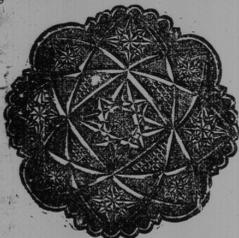


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LATE SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Manchester Corporation, 3,585 lbs. from Manchester, England, per cargo.

POLICE GOT NO MONEY. Sergt. Baxter, captain of the police tug-of-war team that won the first prize at last night's tournament in Charlton says that the men did not receive a cent.

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DROUGHT BRINGS GREAT SUFFERING.

Means Disaster to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mines and Factories Close for Want of Water—Country is Suffering for Coal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A Pittsburgh despatch to the Tribune says: It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong says he has learned on trustworthy authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battleships and armored cruisers is proceeding south accompanied by fifteen colliers and transports to attack the Russian Baltic squadron.

MONCTON P. O. ROBBED.

Burglar Caught in the Act of Stealing Two Bags of Mail—He Got Away.

MONCTON, Dec. 21.—About two o'clock this morning a man, wearing his hat and a long overcoat, was seen skulking in the vicinity of the post office.

CROWDED RESTAURANT STARTLED BY ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mary Olah, a domestic, formerly employed in the Cafe Boulevard, entered the cafe early this morning and after shooting Sigmond Bohm, a waiter in the place, turned the revolver on herself.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Harry Brown, formerly Miss Lizzie Sanction, of Moncton, passed through the city yesterday to spend Christmas at Moncton with her parents.

DISASTROUS FIRES TODAY.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—The explosion of a gas tank in a building in Allegheny City occupied by the Halo-French Produce Co. early today resulted in a fire which entirely destroyed four buildings on Dawson as well as some property at the rear of these buildings on Jackson street.

TOGO SAYS LAST RUSSIAN WARSHIP IS DISABLED.

Jap Squadron Starts to Meet and Fight the Baltic Fleet—Dead Hero Promoted—Japs Seize British Steamer.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled.

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JAPS SEIZE BRITISH STEAMER.

NAGASAKI, Dec. 21, 10 a. m.—The British steamer Nigretia, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tashimi of Ulan yesterday, has arrived at Saigo before the prize court.

NAN PATTERSON CONFIDENT.

Feels Sure the Jury Will Find Her Not Guilty of Murder—She Will Know Tonight.

(See also Page 4.) NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Before another day Nan Patterson probably will know whether her long cherished hope of escaping the Christmas holidays with her invalid mother in Washington will be realized or whether she will be doomed to return to her cell a convicted murderer.

MR. RHEA REPLIES.

Challenges License Commission Chairman to Accompany Him on Tour of Inspection.

STOCK MARKET ACTIVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, Wall Street.—Prices of stocks today were higher on an active demand, especially for the Pacific.

OLDEST ADMIRAL DEAD.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. Dec. 21.—Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommaney, the treasurer of the British navy, died here this morning after a lengthy illness. He was the last survivor of the battle of Navarino, fought in 1827, which resulted in the destruction of the Turkish fleet.

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The Star returns thanks to F. S. Purdy, the Wall street grocer, for a very pretty calendar.

FOUR YEARS FOR BOY BURGLARS.

Two Killoyle Youngsters Sentenced to Reformatory.

They Stole Boots and Looted the McBriarty House—Kempt and Morris Let Go.

In the police court this morning A. McAllister, who kicked up such a disturbance on Sheffield street Monday night or early Tuesday morning and who yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking windows in Margaret Francis' and Alice O'Brien's houses was sentenced this morning.

ABOUT WAR BALLOONS.

MUKDEN, Nov. 21.—Mr. Nandel, who has been in charge of the balloon corps in the Far East during the greater part of the war has given some interesting conclusions reached in practical work on the field. He still thinks the balloon has a distinct future before it in warfare and there have been a number of occasions when the balloons did valuable work in scouting, but on the whole he says that the balloons in Manchuria is too damp for balloons to be of any use.

GIRL'S SERIOUS CHARGE.

Thomas Saunders Faces a Charge That May Mean a Long Term in the Penitentiary.

Thomas Saunders, a lad eighteen years of age, was arrested at five o'clock this morning by officers Green and Perry on suspicion of having committed rape on Sarah Lobb, a fourteen-year-old girl who lives with her parents on Brook street North End.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

In the admiralty court this morning, the case of Isaac M. Thurber vs. The Sir Beaver came up for trial.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSED.

The regular Christmas closing of the private kindergarten of Miss Zein Morton took place this morning.

CITRON.

We want to turn them over quick. Barker's prices will soon do it.

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ST. JOHN'S NEWS.

Rev. H. H. Roach was reported at two o'clock this afternoon as being very low and sinking rapidly.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Northerly winds and becoming colder. Thursday, westerly winds, fair and cold.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 21, 1904. The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 2,988; for the month of December, 4,218; for the past six months, 4,188.

OBVIOUS TACTICS. Both the rottenness of the present government and the personal ability and integrity of the opposition candidate in the city are too well known to permit the success of the attempt of the government's supporters to attract attention from the one by vicious attacks on the other.

Mr. Maxwell's record as a private citizen and a public servant is too good to be damaged by insinuations to the effect that he is a grafter, which are funded upon nothing more solid than the fact that, while an alderman, he did work on a public building under a sub-contract obtained from a man who won the main contract in fair competition by making a lower tender than any other who wanted the job. If Mr. Maxwell had used his influence at the council board to get the contract for himself or to have it given to any other than the lowest tenderer, he would be open to accusation. But he has done nothing of the kind. He did no work for the city of which he was one of the rulers. He simply worked as a sub-contractor, an employe, of the man to whom the city awarded the contract, not because he was the friend of any alderman, but because he was willing to construct the new public library building cheaper than anyone else.

Anyone who has ever done business with Alderman Maxwell needs no proof to convince him that the man is not a grafter; anyone for whom he has worked will vouch that he gives sixteen good ounces to the pound; anyone who has worked for him knows that there is no more upright nor considerate employer. Such personal assaults as have been made upon him will prove more harmful to the assistants than to him.

The reason for these attacks is as obvious as they are unfair. "When in the wrong, abuse the plaintiff's attorney," is a maxim as old as legal history. It is impossible to produce a valid argument in favor of the election of any man who supports the Tweedie government, which will only be remembered for its maladministration, its extravagance and such affairs as the Rothesay forgery; it is equally impossible to bring reasons for the defeat of a supporter of the opposition, as such—what else is left for unscrupulous electioneers? Under the circumstances, the opposition is fortunate in selecting a candidate, whose record, public and private, offers so little to attack.

TIME FOR THE DOCK CANVASS. George Robertson, M. P., is due in St. John within the next few days with the information that the dock is about to be built. All that will be needed when Mr. Robertson speaks is the election of Mr. Skinner and Mr. Lowell. Two years ago the election of Mr. Robertson himself was a condition precedent to the commencement of work. The electors were then told that if they elected six supporters of the government in the two constituencies hundreds of men would be employed on the dock during the succeeding summer. Though the electors were so misled as to elect the six they have not seen the men at work. The dock is still a pond. Mr. Robertson is still a promoter. There is no dock nor any sign of a dock unless Mr. Robertson is himself a sign. Mr. Robertson has been active in two by-elections since then and he has never appeared in public without some glad tidings concerning this great public enterprise. This campaign now in progress will be a lonesome affair if the dock and the men have no part in it.—Sun.

An example of improving conscience that should appeal to those in this city who opposed the acceptance of Carnegie's library donation, is given by the trustees of Lawrence University of Appleton, Wisconsin. William W. Cooper, who lost his life in the Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago, had provided in his will that \$100,000 of his estate should go to that university. When the estate was being settled up the other day and a check was given to the university for the amount the trustees refused to accept it, giving as the reason that the rules of their church prohibited the attendance of its members at a theatre; and Mr. Cooper dying in a theatre made the bequest objectionable. The whole estate, amounting to \$200,000, will fall to Mr. Cooper's daughter.

