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TUESDAY, JAN. 26.
BREAKFAST—Cracked wheat and cream. Corned-beef hash. Baked sweet apples. White nut. Coffee.
LUNCHEON—Panned oysters. Baked sliced potatoes. Browned bread sandwiches. Spiced currants. Tea.
DINNER—Green-pea soup. Veal cutlets with tomato sauce. Mash. Potatoes. Corn. Lettuce. Pudding. Coffee.

Cut out these recipes and paste them in a scrap-book.
Corned-Beef Hash—One coffee-cupful of corned beef, one-half coffee-cupful of cold boiled potatoes, one-half coffee-cupful of water, two tablespoonsful of butter, four tablespoonsful of salt, one-half coffee-cupful of pepper. Melt the butter in the water, then thoroughly heat the corned beef and cook till thoroughly heated, then put into a baking pan and place in the oven till brown on top.
Panned Oysters—One pint of oysters, one tablespoonful of butter, one of cracked crumbs, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, one of onion juice, a dash of cayenne. Put the oysters in a pan, and when they boil up add the other ingredients and cook one minute and serve on hot buttered toast.
Spiced Currants—These have not been prepared in their season take one-half can of currants, add one-half cupful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon and cloves; cook for five or ten minutes, then add a little lemon juice and serve in a glass dish. This is a delicious change and saving the fruit. It can be put in jelly glasses and will keep any length of time.
French Dressing for Lettuce—Three tablespoonsful of oil, one of vinegar, one of salt, one of pepper, one of onion juice, a dash of cayenne. Put the oil in a cup and add one tablespoonful of the oil, mix thoroughly, then add remainder of the oil and the vinegar. This is dressing enough for a salad for five or six persons. If little juice into the dressing, two or three drops will be sufficient for this size.

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THE CIGARETTE CRAZE.

Two Young Women Have Become Confirmed Smokers.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—A pitiful case came to the notice of the police when a girl, who is a confirmed cigarette fiend, was arrested for vagrancy. She is almost a mental wreck.
New York, Jan. 24.—Agnes McCarthy, aged 23, was found suffering from cigarette smoking and is a physical member of the cigarette hospital, Brooklyn, she said she smoked on an average seven packages each day.

EDITOR DANA'S CHINA.

The Fine Private Collection To Be Sold at Auction.

New York, Jan. 24.—The art collection of Charles A. Dana will be sold at auction next month. Mr. Dana's art study hobby was the collection and study of oriental porcelain, and it is generally conceded by collectors that the 600 or 700 objects which he brought together form one of the two finest private collections in America. The reason of the sale is that, as a member of Mr. Dana's family is situated as to give the articles the proper care.

ANOTHER ELECTROCUTION.

A Port Huron Workman Grasps a Live Wire With Fatal Results.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 24.—Charles Davis, aged 27, an employee of the Port Huron Engine and Thresher Company, was killed by electricity Friday afternoon.
Davis was stringing some bell wires on the roof without rubber gloves. He was electrocuted and his body was found hanging from a live wire in his hand made a complete circuit.
The dead man leaves a widow and stepdaughter. He was insured for \$1,000 in the Macacabees.

Looked Upon as Standard.

In the October issue of the Dominion Medical Monthly and Ontario Medical Journal, the following item appears under the heading of "Effervescent Salts": "There are a number of these in no doubt about the advantages possessed by the saline purgatives for the physician, but as in everything else, the best, but the standard of the being the case, we have no hesitation in recommending the profession that when they want a reliable, pleasant and effective preparation, to prescribe Abbey's Effervescent Salt."

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Cabled Comment

On European Topics—The Eastern Snarl—Diplomats Do Not Anticipate a Conflict—But Japan May Light the Torch of War.

Russia Forced to Show Her Hand—Understanding Between Britain and Germany—A Skillfully Played Game—The Egyptian Campaign—John Bull Will Not Back Down—A Royal Betrothal—Patti's Bereavement.

