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POSED AS A "CONVERTED JEW."

Charity Society Catches Man Accused of Swindling Church Members.

(New York Sun.)

Julius Jacobs was arrested yesterday on a charge of the Charity Organization Society, Jacobs, who poses as a "converted Jew," is accused of having made a practice of joining Christian churches for the purpose of begging from their members.

According to the statements made by the police Jacobs denounced the Jewish faith several years ago and placed himself under the instructions of the Paulist Fathers. After borrowing as much money as he could from the members of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle he became a Baptist under the tutelage of the Rev. Isaac M. Haldeman of the First Baptist Church, Seventy-ninth street and Broadway.

Next he moved to the Rev. Daniel A. Blackburn's Church of the Strangers, on West Fifty-seventh street.

A short time ago he went to the Rev. John Balcom Snow with a letter which admitted him into the congregation of the West End Presbyterian Church, 165th street and Amsterdam avenue. Last Wednesday night, when he attended prayer meeting, he seated himself near Christian Haake of 110 West 104th street and followed Mr. Haake to his house. On the way he told a long story of misfortune and promised to call again yesterday morning.

The Charity Organization Society was promptly notified and Agent Forbes gave Haake a marked bank note, telling him to give the money to Jacobs when he called again. The borrower reached the Haake dwelling early in the day. When he came out he was arrested.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The Michael Davitt and Edward Blake, Irish delegates, called on President Roosevelt yesterday.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 10, 1902.

THE HIGGINS CASE.

Opinions will differ as to the wisdom of the government in extending clemency to Frank Higgins. While a great many persons signed the petition urging commutation of the sentence, it is probable that a majority of the people felt that the law should take its course. Those who hold the latter view were not actuated by a revengeful spirit; but, remembering the singularly atrocious nature of the crime, and assuming that the death penalty would be more effective than imprisonment in deterring others from similar deeds, they felt that the general welfare should be considered rather than the life of a youth so utterly depraved. Of course there are many who do not believe in capital punishment at all, and in some states of the American union it has been abolished. In Canada there is no general desire for its abolition, and the criminal record in states where nothing worse than imprisonment awaits a murderer does not suggest that leniency makes crime less prevalent.

The one solitary plea that could be made for Higgins was his youth, but in the opinion of many even that should not have saved him from the gallows. However, there will be a general acceptance of the decision, without harsh criticism. It is a terrible thing to have to sit in judgment on a fellow being when his life hangs in the balance, and if the responsibility were thrown upon those who are most positive in their conviction that Higgins should die, they would falter, and hesitate to speak the awful word. At the same time, it would be most unfortunate if this country fell into lax methods of punishing its criminals.

There will be general sympathy with the parents of young Higgins, in their joy that his life is to be spared, and a general feeling of relief that the shadow of the scaffold will not fall across the Christmas festivities. But that sympathy would be very one-sided if it did not also extend to the family of the boy who was murdered in cold blood.

A SUGGESTION.

This weather is hard on the little folks. During the last two days several children on their way to school have been painfully frost-bitten, some so badly that they had to be sent home. With the troubles of those that do reach the schools successfully, the life of the primary teacher is made a burden. There are the wraps of half a hundred half frozen tots to remove, a hundred little hands to warm, and eyes to dry, and by the time this is fully accomplished it is almost time to dismiss school. This all has to be repeated at noon, when the youngsters have to be buttoned and pinned in their multitudinous wraps and sent off to dinner, only to be unbuttoned and unwrapped and warmed up again when they return at 1.30. The afternoon session for the small children lasts only an hour and the trouble and inconvenience of getting them ready for that short time seems hardly worth while. The school trustees would lose little by allowing the primary departments to complete their day's work in one session during the colder winter months.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company is doing some missionary work in the west, in the interests of its Pacific extension scheme. The report of the meeting in Calgary, which is printed in today's Star, shows that the western people are ready to welcome the new line, and it may be taken for granted that western members of parliament will favor liberal treatment of the company. It will be the duty of eastern members to see that the interests of Canadian ports are guarded, and that the government does not aid in building up the trade of rival American ports.

Of the spruce market in Liverpool the Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 29th says:—"The season may now be said to be closed, and such small imports as may come to hand will have no influence upon retail prices on account of their insignificance. Two steamer cargoes which had the option of coming to the Mersey have been diverted elsewhere, much, we understand, to the shipper's advantage."

