

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 1907.

MR. FOSTER'S SPEECH.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster is perhaps the best speaker and debater the Tories have in the House of Commons, and it was to be expected that he would make an interesting address when he came before the Conservative meeting in the club rooms last Saturday night.

Dr. Roberts advises a general vaccination of all children of school age during the Christmas holidays, and intimates that if such is not done it will be necessary to go through the schools after they reopen, as was done a few years ago.

Montreal Gazette: Winnipeg newspapers are congratulating themselves on the result of the recent municipal elections, which they describe as a victory for safe, sane, sound and progressive administration.

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Ontario Bank.

Financial Notes.

Timber Deal.

Is the Union Trust Co. After Mr. Fowler, M. P.?

LABOR PARTY.

Wants More Members Before Electing its Officers.

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Boys' Pointer Sleighs 30c

50c Kid Body Dolls 39c

\$1.50 Dressed Dolls 99c

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NEW COMPANIES.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18th, 1907 SHEA'S

Starting on Wednesday Evening this Store will keep open till 10 p. m. until Xmas Eve.

A Rousing Sale of Ladies' Mantles

A big purchase of nearly 200 Ladies' Coats in the very latest New York styles, the clearing up of a large manufacturer before stock-taking. The whole lot arrived to-day and will be on sale to-morrow at most extraordinary bargains—in fact, the prices do not represent the value of the cloth used in their make-up.

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Madame Sa-Hera, the great mystic worker, is the headliner at Bennett's Theatre this week, and at the opening performance at that theatre yesterday she gave a wonderful exhibition of "thought reading and materializing of unusual manifestations."

She consented to act provided Mr. Daniel Frohman will allow Mr. Kyle Bellow to take the opposite part of the leading role to that in which Mrs. Gould is to appear, and this has been arranged.

Between the Acts. The Christmas attraction at the Grand will be "Mrs. Temple's Telegram." The farce is well known here and it is being exploited by Walter N. Lawrence, who has provided an excellent cast. It should prove a very desirable attraction for the holiday.

Repertoire at Grand. The Partello Stock Co., one of the best popular price repertoire companies on the road, opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night under auspicious circumstances.

At the Savoy Theatre. Two big audiences were present at the opening performance at the Savoy Theatre yesterday, and the new bill was well received. The week's bill is above the average, the programme being made up of all good acts.

Next in point of interest on the bill was the sketch, "Jungles Babes," given by Green and Werner. The act made just as big a hit yesterday as it did when first seen here last season.

pose in a large city like this," said the lecturer. "Perhaps the men would think they were being placed at a disadvantage, especially through the last named purpose, but it undoubtedly would result in a reformation among men. To be sure they should be such noble characters as to invite investigation—but I don't think all of them would do so."

"The round faced man makes the ideal husband," he continued. "Under ordinary circumstances such men never separate or become divorced. They love with vigor and purpose, are even tempered and forgiving."

Don't hang around the kitchen and criticize her household arrangements. Don't indulge in amusements and pleasures alone. Take your wife to the club and theatre when you go.

Never joke about husband's love. Make home your paradise and stay in it. Among other things, Dr. Von Bernauer said the ideal age of man for marriage is 25 years, and woman's ideal age of fascination ranges from 26 to 40 years.

THE SANITARIUM. Big Storm Made a Lot of Work for All. The severe snowstorm, which began early on Saturday morning, and lasted throughout the day, was the worst the Sanitarium has yet experienced.

PO'ULAR MANAGER. Jos. Board Honored by Employees—The Foreman, Too. After the six o'clock whistle had blown at the Parisian Laundry last evening there was a gathering of employees that looked decidedly ominous to Manager Board.

Affinity Union. DR. VON BERNAUER'S SUGGESTIONS FOR HAPPY MARRIAGES. Gives Points on Husbands—Says Rugged Men Are Docile and Seldom Seek Divorces.

