COUNTY OF LEEDS ADVERTISER.

→AND←

Vol. XX. No. 1

Athens, Leeds County, Ontario, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1904.

G. F. Donnelley, Publisher

Brockville's Greatest Store

Great January Sale

It will pay you well to visit Brockville's Greatest Store, during this great January Sale. There is a saving of from 10 to 75 per cent over regular prices-We take stock February 1st and it is our aim to greatly reduce the quantity of merchandise before that date so that the work of taking inventory will be largely

Reduced Prices in **Every Department**

There will be no discrimination—every department will be sacrificed, every price reduced. We are willing to lose the profits if you are willing to pay cash. And why not save a few dollars when you need this good seasonable merchandise.

See Brockville daily papers for definite sale news every day.

Robert Wright

Brockville Ontario

This is the Season

Stoves, Ranges, Heaters and Furnaces

You will find Comfort, Convenience, Heat, Happiness, Ease and Economy in the goods we sell. A poor stove is dear at any price, so we carry only articles of standard quality. From the low-priced heaters to the best steel ranges and furnaces in the market you get full value for every dollar you invest with us. It you contemplate buying a stove or range, call and get quotations.

JOHNSON & LEE Roofing and all kinds of tinwork

The Athens Hardware Store.



Give me a call when wanting anything in my line.

Wm. Karley, Main St., Athens.

Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The very low temperature on Monday last did hot prevent the candidates municipal honors in Athens having the hottest kind of a time. The chief site for the proposed town hall, and no less than three tickets were placed before the electors. On the first, in favor of the Karley lot, appeared the names of Wm. Karley for reeve and John Rappell and A. W. Blanchard for councillors. On the second, Irwin Wiltse was named for reeve and Wm. Jacob. C. L. Lamb, C. H. Smith and Alex. Taylor for councillors. On the third, A. M. Chassels announced himself as an independent candidate for councillor. All day the candidates and their friends hustled, so that by five o'clock every available vote was polled The referendum to decide the

question of site brought out a large vote of the freeholders, 150 ballous being marked.

The result of the polling was

4	follows :-					
	FOR REEVE					
		No. 1	No. 2	To		
	Karley	40	78	1		
	Wiltan	82	42	1		
1	FOR COUNCILLORS					
	Blanchard	41	56			
	Chassels	15	19			
	Jacobs	90	53	1		
	Lamb	86	59	1		
	Rappell	43	74	1		
	Smith	83	48	- 1		
	Taylor	77	63	1		
	, TOWN HALL SITE					
	Green Lot	58	35			
	Karley Lot	18	39			

Maj. for Green lot...... 36 And now, what next? The location of the hall has been placed beyond

question, but the mountary problem is still to be solved. The electors have had a warm contest, but on which side the majority lies is settled definitely and positively, and as majorities must and should rule in this free ountry, there is nothing left now but for all to unite heartily in pushing

SMITH'S FALLS

Capt. A. Foster was elected mayor

Reeve-G. W. Castle. Councillors—W. J. Wing. J. Mc-Ewan, C. J. Speagle, Smith Conklin.

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP Councillors—James Weir, B. Han-na, A. J. Mellafont, Jos. Boyd.

ELIZABETHTOWN Reeve-Pettem, 473; Moore, 347. Councillors—Easton, 453; Taplin, 410; Davis, 387; Barriger, 317; Forth, 310; Quinn. 305; Checkley, 289; E. Moore, 144. All the old

YONGE AND ESCOTT FRONT Reeve-M. J. Connolly. Councillors—John Mallory, Julius Khant, Wm. Torrence and John Haffie.

A CARD

To the Electors of the Village of

We, the undersigned, desire to exress our appreciation of the confidence you manifested in us by electing us as your council for 1904, and for the way you have removed the much vexed question of town hall site by giving a good substantial majority for the site purchased by the council of 1902, thus showing your approval of the action of that body in a clear and unmistakeable manner

We also desire to assure the electors that all matters coming before us will have our best consideration, and business of the town conducted

nomically as possible. IRWIN WILTSE, Reeve. W. H. JACOB C. L. LAMB C. H. SMITH ALEX TAYLOR

Croup The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time ers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

BROWN-STEWART

On Dec. 23, 1903, at the home of the Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Smith's Falls, Miss Eleanor Stewart, of Jasper, was mar-ried to Mr. Wallace Cydmur Brown, of Elbe Mills, by the Rev. Mr. Pitche Both these young people are well and favorably known in Athens. the bride tavorably known in Athens. the bride having graduated from the Athens high and model schools in 1902, and for their future happiness and prosper-ity they have the best wishes of a wide oircle of fri nds. They spent their honeymoon in Toronto and Harriston.

JOHNSTON-BOYCE

A very pretty house wedding was olemnized at the home of Mrs. S. W. Boyce, Main street, Athens, at 7 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, when her daughter, Rachel A., was united in marriage to Mr. Charles E. Johnston of Brockville. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Reynolds in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. As the bridal party entered the parlor, Meudelssohn's wedding march was played on the piano by Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and the vows were made, the token given, urder the beautifully draped arch of the bay window.

The bride was most becomingly gowned in cream English taffeta and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The brides-maid, Miss Bresse of Fernbank, Brockville, was dressed in voile over pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. W. C. McQuillan of Toronto.

Atter the expression of hearty con-gratulations all partook of a rich re

past daintily served.

The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch, to the bridesmaid a

gold creatent set with pearls, and to the groomsman a gold stick-pin.

The happy couple drove to Brock-ville and took the western train for a tour that includes Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and Niagara Falls.

The groom has been for a number of years a highly esteemed departmental superintendent in the store of Robert wright & Co, Brockville, and Mr. Wright testified his personal regard for him by the present on this occasion of a silver cocoa urn, silver tray, dozen of a silver cooos urp, silver tray, curses, silver dessert spoons, dozen silver teaspoons, and a carving set. To this valuable token, the employees of the firm added a set of handsomely carved silver knives and forks, and there were the silver ferror individual selegation. other gifts from individual salesmen, including a boudoir clock from Mr. J.

esteem in Athens, and will be missed from the Methodist church shoir, of which she was a valued member.

The Reporter joins with their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. John-ston long life, health and happiness.

Country Vs City

An Ontario country editor solilo "The sun-browned, hand spanked, bare footed, hard-fisted country boy makes a much better fight in the battle of life than the pampered, high-collared and creased trousered youth of our cities whose clothes have always been dusted with a whisk always been dusted with a wnisk-broom instead of a shingle. Let the city man who is out of a job try a year on the farm, ploughing behind a mule will take the kink out of his top knot, the frog out of his throat, the weakness out of his legs and will give him an appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This preparation is intended especi ally for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these disease over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of se vere colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough, has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous results. It is especially prized by mothers because it contains nothing injurious and there is not the least danger in giving it even to babies. It always cures and cures quickly. Sold by J. P. Lamb & Son. by J. P. Lamb & Son.

HAPPY NEW-YEAR

THANKING YOU FOR AGE YOU GAVE US DUR-ING THE LAST YEAR AND WISHING YOU A HAPPY. PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Globe Clothing House

Our stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trouserings is far superior to anything we have ever had. We can make your suit from

It will pay you to inspect our stock before purchasing elsewhere and we guarantee a

CENTRAL BLOCK

Prof. J. H. DeSilberg Mr. W. G. CRADDOCK

Optician from Germany SPECIALIST

Eyes tested free of charge. He has always on hand a full assortment of 9 kinds of Spectacles and Eye Glasses for young and old person affected with weak eyes, tender quav ers, spotted cataract, short eyesight watness eyes, and eyes with red veins He guarantees to give entire satisfac tion to everyone. Free consultation at the Gamble House Parlors on Thursday, Jan. 7th, until Friday, afternoon, Jan. 8th, 1904.

PROF. J. H. DESILBERG, Optical Specialis



We manufacture all our own harness and horse collars.

Special value in grizzly and cub

off. Your horse's friend. Bells ! Bells !!! Bells !!!

CHAS. R. RUDD & Co. BROCKVILLE

Solo Organist, Pianist and Voice Instructor

Late of the following professional appointments: Organist of St. Patrick's Cathederal Armagh, Ireland; Organist of Ulster Hali Bolfast; Pianist to Earl Spencer, Lord Lieu tenant of Ireland, will instruct pupils if organiano, singing, harmony and counterpoint. Pupils prepared for musical examination and Dominion College of Music, Montreal,

REXALL HOUSE DYES

FURNITURE

Between Seasons

The holiday trade is over, and for the large patronage extended to ur we return thanks.

January and February are dull months in nearly all lines of trade. and so we are prepared to make purchasing here jusi now both pleasant and profitable. It will pay you during these two months to inspect and learn the price of any article you may contemplate purchasing.

T. G. Stevens

It was a time of moral dearth. All trace had become a barren widerness. The Roman emperor was despetic and cruel. Herod and Pliate were little better. The priesthood was filled with corrupt mea, and even Caippinas, the high priest, was coarse and brutal. Under such leaders the people had sunk into a very low and degraded condition. It had been four hundred years since they had heard prophetic warnings, when suddenly John appeared on the scene. John the Baptist—So named by Mark and Luke and by Josephus, who mentions his great influence, and speake of the crowds that flock to hear him preach. Preaching—Heralding, a word suggesting the roolanation of a king. John was a great reformer. Note the following leading characteristics of his preaching; 1. It was absolutely dauntless. 3. It shows remarkable insight into the needs of the people of every class. shows remarkable insight into the meeds of the reople of every class.

4. It was intensely practical. 5. It prophesies of the dawn of the kingdom of Christ. His message was: 1. repent; 2, the kingdom of heaven is at hand; 3, behold the Lamb of God. In the wilderness—"John preached in the wild thinly inhabited region lying west of the Jordan and the Dead Sea, as far north of Enon, two-thirls of the way to the Sea of Galilee, and on both sides of the lower Jordan."

2. Repent ye—Repentence includes (1) conviction, (2) contrition, (3) confession. (4) reformation, and leads to fession. (4) reformation, and leads to conversion, John, Jesus, Peter and Faul all greached repertance. Kingdom of heaven—As Jesus is the Messiah that is, the Anointel, the Kingson His gospel is a law, and His dispensation a kingdom—Whedon. The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God in the New Testament mean one and the same thing and generally have reference to the spiritual kingdom which Christ sets up in the ally have reference to the spiritual kingdom which Christ sets up in the bearts c. His followers. At hand—The Jews expected a great national deliverer. The meaning here is that the coming of the Mossiah to begin His dominion on earth, under the Christian economy, is at hand.

3. Esains—The Greek form for Isaiah. The reference here is to Isaiah xl. 3-5; also see Luke iii. 4-6. The voice—"The prophecy draws at-

Isaiah xl. 3-5; also see Luke iii. 4-0. The voice—"The prophecy draws attention to the work rather than the worker." The voice of the prophet was loud and distinct. Prepare ye—The idea is taken from the practice of Eastern monarchs, who, when ever they took a journey, sent har-bingers before them to prepare the way. The Jewish church was the

way. The Jewish church was the desert country. Paths straight—This is figurative language. The words illustrate the straightening force of the gospel. There must be a thorough preparation before God, our King, will come to us.

4. Had his raiment, etc.—"The appearance of John was like that of the great prophet Eiljah in the popular mind. He was clothed in the coarse, rough cloth called sackcloth in the Scriptures. It was cheap, but coarse, rough cloth called sackcloth in the Scriptures. It was cheap, but admirable for keeping out the heat, cold and rain. This mantle was girded around him with a leather girdle of undressed hide. His food consisted of locusts, closely resembling our grasshoppers, and of wild honey. All this was a natural as well as simple mode of living in those days in the wilderness." Meat well as simple mode of hiving those days in the wilderness." Meat—Food. Locusts—The law of Moses gave permission to eat locusts (Lev. "John here represents the symbols of the repentance he preaches, according to ancient cus-toms. The hair or sackcloth, the ordinary outward signs of deepest humiliation."

humiliation."

II. Many confessions made (vs. 5, 6). 5. Went out—Left their homes and went to the desert where John was preaching. He was very successful, and the heart of the whole nation was stirred. Even Herod the King heard him gladly and "did many things" (Mark vi. 20). All the region—The crowds must must have been enormous. John was very popular, but popularity had no effect upon such as he. 6. Confessions—Confession of sin is one of the very popular, but popularity had no effect upon such as he. 6. Confess-ing—Confession of sin is one of the marks of true repentance. See 1st

marks of true repentance. See 1st John, 1.9.

III. A thorough reformation demanded (vs. 7-10). T. When he saw,—
"Men knoner a lofty and-fearless soul, seeking no selfish object, but braving all opposition for the noblest ends. John had nothing to lose but his life, and cared for nothing but the faithful discharge of his duty."
Pharisees—The name signifies separatists. They held tenaclosuly to a literal obedience of the written law, and an unwritten tradition. Sadducess—They adhered to the written law of Mosss, but refused to give much weight to tradition. They did not be leve in a future life, angels or spirits. Said unto them—The three leading religious sects at that time were the Pharisees, Sadduces and Essenes, and he handled them with terrible severity. Generation of vipers—"Brood" of vipers.
"The denotes persons deceiful and malle oue." "A terribly expressive speech: "He called them snakes. Who hath arned you—How came you to arned tone snakes. Who harned by complying with an outign, you can escape the wrath without an inward change?
to come—The iniquity of the mation was so great that all men expect la speedy and awful judgment. E Fruit worthy of repentance Join di not stop with a mere profession, but they must show the hongerty of their purpose by their conduct.

duct.

9. Think not to say, etc.—The natural impulse of the unregenerate heart is to seek out excurs and subterfuges when the co-science is touched. Out of these hard, unregenerate hearts of flesh and children of Abraham, 10.—The axe is laid—"There is an aliushmere to a woodman who having marked a tree for excision, layed his over garment in order that he may wild more garment in order that he may wild more powerful blow."

EV. John 10.018 to Theis (vs. 11.12).

pronting To'n was a r

Sunday School

The Preaching of John the Baptist.

CCOMMUNITARY.—I. A call to respectance (vs. 1-4). I. Im those days

The time is defined in Luke ill., 1.

If was a time of moral dearth All trace had become a barren wilderness. The Roman emperor was despected and cruel. Herod and Pilate were little better. The preschool was filled with corrupt mea, and evien Caipphas, the high priest, was coarse and brutal. Under such leaders the four hundred years since they had heard prophetic warnings, when suddenly John at peared en the scene. John the Baptist—so named by Mark and Luke and by Joseghus, who mentions his great influence, and speaks of the crowds that flock to hear him of the crowds that flock to hear him solid kindle around the feet of the finally impenitent.

His martier and representing an inward spirital change. Speaker Com. He that cometh—The preaching of John was preparing the minds of John was preparing the finally impenitent.
PRACTICAL SURVEY.

The appearance of John the Baptist marks a distinct and important epoch in the great processes of a world's redemption—the point of meeting and digression of two magnificent dispensations. Himself belonging to neither, he stands out the one, and the advance herald of another, greater and final. The greattruth of the lesson is "The Coming Kingdom."

The kingdom is spiritual. Jesus Christ when questioned by Pilate de-clared both the fact and nature of clared both the fact and nature of his dominion when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world." That it contemplates the control of outward affairs, social and civic, is unquestionable, but it secures this outward triumph by assuming the supremacy of the purpose, and will through the power of purified affackingdom of heaven is within you." No mere outward loyalty or service can answer here. Devotion to Christ and truth must spring spontaneous and truth must spring spontaneous from the deepest impulses or fail of meeting the standard of divine re-

ulrement.
The kingdom is permanent. This is that which appeared in vision to Nebuchadnezzar, and was interpretned and prophesied by Daniel. "And in these days shall the God of Heaven set up another kingdom, which ishall never be destroyed." Established without human consent, this kingdom is destined to break into places and consume all other kingpieces and consume all other king-toms, and it shall stand forever." doms, and it shall stand forever."

The kingdom is comprehensive.

"Ask of Me. and I shall give thee
the heathen for thine inheritance,
and the uttermost parts of the earth
for thy possession." "The isles shall
wait for his law." See also Eph. i.
10; Col. ili. 11. The plerced hand
of the Son of God opens the door,
and each man enters, or closes it
against his own soul. The final consummation of the kingdom-John beheld when "a great multitude, which
no man could number, of all nations
and kindreds, and peoples and and kindreds, and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their

The conditions of the kingdom. One brief but emphatic and comprehensive word constitutes the true message of the wilderness prophet. Fundamental truths can never change, and the original and now almost forgotten condition remains as the threshold of the Christian life. "Repentance toward God" must precede "faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The depth of the former will be the measure of the clearness and strength of the latter. It is preceded always by a "goodly sorrow," which, unlike the "sorrow of the world," has regard to the character rather than the consequences of sin as an inventive The conditions of the kingdom to the character rather than the consequences of sin as an inventive to its renunciation. It always "worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of." Its essential elements are given by the prophet thus: "Let the wicked forsake his ay and the unrighteens sake his ay, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." Such a repent-ance infallibly brings forth fruits meet for the same. Ancestry, tradi-tion, ritualism, alike fait of secur-ing admission to the kingdom. Hearty renunciation of sin and self, and an equally hearty acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, can of Christ as Saviour and Lord, can alone secure citizenship, bring the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and transform the worthless and fire-destined to a thing of life and value which shall escape the fierce winnowing of divine indignation.—Wm. H. Clark.

TAZY MAN'S PARADISE

The Women Are the Workers in the West Indies

On market day in the West Indies thousands of peasant women and girls can be seen walking along the roads to the town from their palm-thatched huts in the mountains and woods. They carry on their heads immense loads of bananas, oranges, yams, plantains, brown sugar or tobacco, stepping along at the rate of four miles an hour with

the gait of a princess.

Constant carrying of heavy loads gives them a splendid carriage. They will walk forty miles to market to sell 30 walk forty miles to market to sell 30 cents' worth of produce. Often they could sell the same stuff for a better price at their homes, but they enjoy the merry company on the road and the fun and gossip of the market place too much to give ap their weekly jaunt. Most people think such a tramp hard work, but they regard it as a picnic. Tramping along over rough mountain tracks fording swift rivers. tugging Tramping along over rough mountain tracks, fording swift rivers, tugging fractious mules in the way that they should go, these women never let their loads fall. They could dance a jig with-

out dropping them.

Meanwhile the men folk—who have not even taken the trouble to sow or harvest the crops—are sleeping in the palm-thatched hut, or lying down in the yam patch outside, and smoking the attence rative to become

yam paten outside, and showing the strong native tobacco.