"It is a relief for many of us," says the Telegram editorially this morning, "that we do not get our deserts." This sentiment will be heartily echoed by the friends of the Rothays lists.

DEATH OF MRS. BEERS.

The youth Times regrets to announce the death of Mrs. Beers, wife of Rev. Mr. Beers, of Lockeport, which occurred Monday, after a few days' illness. Umomia was the cause of

S. S. ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Held Last Evening at Christian Church.

The annual meeting of the St. John City S. S. Association was held in Coburg St. Christian Church last evening. The president, Alex. Watson, occupied the chair. Rev. G. N. Stevenson conducted the devotional exercises. After reading the minutes the president called on the Exmouth Street Quartette, who favored the meeting with a selection. The treasurer, A. E. Estey's report was read by J. W. Parks. Mrs. D. A. Morrison as primary department superintendent read her report, showing that the city primary union has been re-organized since the provincial convention and is holding its meetings this winter in the comfortable parlors of Germain St. Baptist Church every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Robinson, kindergarten, has charge of the department of child nature study, and is giving talks upon the teachings of "Froebel" and other educators. Mrs. J. Stewart as convener of membership committee, read her report showing that forty-five members had registered as members during the past year. Miss M. S. Whitman as home department superintendent, read her report, showing that there are 19 departments, with a membership of 709.

Miss T. H. Bullock, as superintendent of temperance department, sent her report, which showed a very encouraging state of affairs. Dr. Gates and Dr. Raymond favored the "house to house visitation," and on motion the matter was referred to committee to that effect. Rev. Dr. Raymond and Dr. Gates placed themselves on record in no uncertain way.

The following officers were elected: J. S. Flagler, president; vice president, L. H. Thorne; secretary, Miss A. D. Robb; treasurer, Miss A. E. Estey; executive committee, Dr. G. O. Gates, Dr. W. O. Raymond, O. McKimmon, Wm. Young, T. S. Simms, R. G. Haley, Thomas Graham, W. J. McAlary, E. R. Machin, J. J. Parks and T. H. Bullock; home department, Mrs. M. S. Whitman; convener of superintendent committee, J. W. Barnes; finance and audit committee, W. J. Parks and J. W. McAlary; music committee, Miss A. E. Estey and Mrs. R. Reed.

AROUND THE WORLD.

A Despatch Girdles the Earth in Six Hours and Three Minutes.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The speed test of telegraphic transmission, as evidenced by the message from Sir Sanford Fleming, which reached Mayor Cook at 1.03 yesterday morning, after girdling the earth in six hours and three minutes, is regarded as a great triumph for the Pacific cable and the Canadian route. The telegram was despatched from here sharp at 7 p. m. and in three minutes was handed to the Eastern Extension Co. in London. The Eastern Extension took five and three-quarters hours to get the message to Brisbane, Queensland, where it passed into the hands of the A. & B. Red operator. A day of three minutes occurred there, and then the telegram was flashed under the ocean to Canada and in eleven minutes from Brisbane it was in Ottawa. The contrast as between the work of Pacific cable, C. P. R., and Commercial cable operators on one hand and Eastern Extension people on the other is most remarkable. The Eastern Extension Co. was asked to facilitate despatch of the message, but either would not or could not.

HUMBLY SUBMITTED.

Here is a suggestion for the editors of the Telegraph. A department of this sort ought to be well received if placed at top of column next to editorial.

"A spiritualistic journal in St. Petersburg has a column headed 'From the Other World.' In it appear signed communications from the dead, in reply to queries from the living. Any subscriber can send a letter to a dead person on forwarding the editor four coins, which are equal to about three halfpence. The dead seem to be prompt correspondents, for no inquirer has to wait more than a week for a letter to come from the other world."

A CONNELL STAMP.

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "A New Connell stamp (Canada) five cent, brown, used, sold for £37. In 1861 Postmaster General Connell of New Brunswick issued a five-cent brown colored stamp, on which his own features formed the principal decoration. The stamp was not received with favor, and after two days it was withdrawn. It became known as the 'Connell stamp,' and its make-up was remembered against the postmaster general. It became very rare and is highly prized by stamp collectors, being catalogued at about \$140."