Thanks for the following donations: Mrs. R. Hobson, magazines; Mrs. O. S. Clarke, 3 jars fruit; Mr. Geo. H. Armstrong, cards and views; Geo. W. Robinson, order for \$2.00; Mrs. McKinnon, half dozen bed socks; Mrs. E. Martin, 100 Mr. Alex. outfit, magazines; Mrs. R. A. Lewis, half dozen bed socks; Mrs. J. M. Gibson, fern; Mrs. T. W. Watkins, palm.

M'ILWRAITH ACQUITTED. Jury Took Few Minutes to Find Him Not Guilty.

Abe Davis Found Guilty in Purse Snatching Case. His Pal is Already Serving Three-Year Term.

The jury was not long in coming to a decision of "Guilty" in the case of Abraham Davis, charged with complicity in the purse snatching case of Mrs. Burgoyne, of Toronto.

When Davis went into the witness box he flatly contradicted the stories of the witnesses for the Crown, and tried to prove that he had no hand in the purse snatching. He swore that he ran only about 50 yards down the street; that the reason for doing so was that he was sick. He did not know Anderson, and only happened to meet him that day.

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The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

DECEMBER, close to mid-night in a German forest, fifteen hundred years ago.

At that time, even as now, the steep sides of the Harz Mountains were carpeted with immense stretches of woods. Here wild animals made their home and men hardly less fierce had their habitations.

Though the sky which spread above the spot could scarce be seen through the thick branches of the oaks, its broad bosom shone bright with stars much as on another night in Judea centuries before.

Signs of life in plenty where the forest was densest. Under interlacing boughs that arched like unto a temple vault over a rounded space covered with velvety turf were a group of white-clad, long-bearded men. Near at hand a giant oak-tree, and by it a large, square stone set low in the ground. On this rude altar blazed a fire. The garb and bearing of the men beside it made plain they were ministers of some mystic cult.

Circled about the ring of which the altar was the centre was gathered an assemblage of men, women and children so large that its numbers were lost in the shadowy background of the woods. The former were mostly tall and wild-featured. Some were clad in rudely woven cloth and others in hides of beasts. Many bore spears, others axes of odd shape, and still more massive clubs whose size, when swung with vigor, boded little good to an enemy. All stood with eyes intent on those by the altar at the foot of the giant oak.

This forest clearing was an open-air temple dedicated to the pagan god Thor, the Hammerer, whose hammer, Mjolner, never fails of its blow. And the oak by whose vast bole the stone-altar is laid is Geismar, revered by Thor's votaries above all its forest kindred as the holiest sanctuary of his rites.

Tonight's is the year's most solemn sacrifice—that of human blood. It is the great festival. For now the winter's sun turns toward the North, symbolical of heat and fire as the vivifying principle of earthly life.

Names given in baptism are frequently prophecies of a child's future. In God's own good time a lad had been born in England on whom was bestowed the name of Winfred. In the simple Saxon tongue then spoken this meant "Peace-winner" or "Peace-maker." He grew up, entered the church and became earnest in the saving of souls. He longed to help in the conversion of the benighted peoples of the Continent. His wish was granted. He spent his days preaching the truths of the Cross, and won martyrdom as Boniface, the patron saint of Germany.

In many ways he worked to open the ears, the eyes and the hearts of the incredulous. Victory attended him. Each passing hour saw belief in the old superstitions lessening. He had driven it from place to place, and even here to Geismar—the Thunder Oak—whose sacred trunk Thor chose as his abiding place.

It was near midnight, and all was ready for the crowning ceremony of the festival. A child was to be offered as a propitiation to the heathen divinity. Struck into senselessness by the hammer—Thor's symbol—in the high-priest's hands, the altar's flame would do the rest.

Into the space before the altar was brought the intended victim. His robe of sacrifice showed less white than his boyish face. Fear had paralyzed the tongue and no sound came from his pallid lips. Nor was there murmur of pity in the surrounding throng, naught but eager interest. They bind the youth's eyes with a fillet and place him, with bound arms and bent head, helplessly before the stone.