London, Jan. 23.—While events are moving with somewhat dramatic rapidity in the far east and complications may any day develop a situation fraught with momentous dangers when the known facts and the position of affairs are analyzed, there is really not much reason at the present moment to suppose that a solution of the crisis will be found in a resort to war. There is reason to believe that diplomatic circles do not fear that it will be necessary to appeal to arms. So far as the European powers are concerned, the diplomats throughout are satisfied that the Chinese question will not break the peace of the world, but they have always feared that Japan will prove

A FIREBRAND.
Unless she can be restrained from impetuous action, the departure of her fleet from Yokohama for Chinese waters may prove to be the striking match which may lead to a dread conflagration.
The possibility of war, the Marquis of Salisbury is slow in giving his trumpets; but unless he believes it would come up to his premier has a decided advantage for the British.

FORCED RUSSIA TO SHOW HER HAND.
She no longer conceals the fact that she regards the whole of Manchuria as her exclusive prey, but by insisting that Ta Lien Wan be made a treaty port, the Marquis of Salisbury has countered the Muscovite played her strategic value without Ta Lien Wan.

POSITION OF FRANCE.
France, of course, resents the proposal to open Nan Ning, which would clash with her exclusive interests in Tonquin, while both Russia and Britain are deeply concerned in that region. France is extending the Burmese railroad into the Chinese province of Yun Nan. France has secured a private agreement with the British railway of such a rich province, while a railroad from Russia to Shanghai (which would be the natural outcome of Great Britain's demands) would be a disastrous competitor of the great trans-Asiatic line (from Samarkand to Port Arthur), which Russia is so laboriously constructing.

A SKILLFULLY PLAYED GAME.
As the Associated Press has indicated throughout, there seems to be an understanding between Germany and Great Britain, but not between Russia and Germany, alternately caressing St. Petersburg both capitals are better than for long time past. The firm, confident tone of the British ministerial utterances, emphasizing that Great Britain does not intend to recede from the main points of the position she has taken up, and the cabinet ministers are more country, the determination that if Great Britain gives way now, it will be to the detriment of the British Empire.

When the completion of the Siberian railroad will render it in the future, a coup upon a bloodless triumph. While, the present situation is admittedly precarious, it is not impossible that it may be maintained for some time, and it is not impossible that it may be maintained for some time, and it is not impossible that it may be maintained for some time.

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of the sudden rush of British troops to Egypt—except the right one. What really seems to have happened is that Col. Parsons, while en route to take over Menelik from the Italians, found King state of wrath at the surrender of the town, which his majesty regarded as a betrayal of his trust. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has been repeatedly appealed to by his daughter, and let-tered of bitter complaint have been sent to Queen Victoria, but both the duke and her majesty profess inability to cure the trouble. The subject is said to be approaching the subject, who was to side with her brother, Duke Louis, to the national prejudices of the Germans and English and vice versa.

THE SUGAR BOUNTY.
A great deal of exception is taken to the proposition of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to grant aid to the West Indies, which is only another name for a European government. It is evident that the British government is not prepared to make the bounties on the West Indies permanent. The proposition of aid seems to be largely due to the national prejudices of the Germans and English and vice versa.

ALL OF ONE MIND.
Another correspondent cables: The most wholesome and refreshing feature of the situation is the eager and unanimous welcome which all Great Britain policy to which the Salisbury government has committed itself. No declaration of the military has ever been received with such satisfaction. In received St. Petersburg, the word with immense relief, and the country has witnessed in the past few days a wonderful revival of self-respect, which has acted like a tonic and for this reason, perhaps, that the talk of apprehension in the country at large has been so thoroughly dispelled.

Harold Frederic, in his letter, says: It is a pity that France should exact a preponderance of space just at a time when Europe in general offers such an exciting variety of topics for swelling out the chest and beating upon a drum in a martial way without a parallel for these dozen years. It was to fight Russia in April, 1855, and her shipyards to working 24 hours a day, mustering her vast navy, and notice to the army reserve, by a first are in the earlier stages of an excitement, but apparently it is with Russia that the new preparations are aimed.