A COMING WEDDING.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Laura E. Murray, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Murray, of Kings county, and Major G. S. Kinneir, of Sussex. The ceremony will take place at 12.30 p. m. on December 22nd at St. Matthew's church, Halifax, followed by breakfast at the residence of Mrs. W. P. Ker, sister of the bride, at 33 Victoria road.

A TIMBER DEAL.

Charles Orley and Charles Lowther, both prominent timber owners in Newfoundland, are in Amherst. It is rumored that a big deal is on hand. C. J. Willis is now in England conferring with the heads of the firm in regard to the purchasing of the timber lands in Newfoundland. If the deal is consummated \$100,000 will exchange hands.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

GRAND TRUNK.

The Proposed Extension Welcomed in the West.

Representatives of the Company Make speeches in Calgary and go on to the Coast.

(Calgary Herald, Dec. 1.)

Frank W. Morse, third vice president of the Grand Trunk railway, and W. Wainwright, controller, returned from the north Saturday morning, and at half past nine an important meeting took place between them and members of the board of trade and leading citizens. Among others present were Mayor Underwood, Senator Loughheed, P. Burns, R. B. Bennett, M. L. A. J. Young, M. L. A. W. R. Hull, W. H. Cushing, A. P. Horsman, R. J. Hutchings, C. W. Rowley, T. A. Hatfield, O. Gronlund, A. E. Cross, E. D. Edgar, John S. Hall, W. McC. Dawson and others. The meeting took place in P. Burns' office.

President Cushing of the board of trade, after the gentlemen had all been introduced, made a few introductory remarks, and called on Mr. Bennett, M. L. A.

Before Mr. Bennett spoke, Mayor Underwood, at the request of the chairman, in a few brief remarks bade the railway visitors a hearty welcome to the city of Calgary, and assured them of the enthusiastic support and sympathy of every citizen.

Mr. Bennett made a neat speech, setting forth among other things the importance and possibilities of Western Canada, and the need that existed for additional transportation facilities. He contrasted the quantity of wheat grown in the Canadian west, namely, 65,000,000 bushels, this year by probably 100,000 farmers, with the quantity grown in the United States. He said we had only as yet touched the edge of the country. There was an area yet untouched that would produce more wheat than the whole United States. Referring to the importance of Calgary and the desire that existed that the Grand Trunk should come into this country and city, he mentioned the important industries which had been established, and the fact that our people have shown more faith in the future of their country, as evidenced by the splendid buildings which they could see, than the people of any other town in the West. He referred to the extensive business of P. Burns & company, the Calgary brewery and other industries, mentioning that Mr. Burns' cattle shipments alone require 1,500 cars a year. He was credibly informed that the freight and passenger receipts at Calgary during the last year amounted to three-quarters of a million dollars.

He referred to the pleasure with which the people of the West greet the announcement that the Grand Trunk had decided to come into this country. The Grand Trunk was the pioneer railway system of Canada, and all old Canadians entertained towards it very kindly feelings. He could assure them that they would find here an enlightened, advanced and broad sentiment that would support any legislation or movement for the assistance of a Grand Trunk continental line, altogether irrespective of party politics. (Cheers.)

Mr. Morse, being called on, replied in a very practical, business-like speech. He said that he and Mr. Wainwright appreciated more than perhaps they realized the welcome which Calgary had extended to them. Their mission to this country at this time was to confirm the statements that had appeared in the press, of the intention of the Grand Trunk to come to this country and go through to the coast. Mr. Hays, their general manager, and his colleagues, had placed this matter before the board in England, and was anxious to know how the project was going to be received in the west. It was difficult for the English board to realize the conditions in the West. The Englishman, he said, visiting this country, comes to Montreal, takes a run to Niagara Falls, catches the next boat from New York, and thinks he has seen Canada. In deciding to build a line through the West, it was not the intention of his company to parallel closely the Canadian Pacific. This would not accomplish the object of the company, nor would it satisfactorily serve the people of the west, who would naturally like to have the new road open up new territory. "We recognize the importance of Calgary," continued Mr. Morse, "and we desire to reach you and have your support. It is perhaps out of the question that our main line will be located this far south, but it is our desire and our intention to take in the important centres, and we shall certainly come to Calgary with one of our important branches. (Cheers.)"