Somebody should remind the liquor license commissioners that it is their duty to administer the laws, not to make or amend them. They have no more business to allow a saloon keeper to violate the law with reference to the number of entrances because strict observance "would be a hardship," than the magistrate has to pardon a man who got drunk because it was a hardship to remain sober.

The arbitration proceedings now on between the I. C. R. and Grand Trunk are proving that the latter company has deliberately and persistently broken the solemn agreement entered into with Mr. Blair. Yet it is upon the ungranted word of this company that the government has placed the welfare of any Canadian ports which hope to obtain any traffic from the Grand Trunk Company.

Dr. J. M. Smith has retired from the field, as was expected. The machine, which was strong enough to prevent the choice of 2,300 electors from receiving one vote in the convention was naturally strong enough to see that the disappointed candidate was choked off. Whether it will be equally effective with reference to the hundreds whose wishes it ignored remains to be seen.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Ch. Christmas-tide is coming soon with mirth and merrery cheer; 'Tis time to think of presents now for all our friends so dear. What matters it we're very poor, and destitute of pelf, Why don't you know the nicest gifts are those you make yourself?

We'll take a broken sewer-pipe for an unwholesome present; we'll take a picture painted on the top to give a stylish air; From uncle's old suspenders we can fix a belt for Kate; And make it "Price \$2.00." It will please her, sure as fate.

An empty pickle-bottle will make such a lovely vase; The scarlet ribbon 'round it, label a sub-contractor; A box with man's old wrapper, too, upholstered nice and neat, Will be a handsome footstool for our grandpa's dear old seat.

Oh, won't our friends be glad to get these presents we have made! They're sure to put all purchased gifts away back in the shade, For naughtiness with the worn and old, But by device or shift We'll utilize it somehow for a home-made Christmas gift.

IN THE MARKET. There are interesting sights there besides the usual.

The city market is always an interesting place, with its rows and rows of vegetables, meat, butter, etc., and still more by reason of the ever-changing stream of people who in continuous passing through it. It is a fine place in which to stand and study the various types and phases of humanity in the passer. Incidentally, it is also a good observatory from which to study the fashions—for all kinds and conditions pass from the big swinging doors at one end to those at the other, in the course of a day.

Now the market is more than usually attractive, with its bravery of Christmas evergreens, garlands, etc., at each booth, and the average woman really enjoys the Christmas market. Then to pass the passing crowd is productive of more than ordinary interest. For one thing, many people pass through who have no errand in the market and merely use it as a short cut from one street to another. If so, they are in a hurry, and the light of irritation is apt to be in their eyes as they impatiently fidget about, not only in their own talking his time, and blocking the way. Occasionally we see what at first sight appears to be a man in a military uniform, but as it approaches nearer it resolves itself into a little man—or woman—loaded down with bundles and packages of driers and sundry sties and shape. Everyone is carrying parcels this time of the year, and this is the time when the average woman really envies the man, who has pockets into which he may stuff so many things. It is so expensive, many people really envy the man, who has pockets into which he may stuff so many things. It is so expensive, many people really envy the man, who has pockets into which he may stuff so many things.

But to go back to the market. There are a few things to be seen there, but in other things as well. At many of the stalls may be seen grey socks, mittens, etc., and these, naturally, are in great requisition, more particularly, perhaps, the boys' mittens. For there are lots of boys in St. John who like to get a pair of "double mittens" the kind our grandmothers knit for us, from some of the market merchants. Then there are the "yards" to be purchased at some of the stalls, catnip, and other old-fashioned herbs, much in favor still with some, as well as more modern herbs, if the term "modern" may be used with regard to nature's products, and which are extensively used in culinary operations. All these combined appeal to many different classes of shoppers, both at Christmas and other seasons of the year, and just now there are people who like to walk through to look at the goods, see the green festoonings of fir and spruce, which say that Christmas is not far off.

So that the market is a place of interest to a good many different people, for widely varying reasons. SHAKESPEARE'S PROFESSION. As this is Christmas, perhaps we need not apologize for the reproduction of this conundrum from the Referee: Why is it almost certain that Shakespeare was a broker? Because no man has ever furnished so many stock quotations.

You can't make no man out of a Willie Boy by having him smoke cigars 'stead of cigarettes.—Sphinx.

Do you know "The Song of 60 Years?" There are four verses. Verse 1. Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow. Verse 2. Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair. Verse 3. Ayer's Hair Vigor cures dandruff. Verse 4. Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.

LOCAL NEWS.

"Why Jones left Halifax" is the inscription on the back of a calf skin post-card which was among the mail handed to J. C. Jones, the well known commercial traveller, when he arrived at the Royal last night. Accompanying the inscription was a design stamped on the leather representing a bull dog with a bunch of cloth which might have at one time been part of a pair of trousers. The explanation is considered by Mr. Jones' friends to be entirely satisfactory.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting yesterday afternoon with President Mrs. C. H. Dearborn in the chair. The usual features of the work were discussed. The members of the Y. M. C. A. interested in hockey held a meeting last evening in the association parlors to discuss the prospects. It was decided not to enter two teams, one in the Junior and one in the Intermediate league, but to confine their efforts solely to the latter class.

The grand officers and propagation committee of the Sons of Temperance paid an official visit to Granite Rock Division last night. A pleasant meeting at the Board of Trade rooms, and was delivered by G. W. A. W. Frank Hatheway, G. Scribner Edward A. Everett, G. E. C. Fisher, P. W. P. Robert Maxwell, P. G. W. A. J. C. Thomas and others.

Things mission seemed to be again coming to the front. It has never been what could be called dead, but last year interest fell off. Now, however, the work is booming again. On Sunday afternoon last there were seventy-seven pupils in the school, while on each of the two preceding Sundays there were one hundred pupils.

The death occurred yesterday morning, at his home, 51 British street, of Walter T. Whelan, aged 53 years. Mr. Whelan was a native of Liverpool, Eng., and had resided in St. John for thirty-three years. He is survived by four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Wm. Fitzpatrick, and Misses Gertrude, Bertha and Irene Whelan; and the sons are Walter and John Whelan. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A despatch from Grand Falls states that Cyril Bealieu, the young man who was fatally stabbed in Montreal by an Italian and died shortly afterwards, was a native of Grand Falls. The murdered man is about twenty-three years old and has always had an excellent reputation.

The annual meeting of Willis Lodge, I. O. O. F., Parville, was held last evening. The following officers were elected and installed by P. C. M. Dr. Matthews: T. Macdonald, Wm. Stewart, W. master; Irving Williams, D. master; George Burns, chaplain; Horace Stout, recording secretary; Ira Symes, financial secretary; Robert Catherwood, treasurer; Geo. J. Moore, D. of C.; Thomas Stout, lecturer; John Duff, Malcolm Golding, T. H. Betts, Jas. Moore and Wm. Catherwood, committee.

Jack Eckert, a young Englishman belonging to Whitehall, Eng., arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer Sicilian. He is accompanying the young man, official by saying he came here to enjoy a walking tour across the continent to the Pacific and probably will sail thence on a round the world trip. He was entered as a tourist.

French Brier Pipes, in cases, with a silver stem, \$5.00, each, at Louis Green's. S. S. DEFOREST COMPROMISES. A meeting of the creditors of S. S. DeForest was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms, and was well attended. Col. E. T. Sturdee acted as chairman, and Mr. Cross was appointed secretary. The total liabilities were stated as \$14,101, with assets of stock, book debts, etc., of \$9,500. After some discussion it was decided to accept Mr. DeForest's offer of 40 cents cash on 1st January, and 10 cents at three months unsecured. There were no preferences.