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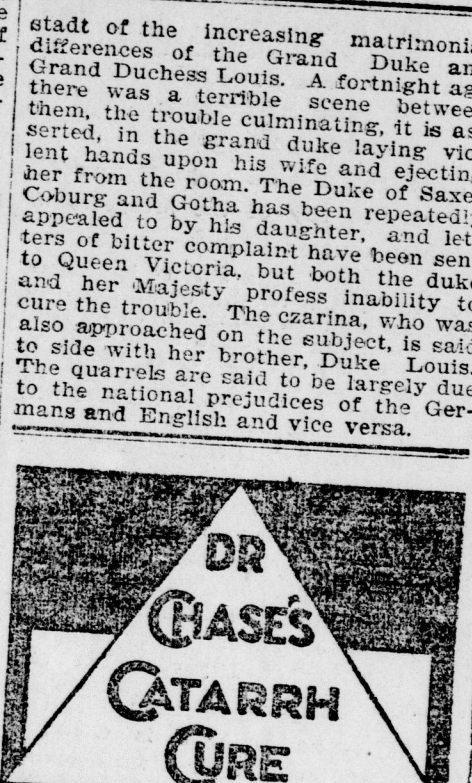
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Delaware Township Council.

The council for the year 1898 met in the town hall on Jan. 19, at 11 a.m., and subscribed to the declarations of office and qualification as follows:

Reeve, John McEwen; councillors, R. Stevens, J. Ackland, E. Howlett and D. May. The reeve called upon the council to open the proceedings with prayer. On motion of councillors Howlett and Ackland, the thanks of the council were tendered to Mr. Leach, and was suitably replied to by the reverend gentleman. The council minutes of Dec. 15, 1897, were read and signed. Moved by Councillor Howlett and seconded by Councillor Stevens, that J. Ackland be deputy reeve for 1898; carried unanimously. Mr. J. Ackland returned thanks to the board for the honor conferred upon him. The reeve appointed J. M. Kaiser and the council R. Gibson auditors. H. J. Smith was reappointed assessor on motion of Messrs. Howlett and May, at a salary of \$10 cash and 10 cents for all dogs and 15 cents for all bitches enumerated. Donald May was appointed a member of the board of health. The appointment of the other officers was laid over for next meeting. The treasurer's bond was read and approved. P. Mulford addressed the council on the McMillan drain, requesting the township council to take action. The reeve and D. May were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report. A petition was presented by D. Gordon and others from the townships of Southwold and Delaware, asking the council to grant assistance for the purpose of erecting a union school. The petition was received and aid on the table for future consideration. On motion, the following had log tax refunded: J. Hooper, \$1; J. Monteth, \$1; A. C. Harris, \$1; J. McKies, \$1; H. Prior, \$2. Mr. W. Burt requested the council to consent to build 100 feet of the approach to the proposed bridge over the river Thames, at what is known as the Glass site, on the Delaware side of the river, providing the county council will not build the same. It was voted to grant the request of Mr. Burt. A committee composed of the reeve, deputy reeve and Councillor Howlett were appointed to examine the first two bridges on the Komoka road and the bridge over the Dineham creek on second concession, and report. The return of the collector's roll was extended until Feb. 1, 1898. Mr. Williams asked exemption from taxes of his property recently purchased from Mrs. Leach, granted. On motion, the usual ward was dispensed with. Bylaws Nos. 405, 406, 407, and 408 were read three times and passed. The following orders were, on motion, drawn upon the treasurer: D. Campbell, for gravel, \$2 40; R. Piper, for work on town line, \$2 40; Jones & Campbell, for the side road, \$1; Kernohan & Co., lumber for culverts, \$5 25; J. Hooper, dog tax refunded, \$1; A. C. Harris, dog tax refunded, \$1; J. McKies, dog tax refunded, \$1; H. Prior, dog tax refunded, \$2; J. Forsyth, for work and material, \$8 80; R. Harris, for care of town hall, \$1 50; W. C. Harris, for books, postage and stationery for the year, \$1 50; McEwen, for balance due for ward appropriation, \$2 24; W. C. Harris, registration of births, deaths and marriages for 1897, \$13; Brown Bros., for cash book for the township treasurer, \$2 50; J. Henderson, operating road machine, \$3. Council adjourned to Feb. 14, 1898. W. C. Harris, clerk.