The next speaker was Mr. Wainwright, one of the veteran officials of the Grand Trunk, who also made some interesting and important announcements. Mr. Wainwright is an Englishman. After suitably acknowledging the hearty reception they had met with in the West, especially in Calgary, he said it used to be charged against the Grand Trunk that it was too slow and conservative. But under the progressive management of Mr. Hays it had for the last few years gone in for important developments and extending and improving its system. "Today," he said, "we touch every important point in Ontario and Quebec, and we have our seaboard points which bring us in touch with the commerce of the world. Under the supervision of Mr. Morse, we are building cars and locomotives faster than we can find traffic for. We have the facilities to find that we must have more business. Eastern Canada cannot furnish this fast enough, and consequently we must go West, and we confidently expect to find all the traffic we can handle. Just as soon as the necessary legislation is secured, it is our intention to place several corps of engineers at work. Our present trip is simply a preliminary one, and we cannot yet tell you the route which will be adopted, but we shall naturally go through the northern part of the Territories, but it is the intention of the Grand Trunk to tap all the important points and construct a branch to Calgary. What we want is traffic for the road, and to make

BLANKET SALE.

On THURSDAY, Dec. 11, in the Upholstery Goods and Blanket Department. Upwards of 500 Pairs of Blankets will be offered. Clearing-Out Prices on Thursday morning.

82 Pairs White Union Blankets, size 60x80 inches; pink borders; price \$2.10 per pair.

133 Pairs same make, but heavier, size 60x80 inches; pink or blue borders; price \$2.30 pair.

75 Pairs same make, with fancy borders, size 61x80 inches; price \$2.10 pair.

The above are the kind of blankets that may be washed without shrinking. They are all perfectly clean, fresh goods.

COTTON BLANKETS—About 200 pairs, in white and grey. A few of these are slightly imperfect, but all will be sold at REDUCED PRICES, namely, 65c. and 85c. pair.

Included in the above are 75 pairs extra heavy and very large blanket size 72x80 inches. Price \$1.50 pair.

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SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA

money for our shareholders. Mr. Hays, our general manager, is a man of progressive ideas and restless energy. He can't stand still, and, owing to the limit which we have reached in our development in the east, he is bound to find new channels and avenues for traffic. Our trip through Alberta and the north has opened our eyes. We have seen what is virtually a sea of land. We have seen enough to convince us that we have only got to get our rails down and reap the reward of the traffic which will immediately follow. You will understand some of the difficulties which have confronted the management of the Grand Trunk when you consider that our board of management has always been in England, and that we have 40,000 shareholders, nearly all of whom are in England. Half of the members of the board have never been in Canada. You know it is said that the Englishman thinks of little else but his stomach and his pocket, but in deciding to extend the Grand Trunk through the West, our management has taken a very important step and one that will mean very much to Canada as a whole. It means the raising of a very large amount of money, and it will be a great advertisement for Canada in England, and will have a tremendous effect on immigration. One thing I can assure the people of the West is that the Grand Trunk, when it arrives, will be able to handle their business. Our shops are at present turning out a new locomotive every four days, and a hundred box cars every week, and our equipment generally is complete and of the very best." Mr. Wainwright said it was a pleasure to see the heartiness with which the Grand Trunk's announcement was received in the West and concluded amid cheers.

Senator Loughheed was the next speaker. He hailed with very great satisfaction and delight the present trip of the Grand Trunk officials and all

that it meant to the West. It has always been a very difficult matter to get the east to arouse interest in Western affairs. They could realize some of the development that had taken place when he told them that it came to Calgary there was not a stone on this townsite. It was but yesterday that Calgary was a canvas city east of the Elbow. Since those days showed what was in the country, and how much development was possible.

After the meeting was over, Mr. Morse and Mr. Wainwright were by John Niblock about the city. Mayor Underwood and John being with the party. They were the principal buildings and the out to the Abattoir, which they carefully thought. After a turn the outskirts they were driven to their car. They both expressed themselves as surprised and pleased at the size and importance of Calgary. One o'clock they left for Banff, a few hours there and then pro the coast.

MARRIAGES.

BEYEA-BEATTY—In this city, on by Rev. T. J. Deinstag, James of St. John to Miss Daisy Beatty field.