Cambridge Clear, \$2.00 per box; Little Queens, ten for 25c. Everything at cheap prices at Louis Green's. N. W. Brennan, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 715 Foot of Main Street. TELEPHONES: OFFICE—222 A. NIGHT CALLS—222 B. Embalming—Specialty.

MARRIAGES. McLEOD-FRENCH—In this city, Dec. 20th, by Rev. A. J. Prosser, James Wilson McLeod and Edna French, both of St. John. POWERS—Died at Cambridge, on the 19th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Robertson, Charlotte Harris, relict of the late Mark N. Powers. Funeral on Thursday, 22nd inst., from the residence of T. Fred. Powers, No. 79 Princess street. Service at 2.30. TRITES—In this city, after a short illness, Truman T. Trites, aged 82, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral on Thursday morning at 6.30 from his late residence, 13 Wright street. Interment at Petitedale.

GOLDEN WEDDING. ANDOVER, Dec. 20.—The golden wedding of Geo. R. Rogers of Carletonplace, was celebrated on Saturday, 17th inst., when guests to the number of at least 150 assembled from all parts of the county, as well as Fort Fairfield and Caribou, in the State of Maine. An excellent supper was served and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Useful Gifts For All.

The gifts that are useful, the kind that give everybody enjoyment, are the most appreciated. Everything we have answers this description. We can mention but a few.

- Kid Gloves in fancy boxes, \$1 to \$1.50. Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 55c. to \$2. Rain Umbrellas, 75c. to \$4.25. Waist Silks, 55c. to \$1.50. Dress Goods, 25c. to \$2. Mantle Drapes, \$1.75 to \$2.50. Pillow Shams, 25c. to \$1 each. Runners, 50c. to \$1 each. Tray Cloths, 30c. to 50c. Cushion Tops, 30c. to 75c. Warm Wool Hose, 15c. to 50c. FOR LADIES. Silk Stock Collars, 25c. to \$1.10 each. Lace Collars, 15c. to \$3. Chiffon and Silk Neckwear, 55c. to \$2.75. Embroidered and Linen Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 50c. each. Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c. each. Kid Gloves, 55c. to \$1.25 pair. Wool Gloves, 25c. to 50c. Pretty Silk Belts, 25c. to \$1.75 each. Shell Hair Ornaments, 10c. to 30c. Leather Purses, 55c. to \$2.75. Chiffon and Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 55c. to \$2 each. Wrapper and Kimono Flannels, 12c. to 50c. per yard. FOR MEN. Pretty Neckties, 25c. to 50c. Wool and Buck Gloves, 35c. to \$1.00 pair. Rain Umbrellas, \$1 to \$2.50. Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1. Camb. and Linen Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 30c. each. Ties in Fancy Boxes, 25c. to 50c. each. Satin Mufflers, lined, 50c. to \$1. Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$1.50 pair. Braces, 50c. to 75c. White Shirts, 75c. to \$1. Colored Shirts, 75c. to \$1.50. Collars and Cuffs, 15c. to 30c. Warm Wool Hose, 25c. to 40c. Night Shirts, white and fancy, 75c.

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is none too good for home baking. Beaver Flour is as near perfection as flour ever gets. It contains all that is best in the wheat. No matter how capable the cook, the best bread or pastry cannot be made without Beaver Flour. It is for sale at your grocer's. Ask him for it. SANBORN'S SHOE STORE, 339 Main St.

At Less Than Mill Price. We are selling Tooke Bros' Flannellet Wrappers in a nice variety of Patterns, made with full skirt and twelve inch flounce, for 35c. each. The mill price was \$1.17. Also a good line of Navy and White Polka Spot House Waists for 45c. each. Our Six Tail Fur Collar at \$1.50 is well worth \$2.25.

BOOMING ANTWERP TRADE. C. P. R. Freight and Traffic Men in the City Yesterday. H. Debenham, freight agent of the C. P. R. in Europe and W. T. Marlow, the import freight agent, are in the city. The object of their visit here is to induce local importers to route their shipments to Antwerp by the C. P. R. Every one of the C. P. R. steamer's brought from Antwerp six or seven hundred immigrants, secured from various points in Europe, who were going into the great Canadian west to take up land and make homes for themselves. Fully eight per cent of these have a little money to start with, and nearly all are from the agricultural classes.

Mr. Debenham while here will make enquiries into the emigration question, both in principle and as to foster export and import business between Canada and the continent. Mr. Debenham says that the C. P. R. by reaching out for business in Europe has advertised Canada very extensively. If local importers fully appreciated this they would patronize a Canadian steamship company in preference to foreign companies. The C. P. R. has now an established service between Antwerp and St. John.

SCHOOLING ENOUGH. SMART. A school board official called at the home of a pupil whose absence had extended over a week, and enquired of the lady's mother the cause. "Why," she said, "he's past his thirteenth year, an' me and his father think he's after having schooling enough." "Schooling enough? Why, I did not finish my education until I was twenty-three."

"He that so," said the mother, "but that lad of ours has got brains."

Teacher (to new pupil): "What is your name, my little man?" New Pupil: "Tommy." Teacher: "What is your full name?" New Pupil: "Tommy Jones." Teacher: "Then Jones is your last name." Tommy: "No, it isn't. When I was born my name was Jones, and they didn't give me the other one for a month afterwards."

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Liquor License Commissioners Say the Enforcement of the Law Would Cause Some Hardship.

Col. Blaine, chairman of the board of liquor license commissioners, and Thos. A. Linton and M. L. Coll, members of the board, have given out a statement in reply to the charges made by John Rhea that many tavern keepers are violating the law by having more than one entrance to their places.



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Archbishop Whately once asked the question: "Why can a man never leave in the great desert?" and answered it himself as follows: "Because he can eat the sand which is there!"

"But what brought the sandwiches there?" "Why, Mack sent Ham, and his descendants mustered and bred."

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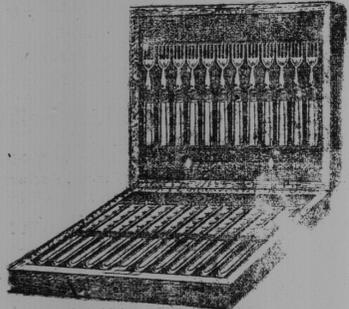
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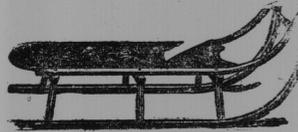
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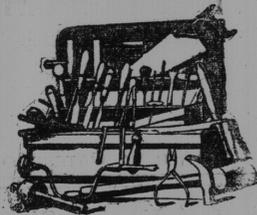
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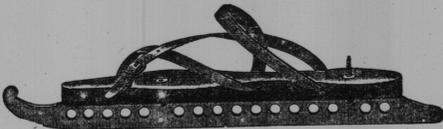


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No. 105 Plain Blade, 2.00
Boys' Long Reach, \$1.25 per pair.

ALMOST ENDED.