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Toronto, Jan. 23—11 p.m.—On Friday evening there was a shallow low area over Texas. During Saturday it developed rapidly into a severe storm, and moved to the lake region, whence it has today passed eastward to the Maritime Provinces. Heavy gales have prevailed from the lakes to Nova Scotia, accompanied by rain in Southern Ontario and snow in Northern Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Tonight there are indications of another storm developing over the Southwest States. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 30-38; Kamschatka, 14-22; Calgary, 8-12; Edmonton, 2-10; Qu'Appelle, 4-10; Winnipeg, 2 below-24; Port Arthur, zero-18; Parry Sound, 24-32; Toronto, 28-32; Ottawa, 18-26; Montreal, 16-30; Quebec, 12-16; Chatham, 10 below-10; Halifax, 4-12.

Probabilities: Toronto, Jan. 24—1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Fair and a little colder. Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Saturday were 35 and 22.5 above; on Sunday, 40 and 25 above.

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News About Town

—Miss Graham, of Glencoe, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Shaw, King street.

—Mrs. Henry Silk, of London, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Gibson, Ingersoll.

—Mrs. C. W. Davis, of the Tecumseh, Mich., for a short stay.

—John Waters, the would-be Stratford suicide, has been declared insane, and was removed to the London Asylum on Saturday.

—Mrs. J. E. Dunn, 15 Bruce street, who is now in the general hospital, had a very skillful operation performed by Dr. Meek, and there is strong hope of her recovery.

—Mr. J. O. Roblyn, of Buffalo, inspector of the New York State Car Association, and his mother, Mrs. M. P. Roblyn, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miss Eva N. Roblyn, 320 Dundas street.

—The many friends of Mr. James Dawes, grocer, 108 Hamilton road, will hear with deep regret of his death, which occurred on Saturday evening. Deceased was 55 years of age, and leaves a widow.

—Mr. J. C. Burke, V.S., of Blenheim, formerly of this city, will leave about Feb. 1 for Fort McLeod, to buy horses for the party, which will be sent Feb. 15, by the Peninsular company, to go via Edmonton and the all-Canadian route to the Klondike.

—Mr. Frank J. Halpin, formerly of this city, now of St. Louis, Mo., was married in the latter city last Wednesday night, after a honeymoon of several months, from lung trouble. Mr. Murray, who was 28 years old, and ray, who was 23 years old, and a couple of months ago in the hope of regaining his health, but he gained temporary relief. The remains will be brought home for burial on Monday, when he leaves a widow and one child, who was a brother of Mrs. A. C. Harris, of East London.

IMPORTANT TO MILLERS.
The result of having plenty of railway competition in our city is again demonstrated by a new tariff on grain night, after a business of several months, from lung trouble. Mr. Murray, who was 28 years old, and ray, who was 23 years old, and a couple of months ago in the hope of regaining his health, but he gained temporary relief. The remains will be brought home for burial on Monday, when he leaves a widow and one child, who was a brother of Mrs. A. C. Harris, of East London.

SPEEDY RETRIBUTION.
James Ensign, alias Isaac Decker, was arrested by P. C. James Higginson on Saturday night. Ensign stole an undergarment from the front of Boughn's furniture store, valued at \$2. He was seen by the policeman tomorrow. Ensign is an employee of the London furniture factory. On May 14 last he was charged by Isabella Sigsworth with abducting her son, a young lad, whom he is alleged to have endeavored to go out on the tramp with him.

"I have been a victim to terrible headaches," writes C. F. Newman, Dug Spur, Va., "and have never found anything to relieve them so quickly as Ayer's Pills. Since I began taking this medicine, the attacks have been less frequent, till they have ceased altogether."

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Windy Weather.

Sunday's Gale Affected Church Congregations.

Large Brick Residence Partly Blown Down—Trouble on the Railways—Sunday Street Cars.

