kill something!" followed by a shot in the tent. The Zulu chief, who had been standing rigidly outside the tent, came suddenly to life and dashed away, returning almost instantly with a small skin which he held up and which was photographed with elaborate ceremony. It was identified as a "bongo" by the man in the tent, and immediately a story about the "bongo" was dictated for the magazine, while the auditor kept accurate track of all words used. Another shot brought in a whitebuff, which was described for the magazine after a strenuous dictation by the other. The whitebuff was completed, and the Zulu brought in a large elephant and a large donkey. These strange animals shot in the jungle were described in an illuminating manner by the man in the tent after the other. Two shots were fired after the story of the whitebuff was completed, and the Zulu brought in a large elephant and a large donkey. These strange animals shot in the jungle were described in an illuminating manner by the man in the tent after the other.

Meantime the auditor had kept accurate account of the words used. Later a dispatch to the Lookout was begun, and the auditor started to count the words in that at a dollar a word, but was told to stop.

"Keep out!" said the man in the tent.

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lent. "You have nothing to do with this. This is my salary."

The dispatch to the Lookout was much enjoyed. Its tenor was that while the writer had gone to Africa to avoid any semblance of interfering in the Taft administration, still he had a few ideas he desired to express, and perhaps it would be well for Mr. Taft to heed them. The dispatch followed President Roosevelt's style and bristled with phrases he uses. The second typewriter broke down with a loud whir in the middle of this dispatch.

"Get me another typewriter!" shouted the man in the tent. "There are no more typewriters, sir," the auditor announced.

"Then," announced the man in the tent, "then I am going home."

Some tentative cabinets were submitted for Mr. Taft, one being the "Religious Tolerance or Anti-Brotherly Cabinet," and containing names of leaders of various sects and movements. There was one made up of J. P. Morgan's partners and relatives and several others, all closing with the line: "For Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, Irremovable."

There were other shorter skits between courses. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, was brought to his feet several times to make a speech, but each time he was interrupted by a railroad train announcer calling the "Twentieth Century Limited," and each time Mr. Hitchcock was told to hurry to avoid missing his favorite train.

LATEST BOOK NEWS FROM OLD LONDON

Notable Work by Arthur Symonds — An Old Poem Appears Again.

London, Dec. 14. — According to a prominent publisher booksellers have not necessarily suffered acutely this season, as was anticipated. The publishers have limited their output of new books to a considerable degree, but this means that they have had to take risks with a lesser number of volumes.

Furthermore, as a bookseller said, the Christmas book trade has come slowly. The bookselling days between now and Christmas will have to be very full if the winter season is to make good. A great many books which in the ordinary way would have been published in the autumn season are being held over until after Christmas.

Literary people will look forward with peculiar interest to the appearance of a new volume of Arthur Symonds' "History of the Romance Movement in English Literature." Both his wide appreciative reading and aesthetic taste make the publication of a book of criticism by Mr. Symonds an event of real importance. His early book on "The History of the Romance Movement in English Literature" has been rewritten to such a point that it is practically a new book. It, too, will be published by Constable.

Old Poem Appears Again. A pathetic story worthy of a place in any new book written on the lines of Diderot's "Calamities of Authors" is recalled by the announcement that the Oxford Press is about to publish that wonderful but unequal poem, "Joseph and His Brethren." The writer, Charles Wells, was born in 1800 and was a friend of Leigh Hunt, Hazlitt and Keats. He published his poetical dramas under a pseudonym at the age of 24, and though there was the mark of genius in it, there was also some carelessness that as far as the world was concerned, it was neglected.

Many years later when Wells was an old man, Swinburne drew attention to his genius and the book in consequence was revised by its author and made a marked impression. But the man had entered into the poet's soul, and before this tardy recognition he had burned his other manuscripts in chagrin. He died, after a restless life, in a lodging house at Marseilles, Feb. 17, 1873. Now the book is judged worthy of being placed in a series known as "The World's Classics."

Swinburne Has Written the Introduction with his friend, Theodore Watts Dunton, and has added an account of the relations of Rossetti and Wells in the far-off years.

Among several important books which Longmans' have in active preparation is Bernard Ward's "Dawn of the Catholic Revival in England." It will be in several volumes and contain portraits and other illustrations.

Justin McCarthy has been occupying the leisure of his retirement in writing a novel, a modern romance, entitled "Julian Revelations," which will be published early in the year by Chatto.

Fitzmaurice Kelly, in a scholarly book on Spanish literature, which Constable has published, asks the question: "How many important novelists are there in France or Russia?" He proceeds to answer it by saying that in his opinion there are not more than two or three in any country. If this

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is so, the question arises, who are they—say, the three who represent England? As to two of them, probably most people will agree on George Meredith and Thomas Hardy. The selection of the third would probably lead to a wide discussion of opinion, though Rudyard Kipling or J. M. Barrie would probably be favorites.