Nan Patterson Will Know Her Fate Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—After a day of torment, facing the merciless cross-examination of Prosecutor Rand, Nan Patterson, the former show girl, went to her cell in the Tombs tonight tired but happy. For several hours she sat under the glaring cross fire of the assistant district attorney, who probed the events of her life from the day she met Caesar Young, for the killing of whom she is being tried, until the moment of his tragic death. No detail was too trivial to escape the attention of the state attorney, but with scarcely an exception, the accused actress proved a marvel of self control. Once only did Mr. Rand confuse her greatly. In going over the conversation between her and Young at the Gravesend track, Miss Patterson testified that Young gave as a reason for sailing to Europe the fact that he was afraid Mrs. Young might harm him or the prisoner. Miss Patterson finally admitted that she recalled only an incident which had happened in San Francisco. There were few striking admissions made by the witness, despite the very searching questions asked. Noticeable among these, however, was the story of the money given by the bookmaker to Miss Patterson during their year's acquaintance. At one time the sum was \$2,500; at another \$1,500 and at others, \$1,500 to \$1,800. She did not know the total amount and could not state whether it would total \$50,000, but acknowledged that Young was a very generous man and gave her money whenever she asked. Miss Patterson said that Young was fearful that Mrs. Young would kill him and possibly the actress also, and for that reason wished her to flee to Europe with him. Later she modified this under the battery of the prosecutor. The dramatic climax of today's court scene came with the pantomime acted by Miss Patterson and a district attorney's messenger, showing the death scene in the cab. Seated side by side on the platform, facing the court and the jury, the messenger, under the guidance of the former show girl, grasped her wrists, and they swayed back and forth as the prisoner said she and Caesar Young had done just before the shooting. With the calm reserve of one accustomed to play to thousands, Miss Patterson, without a tremor, went over the scene, and by her interpretation tried to make it clear that Young had taken his own life.

Mr. Levy addressed the jury this morning and Mr. Rand is speaking this afternoon. At five o'clock this afternoon Judge Davis will deliver his charge, and then the fate of the former show girl will rest in the hands of the jury.

BISHOP CASEY

Received in Private Audience by Pope Pius.

ROME, Dec. 20.—The Pope today received in private audience the Rt. Rev. James C. McDonald, Bishop of Charlotte, N. C.; the Rt. Rev. Timothy Casey, Bishop of St. John, N. B., and the Rt. Rev. Paul Laroque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, Que.

In the course of his audience with the pope expressed his satisfaction at the growth of Catholicism in the diocese of Sherbrooke and said he was exceedingly pleased with the strong evidence of the solidarity of the Canadian Catholics as shown by the letter addressed by the Episcopate there to Cardinal Richard of Paris, sympathizing with the condition of the French clergy. His holiness repeatedly said: "I thank the Canadian bishops for their sympathy." Afterwards Bishop Laroque presented Mr. Chalfoux, the vicar general of Chambourg, and Mrs. Charles Faris and son, of St. Louis, the latter of whom presented the pope with a bouquet of parasites, a gift which greatly pleased the pontiff, who laid his hand on the boy's head and gave him a gold medal.

GW CHURCH UNION.

Result of Preliminary Meeting of Committees Was Disappointing.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The committee appointed by the Presbyterian general assembly, Methodist conference and Congregational unions, met here separately today preparatory to a meeting of the joint committee which is to discuss church union.

Dr. Warden presided at the Presbyterian gathering, the feature of which was a speech in opposition by Rev. Dr. Milligan, moderator of the general assembly. Dr. Carman presided at the Methodist gathering, which discussed modern procedure, and Rev. Hugh Hedley was in the chair at the Congregational meeting, which considered the question of centralization and control of property.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The general result of the preliminary meeting of the committees on church union is disappointing.

MRS. CHADWICK IS ILL.

The Poor Woman Was Unable to Tell How She Got The Money.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into the bankruptcy court here today in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Nathan Looser, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does, it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness. Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorneys argued, and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused, she returned to the jail in a carriage.

FR. MCGOLDRICK'S INSURANCE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Judge Gaskill in the session of the superior court without jury yesterday found for the defendant in the case of John Fennell, executor of Rev. Thomas C. McGoldrick, v. the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. The action was to recover \$500, alleged to be due under a disability policy of insurance. The company had paid \$500 to Miss Elizabeth McGoldrick, his sister, who was named as beneficiary. The action involved a construction of the policy, the plaintiff having contended that the payments were due to Fr. McGoldrick in his lifetime, but were collected by him, and that at his death they belonged to his estate. The company contended that the payments to Miss McGoldrick and her execution of a discharge of all its liability under the policy was an exoneration of its liability under the policy.

A MISSING HAM.

At nine o'clock last night R. H. Cotter, who conducts the cash store on Waterloo street, had two hams, and at ten o'clock he had only one. He did not sell the other. Both were hanging outside his door when he left the shop for a few minutes. Mrs. Cotter was in the store but did not see anything happen. However, when Mr. Cotter returned one of the hams was gone. Mr. Cotter is not weeping. The pig from which it came was not a pet, but had only been met in pieces in a purely business manner. But Mr. Cotter feels greatly surprised over one thing. He thought that he was selling ham so cheaply that no one would bother stealing it, and now finds that in this he was mistaken.

ST. JOHN GAVE \$6,000.

Dr. Trotter Has Received Pledges to That Amount For the Second Forward Movement.

Dr. Trotter, president of Acadia University, who has been in the city for over a week in the interests of the second Acadia forward movement, will leave today for his home in Wolfville. Rev. W. C. Archibald, who has been pledged that have been received at all times for the second movement. He was well satisfied with St. John's contribution. Dr. Trotter told the Sun that the pledges received in St. John for the second forward movement would aggregate \$6,000. This includes all the pledges that have been received at all times for the second movement. He was well satisfied with St. John's contribution. Dr. Trotter will spend a couple of weeks with his family in Wolfville, and in the meantime will lay his plans for the prosecution of the campaign after the holidays.

YORK THEATRE

The Slave Girl was presented last night by the Myrtle-Harder Co. to a good audience, and was well received. The scenic effects were good, the acting well done, and the between act numbers contributed to make it an enjoyable evening. Today at the matinee, Dr. Trotter will lay his plans for the second Acadia forward movement. The house will return to vaudeville, eight acts being engaged for the holiday week.

COURT LA TOUR.

At a regular meeting of Court La Tour, L. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. R. J. M. Scoville; V. C. R. M. E. Greas; R. S. J. H. Bond; F. S. F. T. Murphy; treasurer, Dr. J. Manning; orator, W. H. Reid; S. W. J. T. Stephenson; J. W. A. S. Macaulay; S. B. Bro. Greensted; J. B. Bro. Hoyt; court physician, Dr. Price; C. D. H. C. R., H. H. Pickett; trustees, A. E. Macaulay and J. T. Stephenson; finance committee, A. A. Wilson and E. J. Todd. Bro. Andrew Sherwood, D. D. G. M., was present and addressed the meeting in the interests of the order.

DYNAMITE AND POWDER.

At the plaster quarry in Hillsboro, Albert county, on Saturday, thirteen sticks of dynamite were put to thaw into the oven of a stove in a shanty. Five kegs of powder were also in the building and the whole thing went skywards. Not a trace of the stove was discovered, and but few splinters of the shanty. Had it been dinner time, there would have been a heavy loss of life, as the men ate their dinner in the shanty.

HUBERT A. PITT

Tell Dead at His Home in Kingston.

KINGSTON, Kings Co., Dec. 15.—The many friends of Hubert A. Pitt were shocked when they learned of his sudden death on Sunday last. He was as well as any man could be, attending to his stock in the morning and after dinner he and his daughter were preparing to go to church, about four miles away. It being too early to start, he sat down to read and in about five minutes he fell off the chair, expiring immediately. He was twice married. His last wife died three years ago. One daughter and two sons survive him. He was fifty-six years of age and never knew what it was to be sick. His funeral took place on Wednesday last and was largely attended. He was a member of the L. O. L. for upwards of forty years. The officers and members of No. 56, to which he belonged, took charge of the funeral. In politics he was a staunch conservative, always ready to lend a helping hand at committee work.

DR. SMITH WILL NOT RUN.

Says He Would be Ashamed to be in the Tweedle Government.