A wind storm that amounted almost to a blizzard raged in the city yesterday, and in consequence many people spent the day within doors. The congregations at the city churches were much smaller than usual.

The storm arrived Saturday night, bearing a mixed cargo of sleet, snow and rain, and made its headquarters in the city for about 36 hours, carrying on high jinks all the while. The crowd of pedestrians that usually throngs Dundas street on the last night in the week was but a shadow of its former self. The street railway service was materially affected, too, by which prevented the conduct of the electric, and by the blurring of the windows in the front of the cars. Motorists like to see the night almost from the ground.

Higher than zero and the "beautiful" weather was falling. Pools of slush were nearly covered over with layers of apparently trustworthy snow, and later in the day were lucky if false guided their footsteps safely through these dangerous places. Razor-backed drifts were started across the sidewalks by the heavy wind, and walking was made difficult.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon considerable damage was done by the gale. A fierce gust caught the walls of a building on King street, and two of them, causing a loss to the contractor, Mr. A. Callahan, of \$300 or \$400. The building, which is owned by Mr. James Thompson, carriage manufacturer, is a double house, three stories high, and was ready for the roof. The middle wall stood a few feet higher than the others, and this drifted over the top of the gale. As it fell it carried a large part of the east wall with it, and it is probable that both will have to be rebuilt almost from the ground.

On all the railway lines trains came through completely covered with snow, but no dangerous drifts were reported and little delay caused.

Last night about 9 o'clock the street railway company's sweeper was sent over the system to clear off the slush before it could freeze on the rails, and at intervals during the night cars were sent out as an additional precaution.

A RICHMOND STREET FIRE.

A Hot Blaze Over Thompson's Store Shop—Household Effects Destroyed.

There was a hot blaze last night about 7 o'clock at 424 Richmond street, over Mr. James Thompson's store and tin establishment, the two upper stories being occupied by Mr. Thompson for residential purposes. The family were at the time, but the smoke pouring out of the windows attracted attention and the alarm was turned in. No. 1 brigade was soon on hand, and No. 2 and No. 3 followed in quick order. A hose line was attached to the hydrant at the corner of Richmond and Carling streets, but the hydrant was twisted or out of order in some form, and the water would not flow. A few minutes were lost in transferring the hose to the hydrant at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. The blaze was very fierce, and the firemen say they have seldom been in a hotter place. Entrance was effected through the store, and a line of hose carried up the stairs. A stream was also poured in at the front window. After subduing the fire in the second story the fire in the third story was also attacked successfully and quickly extinguished. Fortunately the thick brick walls prevented the fire from spreading through the adjoining buildings, including the advertiser office, which were filled with smoke. The contents of a sitting room, four bedrooms, kitchen and several closets were almost destroyed. The dripping of the water slightly damaged the stock in the third story, formerly of this city, sang "O Happy Day."

The entire loss is about \$1,300. Mr. Thompson's household effects were insured, and the loss on the building, which is owned by Mr. Samuel Stewart, is also covered.

In City

Church Circles

Anniversary Services at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Pastor Refuses an Increase of Salary—A Liberal Offertory—Rev. A. L. Russell on Temperance and the Bible—Church Notes.

The anniversary services yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church were exceedingly well attended, when one recalls the state of the weather. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, preached morning and evening, delivering two very able sermons. A considerable number of the reverend gentleman's former parishioners from south London came over to hear him notwithstanding the blinding storm. The services were rendered even more enjoyable by the fact that the choir, formerly leading soprano of the congregation, was in the city on a brief visit, and assisted in the anthems, singing a solo on each occasion. As the anniversary of the church is a statement of the finances of the church and of any recommendations to come before the annual meeting on the Wednesday following was distributed in the pews. One of these motions was to the effect that an increase of \$300 be made to the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark. This falling under the eye of Mr. Clark, was promptly nipped in the bud by his statement that he was not in the mood to accept of an increase of salary, and while deeply grateful, he declined the offer. The church, the desirability of reducing the church debt as soon as possible, and his strong wish that all the funds, including those for missions, should be kept up to the highest standard, decline at present any increased remuneration.