A moment more and all had been over. The priest of Thor and his associates prepare for the final act. Suspense has the assemblage spellbound. Suddenly from the encircling crowd starts St. Boniface. Whence he came or who he was none knew. The sight of the venerable stranger at such a time cast more than awe over the multitude. Would mortal man dare such profanation?

With stately stride he moves toward the altar. There, with never a word, he snatches the fateful hammer from the poised hand of the astounded priest. Terror seizes each mind as he lifts up the expectant victim and clasps him close with his encircling arm.

A silence as of the grave. Then, with giant strength, one-handed he whirls the hammer above his head and smites the blazing flames. Far and wide fly the star-like sparks and begin to lap with their fiery tongues the sacred oak—the tree of Thor the Hammerer.

Rapidly the flames spread from branch to branch. Now, aroused from their stupor by what they deem the worst of sacrilege, priests and people try to press closer to the daring stranger. In vain. A wall of fire from the burning tree holds them back, while the Saint and child stand upon the altar unscathed as those in the fiery furnace of old.

Nor is it long ere with fearsome crash the Thunder Oak falls a smoking, smouldering mass of embers to the ground.

They cry it is the work of some great God, and drop upon their faces. Hereupon speaks the apostle. He tells them the story of Christ: how He wills no sacrifice of blood, but only of selfishness and sin.

"On this," the words of the legend run, "his eyes caught sight of a fair young fir-tree standing near and lifting up its green crown to Heaven. 'In place of the oak of Thor,' he said, 'behold a living tree with no stain of blood upon it. Be it a sign to you of the new worship. See how it points to the sky! Henceforth for you it shall be the Tree of the Christ-Child. Carry it to the children's hall, for this is the birth-night of the Lord. You shall come no more to forest shades to keep this festival with unholy rites. Instead, hold it in your homes and hearts with kindness and charity, with joy and song and laughter.'"