Dr. J. M. Smith has given out the following letter to the press: To the Electors of the City of St. John: At the request of the signers of a requisition paper presented to me in June last, asking that I offer as a candidate in the by-election, in protest of Premier Tweedle's attitude in coming to the city and personally selecting a candidate to fill the vacant position in the local house, I consented at that time to allow my name to be put in nomination. This action of the premier pointed in the direction of depriving the electors of their just right—the privilege of selecting a man in open convention duly called for that purpose, and not one of the type of the so-called recent liberal convention that was entirely run by Mr. Tweedle and manipulated accordingly. My friends desire that I shall treat this whole injustice with dignified contempt and withdraw from the contest. As a life-long liberal I cannot be a party to be led by a premier that fails so short of the proper standard. Yours respectfully, J. M. SMITH.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20th, 1904. Dr. Smith adds that while he does not just know what his friends are going to do, he cannot see how they will be able to support Mr. Skinner.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powder, 10 cents.

NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTIONS

Will Probably be Brought on Early in January.

The Sun learns that there is a prospect of the local government bringing on the by-election in Northumberland, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. S. Loggie, who is to go up higher, in the early part of January. The gentlemen most prominently mentioned as likely to receive the government nomination are Robert Murray and Hon. John Burhill. Mr. Murray is a barrister residing in Chatham, and his friends say he has done good service for the government party and deserves the nomination. Hon. Mr. Burhill has also a strong following, and would be a strong candidate. There are a number of other gentlemen who, it is understood, would not decline the nomination if it came their way, but there is small chance of them having the opportunity to make a decision on the matter. It is said that the opposition will probably nominate Thos. W. Flett, a well known lumberman of Nelson.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.

"I guess I might as well quit school," said the boy. "Why, my son?" "Well, there ain't any use going, except to be able to help my little boy when I grow up, and if they have changed the way of doing things since you were a boy so that you can't help me, it's likely I'm just wasting my time getting ready to help my little boy." He got the help he wanted, but it was a good thing he didn't hear what his father had to say about newfangled school books after he had gone to bed.

DOG OPENS LIFE SAVING SEASON

GENEVA, Dec. 19.—A Mount St. Bernard monastery dog, Fritz, has opened the life saving season by rescuing an Italian married couple. Returning to Italy on foot, they got hopelessly buried in a snowdrift. The dog's keen ears caught their cries from the monastery when others heard nothing. He rushed off alone and located the sufferers, then returned and led a rescue party to the spot. Fritz saved twenty-two lives last season.

PAINLESS DENTISTRY.

A tourist whilst "doing" California, noticed a log shanty, which displayed the following sign: "Teeth yanked out without a twinge." As he happened to be suffering from toothache, he entered the shanty and asked the "dentist." "Do you extract teeth without giving pain?" "Well, I reckon so, stranger." "All right; pull this one out," pointing to the offending molar. The "dentist" whistled, and in walked his assistant, armed with a club. "Now, pard," quoth the "dentist," "setum him!"

VICTORIA RINK

Grand Opening FOR 1904—SEASON—1905

Thursday, Dec. 22

The Rink's Own Fine Band in attendance.

Season Tickets now on sale at following prices:—

Gentlemen, \$3.50 Ladies, 2.50 Children, 1.50

Single Admission, 15c, 25c. ROBT. J. ARMSTRONG, Mgr.

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Skating Rink.

SEASON 1904 and 1905.

Grand Opening ON

Christmas Day.

Bands will be in attendance Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. Gentlemen's Tickets, \$3.00 Ladies' Tickets, \$2.00 Children's Tickets, \$1.50 F. G. SPENCER, Manager.

WATCHES

There are two kinds of WATCHES for use. The wise man looks for a good movement. Cases don't matter so much. A reliable movement will keep good time in a good case, but a poor movement is of little actual use even if cased in gold set with diamonds. Might as well get empty cases as cases filled with an unreliable movement. We carry in stock the best movements to be had, with cases to suit your fancy. A. POYAS, Watchmaker & Jeweller, 545-547 MAIN ST.

The Grand Determination Sale at the Montreal Clothing Store, 207 Union St., is still on. You can't afford to miss it. Everything as advertised.

Over the Border

By ... ROBERT BARR. Author of "Jennie Baxter, Journalist," Etc.

"My child," said the earl, "I am about to set out for parliament, and it may be late before I return. Yet I think you shall sup with me at 7 if all goes well and debate becomes not too strenuous, but do not wait in case I should be detained. I counsel you not to leave the house today, for there seem to be many brawlers on the streets. Any shopman will be pleased to wait upon you and bring samples of his wares, so send a servant for those you wish to consult. My friend De Courcy, here, begs the favor of some converse with you and speaks with my approval."

Stratford looked keenly at the girl, and her heart thrilled as she read the unspoken message with quick intuition. He had some use for De Courcy, and she must be suave and diplomatic. Thus already she was her father's ally, an outpost in his vast concerns now committed to her. The young man saw nothing of this, for he had eyes only for the girl. The road rim of his feathered hat was at his smiling lips, and his gaze of admiration was as unmistakable as it was intent.

"Sir, I shall obey you in all things and hope to win your commendation," said Frances, with an inclination of the head. "You are sure of the latter in any case, my child," replied Stratford, rising. "And now, De Courcy, I think we understand each other, and I may rely upon you."

"To the death, my lord," cried the young man, with another of his courtly genuflections. "But you will at least bid me hope?" "Surely, surely, all of us may hope," said Stratford, with a slight smile. "Why do you bid me hope? You are the last and only gift left in Pandora's casket, and London were grim indeed to be more bereft than the recipient of that desecrated woman. May I make my first bow on Madam Pandora's box by hoping that I am to see you at this hour tomorrow?"

"Yes—tomorrow—tomorrow," gasped the girl faintly. CHAPTER V. DRIZZLING rain had set in and had driven the crowds from the streets. Frances drew a chair to the window of the library and sat there meditating the strange events in which she was taking some small part, so different from the tranquil happenings of the district she had known all her life. She had imagined London a city of palaces facing broad streets, faucially, if not literally, paved with gold—a town of gayety and laughter; she had seen the reality, a cavernous, squalid, murky, human warren, peopled with ghastly demons bent on outrage of some sort, ill natured and threatening.

As the day waned she saw that in spite of the rain she was collecting again, its atoms running hither and thither, and was anxious for her father if he were at the mercy of it. Mrs. Jarrett came into the room, followed by a manservant, and also by one of her father's secretaries, as the woman whispered to the girl: "My lady, we must close the shutters and bar them tightly, for the ruffians are threatening again, and may be here in force at any moment to stone the windows, as they have done before."

The secretary seated himself at the table and was arranging papers. The manservant opened the windows, from which Frances drew back, and now the curtains came distinctly to her. "Death to Stratford!" "Down with the tyrant!" "To the block with the king's earl!" were some of the shouts she heard lustily called forth. "Oh! I fear my father is in danger. Do you think they have him in their power, that they exult so?"

Good Mrs. Jarrett, anxiety on her own honest face, soothed her young niece, and the secretary came forward. "Be not troubled, madam," he said. "While they cry 'To the block!' it shows they have not possession of his lordship's person, but hope to stir up rancor to his disfavor. While they shout for process of law, his lordship is safe, for the law is in his hands and in those of the king, whose behests he carries out."

This seemed a reasonable deduction, and it calmed the inquirer, although there remained to her disquietude the accent of triumph in the voice of the mob. "Death to Stratford!" was the burden of the acclaim, but now one shouted, "Justice on Stratford!" though his meaning was clearly the same as the others. There was no dissenting outcry, and this unanimous hatred, so vehemently expressed, terrified at least one listener. Why was her father so universally detested? What had he done? Storm he was understood to be just, as his reception of herself had shown, and courteous to all to whom she heard him speak; yet the memory of that phrase, "Strike through!" uttered with such ruthless coldness, haunted her memory, and she heard again the shrieks of those trampled underfoot. It was an indication that what he had to do he did with all his might, reckless of consequence. If any occupied his path, the obstructor had to stand aside or go down, and such a course does not make for popularity.