For several years past the congregation has been asked for a special plate contribution of \$1,000 towards the reduction of the church building debt. It must have been gratifying to the pastor and the officials of the church to find, when the plates were counted, that the amount totaled \$1,005, despite the inclement weather which doubtless kept many at home. On Wednesday of this week the annual congregational meeting will be held, preceded by a tea from 8 to 2:30 p.m.

The Drink Question.

Rev. A. L. Russell, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, told the members of the church yesterday that he believed was the proper attitude to assume towards the drink question. At the outset he gave as his chief reason for preaching against this line of conduct, the desirability of reducing the church debt as soon as possible, and his strong wish that all the funds, including those for missions, should be kept up to the highest standard, decline at present any increased remuneration.

Mr. Russell dealt logically with his subject, starting with a text that had been selected for him by a man who was fond of drink—Deuteronomy xiv, 26: "And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, for whatsoever thy soul desireth, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household." This established the speaker's first proposition, viz: The Bible permits the use of intoxicating liquor. Other texts—Numbers vi, 10, Ecclesiastes ix, 7—were cited in support of this. The reverend gentleman then eloquently told of the quarrel that he and the bottle had had 28 years ago. He had not been a slave to it, though they were friends, but he had put it from him when told that the homes that were wrecked, the families broken up, the marriages trampled under foot, the horrible treatment of wives and children by drunken husbands, and the blood that flowed like rivers here and there over the world because of that bottle.

He then turned to the proposition that the Bible permits the use of strong drink, he said there could be no contradiction. Truth never contradicted itself. Then he considered the possibility of legitimate limitations. Most emphatically there was a limitation as to quantity. "There was it right for a man to drink whiskey, but wrong if the whiskey makes him drunk? There were limitations which amounted to a distinct and positive prohibition against the use of liquor at all. "It is not for kings to drink wine," and Christians are all kings. "Not for priests, and Christians are all priests. Therefore, Christians are all prohibited during his vow. The Christians' vow of consecration is for their whole lives. Further, Christians may do nothing that would jeopardize in any way the eternal welfare of their souls. Mr. Russell said: "God permitted men to

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have more wives than one. He permitted slavery and the use of intoxicating liquor in the development of the human race, but all these things are put away today."

Notes.

The women's mission circles connected with the local Baptist churches held their quarterly union meeting in the Talbot Street Church Thursday afternoon, followed by a public meeting in the evening, at which the address was given by some of the local pastors and promissed.

Rev. Robert Johnston, of St. Andrew's Church, in his sermon Sunday morning, referred to the choir, saying it was not there as a drawing-card, or an amusement, but as an instrument, and one form of worship, to inspire others to worship with song. If it were merely to entertain and please people, he would be one of the first to take a hand in its abolition. The collection will in future not be taken up while the choir is singing.

Yesterday was missionary Sunday at the Askin Street Methodist Church, Rev. T. R. Lincolnton, of Brantford, preached, and in the evening a platform meeting was held, at which Mr. A. C. Johnston acted as chairman.

Rev. Thomas Wilson and Rev. Geo. Fowler exchanged pulpits yesterday morning. By special request, Rev. Mr. Fowler will give a resume of his discoveries on the Book of Jonah at the Auditorium next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. A. G. Harris, of West London, referred to the city hall disaster yesterday. It had been said that it was a judgment on the city, but the reverend gentleman did not agree with that view. God gave certain properties to all material things. Timber of a given size and quality was of a certain strength, and if it broke it was because God's law in regard to that timber had been violated or disregarded.

At the First Methodist Church yesterday, Rev. Dr. Daniel preached, and excellent music was furnished by the choir, led by Orestes Wolcott. In the morning the anthem, "The King of Love" (Shelley) was sung, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. Harvey and Mr. A. Brown, with marked effect. Mrs. Harvey also sang "The Lord is Mindful of the Poor" and in the evening Mr. E. W. Knowles, of Toronto, formerly of this city, sang "O Happy Day."

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