"On my estate," said a coffee planter to an American friend, "I employ about 600 people in the busy seasons, besides 200 to 300 children. The women outnumber the men by more than two to one, and do far better work, though they are only paid 18 cents a day, as com-pared with the men's 24 cents. The difference in wages is most unfair, but it is regulated by an iron-bound custom,"—

THE CONQUEST OF THE SAHARA

France has found a way to assure ther supremacy over the Shara By treaties with other nations she is recognized as supreme in authority over three-fourths of the great ity over three-fourths of the great has been almost helpless against her ensmies, the Tharregs. These robbers and warriors of the desert have, time and again, swooped north from their mountain homes in the centre of the Sahara, pouned upon some little French outpost with a corporal's guard or upon some come oasis friendly to France, killed, plundered and made off with the fleets camels of their fastnesses among the Ahaggar Mountains; and the French have seen the dust of their enemies as they allsappeared in the distance and been as helpless as a hungry man or a desert island with no boat to take him across the flood to a land of plenty.

Up to twenty months ago every French caravan entering the desert was heavily laden with food and water supplies for a long journey and weighed down with ammunition and guns for defence against the Tuaregs. The camels were the ordinary slow freighters of the desert. The expeditions, therefore were coverided.

The expeditions are the flood to a land of plenty.

Up to twenty months ago every French caravan entering the desert was heavily laden with food and water supplies for a long journey and weighed down with ammunition and guns for defence against the rounds of the coveriden, slow and unwieldy. The veighters of the desert. The expeditions, therefore were overwhileheight and warder supplies for a long journey and weighed down with ammunition and guns for defence against the rounds of the desert was heavily laden with food and water supplies for a long journey and weighed down with ammunition and guns for defence against the rounds of the control of France has found a way to assure her supremacy over the Sahara. By treaties with other nations she is recognized as supreme in authority over three-fourths of the great desert; but until recently France has been almost helpless against her enemies, the Duaregs. These robbers and warriors of the desert time and again, swooped her enemies, the Tuaregs. These robbers and warriors of the desert layse, time and again, swooped north from their mountain homes in the centre of the Sahara, pounced upon some little French outpost with a corporal's guard or upon some oasis friendly to France, killed, plundered and made off with the fleetest camels of their fastnesses among the Ahaggar Mountains; and the French have seen the dust of their enemies as they alsappeared in the distance and been as helpess as a hungry man or a desert island with no boat to take him across the flood to a land of plenty.

Up to twenty months ago every French caravan entering the desert was heavily laden with food and water supplies for a long journey and weighed down with ammunition and guns for defence against the Tuaregs. The camels were the ordinary slow freighters of the desert. The expeditions, therefore were overladen, slow and unwieldy. The veiled robbers of the Sahara could circle all around them, pick off two or three stragglers, with their loads of food or guns, scurry away, and the French could not touch them any more than an Ene Canalboat could catch the Mary Powell. It was the mosquito in light marching order worrying the glant.

Of all the expeditions which the French have organized on this system to penetrate far into the desert

Of all the expeditions which the French have organized on this system to penetrate far into the desert or to cross it, only one succeeded in carrying out its mission; and that was the Foureau-Lamy party with 1,000 camels and many tons of supplies. Thanks to the indemitable energy of its leaders, this party crossed to the Soudan after long delays and terrible suffering.

ing.

About two years ago a number of French army officers in the extreme southern part of the Algert to discuss of French army of the Algerlan Sahara came together to discuss the unsatisfactory situation. Foremost among them were Commandants Cauvet and Laperine, who had been studying the problem and had evolved a plan which they believed would solve the difficulty. Laperline unfolded the scheme. "Cauvet and I are convinced," he said, "that we shall fail every time as long as we attempt to travel with our present methods. We are like a waterlogged ship at sea, unmanageable and almost statiouary. If we are going to stop the attacks of the Tuaregs upon caravans and

manageable and almost stationary. If we are going to stop the attacks of the Tuaregs upon caravans and make Saharan travel safe we must adopt the tactics of our enemies.

"We must do just what Nansen did in the Arctic regions. He learned how to subsist and to dress like the Esquimaux. He followed their methods of dog sleighing. He took along with him Esquimaux boats to carry him from one ice floe to another. In short, he was wise enough to learn from the natives how things may be done best under Arctic conditions.

"Now the Tuaregs go lightly laden. They pick and train their camels, and the animals they ride can cover three times as much ground in a day as the ordinary pack camel. There is as much difference between them as there is between a racehorse and

there is between a racehorse and a Percheron. Traveling as fast as they do they are not compelled to weigh themselves down with supplies. They can replenish their food piles. They can replenish their food and water bags at every oasis and travel like the devil between supply stations. If we follow their tactios we can travel as fast as they can and, with our superior arms, we can beat them every time."

The idea was perfectly novel, but it seemed to be good common sense and was heartily approved by all the officers. The plan was adopted and measures were taken to test its ef-

seemed to be good common sense and was heartily approved by all the officers. The plan was adopted and measures were taken to test its efficiency as goon as possible.

In the cases of Wargia and El Goliea they enlisted a large band of young men, the best camel drivers of the region, experts in all the arts of desert travel. At the same time they ransacked all the camel herds of the Algerian Sahara and among the many thousands of animais they picked out those that were built for fast travel, the kind that are used in the courier service between the French oases. These courier animals are so trained that they never plod along with slow steps like an ox, but get over the ground with a tort of a lop that he as an ordinary carnyan train in their wake a good deal as an occan greyhound would hass a tramp steamer.

It this way several bands of native troops were organized under the command of white officers and for

In this way several bands of native, troops were organized under the command of white officers and for months they were drilled in the use of the best modern rifles, were raced at top, speed from one casis to another, and were rapidly put in a condition of high efficiency.

another, and were rainty put in condition of high efficiency.
This experiment has been a great success. There is now no baggage train in the French army of the Sahara. The new corsairs of the desert are travelling anywhere they are sent. Each camel carries from the three weeks, surply of food are sett. Each camel carries from two to three weeks' supply of food and water. A soldier with his mill-tary cutit is on the back of every camel. Every French troop in the Saharan service now equals the Tu-aregs in celerity of movement and is far their superior as a fighting force. The enemy is no longer unapproach-able.

These bands of 'ight camel carabary r call Mhaites. The Turness had a great sup, so when they first mat the new kind of French expedition. Late in the spring of 1903 these robbers from 'he Ahagar Mountains attacked some of the native protegres of France in one of the oness. Licut Cottonest was despatched onses. L'out Cottonest was despatched with a force of 150 Meharistes to teach them a 'esson in good manners. In aboug s'y weeks this little party trave'led 1,05' m'es' over the despt to the southeast of their post and one morning 'e'l most unexpected'y upor the robbers, who had seat

natives mustered nearly all of their fighting strength. Lieut. Cottonest in his fight met only about 500 warriors.

To all appearances the French have accomplished their purpose with little fighting. They are therefore now turning their attention to long journeys of exploration in the desert.

Commandant Laperine has since been to the Ahaggar mountains for purposes of exp oration and to give the Tuarggs more fight if they wanted it, but the natives were as peaceale as lambs. In fact , they have not lifted a hand against the French or the inhabitants of any oasis since Cottonest's victory.

A wonderful jurney was made last spring to the southwest straight into the heart of the desert. The camel cavalry under command of Laperine started on April 15 last from Insalah, and made straight for the heart of Sahara. They travelled with great rapidity across wide zones where there was not a single well As soon as they reached pasturage they would remain for several days to refresh the animals. Then they would speed on across the sands to the next onsis. Their swiftest march, made in the course of twenty-nine hours, which included a number of halts, was seventy miles, which is remarkably fast traveling for camels. The party traversed the plateaus of Moygdir and Alnet, and made some interesting discoveries. They found, for example, an enormous cliff covered with paintings representing animals, some of which can no longer be found in the Sahara. They finally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They finally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They finally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They finally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They finally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They inally reached Inzize, where they began the return march.

They of the desert to the Niger, but their orders required them to return. Most of their journey was through a waste which had been visited only by a single European, the explorer Laing who perished o

sult."—Mrs. Aunte C. Chestaut, of Whitby, was for months a rhsumatic victim, but douth American Rheumatic Curechanged the song from "despair" to "jey." She says:
"I suffered untold misery from Rheumatism—doctor's medicine did me no good—two bottles of South American Rheumatic Curecured me—relief two hours after the first

Daring Man. "I'm anxious to get the names of all present," said the reporter. "Will

"Oh," said the meek little "you may put down Mrs. Henry Pecl and husband." "You mean 'Mr. and Mrs. Heary

"I would prefer that," he replied with a furtive glance over his sheuder, "but for goodness sake, don't say I gave it to you that way." — Philadelphia Press.

THE MOST WONDERFUL DRUG ever discov or allying pain is Japanese Menthol in co incition with the curative properties inciting gums as in." The D & L." Ment Plaster, it is a positive specific for all neur it and nervous pains and twitches.

DANGEROUS WEEDS.

Ganjah Smoking Causes Victim Try to Commit Murder.

New York is threatened with a new vice compared with which "hitting the pipe" is a harmless amuse-ment. It is the smoking of ganjah. ment. It is the smoking of ganjah.
In some of the Chinese vegetable
shops in Mott, Pell and Doyer
streets, this weed, in a dried state ready for smoking, can now be pur chased by customers who are known The Chinese dealers are not ear to seil either opium or ganjah

strangers.
A Chinaman who runs a "cho A Chinaman who runs a "cnop suey joint" in Pell Street, admitted, in a burst of confidence the other evening, that the latter weed is now being smoked by some of the Americans who haunt Chinatown, as well as by the Chinese themselves. It is being cultivated, probably for the first time in this country, by the Chinese farmers at Astoria, L.I.,

the Chinese farmers at Astoria, L.I., who come into the city every Sunday and Monday with vegetables for New York's colony of Celestials.

Garjah is smoked to a slight extent in San Francisco, whither it is brought from China, but hitherto it has been unknown in this city. It is widely used in India and other parts of the Orient, and is practically the same as the famous bhang, or Indian hemp, which the Sepoys smoked to give themselves "Dutch courage" during the Indian mutiny. It has been introduced into Jamaica, Trinidad and other British West Indian colonies near our shores by the East Indian cololies brought

thither from Calcutta to work on the sugar plantations. Its use has led to so much crime that some of the colonial governments have pro-hibited its cultivation, importation or sale, under very heavy penalties. The smoking of ganjah inevitably gives a man homicidal mania. Many murders in the East and West Indies

murders in the East and West Indies have been directly caused by it. Ganjah is never smoked for mere pleasure. When an Oriental wishes to perpetrate some cruel or vengoful deed, from which he would shrink when sober or sane, he calls upon this weed to arouse within him his darkest passions. For ganjah causes temporary insanity and unnatural ferocity. When he wishes to perform some difficult task—a task requiring great strength and powers form some difficult task—a task requiring great strength and powers of endurance—he eats no food, he drinks no wine, but he smokes ganjah, for he believes it imparts superhuman strength and furnishes an inexhaustible store of energy. It really makes its victims insensible to fatigue and weariness. But it inevitably weakens the brain and ultimately impairs physical strength, while it demoralizes and brutalizes a while it demoralizes and brutalizes a more quickly than any other

The Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The offerings of grain on the street to-day were small, and prices generally are unchanged. Wheat steady, with sales of 100 bushels of steady, with sales of 100 bushels of white at 60c, 200 bushels of red winter at 79c, and 300 bushels of goose at 73 to 73%. Barley dull, 100 bushels selling at 44c. Oats steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 31 to 32c. Rye sold at 54c a bushel for one load.

Butter is slightly easier, with sales of choice delay at 16 to 21c. Erms

Butter is siigntly easier, with sales of choice dairy at 16 to 21c. Eggs firm at 40 to 50c a dozen for new laid. Poultry generally dull, with best demand for turkeys.

Hey in fair supply, with sales of 30 loads at \$10 to \$10.50 a ton for timothy, and at \$6 to \$8 for mixed.

Straw \$10 a ton.
Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$6.75 to \$7.25, the latter for light.

Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$6.75 to \$7.25, the latter for light. Following are the quotations: Wheat, white, bush., 80c; goose, 73 to 73 1-2c; red, 79 to 79 1-2c; spring, 83 to 83 1-2c; prag., bush., 66 to 63c; oats, bush., 31 to 32c; barley, bush., 43 to 46c; hay, timothy, per ton, \$10 to \$10.50; clover, \$6 to \$9; atraw, per ton, \$10; seeds, alsike, bush., \$4.50 to \$6.75; red clover, bush., \$2.25 to \$6.10; timothy, 100 lbs., \$2.

Bradstreets on Trade. Wholesale trade at Montreal is bit quiet, as is usual at this time of the year. The wholesale trade have, through the active demand for bolitisy goods, affected a good sear-acco of stocks. Prices of domestic and foreign stayles continue firm. The season's trade is gractically over now at Toronto. The sales of bolicay goods have been very satis-factory this year. Retail business has been very active the past two weeks. Stocks of spring goods car-ried over by retailers from last

read over by retailers itom issues ease; were not heavy.

In wholesale circles at Quebec there has been many sorting orders received from country traders. The Christmas demands show a slight fallist off from that of preceding years. Is some quarters collections are recorted slow. The shoe factories are all working, and the outlook

all working, and the Trade at the Pacific Coast, as re Trade at the Facilit Count, as properly of the heliday trade, as well as the inquiry for seasonable staple goods has been large. The cash business has shown expansion. The outlook for business the coming month is

The cold weather at Winnipeg has The cold weather at winning continued to stimulate the demand for heavy goods, and the holiday business has been better than in gro-

business has been better than in provious years. Stocks in wholesale bards have been well reduced, owing to the large demand through the Province for staple goods.

Wholesale trade at Hamilton up to the middle of this week was quite active. As a rule the demand for spring goods does not show much activity during the progress of the boliday trade, but the orders during that period this season were liberal, owing to the recent advances in staple goods. Trade the past few pently has been good, cash sales show a good increase, and the situation generally is satisfactory.

Business at London has been active. Retailers have made large

Business at London has been active. Retailers have made large sales of holiday goods, and are prepared to order liberally for the coming season. Payments are expected to show a big improvement the next two weeks. Prices are firmly field. The volume of business in connec-

tior with the holiday trade at Ot-tawa this season has been large. The business for the closing weeks of the year has given great sat-isfaction. Prices are firm in all derartments. Let Barbers Beware

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

In 1858 Queen Victoria pi

a small steam paont to the Emperor of Japan, detailing some British bivelements to the duty of instructing the Japanese in the management of that class of vessel, the Japanese undertook to handle the craft before they had thoroughly learned their lesson, says the North American Review, and on the first voyage, when they wanted to stop, they discovered that they had forgotten how this operation was performed. They therefore steamed round and round the Gulf of Yeddo until the fires died down, and then the yacht was tugged home. Since then Japan has risen to the position of one of the great neval powers, and her progress of recent years has been nothing short of marvelous. At the time of her war with China her whole fleet displaced about thirty thousand tons; to-day the aggregate displacement is over two hundred and fifty thousand tons. Japan has a fishing population of about two million men. a small steam pacet to the Emper is over two hundred and lifty thousand tons. Japan has a fishing population of about two million men, and from this section of the community she draws her seamen. Hitherto she has been depending upon other countries for the construction of her vessels, but the time is near at hand when she will be able to throw of the assistance of the western world. Her arsenals are already capable of building protected cruisers and torpedo craft, and a gun factory and armor plate factory are now being established which will soon be ready to begin work.

which will soon be ready to begin which will soon be ready to begin work.

Her seamen are men of intelligence, resource and sea lore, and capable of quickly acquiring sufficient mechanical skill to enable them to control the complex mechanism of their modern men-of-war with complete success. They desire no pampering, and they can live on the simplest food and sleep anywhere; but in their new ships they have more air, and, in some respects, greater comforts than are to be found on many, if not most, British men-of-war. These sallors of the far east take things very, much as they find them, with a stolcal calm. They face danger with much the same spirit with which they take their pleasure, and in spite of the rapid strides which civilization has made in their country their luxuries aire few, and they are contented and happy. They are devoted to simple sports, to fencing and to acting; no one can ever forget the dramatic entertainments on Japanese men-of-war who has been privileged to witness them. Nor does the memory soon become dim of one of these ships when decked out in gala dress with chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and other blooms typical of Japan enlivening the grim aspect of the making of imitation paper flowers, which so closely resemble the handward of the party of the decks. The men are adepts in the making of imitation paper flowers, which so closely resemble the handward of the decks. which so closely resemble the hand-iwork of nature that at a casual glance one hardly notices the de-ception.

OPINIONS OF A CYNIC.

It is as hard for a crooked politician, to do a straight thing as it is for an empty bag to stand on end.

The constituency that is not repre-ented in Parliament by a decoy de erves to be congratulated.

When a man lies in politica his friends call it diplomacy.

When a politician is running for Partora; after he is elected he shakes hands with himself.

To hear some politicians talk, one would imagine that members of Parliament were divided into saints and sinners, and that the sinners were all on the other side of the House.

When we read the laudatory references to the abilities of candidates on the stump, we wonder how so many lame ducks get to Parliament.

The fakir has a higher notch in politics than the faddist, and usually gets more out of the busines.

The most subservient politician is not the most highly esteem men whom he serves.

Partyism is aptly designated the madness of many for the gain of a few.

Independence has a place in politics, if only to show how the old parties hate it.

When a politician imagines he kaows it all, he has fallen on evil days.

Many politicians who are regarded as in the little red school-h only pollywogs when Parliament is in

There are times when the politician lifts the poker by the wrong

In politics honeaty is the best political though it is not always acted up to. Take patronage from a politician and he rarely amounts to much.

Patriotism, like a dress suit, 's used by the politician only on state

The politician takes to patronage as naturally as the tramp takes to a hand-The man who has no loaves or ashes

to give out is never type-high with the ordinary politician. There are good men in politics, and that is why it is so easy to pick out the

What is wanted is more patriots and

The politician who is "true to one party, and that is himself," never cies. Politics is scriptural to this extent: That it is the little foxes that spoil the

The later version is: The ox knoweth his owner, and the politician his master's cris

"So you would give me all you fortune, Eve?"

fortune, Eve?"

There was a glad light in her eyes when she raised them to his. "I would—double my fortune, if I had it," she replied.

"And why, Eve—tell me why you

And why, Eve—tell me why you would be so good to me?"
The rich crimeon flush burned her fair face; she knew why, but she could not tell him.

dale—and his voice was broken with emotion—"how shall I ever thank

An expression of perfect rapture came over the girl's face.

"You will let me do it?" she cried. "You have made me one of the happiest girls in the world.

The thin hands clasped hers, the sunken eyes looked tenderly into

He drew the sweet face down to his and kissed it.

"My dear Eve, I would rather this offer made to me than other. You have restored some my self-esteem, child—some of

among them."