DIED.

FRIARS—In this city, on the Sarah, eldest daughter of George Friars, aged 15 years.

CUNNINGHAM—In this city, Dec. 9th Cunningham, aged 72 years. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p. m. from residence, Crown street. Friends acquaintances respectfully invited.

HOWE—Suddenly, at Ansonville, Mary E. wife of James T. Howe daughter of Thomas and Ellen Annalee, Queens Co.

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XMAS CARDS, 2 for 1c. up.
CALENDARS, 4c. to 10c. up.
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CLOCKWORK TOYS, 20c. to \$1.50 each.
MUSICAL TOYS, 10c. to \$3.50 each.
CHEAP TOYS in great variety.
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GIBBON & CO'S., 8-12 Charlotte St.

CAPITALISTS AT BEAR GULCH.
Consolidation of Gold King and Bear Gulch Properties is Assured—Active Operations to Begin Soon.

LIVINGSTON, Dec. 1.—A party of capitalists interested in the Bear Gulch mines of Jardine returned last evening from that place in a special train. In the party were H. M. Ryan of Chicago, representing the Kimberley syndicate of that city, which has been pushing the litigation against the former management of the Bear Gulch properties, and succeeded in having a receiver appointed; A. J. Campbell, of Butte, attorney for the Ryan interests; John Thomson of St. John, N. B., a prominent capitalist and owner of the little line of steamships between Halifax and Liverpool and largely interested in the Bear Gulch litigation; A. H. Hamilton of St. John, an attorney representing the Canadian interests in the Bear Gulch mines; A. Hepler, a prominent Salt Lake capitalist and politician, were also with the party.

A meeting of the stockholders was called for December 21 to ratify a certain agreement, but the date has been changed to January 17, 1903. The basis of the agreement is a consolidation of the interests of the Bear Gulch and the Gold King Mining companies, and an entire change in the management. The gentlemen who returned from Jardine last night, represent all of the conflicting interests in the Bear Gulch litigation, so it may safely be said that only the formal action of the meeting to be held in January is necessary to give the settlement full force and effect.

Work will at once be resumed on the new 30-stamp mill at the Bear Gulch property, the construction of which was interrupted when the receiver took charge six weeks ago. The necessary machinery for the completion of the mill has been ordered by wire from the east. It will come forward as fast as possible. It was also decided to repair the revenue mill of 40 stamps on the Gold King property and that work will be begun as soon as possible. It is estimated that by March the two mills will be in full swing, and that the monthly cleanup from that time on will not be less than \$75,000. Receiver Livingston expects to be relieved of his position on February 1.

THE HUSSARS.

(Frederickton Herald.)

Frederick Gilman, of Kingsclear, has been recommended for a Lieutenant's commission in the 8th Hussars, and is attending the Royal School of Cavalry at Toronto in January for a short course of instruction. Mr. Gilman is a bright young man, a good horseman and has in him the makings of a splendid officer. It is not unlikely that he may be asked to raise a troop of cavalry in this vicinity next season.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Probabilities for the Maritime Provinces: Southwesterly gales, snow and sleet. Thursday strong northwesterly winds, becoming colder again.

Synopsis—Another disturbance is moving across the Great Lakes and is likely to cause gales in the Maritime Provinces. From Nova Scotia to the Banks strong northwesterly winds today increasing to gales on Thursday. From Bay of Fundy to U. S. ports fresh southwesterly gales today veering to northwest Thursday.

LOCAL NEWS.

Purchase hard coal \$9. Gibbon & Co.
The Fenian Raid Veterans will meet tomorrow evening in Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street.

Officer Crawford was last night called into Peter Cunningham's house on King street east, to quell a disturbance between Cunningham and his wife.

The Harris Festival Chorus will meet for practice at eight o'clock this evening in the Church of England Institute rooms.

A missionary meeting will be held in Trinity church school room this evening at 8 o'clock. A series of interesting stereoscopic views will be exhibited illustrating Japan and Japanese life.

Will. C. Rising, on his departure for Mexico, was yesterday presented by his fellow salesmen at Waterbury & Rising's with a bracelet watch with monogram engraved, and best wishes for a pleasant and successful journey.