"(To be Continued.)"

THE DAMAGED SCHOONERS.

D. J. Purdy Says Winter Traffic Is Not Profitable.

Of the vessels damaged in the storm at Vineyard Haven last Sunday, only one was owned in St. John, viz., the schooner Frank and Ira, belonging to N. C. Scott, grocer, of North End. The schooner had a cargo of oak, belonging to Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, to be landed at John. Her bowsprit and headgear were carried away by another vessel running into her. The Frank and Ira will be repaired, but once and will sail for St. John as soon as possible.

Sch. Otis Miller, Capt. Miller, one of the damaged vessels, is owned at Rothesay. The captain is a St. John man. It was reported that D. J. Purdy, grocer, of North End, had had a vessel damaged in the storm. This was a mistake, however. Mr. Purdy's schooner, Edie May, is lying safe in the harbor here. The damaged schooner was the Eva May. Mr. Purdy has three vessels that have been in Vineyard Haven for about two weeks waiting for the right winds. They have been unable to get over the shoals. When he heard of Sunday's storm he was very anxious for a time, supposing some of his vessels were among the damaged. In the storm which occurred there in 1873, some forty or fifty vessels were badly broken up, three of Mr. Purdy's being among the number. One of these he had repaired and loaded with coal, but it was lost on its way home. Mr. Purdy has found it on the whole a very unprofitable business running vessels in winter weather. He has usually lost money on them. When his vessels return he will not send them out again until about the first of April.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Halifax and Esquimaux Will Not be Abandoned—Preston Wants Three Gunboats.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The statement that cruisers for Canada's naval militia are to be built in the dominion is incorrect. Preston has not arranged his plans in this respect. It is his intention to go to England after the session in order to consult the imperial authorities and obtain if possible three gunboats from the Royal Navy. The official statement of the government to take over all the work of the hydraulic survey, at present done at Hong Kong, is part of it. As soon as the necessary boats are obtained the entire work will be done by Canada.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A highly placed official of the admiralty, who asked that his name be suppressed, said that it must be taken into consideration that the reduction of ship commissions from three years to two will not necessitate so many men as is being done by the chief reason for cutting down expenses. The reorganization of fleets makes it possible for repairs to be done at Devonport and Hong Kong, which was formerly done at Halifax and Esquimaux.

Canada does not fear the abandonment of either of these latter ports. The imperial government in leaving even the station in pencil, to be afterwards worked in wash silk. Franz Abt, Dan Godfrey, Emma Juch and other famous men and women in the musical world were the first. Edouard de Reszke, Pol Piancon, Melba, Emma, Story, Sembrich, Sousa and Victor Herbert at different times in the forty years added their signatures. The scroll of Mark Twain is there. O. W. Holmes has his place. Grover Cleveland's name appears next to that of Mrs. Cleveland, Chauncey Depew, J. D. Long, Sir Thomas Lipton, R. W. Emerson, R. D. Ingersoll, Joseph Jefferson, Lady Somerset, "Buffalo Bill," Agnes Booth and scores of others are found, every one in the original handwriting.

Mrs. Hathaway is nearly eighty years old, and is an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home, on Revere street. To a reporter she said: "Yes, I know the end is near, but I do not worry about that. I have had such a beautiful life and so much to be happy about. I haven't much left by my voice, and I don't think it is what it was once, I sing still every day."

"But you have come to ask me about my table cover. Every one has been talking about it in the dining of it, and I have many little stories about how this, that and the other name found its way to the cloth, but I think that the cover itself can tell a story of its own," and she brought it from its hiding place.

The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication.—Washington Star.

ENGINEER OF THE SLOCOM REINSTATED. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Benjamin F. Conklin, who was chief engineer of the excursion steamer General Slocum which was burned last spring and whose license was revoked by the local board of United States Steamboat Inspection Service, was reinstated yesterday with full rights as a marine engineer after he had been given a hearing before Ira W. Harris, the newly appointed supervising inspector of steamboats.

AN AMATEUR POULTRY KEEPER. A young man once made up his mind to go in for poultry keeping, so he bought a hen and ten chicks, and then wrote home to his elder brother to send over and see them as they were a fine fat lot. His brother came at the week end, and he saw a hen and a hen and two ill-looking, starved chickens. "Why, I thought you had a hen and ten fat chickens," said the young man. "Well, so I had," replied his brother. "But what has become of them?" "They died."

"What have you been feeding them on?" "Feeding them on! Nothing, I thought that they needed!"

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It's finely tailored Overcoats we are talking about—all out for convenient inspection, so you'll quickly see it's an opportunity to save beyond all experience—and at the time when you'd expect to pay full price.

Sizes for all sorts of men—stout, tall or regular. Between those facts and these reductions there is no reason why we shouldn't have the busiest four days' sale, commencing this morning, that we have ever experienced. No matter what you pay—your money back if you want it.

- \$22.50 Overcoats for 20.00 Overcoats for 18.00 Overcoats for 15.00 Overcoats for 12.00 Overcoats for 10.00 Overcoats for \$12.00, \$10, 8, 6.

This big news makes Oak Hall the place where you should buy your overcoat. You make a saving of from \$4.00 to \$10.50 according to the coat you buy. There are a lot of us here glad to wait on you.



New Prices on House Coats. Much Below Former Prices. House Coats are mainly a Christmas line of goods, and we want to dispose of the bulk of the stock this week. We therefore make very sharp reductions in prices. You will be sure to find the size you want at any one of the reduced prices. Can't say for how long though. Note the Reduced Prices. House Coats that were \$6.00 to \$6.75, now \$5.50. House Coats that were 7.75, now 6.50. House Coats that were 9.50 to 10.50, now 7.50. House Coats that were 12.00 to 16.75, now 10.00. Other lines of House Coats priced as low as \$3.00.



Greater Oak Hall, Scovill Bros. & Co.

COMPLETES TABLE COVER IN 40 YEARS.

Mrs. Anne Hathaway Has Many Notable Names on the Product. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 3.—An autograph table cover, begun forty years ago by Mrs. Anne Hathaway, has just been completed.

Mrs. Hathaway was then a concert singer of national repute, and a great company of world renowned musicians, which came together in this city in 1864, prompted the idea and made the beginning prodigious.

The cloth selected was a plain, unbleached table cover. Names were given them in pencil, to be afterwards worked in wash silk.

Mrs. Hathaway is nearly eighty years old, and is an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home, on Revere street.

What we are showing this CHRISTMAS ... IN ... Lockets and Chains Links, Brooches, Diamond Rings, \$20 to \$285 OLD TIME PRICES. Boys' Watches, \$1.20, \$1.25, \$2, \$4, \$5 and \$3.

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IN SCHOOL.

The other day a teacher was trying to demonstrate to his class the utter impossibility of adding things together which are different in form.

"For instance," said he, "you cannot add three stools to one desk and expect the result in one number."

The class seemed to be duly impressed by this reasoning, so he proceeded to test their grasp of the subject, thus: "Now, Smith, if there were two pigs in a sty and I got in, how many pigs would there be then?"

"Three," was the prompt reply of Smith.

Another Young Hopeful. Young Hopeful: "Say, pa, there was once two little boys who said they were both sons of the same father and mother, but they were not brothers. What were they?"

Pa (after thinking a bit): "I am afraid I must give it up, my boy. I haven't much time now."

Young Hopeful: "Give me a penny then."

Pa (giving him a penny): "Well, what were they?"

Young Hopeful: "They were two little boys."

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Best Sale of Dolls, Toys and Xmas Novelties, at Arnold's.

Dressed Dolls—10c. to \$2.00 each. Jointed Dolls 5c. to \$1.50 each. Kid Dolls 15c. to \$2.00 each. Imitation Kid Dolls—10c. each.