And he did not. What business was brought to his office he did, but he no longer mixed with his fellow -men. He had taken a leading part in all the business of the

"And you have always been kind to me. I have come to you in a score of childish troubles, and you were always kind to me. Now I want you to let me repay you for all your kindness." She spoke so quickly that he could not interrupt her. "I want to help you. You know that I have money, plenty of money, all lying idle—for I want none, and Aunt Jane will not touch it. Do accept it; let me give it to you. I shall never want it, for I shall never marry. Do take it; you would make me happler than any one in the wide world if yo uwould. I am so grieved and so sorry that I would go out and work for you if you would let me. If you will not accept it, borrow it until you can repay me. Do not refuse me—let me help you. Fellx had come nearer to her, listening in wonder to the passionate words. Mr. Lonsdale drew the fair head down nearer to him. "So you would give me all your fortune. Eye?" "Violet was," he said, "of the same opinion, as he would see;" and indeed there was a rose-tinted, sweet-scented note from Violet—just a few lines—to the effect that she thought

her father was right.

He laid the notes down with a feeling of burning pain, a thrill of passionate anguish that frightened passionate anguish that frightened him. Nothing on earth, no power of man. Schould take her from him. She was his own, and he would hold her untit hife was ended. Then he owned to himself that Mr. Haye was right—cruely right, that without money, with an invalid father, a failing busylness, he could not take a wife. It was right to defer it. He must be patient. After all, he had not lost her he, reflected. She was still his own.

Own.
There came to him a mad desire There came to him a mad desire to see her, to caress the golden hair, to kiss the lovely lips that had on them the breath and fragrance of orses, to clasp the sweet white hands in his own, to hear the music of 'the voice that had no equal—a wild, mad longing. He read her note through again to see if he had overlooked some kindly word, to see if she had written "my love." Then he thought to himself that the little note was written for her father to see — for his faith in her was great; he could not believe that her love for him was not as true and

"Decause I love you all, and you are my dearest friends," she replied.
"And you would give it to me all without reserve, Eve?"
"All, and more if I had it," was her answer; and then there was slence for some minutes, while the fire burned brightly and the north wind walled.

"My dear Evelyn," said Darcy Lonsends his voice was broken with her love for him was not as true and as servent as his love for her. "Have you some good news there, lix?" asked the feeble volce of his ather; and the next moment Felix

had repressed the emotion so rap-idly mastering him as he crushed the letter in his hand.

'It is only a note from Violet, fa-ther," he replied; and the satisfied smile on his father's face rewarded him.

him.

Darcy Lonsdale knew that while Wiolet was true to his idolized son nothing else would hurt him.

They were alone —father and son

They were alone —father and son —for Kate had gone to the nursery—when the hall-door bell rang. Felix said, cheerfully:
"Here is a visitor."

visitors will come here; we have lost a fortune, not found one," sald Darcy Lonsdale, who had never spoken a cynical word before.

sunken eyes looked tenderly into hers.

"Will I let you give it to me, my dearest Eve? No—a thousand times no! It is not for the money I am thanking you, but for the thought, for the intention. You have gladdened my heart, you have gladdened my life—you have given me the courage to get better, you have given me hope. I shall be so much the better of your coming," "But that is not the point?" she cried. "Dear Mr. Lonsdale, do accept the money. All, if you know how little I care for it, and how much I care for you—if you know the pleasure it would give me, you could not refuse!"

He drew the sweet face down to But it was a visitor, and one whom they were both well content to see. It was Evelyn Lester, with a basket of grapes and delicacles of all kinds for the invalid, and, what was better still, with the light of love and kindness on her sweet face, and with words of sympathy on her lips. As Felix saw hier bending over his father, he half wished for a moment that Violet had done something like this—had come to see them in their distress. Then he blamed himself for wishing that the was violet was a goddess to be worshipped—Evelyn a mortal woman. He saw his father's face brighten as the girl's sweet voice soothed him with well-chosen words.

chosen words.

"I knew you would come, Eve," he said, "Felix, place a chair for her close here by my side; it is like breathing the fresh air of May to look at you, Eve. Now, tell me, child, something that will brighten mc." of my self-esteem, child—some of my self-espect,"
Evelyn looked np in wonder, for Felix had bent down and kissed her hand. He gazed at the sweet, lushed face with wonder.

"Eve," he said, "you are an angel I shall never forget what you have said and done. I shall never forget that you have given a desponding, almost despairing man hope."

And again there came to him just

words.

was a pretty picture—the in-It was a pretty picture—the invalid lying on his couch, the girl with her sweet face and earnest eyes bending over him, and, watching them at a distance, the handsome son. The fire burned brightly, the lamps were lighted, while outside the north wind wailed

easily upset. Baby's Own Tables are cure all baby's troubles. They are mildly laxative, and give prompt relief. mildly laxative, and give prompt reliet. Concerning them, Mrs. R. J. Balfour, Omemee, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for stomach troubles and constipation, from which my little girl suffered, and they entirely cured her. They produced sound, refreshing sleep, and I regard them as indispensable in any home where there are little ones." any home where there are little ones."

Mothers from all parts of Canada write in favor of Baby's Own Tablets, write in favor of Baby's Own Tablets, proving the claim that they are the very best medicine for all the minor ills of infants and young children. Guaranteed to contain no opiate. Price 25 cents a box at all druggists or direct the contain the containt Medicine Co., were times when the brave heart Williams'

remembrance that the few nearest and dearest to him had trusted him. Felly had had his difficulties; he had hastened to The Limes as soon as possible after the receipt of his letter. Francis Haye received him

"I do not wish," he said, "to part you from Violet. I do not say that the engagement must be broken off, but I do say that the marriage must not take place until you are in a better position to support a

in a better position to support a wife."

There was nothing for it but for Felix to submit; he had to trample down the wild longing, the passionate love—and his sorrow, educated him. He learned patience, perseverance, endurance, and self-control. The trial would have been easier to bear had he found that Violet was distressed about it. He looked in vain for some sign of regret; there was none. She had written a very pretty note of condolence to Darcy Lonsdale, and when Felix talked to her she shook her golden head and said it was very sad; but when he went to her with his heart full of passionate love, passionate longing and regret, and spoke about their marriage being deferred, she looked very gravely at him and said:

"It cannot be helped, Felix; and, after all, what does it matter? What difference will a few years make? By not marrying now, we both escapo the misery of living on limited means."

But he was half mad with his

means."
But he was half mad with his misery, and was not to be put off with such words. He took her white hands in his, and held them in an iron grant and held them iron grant and held them

with such words. He took her winds hands in his, and held them in an iron grasp.

"Have you no pity to extend to me?" he cried. "Have you no word to comfort me? Have you no heart? That which is a relief to you is deadly torment, deadly anguish, to me. Oh, Violet, you would have been a truer woman if you had chasped your arms around my neck, if you had laid your face on my shoulder, and consoled me."

The ring of passion in his voice frightened her as it always did; she shrunk with a scared face from the great love she could not understand. "I have to work and wait," he said. 'Oh, my beautiful love, I would work for you as no man has worked, if need should be! It is not that, but I had built up my hopes, and it is hard to see them all destroyed. I had believed that this year I should take my darling home to begin the life that would be loy for me. I am young and feel keenly; it is a terrible disappointment to me—a terrible blow.

pointment to me—a terrible blow. Oh, Violet, help me to bear it!" She raised her beautiful half-fright-

oh, Violet, help oh, Violet, help oh, Violet, help oh, She raised her beautiful namened face to his.

"What can I do to help you?" she oh, wise my with the second second

me to wait. Say all this—my heart is hungry for it."
She did as he wished. She laid her golden head on his breast and whispered to him that she was sorry for him, and then she raised her fair face and kissed him. In that moment he welcomed sorrow, he welcomed paln—it was all changed it to mysted bliss for him because it. to untold bliss for him because it won a little kindness from her.
"I shall boar it all now, my darling." he said. "The waiting, the
suspense, the uncertainty, the disgrace—I shall bear it all. I shall
remember these moments, and I shall
bless the pain that brought me this
harplines."

happiness."
A few moments afterward she looked up and gave a little low laugh.

"How strange it is!" she said.
"After all, you know, I never quite promised."
Felix smiled. He was too happy just then to think seriously of her words.

"Store and the first of the serious of the trunch in hers, and leeble, he had been so completely crushed by been all the world live side and lives of the serious of the se he had anticipated. He had withdrawn himself from all positions of trust; he gave up his office as church-warden; he would no longer be overseer.

"If they could believe that of me," he had an output them."

"If they could believe that of me," he had believe that of me," he had believe that of the had believe that of me," he had believe that of the had believe that of the had believe that of the had believe that one love, which was to find the had believe to the ha Victet; one hope, which was to win Vi 1st; one faith, which was centred

So winter wore away, and genial, lovely spring heralled by snowdrops and crocuses, came to gladden the hearts and souls of men.

CHAPTER IX.

"Sir Owen Chevenlx." The inhabitants of Lilford uttered the name with awe and respect. Those who had would have given way but for the never seen Sir Owen made a point

of talking about him; while those who had not only seen him, but talked to him, were elevated almost to another sphere sir Owen was a man of note. He was that much-to-be-

another sphere. Sir Owen was a man of note. He was that much-to-beenvied person, a millionaire, and he had just purchased the finest estate in Loomshira. It was called Garswood Hall, and lay between Lilford and the town of Oldstone.

There had been great excitement about this property. It had belonged to Lord Garswood, who was chiefly famous for his great love of travel. It was seldom that he spent two years in England; and now that he had resolved upon living entirely in the east, Garswood Hall, with the grand estate belonging to it, came into the market, and the fortunate purchaser was Sir Owen Chevenix. Sir Owen had arrived in great state at Garswood. Servants, carriages, horses, grandeur of all kinds, had preceded him. Every one was talking of him. The number of horses in his stables and of servants in his househod, the marvels of gold and silver plate at the Hall, the wonders in the shape of magnificent furniture—these things formed the staple of convergation in every house in Lilford. Then came the crowning intelligence, he was not married—this millionaire upon whom fortune had lavished her gifts; and the excitement rose to a great height when this became known. Maids and matrons took the greatest interest in him, the grandees of the county waited upon him, fashionable mothers offered him advice about his household, about the parties, he intended giving, and about the people

ine, you understand."

"Exactly. Well, it is in mine—and a very pleasant line I, find it. The only thing I dreaded in coming hither was that I should find nothing but rustle beauty of 'the milkmaid sort. I have a decided distaste for it; and the fact of the matter is, I am looking out for a beautiful wife."

"It is a very sensible thing to do," said Cap tain Hill.

(To be Continued.)

"SINT NIC'LAAS DAY."

ts Observance in Holland-Lots of Fun for the Million.

Shrish screams of laughter mingled with the furious beating of a drum and the discordant blars of a steam organ playing "Tarara boom de aey." Crowds of girls in brilliant costumes with head coverings of gleaming gold, covered with lace; bare-armed girls, too, in spite of the wintry air, which they defy. Swains in astrachan hats and breeches of tremendous girth, all buttoned about with silver. Swains who parade the narrow street arm in arm, loudly calling out to each other and always with an eye on

other and always with an eye on the laughing girl,

"That is Netje, the one with the orange kerchief, who is ever smiling," said the old lady with the lace cap, pointing to one of the group of chattering girls in the dike before the window. "Both Klaas and Piet are crazy to manry her, and she cannot give either of them a civil answer. They are fine fellows, and to-day they skate for the queen's prize on the canal. Yes; the skating carnival of Sint Nic laas. Does not Myneer know, of the great kermus of Sint Nic laas? Over Over all Holland the day of the good 'Sint' is kept by the farmers, and there is much pleasure. I wish Netje would favor Plet, I have promised her a fine bruidsniker' all tied up in a red bag with sarsanet Netje would favor Plet, I have pro-mised her a fine 'bruldsniker' all tied up in a red bag with sarsanet ribbon of red and green—the col-ors of love and tope, Myneer knows." This talk of the becapped old dame was half drowned in the din of the steam organ. There were gaudy booths presided over by fat, purple-armed vrows, busy making and welling groceries and waffies. din of the steam organ. There were gaudy booths presided over by fat, purple-armed vrows, busy making and selling groceries and wafflee; long rows of hooded tilburys were drawn up beside the canal, their shafts tilted in the air, and the fat, hollow-backed horses eating hay from the baskets. 'Tis the day of Sint Nic'laas which answers to our Christmas day, and which falls on the 5th of December, in Holland; and it is also the day of the skating carnival of the canal. Sledges of every size and shape are here, some drawn by fat, sleek horses, others pushed by means of a steelshod silcks worked by the occupant. Flags are flying everywhere. Here is a boat blunt of bow and stern, high up on the ice, sail full, gliding along, quite filled with laughing, girls, whose cheeks seem as red as the flags above them.

From this further end of the dike comes the most noise and glare

comes the most noise and glare where are the crowded steam merry-go-rounds, at which the older peasants stolidly gape. The girls on the stiff, varnished lions, giraffes and camels, squared rottedly as the engine moves faster, the silver and gold head-dresses gleam prettly through the lace of their caps, and over all is the rancous voice of the persuasive showman, cloquent over the charge of the fat warmen and the charms of the fat woman, and the iron-jawed man! There is a sudden rush toward the river, and the cause is the coming of the skating contestants, stout, squat-looking fellows, on phenomenally long-bladed skates .- Metropolitan Magazine.

Steamed Tarough Herrings An extraordinary experience be

fell the mail steamer Nord while crossing the English Channel on a recent night.
There was an immense shoal of her-

rings swimming down the channel, and the steamer ploughed her way through, churning up and killing thousands of the fish with her padwheels.

affected the progress of the steamer.

The Rad Congress **And Common Tramp**

A great crowd of curious persons were gathered to front of the palatial residence of Herr Bunzinger, the Minister of Justice at dusk on an evening in March. They gaped impudently at its marble portals. Equipage after equipage rolled up to the carriage block, dumping the most astonishing examples of humanity on the eldewalk.

Apparently they were the scum of

the cast, Garswood Hall, with the grand estate belonging to it, came into the market, and the fortunate purchaser was Sir Owen Chevenk; Sir Owen had arrived in great state at Garswood. Servants, carriages, horses, grandeur of all kinds, had preceded binn. Every one was talking of him. The number of horses in his stables and of servants in his household, the marvels of gold and silver plate at the Hall, the wonders in the shape of magnificent furniture—these things formed the staples of convergation in every house in Likond. Then came the crowning intelligence, he was not marriedthis millionalre upon whom fortune had invised her gifts; and the excitement rose to a great height when this became known. Maids and matrons took the greatest interest in him, the grandees of the county waited upon him, fashionable mothers defered him advises about his household, about the parties he intended giving, and about the popule must invite, while the squires were much interested in his stable and pack of hounds. The younger ladies wondered what he would be like, and which among them would be the happy one chosen as queen of Garswood.

He must mayry: that was very certain—he could not live alone at such a place as Garswood. The matrons looked mysteriously at each other, and said it was to be hoped he woulf settle soon; it was so much better for a man to marry young. Sir Owen himself made inquires about the fairer portion of the population.

"Have you any pretty girls in this part, of the world?" he asked one day of Capitain Hill, the sporting man par excellence of the neighborhood.

"I balleve so," he repiled; "I have heard people say so. It is not in my line, you understand."

"Exactly. Well, it is in mine—and a very pleasant line I flad it. The only thing I dreaded in coming hitner was that I should find nothing but the following the count of the population." The could find nothing but the following the count of the city—had been being the provision of the population.

"Exactly. Well, it is in mine—and a very pleasant line I

ne bell. To the footman who opened the

door the new off resid; "Paid in the a poor traveler also begs a small favor."

"Certailaly, sir," answered the decorons attendant. "Pray enter. There are many others of your sort nere. Wish to arrange your toilet? Pray step into the men's dressing room, right. There you'll find additional raint and powder, if you think you need it."

"Tranks, very much," replied the vagabond. "I need everything I can find, in my business." He passed on and entered the room as directed. Not a soul was to be seen. All about were fine opera cloaks and fur-lined overcoats, which the more timbined worn to conceal their rags, and in out-of-the-way nooks were scores of silk bats.

"Queer game this," murmured the tramp, 'looking into the mirror and fingering the silverware on the dresser. "Wonder what I'm in for. Witch my rai was here to see me through. Well, here goes for a few dabs of red raint on my nose to make believe I'm not the real thing. I cught to get a square meal, 'any-how."

Hror entering the ballroom he found

Uror entering the ballroom he found himself at once the centre of interest: all eyes were upon him.

"Good evening, your honors!" he exclaimed, bowing to the right and left. "I also beg a small favor."

A shout of faughter greeted this request, followed by exclamations of request, followed by exclamations of "Ign't he great!" "splendid make-up," and "wonderful." and "wonderful."
"I wonder who he can be?" said

the hostess.
"I can't imagine," replied her brother. "Some great art st, I should brother. "Some great art st, I should be have rainted

he faue."

"Of course, of course," said the minister of justice, anxious to rise to the occasion. The very man. My old friend, Hariacher, the artist, whom I haven't seen for years."
Advancing to the vagabond he said. "Ha-a, Ha-a; thought you would susprise me, ehf Weil, I'm too clever for you. I recognized you the moment I set my eyes on you. Come, let me present you." With this he took him by the arm and led him from group to group, introducing him as "Lukle."

The festival began forthwith with

bim from group to group, introducing him as "Lukie."

The festival began forthwith with singing, story telling, dancing. The banquet hall was thrown open and the vagabond was scated at the right of the host. Warmed by the good wine, he entered into the spirit of the occasion and played his part well. He ate ravenously, drank quantities of champagne and told stories of his actual experiences as a tramp, which his host and guests accepted as fiction, and enjoyed immensely. Next he was chosen to lead the grand march with the hostess. The dance was short, however, since the hostess being stout in person, soon grew short of breath.

The tramp wandered over to the minister. "Do you know what would make your party famous?" he asked. "Famous for ever?"

"No, I confess I do not," was the reply. "Well, let's organize a robber band."

"Robber band!" answered the host, incredulously. "We can't do that." "Why not? We only need two. Tole more in would spoil the game. I've a great plan to make you and your wife famous. Let's steal something."

"Steal! Phul!"

"Steal! Phul!"

"Steal! Phul!"

cert. While one conceals itself the other your wife famous. Let's steal something."

"Steal! Phul!"

"Oh, just in fun, of course. Nothing serious; just pinch a few watches, purses, diamonds, earnings, brooches, bracelets, etc., etc.—light, easy things of that sort, you know. Then when we have taken something from almost every one we'll let them reciaim their property, the women to pay a forfett, say, of a kiss, and the men, oh, well, make them buy wine."

"Well, I declare. You're a great rascal—the real thing!" exclaimed the lost. "Who would have thought of that? Splendid! Splendi-d! To work at once—only carefully, carework at once—only carefully, care

ing them how easily it is to lose their valuables. Here, take my jew-els and purse, so that it will look all right. Now, I'll just gather in a few things myself to show how clever I am."

He went out and soon returned with his wife's most precious jew-els, also those of her sister's and his daughters. Meanwhile the vaghis daughters. Meanwhile the vagabond had been even more active
and bad gathered in a quantity of
valuable jewelry. Lukie suggested
that it would be a good idea to call
in an outsider to play the part of
gendarme to arrest him "in fuu,
just to make it more real."

