

that 999 out of every 1000 of his readers will skip over the paragraph, for the great public is too busy to worry about the "grip" or the "bean supper" of any but its immediate friends. There are men and women in every community who are wholly "uninteresting" and unknown whose names appear, at their own instigation, in the "personal columns," as often as they would if they were justices of the peace or members of parliament. If the public notices them at all it is to laugh at the vanity that lies behind them. No man or woman who is "in the public eye" ever need ask for personal notices in the newspaper, and in some of the larger cities it is not of any use for others to ask, unless they are prepared to pay anywhere from a dollar to a guinea a line etc. for their publication. "The gay will laugh when thou art gone," on a tour to Boston New York and the principal American cities, "the solemn brood of care plod on," when though art treating thy friends to baked beans and corn bread, or entertaining them with a game of whist, "and each one as before will chase his favorite phantom," when thou art "sick with the grip." When we consider, how small the world is compared with the universe, how small a man is compared with a whale, we are paralyzed by the magnitude of human vanity as it manifests itself in the "personal paragraphs."

Last Wednesday's papers contain a list of the recently appointed standing committees of the Board of Trade. If this had displaced the alleged "sporting column" the public would have been pleased, but as it did not it cries with Arteuras Ward, "This is too much."

was brought here a few days ago from joyable evening singing. Young's Cove, Queens county, near which place the animal was captured.

Joseph Reeves who died in the public hospital, Dec. 30, was buried January 5. A search for his relatives was unsuccessful.

The guests of a King Square hotel the

to Currie's Business University, St. John. We will miss them from the Cove. W. W. Wright also left this morning for McGill Medical College.

Miss Mary Orchard takes charge of the school here, this morning, and S. B. Orchard has the Point school for another term. G. B. Knight goes to Newcastle again for another term.

Ernest Orchard is supplying the place with washing machines and wringers and they are the best that has been on the market yet, and should be in every house. We are sorry to hear that Miss Gertie McLaughlin is so poorly, but hope to hear that she is improving.

The travelling is fine now and people are taking advantage of it to haul wood,

Could Not Stoop.

Master Vernon Peck, of Fosterville, N. B., has a good word to say of Cook's Penetrating Plasters. From infancy he had been troubled with a lame back and could not stoop without excruciating pain. He got a plaster from David Cropley & Son, of Fosterville, and the one plaster made a radical cure. Price 25 cents, by all dealers.

Cambridge.

Jan. 6.-Mr. Fred Flower who has been here visiting his father has again returned to his home in East Walpole Mass.

A very pleasant evening was spent Thursday at the residence of Win. H. Briggs, a number of young people having gathered to celebrate the birthday of Miss Maggie M. Briggs.

On Tuesday evening last the young people of McDonald's Cor. and Central A moose head with a spread of antlers Cambridge gathered at the residence of of sixty inches and weighing 350 pounds John Belyea Esq. and spent a very en-

Allie Green who has been visiting friends at Upper Jemseg returned home Wednesday morning.

We are very happy to hear that our Miles of Kings Clear spent Xmas with popular school teacher John L. McDon- relatives here.

package some time ago in order to satisfy my curiosity, and they gave just such results as I expected-spoiled my material. When I use dyes I want pure dyestuffs, quite free from grease. Let me suggest the use of the Diamond Dyes; they are safe and sure, and your colors will be just right. Send to the drug store for them and I will assist you in your work." The Diamond Dyes were procured, and part of an afternoon was spent by aunt and neice in making the old things look like new creations. All were delighted with the magnificent results, and Lillian was particularly proud of the achieve ments of her friends the Diamond Dyes.

Laura," has returned home again. Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the

At the tea table that evening the aunt said: Lillian, your experience in dyeing certainly saved us from trouble, loss and

Chicago.

A MERRY

CHRISTMAS

Maugerville.

disappointment."

Dec. 31.-The ice in the river is quite fair for travelling and teams are crossing in all directions.

Christmas passed off quietly as usual being very sad on account of the funeral of John T. Miles which took place from his residence at ten o'clock Christmas morning.

Deceased was sixty-four years old and leaves a widow four sons and two daught-

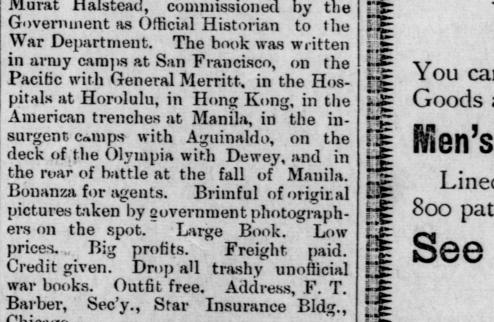
Mr. Miles was held in very high esteem the procession being one of the largest ever seen in Maugerville. The remains were conveyed to the Baptist church where a very eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. O. P. Brown, and thence to the cemetery at Burton.