Trains—10c. to \$2.50 each. Loop the Loop—15c. to \$1.50 each. Iron Toys—10c. to \$1.50 each. Games—5c. to \$1.00 each. Calendars—5c. to \$1.00 each. Juvenile Books—1c. to 75c. each. Gift Books "Fairy," etc.—15c. to \$1.00 each.

Vases—5c. to \$2.00 each. Fancy Cups and Saucers 5c. to \$1.00 each. China Figures 5c. to \$1.50 each. Children's Tea Sets 5c. to \$2.25 set.

Novelties in endless variety. Our goods and prices must be seen to be appreciated. Special prices in Cut Glass for Christmas. Store will be open every evening until Christmas.

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All changes of Ads Must be in Star Office, Not Later than 10 o'clock in the Morning, to insure insertion Same Evening.

Ladies' 50c. and 75c. fancy stock collars for 25c.—7:30 o'clock tonight at Morrill & Sutherland's.

Band on Carleton open air rink tonight.

Both the Boston express and Atlantic express were half an hour late today.

Battle line steamer Himer, Captain Lockhart, arrived at Fern Cruz Dec. 20, for New Orleans and Copenhagen.

Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of China arrived at Hong-Kong Dec. 20th.

Good heavy soft wood, \$1.20. Broad Cove coal, \$3.00 per load. Watter's Walker's Wharf. 'Phons 12.

Dufferin ward opposition committee is requested to meet each evening at Breese's Corner, instead of Temple of Honor hall, as previously announced.

The C. P. R. authorities are expecting instructions at any moment as to what shall be done with Daniel Kern, the insane German now in jail. The Red Star S. S. Company, who brought him to this country, have agreed to look after him, but have as yet not said in what way.

The ladies of the St. John North End W. C. T. U. wish to remind the friends who have generously helped them in past years that a committee of the ladies will be in their room in Union Hall on Friday afternoon at 2:30 to receive donations for their work among the needy.

The Mission Band of Waterloo street Free Baptist church are busy preparing a Christmas cantata, entitled "The Story of the Star," to be given on Thursday evening, Dec. 23th. The features of the programme are very interesting.

The new schooner Pencil Colwell, Capt. Colwell, sailed this morning from this port to New York. The schooner was built at Bath and this is her maiden voyage. She took away with her a much larger cargo than her captain thought she could carry, so the captain and other owners are happy.

Early in the fall a new division of the Sons of Temperance was established at Harcourt, Kent Co., by Rev. C. W. Hamilton. The grand scribe of the order reported that this division has been received for another new division to be opened at Grangeville, near Harcourt, the institution of which division will probably take place about the beginning of the new year.

Among the passengers to St. John by the steamer Sicilian, who left last night for Winnipeg, were seven daughters of the Holy Cross of St. Ann's, who are on religious order. They left Paris for Canada owing to the hostile attitude of the French government. The Holy Cross rendered what assistance he could to them at the station last night and saw them safely started on their way.

SEWING THE TARES.

During a Bible lesson the teacher was trying to explain the parable of the tares. "Can you tell me any person who is like the evil one who sowed the tares?" she asked. A hand instantly shot up from the foot of the class. "Well, David," she asked, "what person are you to say?" "Please, ma'am," replied David, "my mother." "Why?" asked the teacher, in astonishment. "Because," answered he, "eying his patched trousers. She sews tears."

WINTER PORT NEWS.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan sailed between one and two o'clock for London. She has 450 head of cattle and 1,150 sheep. Her passenger list is made up of thirty in the steerage.

The Manchester liner, Manchester Corporation, Capt. Heath, arrived at Partridge Island about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Manchester with about 100 tons of general cargo. The steamer docked at the I. C. R. pier last night to discharge. The Corporation left Manchester Dec. 4th, and Liverpool on the 7th, and had a rough passage, but without damage.

The C. P. R. steamer Montfort is reported as having been sighted at the Island. She will probably dock tomorrow. She comes from Bristol.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Star: Sir,—I would suggest to the managers of Mr. Skinner's campaign that they bring Premier Tweedle to St. John to repeat the insult which he offered to James F. Robertson and other prominent citizens on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York. The attempt to make the Liberals in this constituency father the sins of the Tweedle-Pusley aggregation of opportunists has already proved such a dismal failure that something else is required to bolster up the last cause. This is my excuse for making the suggestion.

OLD LIBERAL.

THIS EVENING.

Myrtle-Harder Stock Co. at York Theatre.

Meeting of Temperance workers in Market Building at 8:30 o'clock.

Meeting of Court Martello I. O. F. in Foresters' Hall.

Meeting of Ramblers' hockey team at Queen's rink.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

H. D. McLeod, sec.-treas. St. John branch V. O. N., begs to acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions: J. R. Stone ..... \$ 5.00 C. F. Kinsman ..... 10.00 Mrs. C. F. Woodman ..... 10.00 John Holder ..... 2.00

DR. FRASER REVIVITS.

Dev. Dr. Fraser, the former pastor of St. Stephen's church, arrived in the city this morning to spend Christmas as the guest of Colonel Edwards. He will preach in St. Stephen's on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS BRIDES.

BELEYA-KEITHLIN.

On Dec. 20th, at 8:30 p. m., a pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of George Keithlin, 19 Delhi street, when his daughter, Alice M., was united in marriage to Lorne F. Beleya, shipper for W. F. Hatheway & Co., Ltd. The bride was becomingly attired in white wool tulle and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Little Miss Hazel Keithlin acted as flower girl and carried a basket of chrysanthemums.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Hamilton.

The presents were numerous and beautiful, including a handsome oak Morris chair from the employees of W. F. Hatheway & Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Beleya will reside at 19 Delhi street.

LOGAN-JONES.

This evening at the home of the bride the marriage is to take place of Miss Daisy Jones, daughter of F. H. Logan, Waterloo street. Owing to the illness of the bride's mother the event will be quiet and there will be present only the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting couple. Rev. A. D. Devaney will officiate.

The bride will be attired in a dress of grey tulle over blue silk, trimmed with chiffon lace. She will be unattended.

The newly married couple will reside on Bridge street. The presents received testify to the esteem in which the couple are held.

Mrs. C. H. Henderson, of Boston, sister of the bride, is at present in the city to attend the ceremony.

WHOS TO PAY?

Why Should the City Place Free Fire Alarm in Union Club?

A few days ago the superintendent of the fire alarm installed an alarm bell in the Union Club and now trouble is likely to arise as to whether the city club should bear the expense of installation.

Before the introduction of the present alarm system the Union Club was furnished with a bell at the expense of the accommodation of Chief Kerr, who was then a member of the club. Chief Kerr has since been a member of the club for some time, and the club has accordingly been without a bell, as it is deemed unnecessary. Recently, however, the director of public safety ordered the installation of another bell and his orders were carried out. A long chain of wires made entirely at the expense was incurred in placing the bell in the circuit. The question now arises who shall bear this expense.

It is said beyond the convenience of the members there was no pressing need for a bell at the club, as none of the members is connected with the department.

AN EVENT OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Scovil Bros. & Co., proprietors of "Oak Hall," have this morning started a sale of men's overcoats, which should be of very great interest to the man who needs an overcoat either for the balance of this season or next year's use.

This sale should command the attention of the public for several reasons, chief of which are: The time of year that the sale is being held—the winter time all to come yet—and on account of the extraordinary values Scovil Bros. & Co. are offering. All new and up-to-date overcoats at give away prices an example of which is to be found in an overcoat which formerly sold at \$25.00 and now priced \$12.00.