Bunzinger hurried away to call in
a neighborhood Lukie left also. First
he wrapped all the valuables in two
handkerchiefs, then he hurried to the
dressing room, plunged into a rich

dressing room, plunged into a rich fur-lined coat, clapped a top hat on his tousied head and started for the

fur-lined coat, clapped a top nat on his tousied head and started for the door, passing the butler, who bowed low as he received a gold piece as a tip.

The minister returned just in time to hear one of the guests cry; "Be on your guard, there thieves among us." Chuckling to himself, he hurried to the bail-room. "Don't be a fool," he exclaimed to the man who had sounded the alarm. "You don't want to spoil the greatest surprise of the season." The alarm had been sounded, however, and cries arose from all directions, "My watch," said one. "My purse," cried another. "My lewels," shrieked a dozen women in chorus. "Ha, Ha," laughed the minister, "It works beautifully. I-m-mense. I'll just call Lukie now and show them how smart we are."

But Jukie could not be found, nor and the could women to sold."

But Lukie could not be found, nor could anyone remember seeing him.
A feeling of mistrust selzed the min-later; as he ran to the butler and asked; "Has anybody gone?"
"Certainly. One of the princes; the one with the embroidered coat."

one with the embroidered coat."

Bunkinger was nearly paralyzed. His knees smote each other as he staggered back to face his guests. They crowded about him as he exexplained in a death-like whisper; "My friends, we have been the victims of a horrible lest. It seems that a genuine tramp broke into our party. The ungrateful wretch, not content with imposing upon our hospitality, has robbed us of our valuables besides,"
"Terrible! Terrible!" exclaimed his sister-in-law, "but you yourself robbed me of my lewels, I saw you, but kept quiet, to see what you would do. How can you explain that?"
"Explain—explain!" shouted some of his angry guests.
"Yes," that's the worst of this whole miserable business," whined the minister weakly. "He made me his willing confederate. Me, the chief minister of justice, fooled by a common tramp; but for the Lord's sake don't let this get out. Be honorable; I will restore all—every dollar's worth. Only keep it quiet, and I pledge you never to give or attendanother such ball."
For the next few days the royal jewelers did a marvelous business; but "Lukie" was never seen or heard Bunzinger was nearly paralyzed. His knees smote each other as he

jewelers did a marvelous business; but "Lukie" was never seen or heard of again.—Filengende Blatter.

STORIES ABOUT EAGLES.

A Battle Between One of These Birds and a Stag.

Some years ago Sir Charles Mordaunt witnessed in Scotland a strange battle witnessed in Scotland a strange battle between an eagle and a stag, which, says the Scotsman, completely dispols any theory that the ornithologist may put forward as to eagles not attacking large animals. The bird singled out from a herd one particular buck, which it succeeded in driving from the rest. It struck the azimal repeatedly with its powerful wings, knocked it down and finally killed it.

Baron Schreeder witnessed a stillmore

finally killed it.

Baron Schroeder witnessed a still more remarkable spectacle. An eagle attacked a fawn, which was one of a herd in the Highlands. The cries of the little one were answered by its dam, which sprang upon the eagle and struck it repeatedly with its forefect. Fawn, deer and eagle rolled headlong down a declivity, and the bird was dislodged from its hold and the fawn rescued. But Sir Kenneth Mackensie knows a more thrilling story than either of these, for, according to report, an eagle was rent in twain during a battle in his forest of Gairloch.

HARLEM

Mrs. Wm. Smith and Miss Pansy Smith spent the last few days in Westport.

The many friends of H. W. Imerse are pleased to hear that his hand is much better.

Mr. John Raison is on the sick list. Dr. Mallory of Delta is the attending

Mr. Wm. Smith left this morning on a business trip to Brockville and

We are pleased to hear that J D McIntyre is much better the last few

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. White and childr eu spent Sunday with the former's er, of Frankville.

Miss Georgiania Rogers spent the last few days with her triend, Miss

Our school has reopened for the year 1904 with Miss Leggett as teach

NEW DUBLIN

School opened Monday with Mis

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Trickey are visiting friends at Mallorytown. Dublin is the place to make a b

If you doubt it just take a look at Sherman's woodpile. Mr. Bryce Gorden of Smith's Falls is visiting his cousin, B. B. Cadwell.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. S Hawkins, who has been suffering with a severe attack of blood poisoning, is

The proprietor of the Royal Dominion cheese factory is giving his patrons and friends a grand oyster supper, on Friday evening next.

Mr. W. Horton and daughter Smith's Falls spent New Year's with his brother, Mr. J. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sherm Miss Kughan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Trickey on Sunday last.

SEELEY'S BAY

Mr. Samuel Stevenson has sold farm to Mr. T. Rhodes for \$6000.

The Masonic Lodge here has purchased the Select Knights' hall for \$900, furniture included. Possession riven on Jan. 1st.

The Methodist Sunday school Xm entertainment, held on Xmas night in Select Knights' hall, was a decided success in every way. The hall was nuable to hold the crowd, many having to go away. A good programme was given, all taking part acquitting them-selves oreditably. The receipts totalled

Wm. Chapman is very ill and small hopes are entertained for his recovery J. N. Chapman, marine engineer, and James Scabrooke are home, after a successful season sailing on the lakes. Court Arlington No 3842 I. O. F.

holds its annual oyster supper on Tues day, Jan. 5th. There is good sleighing in this see

Mr. E. Furst of Watertown, N. Y., has been visiting friends the past few

GLEN BUELL

very pleasant gathering, when a num-ber of younger neonle include younger people, including the met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sturgeon to present their daughter Edith with an address and ilver tea set as a slight recognition of her services as organist of Glen Buell Methodist Church, which duty she has faithfully and ably fulfilled for over five years. The address was read by Mrs. G. A. Gilroy and the presentation was made by Mr. Arthur Hayes. Although taken entirely by surprise, Miss Sturgeon replied with a few well spoken remarks, assuring them it would be in the future as it always had been in the past, a pleasant duty.

Howard Willis of Delta was the guest of his cousin, Willis Sturgeon, on Sunday last.

Christmas week was the scene of family reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Jos Towriss. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Towriss and daughter, and Charles Towriss are spending few days as guests at Oakdale.

Before serving their connection with their teacher, Miss Hall, her pupils desired to show the esteem in she was held by presenting her with an address, also a lamp and tea set.

DELTA

The Xmas trees and entertainments of the Methodist and Baptist churches during the holidays were a decided Those who took part in the grammes ably filled the positions swigned to them, and every thing passed off pleasantly in the presence of well filled houses.

The school meeting was held at

last Wednesday for winding E. A Pieve up last year's businesse was elected as a trust

The trustees are E. A. Pierce, J. W. Russell and W. J. Eirob. The Delta hockey club went Phillipsville to play a friendly match. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of Delta. Mr. Samuel Horton of New Dublin spent New Year's day with his broth-John Horton.

George P. Chamberlain of Toronto pent the holidays with his friends last

The ice is now in a splendid condition in the lower lake; wood and logs an be hauled on it anywhere.

Miss Bernice Jackson gave a driv-ing party to her young lady friends on New Year's, which was much enjoyed. Misses Addie and Fanny Bernev of Athens spent the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Coleman.

Visitors during the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Venney and Miss Dill Gilbert of Brockville and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Coon of Athens.

Mrs. Clate Copeland has gone to Maple Ridge to spend the holidays with her parents.

NEWBORO

A large number from here attended the tea held in Westport under the auspices of the Methodist church on

Mr. E. Merriman of Elgin was in own on Friday. Mrs. T. Bolton, of Portland, was the quest of Mr. Geo. Bolton on Tuesday.

Mr. Jas. Whaley is dangerously ill

Mr. J. Adrain of Chatham is the ruest of his brother, Mr. E. Adrain. The Misses Baker, of Brockville, are spending the holidays at Mr. Robt, Bilton's,

Mr. J. E. Dier is suffering from an ttack of quinsy at present.

Mr. E. Pinkerton, one of our genera Mr. E. Finkerton, one of our general merchants, sold out his entire stock to Mr. J. Pinkerton, of Crosby, who has purchased Mr. Harrison's store in Portland. Mr. Pinkerton will go to the North West in the spring.

Nominations were held in the Court House here on Monday, and the following were elected by acclamation: Reeve, W. S. Bilton; Councillors, Geo. Lyons, Robt. Barker, D. Moriarty and R. King, M.D.; Trustees, J. T. Gallagher, J. H. Singleton and Wm.

Messrs, B. M. Stewart of Lyn and Thos. Whaley, of Soperton, were the guests of W. P. Richards last week. Mr. Bower Williams of Sydenham

ras in town on Monday. Mr. R. C. Grothier left on Friday norning for Ruskview, where he had btained a situation as teacher. Mr John Lee of Westport will open butcher shop here in the spring.

Mr E. Foster of Lansdowne spent New Year's at his home here. Miss M. Shaver of Smith's Falls is

he guest of Miss Mary McKian. Mrs. Jas. Howarth is seriously ill at

A Christmas tree and tea, under the auspices of St. Mary's church, was held in the Court House on Wedneday contract F Clifford, contract F Clifford evening and was a grand su cially and otherwise.

A large number in this vicinity have been fined recently for fishing

Victory again perched on Newboro's anner on Jan 1st when the Athens hockey aggregation went down to defeat by a score of 7 to 5.

A grand carnival was held in the People's Rink on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Portland and Elgin were in attend-The executive of the Athens Model

School Reunion Club, composed of Mr. B. J Lyons of the year '01, Miss J. Knapp of '02, and Miss E. Gallagher and Messrs. B. Stewart, of Lyn, and W. P. Richards of '03, met at Mrs. Richa ds on Tuesday. Mrs. V. L A. Dier and Mr. John Forrester of Westport were unable to attend, but sent etters of regret. After the election of chairman, the committee commenced ousiness. The committee considered Westnort unfavorable for camping and it was decided to hold the reunion at Chaffey's Locks the first week in July. The next meeting of the executive will be beld during Easter week when all other matters will be settled.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist church on the 29th nst. when Miss Perthena Blanche Gallagher, daughter of Mr. John Gallagher, a prosperous merchant of this place, was united to Mr. R. B. Dargavel, of Toronto, son of W. G. Dar gavel of this place, by Rev. Pearson. Misses Mary E. Dargavel, sister of the groom, Mina Buell of Mallorytown and Florence Ewing of Cataraqui, acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. R. N. Dayy, of Toronto, assisted the groom. Miss Coad of Brockville and Miss M. Singleton, of Newboro, presided at the organ. The happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip to Ottawa and gasp for breath.

rned on Friday evening when a

Court Isthmus No. 120, I.O.F. onday evening and installed the fol-wing officers for the year '04 :--

C.R.—Wm. Canning. V.C.R.—D. McClement Orator-B. Cavanaugh Fin Sec.—R. O. Leggett. Rec. Sec.—Geo. Duncan. Treas -J. E Dier.

SPORTING NOTES

ATHENS LOST Newboro won its game from Athenon New Year's Day after the hardes on New Years Day atto.

fought battle ever seen in Newboro, by
a score of 7 to 5. It was hockey from
to finish and of the swiftest kind at that. It became quite rough near the close of the last half, when, with the score 5 to 5 both teams were strain the score 5 to 5 both teams were straining every nerve to win. Rappell was struck over the eye in the first half, and although he made an effort to stay in the game, he was forced to retire, Lyons going off the Newboro team to balance up. The first half ended with the soure 2 to 2 and it was not until two minutes before the close of the last half that Newboro was its massein last half that Newboro won its [margin ot two by combination rushes, Tw of Athens forwards were comparative

juniors and the fast pace at which they were playing began to tell towards the last. The Newboro boys are all heavy men and their forward line play better combination and trust one another more than the Athens boys. The defeat. The tollowing were the play-

ore sure omorese	
NEWBORO	ATHENS
Moriartygo	alColeman
Prestonpc	int Parish
Bearson cover-	point . Hagerman
B. Tettrov	erDeWolfe
A. Tetacen Stantonright w -Lyonsleft w	treBarber
Stanton right w	ingRappell
Cool amaian T	Damester Wast

port; S. B. Covey, Athens.
Time keepers—E. C. Tribute, Athens, and M. McGonigal, Newboro.
Mr. Arthur Parish, of Athens, gave

good satisfaction as referee, particular-ly enforcing the off-side rule, which was frequently broken.

In summing up the match it would be hard to particularize any of the players. The Newboro forwards were all good and Pearson at point plays well. For Athens, Hagerman played his usual reliable game, Parish at point put up a brilliant game, while De-Wolfe and Barber were the most prominent on the forward line, three men decorated the cushion durin the match, Berney for continually loaf ing off-side and A. Tett and Hager

man for slugging.

The Athens boys were well enter-tained at the Ottawa House and have nothing but good things to say of their treatment by the Newboro sports while

CLUB VS. SCHOOL

Two local junior teams clashed on the People's Rink, here, New Year's afternoon, and the smoke has not yet cleared away. They were the Y.B.C. A. Club and the Public School teams, the former being victors by a score of 7 to 1. The following were the

Y.B.C.A.—Rappell, goal; Parish, point; Pipe, cover point; W. McLean, centre; McLaughlin, rover; E. Mc

LEEDS COUNT			To Play
Newboro	2	0	4
Athens	1	1	4
Porsland	0	1	5
Westport	0	1	. 5
Games neve	Queta	-do-	Westnow

at Newboro; Portland at Athens. Newboro has the heaviest team

Athens went on the train to New boro taking the special freight which went up about 10 a.m. and re-turning on the Brockville-Frontenac

special in the evening.

Brockville decisively defeated th Frontenacs, of Kingston, in the first O.H.A senior contest by a score of 9 to 1 on New Year's night. A special train was run over the B. & W., about fifty people along the line purchasing the tickets. The excursion was not a inencial success. Only five went

, thèns. Lee, their speedy wing man on New Year's Day. I. was not until the team were at the station that it become known that he could not go. DeWolfe, who was substituted, though a speedy man, is only a junior, this being his first time under senior

He played a star game. Newboro colors are the same Queen's-red, yellow and blue. The unsettled state of the elements

prevented Westport and Portland from playing their scheduled game at Port-land on Saturday. Fred Barber is a hard checker. He checked Pearson so hard in the game AMERICAN AUDIENCES. and Women and Their Ed

American audiences are strangely like in some things and strangely dis similar in others. A good committee will take as much pains in the ar-rangement of its audience as of its

rangement of its audience as of its speakers. An audience scated without crowding is seldom enthusiastic. Neither is an audience whose hands are occupied with bundles or umbrellas, an audience largely composed of women or an audience in a cold room. The easiest audiences to address, the most responsive and inspiring, are those composed of men crowded and packed together and warm. rether and warm

Women naturally do not applaud cheer. They are by instinct more self restrained in the public expression of their emotions than men. Every public speaker is complimented by their presence, knowing that their quiet word at home is oftentimes more effective in results than the most enthusiastic results than the most enthusiastic shouting on the street corners by the other sex. In a public meeting, however, the audience gets its cue from those nearest the speaker. I remember well two audiences, both from the same social class, both crowded, both in large theaters and both largely attended by women. One happened to be in Colorado, one in Massachusetts. In one meeting the orchestra was rein Colorado, one in Massachusetts. In one meeting the orchestra was re-served for women. In the other meet-ing the men had the orchestra and the women had the lower gallery and all the boxes. In both cases the audiences were entirely friendly to the speakers. The second meeting was marked by wild enthusiasm, the first one by respectful attention. In the second case the mass of men in the orchestra urged on the speakers by continued applause. In the first case the men in the galleries who started to applaud were checked because between them and the speakers was a mass of absolutely silent femininity in the orchestra. I do not say that one meeting was less effective than the other, but the difference in the strain on the speaker was marked.—From "The Spellbinder," by Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., in Scrib-

A Witty Reply.
Whenever the United States supre court, on hearing the argument of counsel for plaintiff in error, is entirely counsel for plaintiff in error, is entirely satisfied that he has no case, the chief satisfied that he has no case, the cases justice is apt to say to counsel for de-fendant in error that the court does not care to hear further argument. At one time Hon. Matthew Carpenter from Wisconsin was counsel for plaintiff in error and opened the case. Before he was through the court was satisfied that there was nothing in it, and so when he had concluded and counsel for defendant in error arose Chief Jus-tice Waite said, "The court does not care to hear any further argument."

Counsel was a little deaf and, although noticing that the chief justice spoke, did not hear what he had said

and, turning to Mr. Carpenter, who sat beside him, asked what had been "Oh, hang it!" replied Carpenter in tones audible to the bench. "The chief-justice said he would rather give you the case than hear you talk."—Youth's

No Influence Above, In Dr. John Hall's time it was the custom in his church to use the old fashioned, simple hymns, and the sing-

ing was congregational.
On one occasion William M. Evarts
discovered B. Delafield Smith, then corporation counsel of New York city, singing with all his heart and whis-

"Why, there is Smith singing "I want to be an angel!" I knew he want-ed to be district attorney, but I didn't know he wanted to be an angel." The remark was repeated to Mr.

"No, I have never mentioned the matter to Evarts, knowing that he had no influence in that direction."

Loading Satan Down "Lightning knocked the church stee-ple down," some one said to Brother Dickey. "Yes; Satan's eyes always flash fire when he sees a church stee ple gwine up." "And here's a colored brother killed another at a camp meet "Yes; Satan goes ter meetin ing." 'long wid de res' er dem en sometimes shouts de loudes'." "And a preacher

was drowned in the river last week." "Oh, yes; Satan's in de water too. He bleege ter go dar ter cool off." you blame everything on Satan, do you?" "Bless God!" was the reply. "Ain't dat what he's fer?"

Conspicuous Example. "Women are belittled and made of no account in every possible way," ex-claimed the indignant head of the family. "Even the geographers willfully and deliberately slight her. How many really important towns in this country "Well, my dear," said her husband

An Anchor to Windward. He-Let's get married on Friday.

J...esville, you know."

scratching his chin reflectively, "there's

She-Oh, George, Friday, you know, He-Yes, I know it's unlucky, but then, if our marriage doesn't turn out well we shall always have something to blame it on.

Lift It High. "Yo' kin allus tell er polite man," said Charcoal Eph, ruminatively, "by de way he lif' his hat t' de ladies, ef he lif' it high, yo' kin also tell dat be ain't baldheaded, Mistah Je -Baltimore News.

If the average bachelor, with a mil-lionaire's income, not the fellow who goes in for extravagant fads, but the man who maintains good social posi-tion and who entertains liberally, were to balance up his personal account for the year, it might contain these charges

thout comparative extravage

\$59,506 These are the more or less fixed items of expense, and any one whe has ever attempted to keep a personal account knows that when you have put down the necessary expenses you may add almost as much for the thousand and one things that may be grouped conveniently under the head of "incidental expenses." In a general way it may be said that the millionaire bachelor who spends from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year is living his life in accordance with the demands of the time on men of wealth.—Ains

Turn round, and, with your back to the table, ask somebody to throw the dice. Then tell the person who threw them to double the number of the spots on the die on the left, and keep the number to himself. Tell him to add five, then multiply by five. To this fig-ure have him add the number of spots on the die in the middle and multiply

the product by ten.