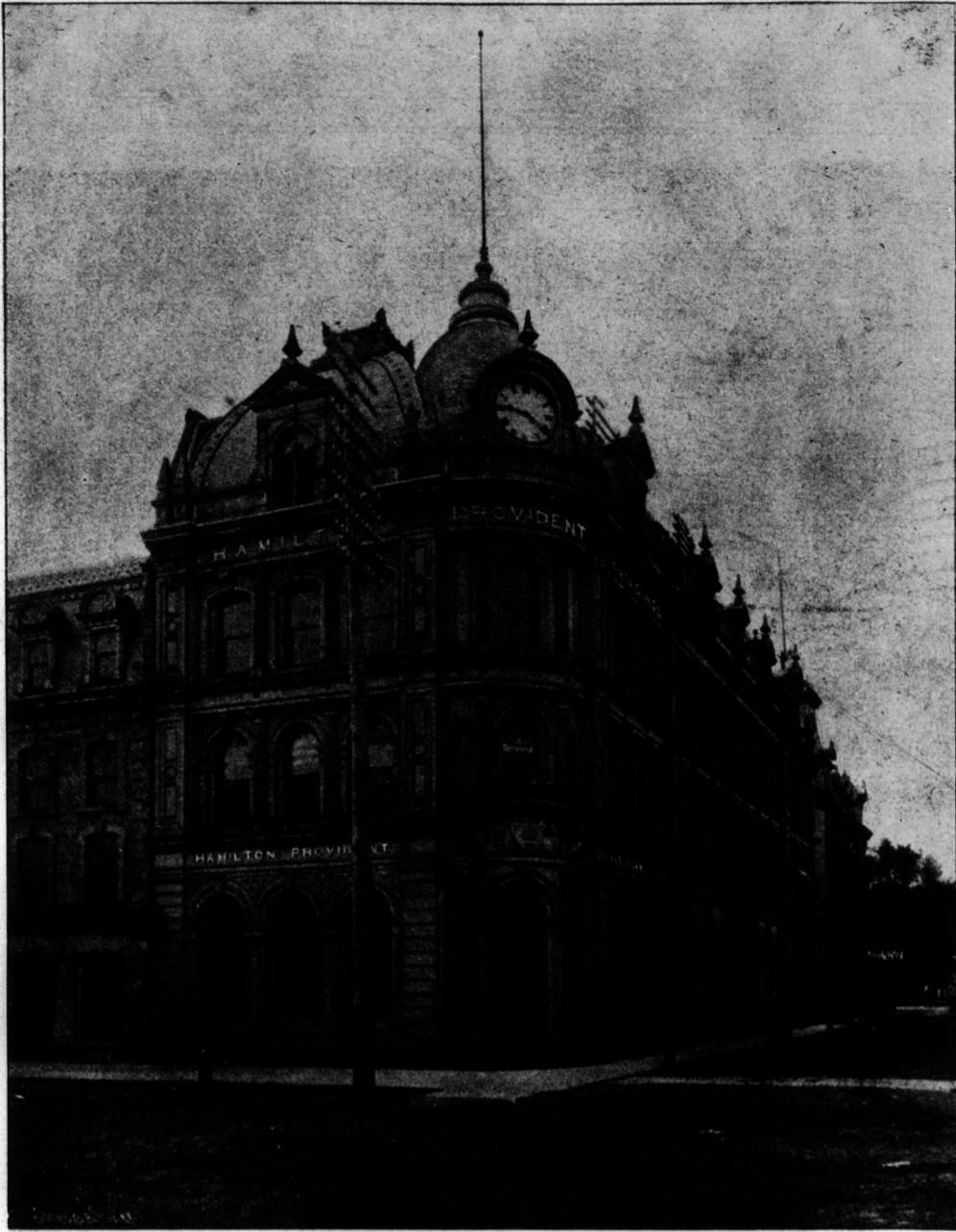
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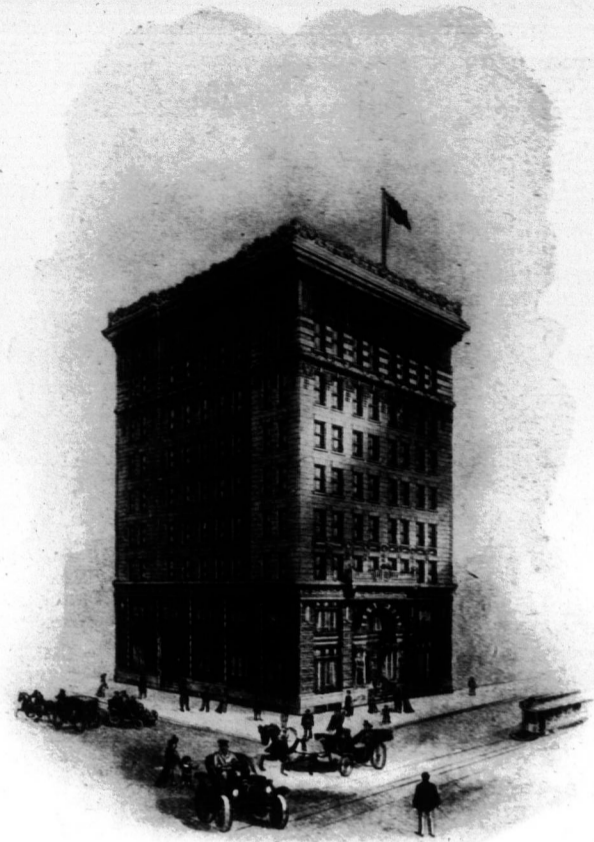
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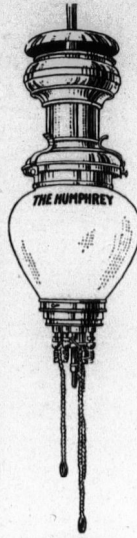
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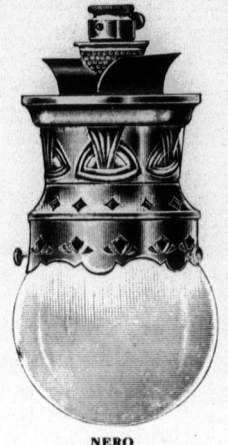
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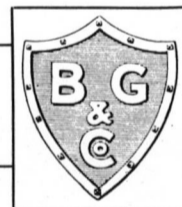
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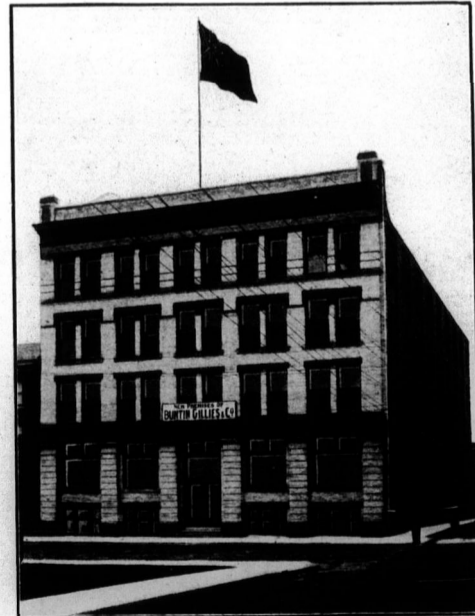
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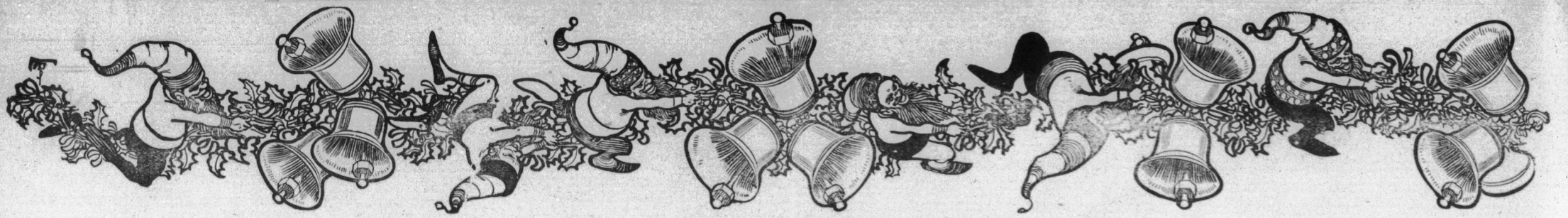
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The Man of Men