FINE CHRISTMAS WINDOWS. The Purdon Hardware Company have two of the best-dressed windows of cutlery, silverware and hammered brass goods ever shown in this line in London. The windows are certainly a credit to their dresser, and exhibit a fine line of goods, which are quite up to date. No better can be obtained anywhere.

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F. Logan; first lecturer, R.
McIvanna; committee, John McLeod,
W. Griffith, J. McKenzie, James Fitzgerald
and R. Schoobottom. The installation
was conducted by County Master
W. B. Walker, assisted by Past
Master A. Aitkens. One candidate was
initiated.

**SATURDAY RECITAL
AT CONSERVATORY**
Artistic Musical Programme Carried
Out by Local Ladies.

The first of a series of Saturday
afternoon recitals was given at Con-
servatory Hall by pupils of the London
Conservatory last Saturday, when the
following programme was most creditably
presented:
The Fountain.....Bohm
Miss Mabel Thorne.
Curious Story.....Heller
Master Gordon Stewart.
Kammermusik.....Rubinstein
Miss Florence Woolley.
Valse.....Schutt
Miss Dorothy Harvey.
Etincelles.....Moszkowski
Miss Eva Smith.
Sonata.....Beethoven
Miss Letitia Godard.
Second Muzurka.....Godard
Miss Elsie Morrow.
Sonata.....Beethoven
Miss Gladys Andrus.
Liebestraum.....Liszt
Miss Amelia Dankerfeld.
Valse, Op. 42.....Chopin
Miss Sophie Best.
Departure.....Barron
Miss Ruth Young.

**JUDGE MACBETH
RESERVED DECISION**
In Carruthers vs. Brownlee Case Tried
at County Court.

There was one case heard at the
county court Saturday afternoon, that
of Carruthers vs. Brownlee and was
heard before Judge Macbeth at the
county court yesterday. His honor
reserved judgment.

This morning the Harris vs. Eastman
case, for alleged non-fulfillment of contract,
was opened at the county court,
CAUSE AND EFFECT

Good Digestion Follows Right Food.
Indigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improper food.

Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that, as dropping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause loss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are thoughtful enough to study themselves and note the principle of Cause and Effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus:

"Some time ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless.
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**PLENTY SNOW
ON SATURDAY**

"Beautiful" Fell in Great Quantities Late in Evening.

The sleighing is immense.
On Saturday evening there was a fine downfall of the "beautiful" several inches falling within a few hours.

The quantity was sufficient to guarantee good sleighing until Christmas, provided the weather man keeps the temperature down about freezing point.

It was not a pleasant evening to spend downtown. The snow clung tenaciously, and the average man and woman looked like real animated snowballs.

The Merry Widow hat was not a joy. The story that a woman had fainted in Montreal from the sheer weight of the hat was not duplicated here, although the provocation was much greater.

The street railway had some difficulty in maintaining their schedule, but they kept pretty close to the time, and got through without much complaint.

**SUNDAY CARS
IN OTHER CITIES**

Letters Received by the Committee in Favor of Them Here.

The following additional letters have been handed out by the Sunday car committee:
Winnipeg, Nov. 23, 1908.
Dear Sir,—As far as we are aware no abuses have resulted from Sunday cars in Winnipeg, except it be that a much larger number of people frequent the public parks on Sunday afternoons. As to whether you would call this an abuse or not, you must decide. The general opinion is that church attendance has increased. We have not heard of any opposition within the past year to their running. Mr. Dafoe, our chief editor, who is very busy at present, requested me to send you reply as above. Yours truly,
W. F. PAYNE,
News Editor Manitoba Free Press.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23, 1908.
Dear Sir,—I do not think that church attendance has decreased in any way because of the cars running on Sunday, nor have I ever heard of any complaint being made by the city ministers or by those interested in church work. A great many hundreds of people use the cars during fine weather to take trips into the suburbs. The opportunity of spending a few hours in the open country is to many people, who live all the week in the city, probably more of a blessing than otherwise.

Church workers use the street cars to attend missions and places of worship, to which they are especially desirous of going, but which they otherwise would be unable to attend. There is at present no opposition to the running of the cars, and I believe that if a vote were taken tomorrow, the Sunday cars would be sustained by a very large majority. There is no doubt from the experience of Winnipeg that a city can enjoy a thorough Sunday street car service, and I believe that there is a considerable increase in the attendance of his church, and he could attribute it largely to the fact that the people were able to come from a greater distance at practically no inconvenience.