Then ask him to multiply the number of spots on the third die and give you the aggregate sum. From the amount subtract mentally 250, and the remain-der will show in the three figures the number of spots on each of the three dice. For instance, take three dice. Their numbers are three, five and two. Double the one on the left—five plus five equals ten. Add five, equals fifteen. Multiply by five, equals seventy-five. Add the number of spots on the die in the middle, three, equals seventy-eight. Multiply by ten, equals 780. Add number of spots on the third die, two, equals 782. Subtract 250 and 533

At a public entertainment recently conjurer had an experience which was from a professional point of view.

Having produced an egg from a previously empty bag, he announced that he would follow up this trick by bringing from the bag the hen that laid the

egg. This little arrangement he left to his confederate to carry out. He proreeded to draw the bird from the bag but what was his surprise on finding that the alleged hen was an old rooster, which strutted about the stage with ruffled feathers and offended dignity and set up as vigorous a crowing as if it had just awakened from its noctur-

The whole audience shrieked with laughter, and the unfortunate conjurer made a bolt for the dressing room.

The Tumbi The tumbleweed is a curious plant, The tumbleweed is a curious plant, indigenous to the western prairies. It grows in all directions from a central stem, making a large flat head, close to the ground. In the fall, after being touched by the frost or dried by the weather, the stem breaks off, the head becomes the sport of the wind and is

driven off across the prairie, scattering seeds as it goes and finally bringing up gainst some o its progress. These weeds have been seen piled ten feet high against a fence, driven there by the wind.

At an auction art sale the other da a marine view was about to be knocked own at a handsome figure when a bluff sailor, who had happen

der in, exclaimed earnestly "My stars; if there ain't a vessel drifting on to the rocks with a strong breeze blowing offshore!" The artist took his work home to re arrange the wind.

She Was Surprised. racket in the next room?

Mrs. Rounder-Oh, that's only my husband dressing to go downtown.

Mrs. Neighbors—Indeed! I've heard folk say he was a loud dresser, but I

No One Made a Motion. "Kin any one make a motion?" asked one of the audience. "Gents," said Alkali Bill, chairman of the meeting, as he laid his revolvers on the table, "owin' to the general custom of wear-in' weapons in these parts I trust no one will make a motion."

A Mean Defense. Magistrate-It's very disgraceful that you should beat your wife. Prisoner-Well, yer honor, she grawated me by keepin' on sayin' she'd 'ave me hup afore that bald'eaded hold 'umbug, meanin' yer honor Magistrate

A Comparison, "How'd ye like the lecturer at the town hall last night, Si?" "Great! He was a Boston feller, an', I swan, I never laughed so bard in my life. He knew more long words than negro minstrel."

A Little Close. "You married a rich wife, didn't you?" asked Jones of his friend. 'Yes," he sighed, "but she's not declared any dividend yet."

Don't try cheap cough medi-ines. Get the best, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. What a board it has, sixty years of

Pectoral

cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung tro

B. W.& N. W.

DATEWAY TIME. TABLE

100	MAIL AND EXI	PRES.
Read Up		Read Down
6.10 p.m.	Westport	7 50 a.m.
5.55	Néwboro	8.05
5.42	Crosby	8 15
5.85	Forfar	8.21
5.28	Elgin	8.29
5.09	Delta	8 47
5.01	Lyndhurst	8 53
4 54	Soperton	9.00
4.84	Athens	9.20
4.20	Elbe	9.26
4,15	Forthton	9.88
4.01	Seeley's	9.45
8.52	Lyn	10.00
8.45	Lyn (Jet.G.T	.R.) 10.05
8.30	Brockville	10.20

ROSES CARNATIONS VIOLETS PANSIES

LETTUCE CELERY

WATERCRESS

PARSLEY **HORSERADISM** -AT-

R. B. HEATHER'S

Brockville Business College

Twenty-five years of uninterrupted success has made the Brockville College widely and favorably known. If you want to improve your general education or enter business life let us help you. Catalogue free.

BROCKVILLE BUSINESS COLLEGE,

BROCKVILLE. C. W. GAY.

"The Old Reliable"

Winter Goods We have received and opened for in-spection our excellent stock of winter goods, which range from the best high-quality, frost excluding tweeds— all fashionable fabrics.

Full line of Gloves, Fancy Vestings, and Waterproofs: These waterproof goods look well, wear well and serve every purpose of an evercoat while positively excluding the rain. Our long experience is a guarantee

had no idea it was anything like that these goods will be good wearers - popular, serviceable fabrics - and that they will be made to fit and hold their shape. The comparatively low price we

charge is worthy of your consideration These goods are here for you to look at-that's your privilege. They're here for you to buy-that's your option.

You're welcome whether you buy

A. M. CHASSELS

PATENT PROMPTLY SECURED

Write for our interesting books "Invent or's Help" and "How you are swindled." Send us a rough sketch or model of you invention or improvement and we will tel invention or improvement and we will tell you free our opinion as to whether it is probably patentable. We make a specialty of applications rejected in other hands Highest references furnished.

MARION & MARION PATENT SOLICITORS & EXPERTS Civil & Mechanical Engineers, Graduates of the Polysochnic School of Engineering, Bachelors i Applied Sciences, Laval University, Member Parent Law Association, American Water Work Association, Row England Water Works Assort, Q. Surveyors Association, Assoc. Member Ca. OFFICES: MEW YORK LIPE B'LD'C., MORTREAL, GAN

Many are the wants of extra little luxuries in these

We can save you enough for those little extras if you let us do the choosing for you in the line of ready-to-wear

An elegant assortment of suits and overcoats. Latest designs in neck-wear, all styles. Rubbers, boots, shoes and furs a specialty.

M. SILVER

LEADING CLOTHIER, GENT'S FURNISHER, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES

West Cor. King & Buell,

BROCKVILLE

MEN'S DISEASES

There is seldom a day that we are not consulted in regard to a condition that, if we were to have seen it in its early stages, the sufferer would have been relieved, cured and saved considerable expense. This we consider is due to lack of knowledge on the part of the doctor who has previously treated the case; therefore, we say to you, if you are suffering from any disease or condition peculiar to men, or if you have been a victim and been dissapointed in not getting a permanent cure elsewhere, we would ask that you come to our office for personal examination or write us for a Question Blank for Home Treatment, We will explain to you OUR SYSTEM OF TRRATMENT, which we have originated and developed after our whole life's experience in the treatment of special diseases of men. We will give you, FREE OF CHARGE, as honest and scientific option of your case. If we find you are incurable we will honestly tell you so. If we find your case curable we will give you a written guarantee to cure you or refund you your money.

-YOU CAN PAY WHEN CURED-

estion List Sent Free for Home Treatment. CONSULTATION FREE

We cure NERVOUS DEBILITY, VARICOCELE, STRICTURES, BLOOD and SKIN diseases, PROSTATIC troubles, BLADDER, KIDNEY and URINARY diseases.

DR. SPINNEY & CO. Word Ave.,



THE GREAT PRESERVER AND RAIN EXCLUDER

THE PAINT

has grown steadily in public favor. and is no place more popular than where it was first used. It is a sure and positive cure for leaks in a tin or iron roof, and as a preservative of wood it has no equal. Write for particulars and prices.

We have scores of testimonials as to its merits.

ROOFING

We sell our paint by the gallon or barrel, or will contract to paint your roof or any woodwork liable to decay. If you want a new roof or an

old one repaired, let us hear from

The McLaughlin Asphalt Roof Paint Company BROOKVILLE, ATHENS and MORRISTOWN, N.Y.

DUNN COY

BROCKVILLES LEADING PHOTOGRAPHERS CORNER KING St. AND COURT HOUSE AVENUE.

Our studio is the most complete and up-to-date in Brockville Latest American ideas at lowest prices,

Grantistaction gnaranteed

The majority of men have varicoccle in the first, second or third stage. In the early stages it may cause many symptoms which the patient may not recognize as arising from this disease. In fact, we have have found on examination, varicoccle, present in hundreds of cases where the patient did not know he had it at all. In time it will produce such symptoms as the following: Nervousness, weakness in the back, unsteady limbs, tired and exhausted feeling, pains in the loins, irritation of the bladder and kidneys, sediment and loss in uring, emissions tymptoms graduality and the stage of TENCY.

We Guarantee to Cure or No Pay.

All cases we accept for treatment are taken under a positive guarantee that they are curable or no pay. We refer you to several banks as to our financial responsibility, so you may know we are good for any contracts we make.

Reaction

Are you a victin? Have you lost hope? Are you contemplating marriage? Has your Blood been diseased? Have you any weakness? Our New Method Treatment will fine the what it has done for others it will de for you. CONSULTATION FIELD. What it has done for others it will de for you. CONSULTATION FIELD. Charges reasonable. BOOKS FREE.—"The Golden Monitor" (illustrated), on Diseases of Men.

Everything confidential. Question list and cost of Treatment, FREE, for

Chamberlain's Remedies.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Price 25 cents; large size 50c.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For Bowel Complaints. Price 35 cents

Chamberlain's Pain Balm. An antiseptic liniment especially val-ble for Cuts, Bruises, Sprains and Rheur tism. Price 25 cents; large size 50 cer

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For Disorders of the Stone d Bowels. Price 25 cents.

Every one of these preparations s guaranteed and if not fully salisfactory to the purchaser the money will be refunded.

MODEL FARM-ERS-VILLE

There is a little town up west, Of all the towns it is the best, Tis moral Farm ers-ville. This little town is on the square Tis run by poker and by prayer, For gamblers and preachers are

In Farmersville They build no balls or sky high block Nor have no slumps in watered stocks The saving banks there never smash, There bank clerks never steal the cas In dear old Farm-er-sville.

They never drink blue-ruin booze. Nor have the jim-jams or the blues In Farm-ers-ville.

They never have no family feuds, The folks are in the best of moods They eat no patent breakfast foods In Farm ers ville.

There preachers tell no fairy tale There they put millionaires in jail, There girls don't flirt behind a fan, Nor paint their face and call it tan, In grand old Farm-ers-ville.

The sale of beer they had to stop, Though now of water not a drop They drink in Farm-ers-ville. For it is said that, on the sly, There you can get beer, gin, and rye, You never need be very dry In saintly Farm ers ville In hotels you will not find coons To serve up codfish, veal and prunes, There drummers chamber-maids do

tip, Nor hotel clerks go through your grip, In honest Farm ers-ville

A silly "dude" up there one day, He wed a charmer so they say, The belle of Farmersville. This charming girl she made a cake,
The kind in school she learned to make
The "dude" be tried it for her sake,
In model Farm-ers-ville.

We do iron, cement, and gravel roofing and guarantee good work in every case.

We sell our paint by the gallon We sell our paint by the gallon In sorrowed Farm-ers-ville.

There was another speoney pair, Whose path of love it was not fair
In loving Farm-era ville.
For Mary's old folks they had said
That Jack and her could never wed, They blew the gas out, went to bed,

In moral Farm-era-ville.

In moral Farm-era-ville.

Thus Mary dear went up the flue
And Jack he took the gas route, too,
So all you'll find now of the pair
Is two cheap head-stones standing thei
In gloomy Farmersville. CRAWF. C. SLACK.

Dislocated Her Shoulder

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergu Falls Minn., fell and dislocated her houlder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, nd she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly re-lieved her and enabled her to eleep which she had not done for several days. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son

FREE SAMPLES

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of a tree or plant that its subsistence of seed. The stock for distribution is is obtained, and in the performance of of the very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent crops recenty had at the oranch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the North west Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn and potatoes. The quantities of oats, "It must be a great comfort to you to wheat and barley to be sent this year own such splendid furniture." will be 4 lbs. of oats and 5 lbs. of wheat or barley, sufficient to sow one twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 3 lbs. as heretofore. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be ent to each applicant, hence if an indi vidual receives a sample of outs he can not also receive one of wheat, bariey or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household can-not be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the

the Director of Experimental Farms, write or call.

Ortawa, and may be sent in any time before the 1st of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort of variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted some other good sort will be sent ed, some other good sort will be sen

> WM, SAUNDERS Director Experimental Farms

Eyes Tested Free

At Gamble House Hotel Parlors by Prof. J. H DeSilberg, the celebrated eye specialist and optician from Germany. He is meeting with great success all over the country. The Professor will be here from Thurday, Jan. 7th until Friday afternoon, Jan. 8th. He will supply you with suitable glasses, guaranteed to give satisfaction.

FRANKVILLE

Mr. Chas. Rudd and uncle Mr. R. Stafford, spent Xmas with the form-

The wedding on the 30th at home of Nelson Jones was one of the great events of the holiday season, when his sister, Miss Priscilla, was married to Mr. F. Sherman, blacksmith, of this place. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel Richards and at halfby Miss Ethel Richards and at half-past five the couple took their places under an arch of evergreens end white roses, from which a bell was suspended by a white satin ribbon. The couple were united by Rev. Mr. Oliver. After the usual congratulations, they retired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast awaited them. The tables were decorated with white tissue paper and smilax, and looked very pretty indeed. About sixty guests were present, and last but not least the presents were many and beautiful. the presents were many and beautiful. Special mention should be made of one by the school of a very large parlor lamp, showing the esteem in which she was held, having taught the public school for the last three years. The couple left for a short trip and after their return will settle down here. We wish them long life and happin-ss Dr. B. Haskins of Plessis spent

The regular meeting of the W.M.S was held at the home of Mrs. H. Crummy on New Year's night, when the gentlemen were also invited and tea was served. An enjoyable time was spent by all.

New Year's here.

—Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. "Fore," a ready to-serve wheat and barley tood, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, in

This is the Time

For paying the printer. All subscrib ers to the Reporter are requested to see that the figures '04 are put on their address labels this mouth.

A Curious old Vessel.

A British army officer discovered among some old manuscripts a drawing of a man-of-war which was built

in 1600 for the Japanese government.
The vessel was of immense size, was covered with sheets of iron and copper and was provided with two rud-

Furthermore the manuscript in which the drawing was wrapped says that "It contained a very ingenious appa-ratus, which was set in motion by two dozen men, equipped with iron cars."

The vessel resembled a turtle is

The drawing is very exact, and ex-perts say there is no doubt as to its

A Deed of Darkness.

He sits alone in a darkened room, alone in the fading light. Why are his brow so heavy with gloom and his cheeks so deadly white? But though his heart is faint with care, his cour in a glassy stare. What is it his firm hand clinches? "A little courage," he murmurs. "Yes, a little, and all is won." A choking gurgle, more or less, a gasp and the deed is done! Without a shudder or eyelid wink—Ah! It makes the heart recoil that he so quiet ly, calmly drank a dose of castor oilondon Tit-Bits.

Plant Roots, It is from the rootlets or small fibers its duty nature has given these delicate, tender parts wonderful strength and persistence when exerted within rules. In their search for food supply they will sometimes even pen soft rock to reach favored spots,

Short on Comfort. "Comfort! Say, there isn't but one comfortable chair in the whole lot, and my wife is variably wants to sit in that."

AUCTION SALES

A. A. EATON, Licensed Auctioneer, Athens.

Goods stored and sold on commission. Farmers' sales a Applications should be addressed to specialty For date and terms,

els become derauged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most faul of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the atomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's atomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

WASHBURN'S SCHOOL REPORT;

Fourth Class—P. Wills, L. Wills, M. Hudson, S. Bulford.
Second Class—L. Hudson, L. Judd, J. Wright, A. Wright.
Senior Piret Class—N. Judd, H.

Intermediate First Class-W. Earle, H. Irwin. Jr. First Cass-E Moniton, W. Earle

Sneeze and Blow

This is what you must do when you have cutarrh in the head. The way to cure this disease is to purify the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine soothes and heals the in tissues and permanetly cures catarrh by expelling from the blood the scro-fulous taints upon which it depends. Be sure to get Hood's.

The non irritating cathartic—Hood's

Say

Where are you going? Why, up to the West End Grocery—where you can get more groceries for a dollar than any other place in town.

Years of experience enables us Buy Right

and we always Sell Right

That's the secret of our incre

We have every requisite for the prudent housewife preparing for 'Xmas and we offer extraordinary goods at ordinary prices.

We trade extensively with the far-mers, and take all kinds of produce.

J. A. Rappell

The People's Column. dv'ts of 6 lines and under in this co.umn, 25c for first insertion and 10c each subsequent

Bob-Sleighs for Sale

The undersigned offers for immediate sale pair of light bobleighs.

63. A. McCLARY, Athens. G. A. McCLARY, Athens

Logs Wanted

The subscriber will pay each for water-elm and basswood logs-delivered at his mill at Greenbush; also for a large quantity of birth timber not more than 10 nor less than 4 inches in diameter, cut 10 or 12 feet fong.

11f. Greenbush
Greenbush

Farm for Sale

75 acres of land in good There is on the place a d frame kitchen and all ply of water on the place and bush. Apply to MALVIN WILTSE,



O.I.C. Boar

I have at my farm one mile west of Athens on Belta road, Thoroughbred, Registered. Ohio Improved Chester Bears for service. Fec. \$1.00. Agency for the Freet Coil Spring Wire Fence Co., Welland, Ont. MORLEY G. BROWN

WOOD FOR SALE

Orders will be taken at our Music Store, Athens for any quantity of good quality soft wood. 51 tf Ros & Earl. Athens

Good Pills Ayer's Pills are good liver pills. You know that. The best family laxative you can buy. They keep the bowels regular, cure constipation. 2.0. Ayer Co.

Want your moustache or beard beautiful browner rich black? Use

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

DR. C. M. B. CORNELL. UELL STREET . . . BROCKVILLE

PHYSICIAN SURGEON & ACCOUGNEUR

W. A. LEWIS.

C. C. FULFORD,

M. M. BROWN.

COUNTY Crown Attorney, Barrister. Solicitor. etc. Offices: Court House, westwing, Brockville... Money to loan on real

C B. LILLIE, L.D.S., D.D.S.

DENTIST. Honor Graduate of the Royal University. Hoe, Main St., over Mr. J. Thompson's a. Hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gas admin-

D. V. BEACOCK

DENTIST. Everything in Dentistry up-to-date. Gold Crowns and Bridge Work a specialty. Fresh gas always on nand for pain-less extraotion. Over a third of a contary spractical experience in making and administering it. Telephone 45. HROGNILLE DENTAL ROOMS, over McKimm's shoe store.

THE GAMBLE HOUSE.

ATHENS,
THIS fine new brick hotel has been elegantly
repaired and refurnished throughout in
the latest styles. Every attention to the wants
of guests. Good yards and stables.
FRED PIEROE, Prop.