A concert will be given in City Hall, Carleton, on Thursday evening, by a number of well known city musicians. Among those who will take part are Miss Trueman, Miss Daisy Sears, Vernon Eville, Gilbert Davidson and St. Andrew's Male Quartette.

The Y. M. C. A. people are planning a big celebration in their rooms New Year's night. Nothing is yet decided, but it is likely that they will open the place to all their friends and that those who attend will be provided with a gymnastic exhibition, and musical and other entertainment.

The funeral of John O'Brien took place from his late home, 284 Germain street at 8.30 this morning. The remains were conveyed to the Church of St. John the Baptist, where a high mass of requiem was sung at nine o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Gaynor. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

POLICE COURT.

Edward Elliott tried hard to get another drink at a barroom on Simonds street last night, but the place was locked. Then he swore, real naughty words, which shocked Officer Perry, who happened to be in the vicinity. Perry took Elliott to the lockup, and this morning the prisoner had completely forgotten his remarks. He was fined eight dollars or twenty days, and as he had got drunk on beer instead of hard liquor he asked permission to pay six dollars and go home for the other two.

James Guthrie was arrested yesterday for stealing a watch from the house on Paradise row occupied by Fred. Falrang. Owing to the chilly atmosphere of the court room this case was put off until later in the day.

SPECIAL NOTICE
TO ADVERTISERS!

Copy for Saturday's issues of the STAR must be sent in by Three-Thirty O'clock Friday Afternoons, otherwise it is absolutely impossible to ensure a change for that issue, as the paper goes to press earlier on Saturdays than on other days of the week.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

During the wild storm on Friday night W. F. B. Patterson, who resides at 278 Princes street, had a narrow escape from serious injury. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and one of their children were seated in the sitting room of their house, when without any warning the heavy chimney suddenly toppled over and came crashing down through the roof. The whole of the roof over the sitting room was demolished and the heavy rafters cracked off like matches under the weight of brickwork. Mr. Patterson, who was seated at a table in the room, was struck on the shoulder and face by a portion of the debris and was painfully bruised.

Owing to the fierceness of the night and the bitterly cold weather since the accident occurred the family have been put to considerable inconvenience, having altogether too much ventilation. One of the masons who repaired the damage calculated that the mass of brick which crashed through the roof weighed almost three tons.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE OVER.

The union teamsters who went on strike yesterday, refusing to haul snow for the city, while non-union men were likewise employed, are still out notwithstanding the fact that most of the men objected to joining the Teamsters' Union at the meeting last night. Today in this end of the city only four double teams and one single were at work, and these were the regular city teams. There is still quite a lot of snow to haul away, and it is likely the trouble will be settled and more teams be procured to work this afternoon. There is lots of work for the teamsters this weather at other things and they are not particular about hauling snow anyway.

At noon the trouble was settled and the union men returned to work. This afternoon about twenty-five teams were hauling steadily and the piles of snow were rapidly decreasing.

LATE AGAIN.

The Trains to and From Montreal Delayed by Another Mishap.

A slight accident occurred between one and two o'clock this morning at Leboeuf, on the Brownville section of the C. P. R., by which the trains to and from Montreal were delayed.

The axle of a Chicago refrigerator car loaded with export freight for St. John broke and the car was thrown across the track. Assistance was sent out and at eight o'clock this morning the line was reported clear.

The train which left here at eight o'clock last evening, two hours late, for Montreal was delayed by this accident for six hours longer and got through at an early hour this morning.

The Montreal express, due at 11.50 a. m. today, was also delayed, but has passed the scene of the accident and is now reported three hours late.

The Boston train, due at 11.35 a. m., was received four hours late from the Maine Central and will not reach the city until nearly four o'clock this afternoon.

ALL ABOUT THREE DOGS.

Rose and Pete and the Pup and the Police.

Miley Carroll owns Rose, and Walter Lynch is the proud possessor of Pete and the pup. These three are bull terriers. Now dogs delight to bark and bite, for 'tis their nature to, and when Walter and Pete and the pup went into Miley's beer shop on Haymarket square last Friday night it was only natural that Rose should come from under the counter and gambol playfully with the visitors. Walter not included.