It is true that where street cars run past the churches that there is some annoyance to the speaker, but the cars are not run at very frequent intervals, this is not a serious inconvenience. So far as I know there is very little tendency on the part of the people, to stay away from church on Sunday during the summer months because of the fact that they can take a street car and go out a considerable distance for recreation. Yours truly,
E. W. HUNNEHAN,
Editor The Canada Thresher Man and Farmer.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23, 1908.
Dear Sir,—At the time Sunday cars were installed in Winnipeg there was considerable difference of opinion among the citizens; here and there were also some very strong objections raised by the clergy, but since they have been put in operation, I have heard no unfavorable comment, either individually or through the press.

In talking the matter over with one of the prominent members of the Winnipeg clergy, about six months ago, he informed me that since Sunday street cars had been installed that there was a noticeable increase in the attendance of his church, and he could attribute it largely to the fact that the people were able to come from a greater distance at practically no inconvenience.

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Dear Sir,—There is no organized opposition to the running of Sunday



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would be great loss, especially to churchgoers.
Postmaster Wigle—Would regard as a fanatic anyone who would suggest that Sunday cars be stopped in Windsor.
Ald. Keogh—Sunday cars have increased church attendance, and have helped the working classes.
Ald. Ferriss—Any city or town without Sunday cars is behind the times. Ministers not opposed to them.
Ald. Hawkins—People would not know what to do without them.
Ald. Sheppard—Only opposition to Sunday cars in Windsor comes from people who have recently moved there from places where the cars are prohibited.
J. A. McKay, Windsor Record—Sunday cars are a great convenience for the people.
Too Much Political Graft.
Many say it can't be prevented, neither can corns or warts, but they can be cured by Putnam's Corn Extract. It cures corns and warts without pain in 24 hours. Use only Putnam's.

DEVOTION WAS FATAL.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—A devotion to his sweetheart that would not permit his leaving her bedside when she was ill of typhoid fever, cost the life of Frank Griffith, 84 years old, a Northwestern University graduate of the early nineties, just on the eve of his wedding. Some months ago Griffith's fiancée, Miss Susan Paulson, fell ill with the fever, but was sustained in her fight with the ailment by the presence of Griffith at her side. She recovered, but he was stricken with the same malady, and died yesterday.

CALLS ADAM LOAFER.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, of Evanston, the only woman justice of the peace in the United States, in a woman suffrage address yesterday denounced Adam as a loafer, painted Eva as the mother of all arts and sciences, and declared that the history of the human race showed that woman was the originator of most of the good things of the world, for which man now takes the credit.
Frank Cooper's new, up-to-date studio now in "full running order," 230B Dundas street, Cooper block, opposite the Armories. zxy

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MALONE REMANDED.
Simcoe, Dec. 14.—Chief of Police Malone was Saturday remanded for one week. It is said that if the case goes to trial by jury a change of venue will likely be applied for.
Wilkins will likely be able to leave his bed next week, if his remarkable recovery continues. The wounds are healing splendidly and his recovery is assured.

Baggage delivered to any part of the city. Hueston's Livery.

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City and District
—The Poplar Hill Baptist Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas tree on the evening of Dec. 23. Everybody welcome.
—The scholars of Bailey's Methodist Sunday school will give their annual entertainment of readings, recitations and drills on Tuesday evening.
—A meeting of the Lobo Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. S. W. Graham on the afternoon of Dec. 16. All ladies interested in this work are invited to attend.
—The annual Sunday school entertainment and Christmas tree of the Wyton Church will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. A good programme is being provided, which will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

No Quorum.
The transfer of the license of the Grand Central Hotel to the Canada News Company was not made Saturday evening. There was not a quorum of the commissioners.
Hamilton Voters.
The total number of voters in Hamilton city is as follows: Ward 1, 1,712; ward 2, 2,011; ward 3, 2,772; ward 4, 2,345; ward 5, 2,107; ward 6, 2,773; ward 7, 3,955. Total, 17,875. In London there are about 12,000 names on the lists.
Annual Dinner.
The annual dinner of the medical department of the Western University will be held in the Tecumseh House on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23. Mr. J. E. Judd is chairman of the dinner committee, and Mr. Nelson George is honorary secretary.

Officers Elected at Putnam.
At the last regular meeting of Pride of Middlesex, L. O. L., No. 1847, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Bro. Charles Rath; D. M., Bro. Lloyd Penton; chaplain, Bro. Wm. Rennie; R. S., Bro. J. Calvert; F. S., Bro. A. H. Banks; treasurer, Bro. J. G. Spring; D. of C., Bro. Jos. Morris; lecturer, Bro. John Beecham.

Ahoshill Lodge Officers.
At the annual meeting of Ahoshill