MONEY TO LOAN.

WE have instructions to place large sums of private funds at ou ront rates of in-terest on improved farms. Terms to suit bor-Apply to
HU1CHISON & FISHER,
Rarristers &c., Brockville

MONEY TO LOAN THE undersigned has a large sum of mon-cy to loan on real estate security at low

W. S. BUELL,

Dr. D. G. PEAT, VS. PROPRIETOR ATHENS LIVERY All new rigs and good horses. The comfo essional calls, day or night attended to tly. Phones, No. 4. office ; No. 17. house

Auctioneer Healy

OF SMITH'S FALLS Will attend any sales in the township of Youge or in any other township in the counties of Leeds and Grenville. Wire or phone at my D. C. HEALY.

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS April 30 to Dec. 1, 1904

The Palace of Agric ulture has 28 acres work. Largest expection building over built.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

THE DUICKEST BOING FOR COMFORT AND ELEGANCE EAST AND WEST

FROM BROCKVILLE

ake advantage of the new Fast Passenger rain Service which took effect Oct. 11th as

GOING EAST. Mail and express, daily, except Mon-

GOING WEST.

Mail and express, daily, except Mon daily.
Mail and express daily, except Sun

on International Limited train leaving at 11.88 a. m.
For tickets, reservetions

Forftickets and all information apply to 7. T. Fulford,

G.T.R. City Passenger Agent Office : Fulford Block, next to Post Office Court House Ave Brockville

72 PIECES OF NEWSHEET MUSIC

TO LUAT STTERARY MUNICIPULATION OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

attraction and the areas

At has long been the boast of the inhabitants of Australia that in spite of the vast area of interior desert, the resources of the continent are ample for the support of a larger population than the whole of Europe contains.

Withis the last year Australians have been leaving five of the six States faster than new settlers have been coming in According to the London journal Colonizer, 16,327 persons left New South Wales in the first six months of this year for Canada, South Africa and other parts of the world. The emigration exceeded immigration by 2,116.

The present exodus from Australia is only the accentuation of a tendency that has been observed years past. For ten years the excess of arrivals over departures has been only about 5,000. In the last ten years Victoria has lost 110,000 people by emigration, and the excess of emigration over immigration in South Australia and Tasmania has been about 20,000. In the same period, it is true, immigration in South Australia and Tasmania has been about 20,000. In the same period, it is true, immigration exceeded emigration in New South Wales and Queensland by about 30,000; but they are to-day losing population by the outgoing movement a little faster than they are gaining it by new arrivals.

The men who are leaving Australia are not those who can well be spared, Mest of them were born there

The men who are leaving Australia are not those who can well be spared. Most of them were born there or have lived long in the continent. They are farmers, stock raisers, skilled artisans, merchants, and even capitalists who have contributed in their various ways to the development of the country.

The emigration movement has received its greatest investors from the

The emigration movement has received its greatest impetus from the fact that State socialism for a time advanced by leaps and bounds in Australia as well as in New Zealand; and the results in both countries proved that me my glittering theories do not work out well in practice. Capital in Australia is to-day afraid to invest in numeroud private enterprises, which may at any time, under the influence of the Socialist Labor party, be declared to be a State monopoly in one or another of the States of the Commonwealth. This party is dominant in one of the richest States, New South Wales; and through the in one of the richest States, South Wales; and through the weakness of the late Federal Premier, it has been very powerful in the Federal Government. In Victoria the power has received a severe check in the election of the Conservative Irvine Government, and the recent anti-strike legislation. Two or three illustrations will show the

or three illustrations will show the natural results of its policy.

A while ago the Government of New South Wales, ostensibly to stifle sweat-shop methods, established itself to the business of State tall-gring at the very time that the employers and theirs workmen had agreed upon a method of solving the problem that would effectually suppress "sweating." The result was that many small manufacturers of clothing lost their entire investment and were out of an occupation. and were out of an occupation.

The Government of South Austra-

The Government of South Austra-lia decided to take into its own hands the control of the export of Autsralian wines. It ruined the buisness of the middlemen, who were the agents between the home producers and the London whole-salers, and it ran its enterprise into the ground. The Government has closed its London depot, abandoned its role as a wine merchant, and the taxpayers have paid the deficit. the taxpayers have paid the deficit,

the taxpayers have paid the deficit, amounting to \$130,000.

A number of factories in New South Wales are engaged in the manufacture of wire netting. Two or three months ago a delegation of Socialist Labor leaders called upon the acting Premier to ask that wire netting be included among the State industries. They received "a sympathetic answer." If State wire netting manufactures are established, all the thetic answer." If State wire netting manufactures are established, all the private enterprises will go to the

No manufacturer knows that his

No manufacturer knows that his own line of business may not be attacked next week in the alleged interest of labor. No man who has his labor to sell is free to sell it where and at what price he pleases. Industrial slavery, the stifling of free labor and of private enterprise, are the outcome of the party established to create an elysium for labor in Australia. Neither capital nor labor can earn a decent living in it.

So Australia is the only new country in the world that is not attracting enterprise and population. She has repelled them. This fact was recently pointed out by Mr. Reld, the leader of the Federal Opposition. But there are signs that Australia has awakened. The workingman himself has suffered most of all, and has begun to see that for much of his distress he has to thank his ignorant advisers. The stock raiser and the farmer know what to look from the party that would add to their bur has with a land tax, and that by arrived the training in the rate of wages has mad elt well nigh impossible for them to employ labor. The capitalists and the professional classes are also in agreement in the bellef that the time has come to call a halt.

WOMEN'S WORK IN JAPAN.

Girls Employed Now as Canductors of Railroad Trains.

The social condition of woman is fairly trustworthy measure of the civilization of a state, and judged by this standard Japan has not yet reached the summit of western culture. This fact, however, is not a reproact, seeing that it is not long since even European nations have bridged the abyss which sunders former barbaric customs from the humane legislation of to-day. And the Japanese are even now working hard to imitate us. Hitherto, and indeed at the present moment, the ranks of at the present moment, the ranks of female "hands" in Japan are recruited from among the rural population by agents, who induce the country lasses to sign contracts for quite a number of years—the best portion of their lives and the ways arrowed. their lives. And the wages averaged their lives. And the wages averaged 3d. a day! For that miserable mess of pottage the girls not only labor hard during working hours, but permit themselves to be wholly isolated from the outer world, just as if they were in a prison, a hospital, or a nunnery. Thus they are entirely in the power of their employers, the least scrupulous of whom take an unfair advantage of their helplessness. Thanks to the initiative of the press and to the high spirit of a few wealthy firms, a strong and lurid light has been throwly upon those dark places of Japan, and redress is already in sgirt. The Manchester of the Mikado's realm is Osaka, and it was the terrible state of things in vogue in the mills and works of that city which first attracted attention. The slaves of the Southern States of North America had a better time than some of the wretched girls in Osaka, the products of whose labor were thrown upon European markets at nominal prices. Happily, the Guild of Weavers have now set to work to better the jot of these helots, and its efforts are being reinforced by Government employees.

efforts are being reinforced by Government employees.

Curiously enough, in the higher callings and professions which require skill or scientific training instead of mere manual labor, there was hardly any field for woman's activity. Thus in none of the Ministries or Government offices was a woman to be found as civil servant. The respectable firms of merchants likewise rigidly excluded members of the fair sex, refusing to employ them as saleswomen; only in a few cheap bazaars; where the work was very fatiguing and the pay utterly inadequate, were women to be seen behind the counter. But here, too, a beneficent change is now being made. The firm of Mitsul, the weavers, for example—one of the wealthiest in Japan—have just decided to take on girls.

For a considerable time past wome.

Japan—have just decided to take on girls.

For a considerable time past women have been engaged at railway stations, especially in dealing with passenger traffic, and now the Sanul line, which had hitherto eliminated the female element, has completely broken with its traditions, and in future the passengers by that company's line will be looked after by lady conductors, and perhaps lady controllers as well. The Crown Prince of Japan takes a keen interest in this movement, which aims at making life less miserable to his future female subjects, and he has begun by setting an excellent example. He has married but one wife, and has allowed it to be generally understood that he is, and intends to remain, a monogamist to the end of his days.

The thousands of people who write to me saying that

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

cured them of chronic coughs

cannot all be mistaken. There must be truth in it. Try a bottle for that cough of yours

Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00

S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. LeRoy, N.Y. 21

Not the Gown, the Completion. Philadelphia Press.

Tess—I'm afraid this gown doesn't become my complexion at all. Jess—Well, why don't you change Tess-How can I? It's made up now! and they won't exchange—

Jess—But you can wash it off and make up differently.

Sit down to the Washing

New Century Washing Machine-

There is nothing washable it will not wash—perfectly clean—do it in half the time without boiling the clothes. Runs on ball bearings, just a touch does it. Send for descriptive circular, better still, ask any hard ware man to show an to show it to you. Mfg. Co., Ltd., fiamilton, Ont.

Spun sugar is in favor. Spun sugar ice cups come in flora forms.
Spun sugar table desorations are good to eat after the feast is over.
A white wicker wheelbarrow full of violets is the latest and loveliest of the spun sugar achievements.
Spun sugar baskets full of roses, though appealing more strongly to many, do not touch the harrow of violets.

It seems that there are no forms nor any colors into which sugar may not be successfully spun.

Out of Harm's Way. "Yes," replied the long-haired visit-or, in reply to the office boy's query, "I am a poet."
"Come this way, then. Quick," said the office boy.
"But I thought that was the edit.

or's room ?' "Of course; an' if yer don't git a gait on, he'll come out and catch yer."

Blob an aw yearts, year." An Old Custom Which Has Experienced a Revival.

There is happly, a revival of the custom of trimming the home with Christmas holly and cedar, though a few years ago it had waned to a great extent, leaving these delighted in a summatic decorations to the churches.

In the dining room the central window is the piace to decorate, for lere the house plants can help toward the desired effect.

Have a bunch of mistletoe, with some holly berries, in a tall glass vase on the table, and a sprig of cedar at each plate for a bouton-liere, all of which helps to make the feasting bright and jolly.

The mother and father will feel

The mother and father will feel pleased and honored to find on Christmas morning that their children have adorned their portraits, or even their mere photographs, with symbolic green.

Also hang a bunch of it over your Sistine Madonna, and in addition to the greenery round the presuper of

Foul, Loathsome, Disgusting Catarrh Secure Relief in 10 Minutes

Philadelphia Ledger.

One of the curious things about the cigarette is that the more it is attacked, the more it is used. It has no friends, and yet it flourishes. The endless chain for the purpose of obtaining 1,000,000 signatures to a petition to congress asking for anticigarette legislation is one of the latest devices of the enemies of the "coffin nail," as it is called, and we would be willing to wager that nearly every woman in the land, all other nonsmokers and many slaves to tobacco would sign, but we have no confidence that the cigarette will be abolished. Americans smoked or paid for 3,254,883,330 cigarettes during the last fiscal year, an increase of 357,213,403 in a single year. We used 337,840,603 pounds of tobacco last year in all forms and smoked 6,787,454,108 cigars. Contrary to general belief, more snuff than ever is made and used. catarrh a week it's a sure cure. If it's of fifty years' standing it's just as ef-

Dr. Agnew's Pills are the best.

An Economical Mother.

"Oh, about five cents."
"Five cents!" exclaimed the ag-rieved youngster in a tone of deep lisgust. "And to think that mamma would make all that fuss about one little bottle of ink."—July Lippin-

"My Heart was Thumping my Life out." is the way Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Brockvelle, Ont., describes her sufferings

estored her to perfect health. The first

ose gave almost instant relief, and in a day

rom smothering, fluttering and palpitat After trying many remedies without benefit, six bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart

ng ceased altogether.—51

Many women are denied the happiness of children through

derangement of the generative

organs. Mrs. Beyer advises women to use Lydia E. Pink-

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMAN.

WOMAN.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs.
Pinkham. She will understand
your case perfectly, and will treat
you with kindness. Her advice
is free, and the address is Lynn.
Mass. No woman ever regretted
having written her, and she has
helped thousands.

Vain War on the Cigarette.

Philadelphia Ledger.

ham's Vegetable Compound.

Caramel Filling for Cakes.—Boil a cupful of brown sugar in half a cupful of boiling water until it threads. Beat the white of an egg until stiff, and add to it three tablespoonfuls of cocoa and half a teaspoonful of flavoring. Pour the boiling, syrup over the egg and cocoa and stil in a bowl entil it hardens. Caramel Filling for Cakes.-Boil

Fig Jelly Filling.—Take a pound of figs, chopped fine; a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of boiling water. Boil to a jelly, stirring operating,

AVOIDING WINTER COLOS is difficult; curing them is not hard if you take Allen's Lung Balsam. Better not wait until they settle deep into the lungs, for, even with Allen's Lung Balsam, complete relief will be slower

Never Touched Her, of Course. Philadelphia Press.

Miss Farrasee-Yes, it's quite deasure to hear him preach. Miss Ascum-I understand he was rather gloomy; that he always

talked about eternal fire and brim Miss Farrasco-Exactly, and it's such a pleasure to think of what's in store for some people you know

In Going to New York Be sure that your tickets read via Graud Trunk and Lehigh Valley route of the "Black Diamond Express." This is the direct and best route from all Canadian points. By this roots baggage is now checked in bond and from 'tanadian points. The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York, up town near all first-class hotels, and down town near all European stemmship docks, saving passengers for Europea long an! expensive transfer. Secure your tickets of Grand Trunk agents. Robert S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, Yonge street, Toronto, Ont,

-Some women seem to have an awful lot of trouble with servants. Slobbs — Yes; they either won't stay or else they won't leave. an awful lot of trouble with

Indispensable in Winter.

A few doses, at the first sign of a cold, will allay all throat irritation—take away hoarseness—check the inflammation—strengthen the lungs—ward off the cough.

strengthen the lungs—ward off the cough.

All the healing, soothing, curative properties of Canadian Spruce
Gum—combined with aromatics. Pleasant to take. 25 cts. bottle.

THE CHRISMAS URLENS.

churches.

A wreath hung in each front window gives an outward and visible sign of the home's inner loyousness, and the hall should be decked in purgent greenery to greet the visitor with its cheer of the season, and a holly garland, thick with clustering red berries, hung on the rod letween the portlers at the entrance to the parior.

It makes a beautiful effect to twine the large pictures with cedar rope and to mass the large vase saud jars full of odorous branches.

In the dining room the central

"DEAR MRS. PINEHAM: —I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a miscarriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking the first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nibe baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am like a new woman." — MRS. FRANK BEYER, 23 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn. — \$5000 forfett if original efabous letter proving genuineness cannot be produced. Sistine Madouna, and in addition to the greenery round the pictures of those gone to their rest hang sycamore balls, as the sycamore tree figures in all the old "Il Reposa" pictures by the great masters.

The blueberry cedar is very effective in some decoration and so is the feathery running cedar.

fective in some decoration and so is the feathery running cedar.

It does not require a great deal of holly to give the brightening touch when stuck in amongst the cedar, spruce and pine, and even without these it will give a festive look to a room.

And a Radical Cure. Does your head ache Have you pains over your eyes? Is there a constant dropping in the throat? Is the breath offensive? These are certain symptoms of Catarrh Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvellously short time. If you've had catarrha week it's a cure way. If it's

An Economical Mother.

Small Katherine, who had been forbidden to touch the ink bottle, had
accidentally spilled its contents not
only all over her mother's desk but
on the rug, several chairs and her
own apron. Her mother, on discovering the state of affairs, had expressed
more surprise than ever. When the
father of the family returned at
night his little daughter met him at
the door and asked:

"Papa, how much does a bottle of
ink cost?"

"Oh, about five cents."

MINARD'S LINIMENT is the only Liniment asked for at my store and the only one we keep for sale. All the reople use it.

Pleasant Bay, C, B.

No End in Sight. Forrester—I suppose you married to complete your education f Lancaster—No; merely to con-tinue it indefinitely, it seems.—Jan-

wary Smart Set. The Stomach's "West or Woe!" The stomach is the centre from which from the standpoint of health, flows " were or woe." A healthy stomach means perfect digestion means strong and steady nerve centres-strong

and steady nerve centres—strong nerve centres mean good circulation, rich blood and good health. South American Nervine makes and keeps the stomach right .- 52.

Britain's First Newspaper.

To the wisdem of good Queen Bess aided by the presence of Burleigh, Britain owes its first printed newsp. p.r. The Eng. sh new p per, as it was caned, was "imprinted" at London, by Her Highness printer, 1588," and the earliest number, dated July 23rd of that year, is still preserved in the library of the

British museum.

Thus ancient newstaper contains the usual intelligence given in the London Gazette at the present time, It appears not to have been published at stated intervals, but orly when important events required to be chronicled. Sometimes more than a month elapsed between more than a month elapsed between one number and the next. The first artice, dated July 23rd, 1588, contains advices from Sir Frances Walfingham that the Spanish Armala had been seen in the Channel on the 20th, with a favorable gale. It describes the joy of the British freet at the sight of the enemy, and describes the attack of it by the British on the 21st, after which it field. The early numbers of The English Mercurie containing advertisements of books, very much like the advertisements of the same kind at the present day. present day.

A German physician, according to the London Tatler, recommends scap as a cure for sleeplessness. The scap latter mus be allowed to dry on the skin before the patient goes



ISSUE NO. 2, 1903

Rooms 48-49 Victoria Arcade,

DEALERS IN

STOCKS, BONDS, GRAIN

AND PROVISIONS.

Write for our special letter.

Branck Office, 1668imena St. Pat 'PHONE 360.

Stocks Are Cheap

A Word to the Wise is

Sufficient. Our board room is public, make it your leadquarters. Exceptional exchange con-lections enable us to execute orders in 10 hares on as favorable terms as 100 share

ts. Write to-day for our bookiet entitled

"Wall Street's Opportunities."

Special attention given to out-of-town rders.

JAMES & CO., Standard Stock Exchange Buildings,

HOW SUCCESSFULLY

SPECULATE

on the STOCK EXCHANGE without

All losses, if any, reduced to 22 percent. A plan placing you on both fides of the market, 275 enables you to operate 50 shares. Write for particulars.

MILLER & CO.,

P. Q. Drawer, 2630, TORONTO, ONT.

FRUIT LANDS

In lots of 10 to 100 acres for sale in the heart of the Niaga'a Fruit Beit, near Grimsby. Steam and electric roads pass this property. All conveniences of the day. Terms very reasonable. Apply

Can't Do What He Likes.

"But I thought," observed the simple-minded person on the out-skirts of the crowd, "that a king could do as he pleased."
"Not at all," replied the other person, craning his neck. "Didn't you see how he shuddered when he kissed the other king? He didn't want to, but he just had to do it."

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my

(SEAL)
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cire is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

Toronto News.

Miss Rhona Adair has "foozled" badly in her description of the rigors of the Canadian climate.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists—75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation

FRANK J. CHENEY.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, }88.