Officer Marshall, who was doing the square, heard the joyful yowls and barks from the shop and went in to see what was the matter. He thought it was dogs, and sure enough when he went into the beer shop his supposition was shown to be correct. Pete and Rose and the pup were in the middle of the floor in a tussle. There was blood in sight, too, and Carroll, Lynch and James Mitchell were standing in the shop watching the fun. The three men were reported, and in court this morning they denied that the dogs were fighting. Carroll explained that these pets were bound together by ties of blood, were tried and true friends, and could not be persuaded to be angry with each other. Then James Mitchell went on the stand and supported the statement that nothing like fighting ever entered the heads of either Pete or Rose or the pup.

Just about this time the magistrate, who had sat muffled in his heavy overcoat, decided that the cold was more than he could stand and postponed the case until the steam was turned on.

COUNTY W. C. T. U.

The St. John W. C. T. U. convention met yesterday in Orange Hall. Mrs. McAvity in the chair. Mrs. Seymour led the devotional exercises, after which the minutes were read and approved and other matters of business attended to.

Reports were received from the Juvenile C. T. U., north end, and the North End W. C. T. U. In St. John the work has been carried on very satisfactorily. The School of Domestic Science, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and with Miss R. Christie as principal, is in a flourishing condition, and the Unitarian church has been successfully carried on this year. A report of the S. S. Temperance Department in the city, read by Mrs. Bullock, showed that the work is going on among the young people of the Sunday schools in a very encouraging manner.

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LOTS OF FREIGHT.

In spite of the cattle embargo the outlook for a heavy winter business over the C. P. R. is bright. This year a large proportion of the cars in use are the 30,000 lb. style and this accounts for the comparatively small number being received. These cars are so much larger than the older and small ones that while they seem to be coming but slowly there is in reality a large quantity of freight being brought down. And they are much more easily handled, as they do not occupy so much yard room. Already six or seven large steamers have been loaded, and it is said that the business has not really commenced yet.

BED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR THE WATER STREET SHELTER.

The committee in charge of the Water Street Shelter would be most grateful for bed clothing of any description to furnish the bunks. Now that the winter port steamers are coming to this port large numbers of destitute men are being sheltered at the Mission, and it is most necessary to have clothing for this department at once.

COAL CHEAP IN HALIFAX.

Hard coal to arrive was being booked at \$8 yesterday. The steamer Victoria, with a cargo for Wm. Roche, left New York on Friday and the Georgia was expected to leave Saturday.—Chronicle.

HIS LIFE SAVED.

Higgins's Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment in Dorchester.

Joy in the Higgins Family—Mixed

Sentiment Around Town—The

Prisoner Will Not be Told of

His Escape for Some Days.

The news that Frank Higgins's life had been spared and that instead of allowing him to be hanged on Dec. 18, the crown had mercifully interfered and changed his sentence to imprisonment for life, has been received with mixed feelings in this community, not yet recovered from the shock of the horrible crime for which he was convicted.

On the street the prevailing opinion seems to be that the law should have been allowed to take its course, though there are numbers who express their appreciation of the action of the cabinet in consideration of the prisoner's youth and of the fact that he was convicted largely upon the testimony of one whose motives in the matter are open to suspicion.

According to despatches from Ottawa there were several things taken into consideration in connection with the commutation of the sentence. The argument and facts which the prisoner's counsel succeeded in laying before the department in addition to the petition of 500 persons praying for clemency, had very much weight in bringing about commutation and, added to all this, was the prisoner's youth.

Then there was the fact that the chief evidence against the prisoner was that of Goodspeed, who was accused of being an accessory after the fact, if not equally responsible with Higgins. Again, the character of the murdered lad had to be considered.

All three points and a great many more were taken up and discussed at length in the various interviews that were held between the justice department and Mr. Mullin. They were presented to the cabinet and the ministers present agreed to a recommendation for clemency.

The order-in-council granting this will be approved by Lord Minto, and this cannot be done until sometime today. His excellency, who was in Montreal yesterday, will be in Ottawa today, but it is just probable that the order may not be signed before Thursday, as Lord Minto may take a little time looking into the case.

The word that their son would not be hanged was heard with joy in the home of Mr. Higgins last night. They had almost given up hope and were suffering under the strain far more than Frank apparently was.