By Leigh Mitchell Hodges

Long years ago in Nazareth
There lived a little child
And he was fair and full of play
And he was sweet and mild

His father was a carpenter
His mother spun and sang
And thro' the little home his laughter
All day like joy-bells rang

Sometimes he'd go to gather flowers,
And sometimes he would run
To chase the butterflies that danced
And dangled in the sun.

And sometimes he would fall and cry
And then his mother came
To kiss away the big round tears
And call him a love-name.

She thought she saw a bit of heav'n
When he looked up and smiled,
The heav'n that every mother sees,
Who soothes her little child.

And as he grew he learned to use
The tools his father had
He was a mighty carpenter
For such a slender lad!

For he could saw a cedar beam
And smooth and join it, too.
And he could fashion olive-wood,
And all his work was true.

And when the working day was done
He sought his mother's knee,
And prayed to that same father good,
Who cares for you and me.

Sometimes he would lose the things he found
We lose the things we find
The shavings from the cedar beam
Before he smoothed a world.

And made its rough spots easy trod
And joined its severed parts,
When he had left his father's bench
To work with human hearts!

It is not well we lose him thus,
Or change his place for other
Than that of what he came to be:
Our working, loving brother.

It is not well to praise him King
With songs of Christmas joy,
If we let glory screen the days
When he was just a boy.

For thus he came to lift and save,
Not girt with great command
Of regal power and princely sway,
But just to take the hand

Of every struggling, seeking soul
That tries to find a way
Through sorrow's toil-encompassed marsh
To joy's exultant day.

So let each soul that this day sings
Recall again, again,
That better far than King of Kings,
He is the MAN of MEN!