Chicago Tribune.

J. CARPENTER, P. O. Box 68, Winons, Ont.

Victoria Street, Toronto, Ont.

are very few cleans ing operations in which Sunlight Soap cannot be used to advant-It makes the home bright age. and clean.

How He Was Born.

Philadelphia Re Blobbs—Old Gotrox is proud of the fact that he wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Slobbs—Judging from his table manners it must have been a knife.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns,

Used to it. Toronto Globe.

Mass Rhona Adair has talked of playing golf in the snow in Canada. At one time that would have threatened our connection with the Empire, but since the reflections cast on the beauty of Canadian girls by an English lady our feelings have been dead to false and cruel aspersions.

So. Pac., B. & O., Un. Pac., Mo. Pac., R. I. Com., Eries, Reading, N.Y. Cen., and Penn. R.R., we regard as PARTICULARLY AT. TRACTIVE at present LOW prices, and trades in these securities conservatively handled will, without doubt, shew substantial profits in the near future.

While you are waiting for things to settle down the quiet, steady accumulation of the Standard issues is apparent to the close student of conditions Minard's Liniment Relieves Neural-

THE RUSSIAN AS A SOLDIER

is Described as Slow. Dogged and Fatalistic.

Is Described as Slow, Dogged and Fatshstic.

"The Russian soldier, as I saw him during the Boxer campaign, impressed me as being a fatalist of a very practical sort," writes O. K. Davis in Eeverybody's Magazine. "If if is his time to lose his life he will lose it, and there is little use in trying to save it. He might as well go to one place as another, and it makes no difference whether he goes into a fight or keeps out of it. He travels the line of least resistance, and from this develops a blind, but often unintelligent obedience. That sort of man makes a dangerous fighting machine.

"With all these good qualities, however, there are others not so attractive. Big, strong, patient of toil toil and hardship, he is often clumsy, stupid and very slow—a serious fault in fighting men. There was a good exhibition of the Russian lack of speed the day the Pekin relief column marched from Mahto to Chang-chia-wan. For that morning it had been arranged that a Russian battery and battalion of infantry should form part of the advance guard with the Japanese, whom the regular formation of the column placed in the lead. The Japanese were doing their full share, but the Russians would not or could not teep the pace, After repeated attempts to get them to do so, Japan was obliged to ask Russia to withdraw its men and give, room to the Japanese, so that the required speed could be made. The Russians halted and formed beside the road, while the Japanese infantry went by them on the double, and the battery on a trot. From that time until the day's distance had been made here, was no more trouble about the failure of the advance guard to maintain contact with the enemy."

Minard's Liniment for sale every-where.

Minard's Liniment for sale every-

Lived in Woods Many Years. Harry Jones, a veteran of Cariboo 3. C., who has been elected to the British Columbia Legislature, enjoys the unique distinction of being a member of parliament who never a railway train before the one on which he has just travelled to Victoria, the capital of the Province. Nettler did he ever see an electric car until he took this trip. Mr. Jones is one of the pioneers of the Province. He crossed the continent to California in the days of prairie schooners. Then he went north with the rush of gold seekers up the Fraser river and has been in the interior ever since.

Lifebuoy Scap-disinfectant-is strongly ded by the medical profession as safeguard against infectious diseases.

Family Troubles.

Use

my wife and she doesn't speak to

"Oh, well, she'll get over that."
"That's just it. I'm afraid she'll get over it before to-morrow morning."



FIBRE WARE

Can be had in TUBS, PAILS, WASH BASINS. MILK PANS, STABLE PAILS, ETC. From any first-class dealer.

DURABLE, LIGHT NO HOOPS, SEAMLESS BSOLUTELY TASTELESS

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

CANADIAN ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS FIVE VEADS' DECCRESS

Members.	Year.	Surplus.
18.233	1899	\$204.025.00
20.917	1900	208,620.00
22.574		238,330.00
23.829	1902	
05.000	1909	400 000 00

Special Inducements to JOIN NOW. Apply to the Recorder in your own town or W. F. Montague, Grand Recorder, Hamilton, Out. or W. F. Campbell, Grand Organizer, Hamilton, Out.

TOUT OF A LANGE THE PARTY OF THE

Fire and Explosion Followed by Terrible Scenes Among the Audience.

The New Iroquois Theatre the Scene of the Awful Catastrophe.

Men, Women and Children Trampled to Death in the Stampede.

Chicago Disaster Summarized

Total number of dead Total number of bodies recovered

plosion of a calcium light apparatus; accounts differ.

Some of con lagration—This Iroquois Theatre, on Randolph street, between State and Dearborn; the rewest, most expensive, and, presumably, the safest place of immisement in Chicago.

Estimated number in theatre at time of tragedy—1,300. When the fire broke out a spectator in the gallery called "Fire" and an indescribable panic results!, hundreds of women being trampled under foot in the mad rush for the exits.

The asbestos fire curtain failed to work properly and looped half way down creating a fierce draught, into the body of the house, which drove the flames among the audience and towards the exits.

Masses of Dead Bodies.

Masses of Dead Hodies.

Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas, it was in these two doorways, on the first and second balconies, that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the stairway, at least eight feet from the door, back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door. This mass of dead bodies in the centre of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passage-way. All of the corpses at this point were women and children.

The Fight or Life.

The Fight or Life.

direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands frag-ments of garments, evidently torn from others, whom they had endea-vored to pull down and trample un-derfoot as they fought for their own lives,

Men Cried as They Worked.

limb, or some other portion of the body, and pull with main strength.

One man was found with his back

were harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude, half naked, the look on their

own lives,

Chicago, Dec. 30.—About five hundred and fifty people were killed and ninety-two injured within ten minutes this afternoon during a the lobby of the theatre. newest, the largest and as far as human power could make it, the salest theatre in Chicago. The theatre is in Rando.pu street.

A few of these people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that

trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. It will be many hours before the number of dead is actually known, and many days before all of them will be identified. There are bodies lying by the dozens in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations, and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders, and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the crowds an unrecognizable pulp by the crowds that fought and trampled them down

Fire Started on the Stage. The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. B.ue Beard," the first production in the theatre since its erection. The theatrical company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly al. o. them, however, being compelled to flee into the smow with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few ing but their stage costumes. A few ing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none were seri-ously hurt. The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting, and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery broke and grounded, setting the scenery ablaze. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings with screams of terror.

Explosion Biew Roof Off. The fire in itself, up to this tim as the fire was discovered, Eddle Foy, the comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain. It descended about half way and then stuck. The fire was thus given a flue, through which a strong draught set to the doors, which had been thrown open in front of the theatre. With a roar and a bound the flames shot out through the opening, over the heads of the people on the first floor, and up to those in the first balcony, catching them and burning them to death. Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explo-sion which lifted the entire roof of the theatre from its walls, shatter-ing t e great skyl ght into fragments. roar and a bound the flames shot on

Man, immediately sufficients.
As soon as the flames first appearand whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification.

Bodies lay in the first and second bulconies in great numbers. In rome places they were piled up in the alsies three and four deep, where one had fallen and others tripped over the prostrate forms, and all had ided where they lay, evidently suffocated by gas. Others were bent over backs of seats where they had been thrown by the rush of people for the doors, and killed with hardly a chance to rise from their chairs.

Faces Trammed Off. As soon as the Hames hist appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire! Fire." and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the Hames coming in contact atre, causing them to burst. Will J. atre, causing them to burst. Will J. Davis, manager of the theatre, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of "Fire!" not a life would have been lost. This, however, is contradicted by the statements of the irremen, who found the bodies of numbers of persons sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage, as if the found the bodies of numbers of persons sitting in their seals, their faces directed toward the stage, as if the performance were still going on. The opinion of the fremen is that these perple were sufficiented at once over it, face downwards. In the were here to the sear, she having been forced by the flow of gas and fire which ame from behind the asbestos cur-

titude, half naked, the look on their faces revealing some of the agony which must have preceded their death. There were scores and scores balcooles and in the hallways back of them. The theatre is modelled after the Opera Comique in Parks and from the promition of the seeks of The M ans of Exit. of them. The theatre is modelled after the Opera Comique in Park, and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to passage ways towards the front of the theatre. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony, and one the balcony and one the balcony are at the centre. The audience, who trampled him. A search was in its rush for the outer air, seems

finding his head, but at a late hour last night it had not been discovered, and all that will ever tell his friends who he was in the color and appearance of his clothing on the lower limbs, and this is in such a condition as to be hardly recognizable;

Leaped to their Death. The theatre had been constructed at a short time, and all its equip-ment was not yet in place. This The theatre had been constructed but a short time, and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was, unfortunately, the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balcony to which to which the iron ladders were to be attached were up, but the ladders had not yet been constructed. When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they emerged from the doorway upon the little iron platform that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground Those who reached the platform first endeavored to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ledges were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed, fought and tore at each other like maniacs. This lasted but a brief time, and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them came so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the granite pavement below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms, and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls having been instantly tiled. having been instantly killed.

How Some Were Rescued. George H. Elliott, Secretary of the Ogden Gas Company, was in a building directly opposite the theatre, across the alley. When he reached the street the women already were dropping into the alley, and Elliott immediately rushed for a ladder in an effort to save as many as possible. No ledder was available to the same and the same and the same and the same and the same are same as the same and the same are same as the same are as possible. No ladder was available, and the only method of assistance they were able to devise was to hurriedly lash some planks together and throw them across to the affrighted women on the platforms, with instructions to place the and firmly on the large formers. forms, with instructions to place the end firmly on the iron framework. Women were pushed every instant into the alley, and by the time the bridge was constructed but few remained to take advantage of it. However, about two dozen, it is believed, made their way across this narrow causeway. The members of the theatrical company, being on the first floor, had comparatively little difficulty in reaching the street, although their situation was for a moment highly critical, because of the speed with which the flames swept through the mass of scenery in the flies and on the stage.

The Fight or Life.

The fight for life which must have taken piace at these two points is something that it is simply beyond human power to adequately describe. Only a faint idea of 'ats horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and Comedian Foy's Story. Eddie Foy, principal comedian in Eddle Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door, after assisting the women members of the company to safety. In describing the communicement of the fire Foy attributed the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fire-proof curtain to work properly. Because of this, he said, the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre, where the draught, carrytained access to the main part of the theatre, where the draught, carrying gas as we'll as fire, swept up to the two balconles, where the loss of life was greatest. "The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Mr. Foy. "An electric wire broke and was grounded, and from this flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draught the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never be learned to be passing the theatre. As the police removed layer after layer of dead in these doorways, the sight became too much even for the police and firemen, hardened as they are to scenes of death. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass, and so tightly were they immed between the sides of in the rear of the house. I never be-lieved it possible for fire to spread so quickly.

cable mass, and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and walls, that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb, or some other portion of the Asbestos Curtain Failed. Asbestos Curtain Failed.

"When it was started I went to
the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that
there was a slight blaze and it would body, and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose nerves had not yet Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose nerves had not yet been shaken.

Heartreading Spectacles.

One by one the bodies were dragged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned in getting the women ged out of the water-soaked, blackned faces and remnants of charred clothing sticking to them. Soom were alive, and moanding in their agony, others, and by far them. Soom were alive, and moanding in their agony, others, and by far them. Soom were alive, and moanding in their agony, others, and by far the greater number, refused to go further, and thus an additional draught was created. This when about half way down, refused to go further, and thus an additional draught was created. This weep the flames out into the hauter of the children, hundreds, of them in the audience, said the efforts of them. Soom were allow, and would have down, the same created for the children, hundreds, of them in the gent to the auditorium, and I knew that the greater number, in the audience, and the send with half way down, refused to go further, and thus an additional draught was created.

It was the presence of the children, hundreds, of them in the growth the far the greater number, with the alley. Some of them women in the audience, and the growth them. Soom were almost of the children, with the growth them. Soom were allow, and the send with the greater out the flames out into the auditional fragent in the growth far the grea tween the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive. As it was, the draught carried all the gas and fire out before the curtain, and the company was saved, although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

in front. Frenzied Crowd of Inquirers. Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of to-day. Next to the Chicago fire, this is the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred the catastrophe that has ever occurred the programment of the pro tere. The news spread with great rapidity, and in a short time hundreds of med, women and children were rushing toward the theatre.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street. Although every available policeman within the call of the department within the call of the department was hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back to their 'est, the frenzied crowd that pressed for-

ward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre, and anxious to learn something of them. The conduct of the police deserves all praise. In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through the lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and earrying but the dead.

THREE MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

In a fire Which Partially Destroyed the Troy, N. Y., Club.

A Terrible Discovery.

The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped unth a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up the stairs leading to the balcony, holding handkerchiefs over their mouths to avoid sulfocation. As they reached the doorway the fireman seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming, "Good God, man, don't walk on their faces!"

The two men tried vainly to get through the door, which was jammed with dead women pled higher than either of their heads.

All the lights in the theatre were necessarily out, and the only ilumination came through the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theatre and the street. The two men hurried to the floor below, and informed Chief Musham that the dead bodies were pled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered.

Lines of Bodies. A Terrible Discovery.

Lines of Bodies.

Lines of Bodies.

The chief at once called upon all his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the reacue. The building was so dark and the smoke so thick that it was found impossible to accomplish anything until lights had been secured. Over 200 lights were quickly ed. Over 200 lights were quickly carried into the building, and the work of resoue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streams of men passing in and out of the docreway, the one carryling bodies, the other composed of men to get more. The bodies were carried into Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theatre on the east. The dead and wounded were placed upon chairs, tables and counters, Alupon chairs, tables and counters. Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city were pressed into service, they were utterly inaccequate to carry away to dead, and in a short time there was a line fifty feet long of corpses piled two and three feet high on the sidewalk in front of the theatre.

Many Helping Hands. It was found necessary, in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the morgue and to the various undertaking establishments, to press trucks into service, and in these the dead were hauled away. The merchants in the vicinity of the theatre rose to the emergency in splendid fashion.

tre rose to the emergency in splendid fashion.

Marshall Field & Co., Mandel Bros., Schlesinger & Meyer, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., and other large dry goods stores sent wagon load after wagon load of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and to cover the dead. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the extent of the calamity was known. A number of doctors walted at the entrance to tigh theatre with stethoscopes in hand to examine the bodies which were brought out for signs of life. One large truck, ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots, was so heavily loaded with dead in front of the theatre that the two large horses attached to it were unable to start, and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels.

Pretoria labor crisis, It has been suggested that a solution might be found by the importation of negroes suggested that a solution might be found by the importation of negroes rom the Southern States of America. Experts claim that this would be to expensive, almost as expensive, as the low grade of whites, Italians and such like. The climate is the insuperable difficulty. Ultimately Lord Milner admitted that Asiatics are the sole practical solution. England is prepared to sanction this if the Legislature is fairly unanimous. Sir George Farrats' motion in fayor of Asiatics of the insuperable difficulty. Ultimately Lord Milner admitted that Asiatics are the sole practical solution. England is prepared to sanction this if the Legislature is fairly unanimous. Sir George Farrats' motion in fayor of Asiatics of the insuperable difficulty. The insuperable difficulty. The climate is the insuperable difficulty. The labor of the insuperable difficulty. The climate is the insuperable difficulty. The labor of the insuperable difficulty.

heartrending sight," said the bishop to-night. "I have been in wars and upon the bloody field of battle, but upon the bloody field of battle, but I have never seen anything half so gruesome as the awful sight in that gruesome as the awful sight in that balcony. There was a pile of twist-ed and bleeding bodies ten feet high, with blackened faces and remnants of charred clothing sticking to them. Some were alive, and moan-ing in their agony. Others, and by far the greater number, were dead."

A Vivid Story.

One of the marvellous escapes was that of the members of the theatre party given by Miss Charlotte A. Plamondon, of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of prominent society people. Miss Plamondon said: "I could see little girls and boys in the orchestra chairs pointing upward to the slowly moving line of flame among the curtain. One of the stage hands and Eddie Foy requested the audience to keep their seats. Pieces of the smoldering curtain fell into the orchestra pits. I looked over the faces of have in each or make their seats. h aw i n e and r m k dhow m ny children were preset. Here c s were filled wifty interest as they watched the burning curtain. Just them the people in the balcony rose to their feet and crowded forward o obtain a better view of the lire. Eddle Foy rushed to the cen're of the stage and waved his arms to the people to be seated. At that instant woman in the rear of the place screamed 'lire, and the entire will made of the place of th

Troy. N. Y., Jan. 4. — Moses T. Clough, the nestor of the Renssalaer county bar, and the only survivor of the class of 1848, of Dartmouth College; Wm. Shaw, head of the law firm of Shaw, Balley & Murphy, of which former U. S. Senator Edward Murphy's son is a member, and Renjamin W. Kinaey, manager for the Fuller-Warren Co., in Boston, Mass., are dead, the victims of a fire, which partly destroyed the Troy Club, at an early hour this mording, soon after a dinaer party broke up. The dead men were sleeping, Messrs McClough and Shaw.

WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED.

Two Brothers Perhaps Fatally Injured by Colliding With a Train.

Arngrior, Ont., despatch; This morning while two prominent Bristol farmers, Alex. and George Drummond, were driving into town in a cutter their team, frightened at an approaching Canada Atlantic train, became unmanageable, and dashed into the engine throwing one brother on to the cow-catcher, and the other over the baggage car. Both were picked up in an unconscious state and so badly mangled and bruised, that they may not recover They were taken on the train to the general Lospital, Ottawa. The ac-cident happened under particularly sad auspices, as both brothers were

on their way to be married this af-

An Incendiary Caught.

New York, Jan. 4.—Fire in a tenement house early to-day, said to be of incendiary origin, jeogardized three hundred dives, but caused but slight damage to property. One of the tenants on arriving home, found smoke in the hall and heard the crackling of flames in the cellar. He saw a man crounting in the hallway, and head him, later turning him over to the police, to whom he said he was Thomas Farrell. a former tenway, and also him, later turning him over to the police, to whom he said he was Thomas Farrell, a former ten-aurt. After the fire, a quantity of tar old was found near where the blaze had been started, and in the pockets of the prisoner were found a piece of steel, matches and a candle.

ASIATICS TO SOLVE PROBLEM. 2000 Pretoria Labor Conference Still Has Subject Under Discussion.

Care Town, Jan. 4. -Since Lord Milner's return a few days ago repeated conferences have been held with Rand leaders concerning the with Rand leaders concerning the Pretoria labor crisis. It has been suggested that a solution might be found by the importation of negroes from the Southern States of America. Experts claim that this would be too expensive, almost as expensive as the low grade of whites, Italians and such like. The climate is the insuperable difficulty.

Ultimately Lord Milner admitted that Asiatics are the sole practical solution. England is prepared to

cli to morrow. It is believed certain to pass. Meantime, the situation is absolutely deplorable. Thousands of whites are on the verge of starvation, the Government is arranging relief work, and hundreds of new-comers daily swell the distress plufully. Crimes of violence are increasing daily, and the streets of the towns are unsafe after dark. The voldt is infested over large areas by roving bands of desperadoes. Nearly three years of droughtmakes the condition in the rural districts almost as bad as that in the towns.