The prisoner himself, though it is only a little over a week from the day set for his death and though he has not yet been given any reason to hope that he will escape the noose, is spending his days in the same insolent calmness that characterized him all through the strain of his trial. When his mother visited him yesterday he enquired somewhat nervously if anything had been heard from Ottawa and when he was answered in the negative went on unconcernedly talking about home and family affairs. He will not be informed of his escape from the gallows until Sheriff Ritchie has been officially notified from Ottawa of the signing of the order-in-council by the governor general. When that information arrives arrangements will be made for transferring him to the penitentiary, probably to Dorchester, though that has not yet been definitely decided. Then sometime within the week following he will be quietly and as secretly as possible removed from the jail and started on his journey toward the great stone house within the walls of which he must remain until he dies.

Though this commutation is taken with joy by Higgins's relatives and is received with indifference by the community at large, there is one family in St. John whose grief will be opened by the realization that the murderer of their son will not be hanged. Ever since he saw Willie's battered body Joseph Doherty has been consumed with the lust for vengeance upon the man who did the deed. He watched Higgins all through the trial with relentless eyes, and when he heard the sentence of death pronounced, his only regret was that he was not allowed to assist in the execution. Now that the murderer has escaped with his life Mr. Doherty, judging by his previous utterances, will be inclined to revile the law as a futile and inefficient thing.

Mr. Doherty is now away in the lumber woods and Mrs. Doherty, whose feelings have been so bitter as his own, is lying sick at the hospital.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have had made up for the special Christmas trade a lot of fancy gift boxes. All purchases of kid gloves, fine handkerchiefs, ties, collars, etc., will be put in these boxes when requested by the customers. There is no charge for the boxes.

P. O. ASYLUM.

The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum earnestly request all who are interested in the institution to remember the orphans at this happy season. Any donations will be acceptable, especially something suitable for the Xmas trees. There are at present 14 girls and 14 boys.

Donations can be sent to the matron or to any of the following committee: Mrs. George Macleod, Mrs. T. A. Rankin, Mrs. D. McLeish, Mrs. R. F. Starr, Mrs. J. J. Kaye, Mrs. James L. Dunn, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. John Burpee, Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley, Mrs. H. A. Austin, Mrs. H. D. Troop, Mrs. Charles Johnston, Mrs. Jack MacLaren.

Nomination of officers of the Military Veterans will be held on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock at Forester's hall, Charlotte street.

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THE WINTER PORT.

The Allan liner Corinthian arrived at the Island about noon today and will dock at Sand Point this afternoon. She will land six passengers and some 1,200 tons of cargo.

The Donaldson liner Alcides is overdue from Glasgow. The agents of the line here consider her detention natural and due to the recent many sales. She has about 3,000 tons cargo. The Furness str. Evangeline left London yesterday for Halifax and St. John.

The Donaldson liner Tritonia, which is to come here, arrived at Glasgow on the 7th from Montreal.
The Allan mail steamer Pretorian, now on her way from Liverpool to Halifax and St. John, has between 500 and 600 passengers and 1,200 tons of cargo.

Thirty-six carloads of cattle, ex C. P. R., and 18 ex Grand Trunk, will leave Montreal at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning for the str. Corinthian.

BOY LOST DOLLAR.

Willie Lemon, a Star carrier boy, of 159 Metcalf street, lost a black pocket-book containing a dollar bill from his pocket on Main street this morning about ten o'clock. Will the finder please return it to the boy, or leave it for him at the Star office.

P. E. ISLAND SERVICE.

The steamer Northumberland has stopped running between Summerside and Point du Chene and has returned to Charlottetown for the winter. Advice from Summerside are to the effect that the government ice breaker Stanley was to go on the Summerside-Cape Fortement route at once, and it is probable that she is crossing there today.

The steamer Princess, which runs between Pictou and Charlottetown, was on the route yesterday, but it is believed, has made her last trip for the season. The government steamer Minto will take her place, running from Pictou to Charlottetown or Georgetown as the ice permits.

THE WEATHER.

Though the official thermometer declares on its official honor that the temperature is higher today than yesterday, the humidity today has made the cold more disagreeable and penetrating. The lowest point registered was 8 degrees below zero at an early hour this morning. At nine o'clock it was six below and at noon it was exactly zero. Since then the temperature has moderated steadily. Shortly before two it started to snow and the indications are for another heavy storm from the north-eastward.

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