But mere prices will never give you an adequate idea of the bargains to be had in overcoats. To fully appreciate what this sale means in the way of savings it will be necessary for you to call and inspect the goods offered. It will not take up much of your time, for the goods are placed in plain view and a mere casual observation will at once impress you with the importance of the sale as a money saver for the man who wants an overcoat.

Messrs. Scovil Bros. & Co. have held a great many successful clothing sales during their business career, but we venture to say that in none of them have they offered such values as announced by them for the present sale and business should be of a very large volume as the result of same.

Consult advertising columns for particulars as to the time and place to know what this extraordinary clothing house is doing.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

An opposition meeting will be held in Temple Hall, Main street, tomorrow, Thursday evening. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock sharp. The meeting will be addressed by Robert Maxwell, the candidate. L. E. D. Tully, Henry O. McInerney and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P. All are cordially invited to attend.

On Friday evening a grand rally will be held at the committee rooms, Breese's corner. Addresses will be delivered by Alderman Maxwell and others.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. Agar, the opposition candidate, will be held in Orange Hall, Fairview, on Friday night at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be Mr. Agar, F. W. Sproul and others.

EQUITY COURT.

The trial of the case of Patterson vs. Patterson, was commenced in the equity court this morning and is going on this afternoon. This is a suit for the partition of timber and other lands in the Parish of St. Martins. There are about seventy-five parties to the suit. The evidence of Dr. Ruddock, M. P. F., of St. Martins, was taken this morning. Tully & Smith represent the plaintiffs, and Earle, Bolyea & Campbell, A. I. Crouse, L. E. C. Knowles, L. R. Curvey, C. N. Skinner and S. A. M. Skinner represent the defendants.

CHRISTMAS TICKETS.

Daily the number of persons who will receive season tickets for the Queen's rink as a Christmas box is increasing, and a very great many more will be added to the list before Monday. It is expected to open the Queen's rink for the season on Monday with the Artillery band in attendance afternoon and evening. Those who attend school outside the city should remember the holiday tickets for the length of time they remain in town.

PERSONALS.

Dr. A. A. Stockton left last evening for New York.

Capt. Taylor, of the str. Victoria, returned last night from Fredericton.

Mrs. W. A. Spear, formerly Miss Emma D. Saunders, and lately of the Welton House, Shediac, is visiting her mother in this city.

Miss Vera Robinson, of St. John, N. B., is spending the week in Montreal, the guest of Mrs. A. E. Ellis, Sherbrooke street—Montreal Witness.

Dr. A. A. Stockton left last evening for Boston.

A. H. Lindsay, of the I. C. R., returned to the city last evening, from Moncton. Mr. Lindsay spent some months at St. Louis, as I. C. R. representative at the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bullock and J. P. Bullock have returned from Fort Fairfield, Me.

Will Bruce, teller of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Chicago, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home in Moncton to spend Christmas.

Percy F. Boies, a former St. John man, who has been visiting friends here, returned yesterday to Fitzburg, Mass., where he has a position on Sunnyside Farm, the fine property of a millionaire resident.

A. J. Baxter, formerly of St. John, now secretary of the Tourist Association in Vancouver is ill.

Miss Zena Christie left this morning to spend Christmas at her home in River Hebert, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ganson, of the West Side, left yesterday for Denver, Col., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. A. Seaman Matfield left today for St. John, N. B., to spend Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Christie, River Hebert, N. S.

A SECOND JENNY LIND.

Miss Showalter, daughter of W. D. Showalter, the New York advertising specialist, who is well known in this city and throughout the province, is making a big success as a vocalist. Miss Showalter sang here some few years ago and her phenomenal voice attracted marked attention. She was then little more than a child, but today she is looked upon as one of the coming singers of the country. For three years she has been under the best teachers preparing for the work and career of a great prima donna soprano in grand opera. Such critics as David Bispham and Walter Damrosch predict she will be a second Jenny Lind, and Mr. Bispham has even gone so far as to say she will be greater than Melba; her range is greater now. Miss Showalter will go to Paris next spring or fall and will finish her studies with Jean De Retzke.

FREE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

On Christmas morning Victoria Rink will be the scene of one of the happiest throngs of children ever gathered in this city. Following his usual custom the manager will throw open the big rink for the free amusement of the boys and girls of the town, and all are invited to attend. It is the manager's Christmas card to the children. In the afternoon and evening there will grand concerts by the Vic's Own Band. The opening of the rink takes place on the 22nd. In the meanwhile what about a season ticket as a Christmas box?

WATCHES AND CHAINS FOR SALE.

for just one half less than you can buy for on the installment plan.

Call and See Them

J. W. McDUFFEE 6 CANTERBURY ST.

Silk Waists.

A Very Important Sale For Christmas Week.

200 Ladies' Silk Waists, comprising taffetas, peau de soles, japs and tamaline silks in a complete range of color tones, also in black and white; made in thoroughly up-to-date styles.

\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.95.

SIZES, Colors, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42. White, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42. Black, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42.

DIVIDED INTO THREE LOTS:

Lot 1 Will include Waists whose value are \$3.50 and \$4.50. To be sold for \$1.98

Lot 2 Will comprise Waists which are worth \$5.00. Will be sold for \$2.98

Lot 3 Will include the balance, white, light blue, navy and black, handsome Taffeta Silk Waists, regular values, \$5.50 and \$6.50. Sale prices, \$3.95



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Kodaks Cameras For Christmas Presents.

Kodaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00.

Brownie Cameras, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

We have a full assortment.

Catalogues on application.

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Fine to Look at, Sure to Please, Well to Wear, Easy to Buy.

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Perfectly Cleaned Currants, 5c. per pound.

3 Crown California Raisins, 8c. per pound.

Pulverized Sugar 7c. per pound.

Good Cooking Butter, 15c. per pound.

3 lbs. Good Figs for 25c.

3 Quarts Cranberries for 25c.

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OUR CHRISTMAS STORY IN THUMBNAILED EDITION.

FOR WOMEN.

Bissel Sweepers, \$2.50 up.

Fancy Cushions, \$1.25 up.

Lawn Aprons, 35c. up.

Holiday Whitewear, all prices.

Berlin Fascinators, \$1.35.

Old Ladies' Caps, 75c. up.

Widows' Caps, 75c. up.

Silk Waists, \$3.75 up.

Muffs in all furs.

Ties in all furs.

Beautiful Fur Jackets.

Umbrellas, \$1.10 up.

Ostrich Ruffs, \$7.00 up.

Evening Wraps, \$15 up.

Dressing Jackets, \$2.50 up.

Gowns and Bath Robes, \$4 up.

Berlin Shawls, 80c. up.

Silk Underskirts, \$5.75 up.

Jap. Silk Dress Skirts.

Ready-Made Shirt Waists.

Honors and Jacket Lengths.

Suit Lengths Cloth, \$2.50 up.

Waist Lengths, \$1.50 up.

Perfumery and Brushes.

Leather and Silver Goods.

Fancy Neckwear of all kinds.

Hand Bags, Belts, etc.

Handkerchiefs, all kinds.

Silk Mufflers, French Gloves.

Raincoats, Waterproofs.

FOR MEN.

Bachelor Quilts and Puffs.

Screens and Bamboo Goods.

Blankets, \$2.50 pair up.

Fur Coats of all kinds.

Fur Collars, Caps and Gloves.

Immensely Stock of Neckties.

Canes and Umbrellas.

Fancy Braces in Boxes.

Mufflers made and square.

Linen Handkerchiefs.

Silk Handkerchiefs.

Border and Initial Handkerchiefs.

Gloves, all qualities.

Pyjamas and Nightshirts.

Regatta and Dress Shirts.

Bags, Cases and Trunks.

Fitted Cases and Bags.

Rugs, lap and travelling.

Shaving and Smoking Sets.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

Leather Novelties.

Cuff Links, all patterns.

Gum Metal Novelties.

Opera and Field Glasses.