A LEAP YEAR CLUB.

Worcester, Mass. Jan. 4.-The first move to force bashful young men here into a state of matrimony durnere into a state of matrimony dur-ing the coming leap year started here yesterday, when forty-eight young and middle-aged women met in a local private house and organized a progressive matrimonial club. Oficers were elected, a set of hy-laws drawn up and a committee appoint-ed to secure permanent quarters. The membership of the club is limited to

The principal subject of debate a the meeting was; "Is it Proper for a Woman to Propose to the Man She Thicks She Loves?"

Thicks She Loves?"
All the speakers took the affirmative side. It was voted to levy an assessment of \$1 on each member, the total to be presented to every winner of a husband during the

Miss Julia Lampson, aged thirty Sadic Herbert, of Holyoke, vice-president, and Miss Abbie Sheuer, treascommittee of five was appoint-

TO DISCARD EUCLID.

Nature Study Will also Supersed Physics and Chemistry,

Toronto, Jan. 4. — Two commis-tees of representative mathematical teachers of Ontario met at the Normal School yesterday, and dis-cussed a number of changes that are likely to be made in the mathe-matical and science courses of High Schools and Collegiate Insti-High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. The most important of these is the substitution of plane geometry for Euclid's Elements. The latter has been superseded in France, Germany, the United States, and Great Eritain by plane geometry for some time. The objections to the elements are that they are not adapted to the needs of the present day, most of the theorems being difficult to apply to practical work, and that they are more a philosophy than a science, and therefore rect so suitable for beginners to study.

A radical change will be made in the elementary science courses where nature study will largely be mide to take the place of physics nd chemistry.

These recommendations will be

appointed by the Ontario Education

Normal School next Friday.

Chicago, Royal Cooper Vilas, President of the Pyle National Headlight Co., is dead at his residence here.

Vienna.—Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from his accident, and is pursuing his ordinary avocations to day. Paris. Gilblais announces that M.

Rouvier will shortly resign the portfolio of Minister of Finance in the Combes Cape Town.—The Cape Times reports

grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a general Hottentot Manila.- News has been received from Cavite that on Dec. 22 Matalon's band

of Ladrones captured and hanged two members of the constabulary secret ser-vice. St. Petersburg.-It is officially anounced, in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews, that Kishineff was never quieter than

Stayner, Ont.-Fire, which broke out at 4 o'clock this morning, completely de-Massachusetts Women Form a Prc- stroyed Dr Honsberger's residence, with

> New York. The Geo. A. Fuller Co. has been taken into the Building Trades Employers' Association, its application for membership having been accepted at a meeting of the Board of Governors.

Corsicana, Tex.—The Pipe line yesterday cut crude oil 5 cents a barrel, dropping the price to 127. The advance began last May, when the price was 85 cents, and continued steadily until \$1.32 was reached. Heavy oil was cut to 55

Chicago.-Chief Musham, of the Chicago fire department, announces that he will compel employees in his depart-ment to withdraw from unions or retire from the city's service. The chief will start his agitation next week.

London.-It is reported that the White Star Line has ordered a steamer 755 feet in length, or 30 feet longer than the Baltic, the largest ship in the world. The construction of the vessel, it is added, will begin immediately at Bel-

Rockville, Conn.-Wm. H. Dowling, local agent of the Adams Company, was robbed and assaulted by two unknown men to-day while on his way from his residence to his office. Between \$400 and \$500 was taken from him.

St. Louis.-Immediately after the holidays a bill will be introduced in Congress giving permission to foreign Governments and other exhibitors at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition to enter without paying duty the exhibits brought by them in bond.

Chicago, Ill.-Frederick Lindstrom. cashier for the firm of Friend, Moss & Noreys, had called his employers on the telephone and announced that he stole \$12,000 from them, and was about to leave the city. He was induced to visit the office and was arrested. The money is said to have her door to have a leave the control to the control

is said to have be sost on horse races.

Lucknow, Ont. Suop on Campbell street owned by Mrs. Geo. Graham, of Goderich, and occupied by A. Ross, har-nessmaker, was totally destroyed by fire learly this morning. Cause, unknown. Loss of Mr. Ross on stock, \$1,500; insurance, \$500. Loss on building covered by

SHINGLES! SHINGLES!

Large Stock Low Prices

Now is the

Time to buy



ATHENS LUMBER YARD

REXALL HOUSE DYES

The latest and most improved dye on the market.

REXALL DYES

will dye cotton, wool, silk, jute or mixed goods in one bath. 10c per package, 3 for 25c. Any and all colors for sale at

FULFORD BLOCK

ONTARIO



PME PIANO THAT SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT

Is perhaps better appreciated than an instrument entering the home at any other time than Christmas Day. Be that as it may, a Karn Piano, a Thomas Organ or a Sewing Machine bought here and delivered where you like is a most acceptable gift, and this is just a gentle reminder of that fact when you are present hunting. Easy terms as to payment, if desired.

ISLAND CITY MUSIC STORE

G. L. RICHES, Prop. NEXT DOOR TO MCKIMM'S SHOE STOR BROCKVILLE

TO SO TO SOFT Comfortable Eyeglasses,
A slipping-off Eyeglass is an expensive
annoyance, a pinching one is a torture,
When we adjust our
Eyeglasses with Lasse
Clamps it permits
neither pinching, tilting, slipping nor falling off





Bythe Kingston Business College, Limited

A number of young men and women to prepare for good positions. Forty-three graduates have been placed in Toronto alone within a few

months. Write for full information. H. M. METCALFE,

Principal given by a man.

ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

Oysters 40c qt. at Wilson & Son's Mr. William Frye was a visitor in

A splendid holiday trade was done in Athens, the best in years.

Mrs. Frank Wiltes of Brockville spent New Year's Day with friends in Athens.

Miss Cora Lee, of Secley's Corners, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Carrie Redmond.

Dr. E. Moles, of Norwick, Ont. spent Xmas holidays at the home of his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott of Smith's Falls were in Athens last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Scott.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Smith at 3 pm. on Thursday. Mr. James Walker and family are now snugly demiciled in their King-ston home—140 Cellingwood street.

Mrs. M. A. Evertts and son, Alan, have returned home after spending the holidays with friends in Smith's Falls

Messrs. W. E Stratton, G. M Leverette and R. Richards have been elected trustees of the police village of

The ice in Charleston Lake is ready for harvesting. It is of the finest quality, no snow-ice having formed

Miss Nellie McAvana, who has been Miss Nellie McAvans, who has been spending the past few months here, has returned to her home in Rockspring charge of the science work in the A.

A joint installation of the officers of

Mr. H. R. Lewis of the Merchants Bank, here, spent New Year's with friends in Brockville and Ogdeneburg, N. Y.

Misses Lulu McLean and Gladys Spencer, who have been spending the vacation in Kingston, returned home Menday evening.

In the Methodist church, on Sunday next, missionary services will be conducted morning and evening by the Rev. J. T. Pitcher of Smith's Falls.

-Prof. De Silberg, the famous Ger man optician, will be at the Gamble House on Thursday and Friday of this

a position as organizer for the Hone Correspondence School, Toronto, and left on Tuesday for Dundas County.

Lamb's Horse Powder is having an exceptionally large sale just now. Last week we printed 1,000 wrappers for the firm and this week received a repeat order.

Mr. G. W. Brown returned Athens from Watertown, N. Y., on Saturday last. He likes Uncle Sam and his people pretty well and highly enjoyed his visit.

Troin your district.

A petition is in civille asking the post of the pos

During the last few days frost did considerable damage in cellars that were considered to be frost proof.

Quite a heavy loss was sustained in the wine cellar of the Gamble House. During the last few days frost did

Among those from outside points who polled their votes here on Monday were Ziba Jackson, Lyndhurst N. C. Williams, Truman Cadwell, Smith's Falls; W. G McLaughlin, Brockville.

Mr. Fred B. Gorrell, of Westport employed on the government telegraph line in the Yukon Territory, met a quires pluck as well as ability. terrible death there on Tuesday of last week. A rifle in his hands was accidentally discharged and the ball entering his abdomen he lived only twenty-four hours.

People in this part of the world have been suffering from a severe, attack of the weather lately. Day after day it has been intensely cold. On Sunday afternoon Jack Frost showed the south and the mercury crept up within four points of the zero mark. But Sunday night was the coldest dip of the season, s at eight o'clock on Monday morning the Reporter ther-mometer marked 26 deg. below. At the same hour in Brockville 28 below was registered at Victoria Hall and 80 below at the G. T. R. station.

The novel guessing contest conducted by G. E Judson at his 'u ni ture store during December attracted a lot of steention, the fact that the a lot of strention, the fact that the competition was absolutely free, with the council of 1904!—may the shadow no conditions of any kind attached. making it accep able to all, and a very large number lifted the chair and recorded their opinion. At the close

Mr. John Ireland arrived here from

Miss Alice Spicer, of Newboro, isiting friends in Athens this week. The Rose government has now majority of two besides the speaker.

Miss Mirtie Cadwell, Athens, has been engaged to teach Sheldon's school this year.

Born—At Delta, on Saturday, Jan 2. 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert

The village council will meet for organization on the evening of Monday next, Jan. 11.

Found on Reid street, and left at this office, a coin purse containing small sum of money. The B. W. & N. will run a special

to Westport on the last day of the ice The annual meeting of township agricultural societies will be held on

Wednesday next Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson and

son, Harold, spent New Year's Day with friends in Plum Hollow. While drawing wood to Brockville on Seturday last, Mr. Richard Wills had one of his teet badly frozen.

The first meeting of the council of Rear Yonge & Escott for 1904 will be held at the town hall, Athens, on Monday, Jan. 11, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. R. R. Graham, B. A., a graducharge of the science work in the A.

A special train will run to Brock Delta and Athens lodges of he I. O. O. F. is being arranged for Jan. 14, to be held at Delta

A special train will run to Brock wille from Athens on Thursday evening in connection with the presentation ing in connection with the presentation of "The Light of Other Days" by Rob ert Mantell and company.

> On Monday evening next Rev. J. T. Pitcher of Smith's Falls will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth League. Silver collection at the door.

On Saturday next, Jan. 9, a league game of hockey will be played here between Athens and Portland teams. Puck faced at 2 p.m. General admiss ion, 10 cents. Lady ticket holders,

In Ottawa last week turkeys were bought at five cents per pound. The farmers had saved their stuff from the narauding buyers, hoping for a record price. The saving accomplished a glutting and as the weather was warm he poultry had to go at any price.

The Hay Floral & Seed Co., of Brookville, in sending copy for a change of adv't this week, appends the fellowing postscript: "We note that

our 'Xmas adv't in your paper brought us all the orders we could well handle from your district. It pays to adver-

A petition is in circulation in Frank. ville asking the postmaster to change the mail route from Frankville and

XMr. Sim Manhardt started for Toronto yesterday, mounted on his coal black steed and wearing a Klondyke outfit that was picturesque if not eautiful. It was only 20 deg. below zero when he cantered out of the villege, so he probably made Kingston that day. A trip of that kind re-

Rideau Record : Mr. E. W. Middleton who has a good situation with the Deering Company, spent the Christmas season with his family here, returning to Hamilton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Middleton of Battle Creek, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Empty of Clayton N. Y. and Mr. and Mrs. S. Middleton of Lyndhurst bave also been visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs signs of relenting; the wind shifted to E. W. Middleton during the past few days.

> Athenian ratepayers might well resolve that this year they will note all the good things that the village councillors do and pass them a vote of thanks therefor next nomination night. This would be a radical departure from old methods, but it would certainly make a seat at our council board more alluring, more honorable, and is not more than the men who spend their time and talents gratuitously in the

ot their good deeds ever increase. Mr. W. G. McLaughlin of Brock. ville, assisted by Mr. Mort Lee, is this of the contest, Mt. Judson took the chair to McClarv's grocery and found that it weighed 25 lbs. 11.02 Mrs. H. C Phillips estimated the chair to weigh 25 lbs. 10½ oz and it become her property. Two ladies in the village came next nearest, both guessing 25 lbs. log agents of the larger volume of hypersons. In the larger volume of hypersons in 1004 property. Two ladies in the village come next nearest, both guessing 25 lbs 10 oz. The majority of guessers placed its weight at over 30 lbs. The lowest figure was 8 lbs. and the highest 100 lbs. Toz. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the century guess was given by a man.

Kindly Remembered

The annual report of the secretary of the Methodist S. S., read on Christmas night, contained the following reference to the late Mrk. Blackburn:

"We feel a great loss in the removal from our midst of that old veteran at Sunday school work—I refer to the late Mrs. Blackburn, who for many years worked diligently and faithfully in the interests of the child ren placed in her especial care. Although she is dead, yet she lives; for we believe that the influence she emitted has developed, in many a emitted has developed, in many growing life, traits of character me degree similar to her own."

Delta C. O. C. F. Officers

Following is the list of officers elected for Delta Council C.O.C.F. No. 247 for 1904:—

Past Councillor—W. W. Phelps. Chief Councillor—E. J. Suffell.

Vice Councillor—Adelbert Cambell.

Recording Sec.—Ella A. Phelps.

Treasurer—M. L. Day.

Prelate—W. B. Taber.

Marshall—Ira Bador,

Warden—Wm. Cambell.

Guard—S. R. Gilbert.

Sentry—W. J. Earl.

Sentry-W. J. Earl.

Auditors-C. Copeland, S. R. Gilert, S. J. Russell. Representative to Grand Council-W. W. Phelps.

The above officers were elected on the evening of Dec. 28th, 1908. At the close of council, an ovster supper was given for the benefit of members

Way

A place where good grocer ies are kept is a good place to buy groceries.

That sounds reasonable and easy to believe, doesn't it?

So it is

We think we can fill your orders and give you everything you ask for.

Connoisseur Cluster Table Raisins and all kinds of fruit. Don't fail to come and see

that we have to offer you.

Jos. Thompson

G. A. McCLARY

WE WISH ALL **OUR PATRONS**

HAPPY NEW

YEAR

G. A. McCLARY

Hungry

*** Having leased Mr. T. Berney's store I have opened up a

RESTAURANT AND

LUNCH ROOM Meals and Lunch served at hours. Oysters in season.

Tobacco. Cigars, Confectionery,

Cakes. and Runs I handle Smith's Falls and Lyn flour. Soliciting a share of your patronage,

D. Wiltse ATHENS.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache impairs the taste, smell and hearing pollutes the breath, deranges the stom ach and affects the appetite.

To cure catarrh, treatment must be constitutional—alterative and tonic.

onstitutional—alterative and tonic.

"I was ill for four months with catarrh in the head and throat. Had a bad cough and raised blood. I had become discouraged when my husband bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and persuaded me to try it. I advise all to take it. It has cured and built me up." Mss. Hues Rudolers, West Liscomb, N. S.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.

Christmas is

...Over...

Thanks to the public for our increased trade. We hope everybody was well pleased with our service.

We tried to serve well all who favored us with their

We are sincere in wishing you a very happy and pros-perous New Year, and will endeavor to make the first of the year such by offering you 25 per cent off all Xmas goods You will thus be able to make a return New Year's gift at little cost.

T. S. KENDRICK

BEDS

IRON

R. D. Judson & Son

Undertakers and Embalmers

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

MUNN & CO.,

Your Eyes

If they give you trouble

Special care is given to the

let us remove it by supplying a pair of properly adjusted

fit of the frame, which is

very important.

We use only the highest

grade of lenses produced and supply them in frames of a

nality to suit our customers No charge is made for ex-

amination and satisfaction

guaranteed

Beautiful, sanitary, cleanly, commodious, not high-priced
—Iron Beds are coming into general use. We have them, nicely enamelled, from \$4.60 up. See them.

Picture Moulding-The finest display ever shown in Athens. Get quotations.

Mattresses—New stock of two-piece Rex Elastic Cotton Felt Mattresses—Sanitary Perfection. You will be surprised at the value offered in these goods.

R. D. JUDSON & SON

THE GREAT CHARITY

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

It Takes Care of Every Sick Child in Ontario Who Cannot Afford to Pay

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, is not a local institution—it is Provincial.

Tour money can cheer some mother's heart by saving some mother's child.

Health and wealth. You give wealth to the Hospital, and the Hospital gives heart to to the children.

The Corporation of the City of Toronto gives \$7,500 a year to the Hospital for the maintain the same privileges as the Toronto child bern within sight of its walls.

This is the reason that the Trustees are the Hospital for the maintain the same privileges as the Toronto child bern within sight of its walls.

The cities the control of the City of Toronto gives \$7,500 and the Hospital for the maintain the same privileges as the Toronto child bern within sight of its walls.

The cities the control of the City of Toronto gives \$7,500 and the Hospital gives heart by saving some mother's child.

The Corporation of the City of Toronto gives \$7,500 and the Hospital gives heart the Hospital give

child born within sight of its walls.

This is the reason that the Trustees appeal to the fathers and mothers of Ontario—for as their money goes out to help the Hospital so the Hospital's mercy can go out to help the children.

This is the 28th year of the Hospital's life. The story of the years is a wonderful one—for in that period 10,000 children have been treated, and over 5,000 cured and 3,000 improved.

Last year there were 868 boys and girls in its beds and cots, and of these 493 were cured and 247 improved.

Look at these pictures of club feet—before and after.



BEFORE AFTER

Of the 868 patients 293 came from 216 places outside of Toronto.

In three years the patients from different parts of Ontario, not Toronto, average 250 —nearly a third of the entire number. In six years 1,400 outside patients have been treated—and for 20 years past they

been treated—and for 20 years past they will average 100 a year.

The average stay of every patient was 54 days, the cost per patient per day 94c.

A dollar or two means a small lot of money out of your pocket, but it takes a big load of misery out of some little life.

The X Ray department gives wonderful results. A girl came in with a double thumb on one hand. She left with one thumb—a perfect hand.

See what the hand of the Surgeon does for the crippled children of Ontario.

AFTER

Hospital, whether from city or country

Hospital, whether from city or country

Hospital, whether from city or country

Toronto does its share in the good work, and the Trustees ask you to do yours.

The Newspaper Proprietors of Ontario-have kindly helped the Hospital by inserting our appeals.

There are two newspaper cots, and boys and girls from the country are placed in the cots founded by the newspaper men.

Look at the pictures of "before and after." They tell their own story—surely you will help us in this good work.

If your dollar could straighten the feet of a little boy or girl with club-feet you would gladly give it, and your dollar will help to do that.



Take off the handicap of deformity



If you know of a sick child-the clu

foot boy or girl—send his parent's name to the Hospital.

Please send your contributions to J. Ross Robertson, Chairman, or to Douglas Davidson, Sec. Treas. of the Hospital for Sick Children, Cotlege Street, Toronto.