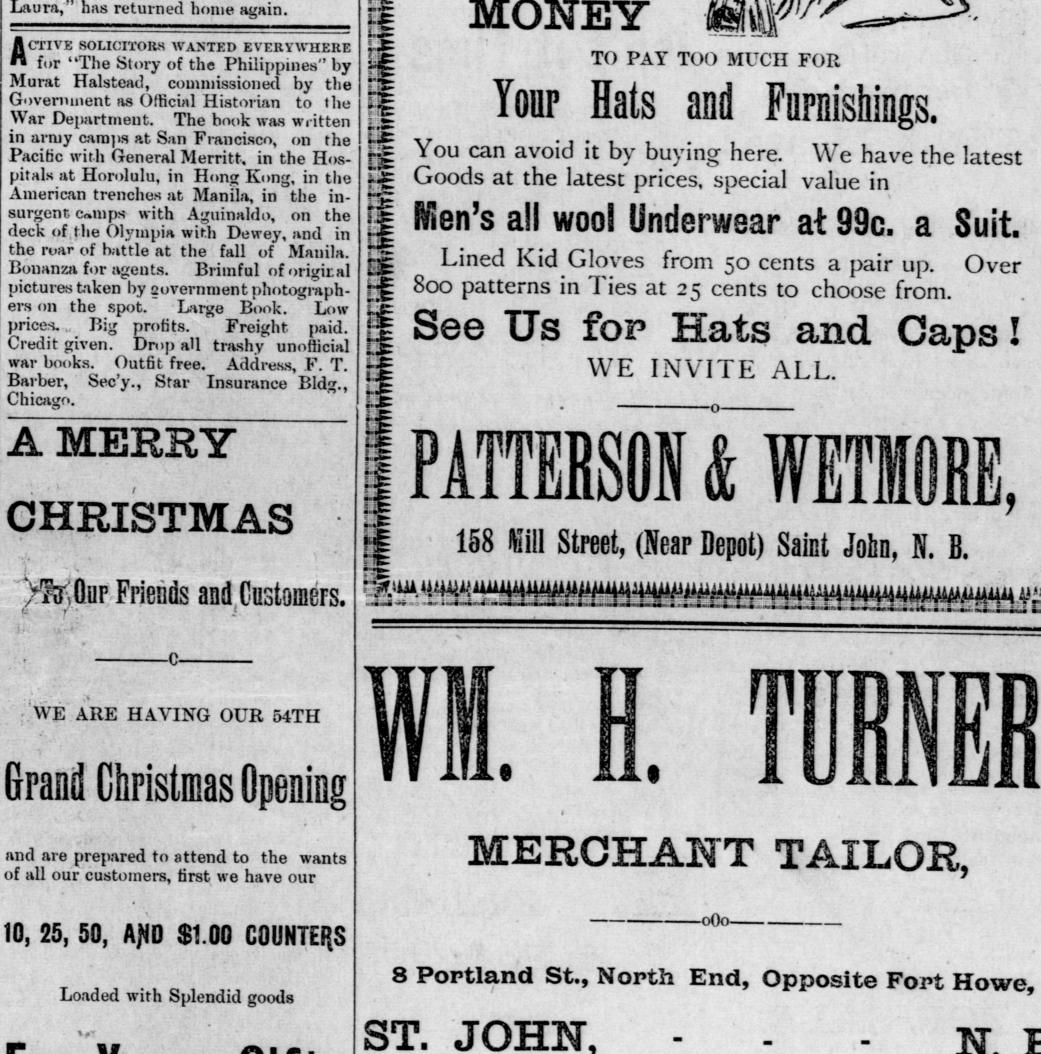
Chas. S. Miles of Bouita, Montana who returned home before the death of his father, returns west again next weck accompanied by his brother Fred.

R. A. McFadgen, surveyor left for the Upper St. John on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holyoke and Miss For Xmas Gifts

in the Baptist Church at Scotchtown. Owning to the storm the audience was small. But we are pleased to hear the performance will be repeated next week. Mr. "Robert Palmer of schr., "Annie CTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by





other morning found that during the night their host had quietly departed leaving them to run the house as pleased themselves.

There were 679 deaths in the city last year. Under five years of age children died to the number of 181. Among people between 80 and 90 years of age there were 63 deaths. The smallest number of deaths, 32, occurred in January, and the largest, 94, in September.

Joseph Garnett, a merchant, living at the North End, dropped dead in his house last Friday from heart disease. He was 47 years old and leaves a wife and several children.

Miss Grace I. Robson is suing the city for damages sustained from a fall on the icy sidewalk.

By a dynamite explosion at Mispec last Friday morning the power house of the pulp mill was demolished and Cornelius McGourty, formerly a contractor in this city, lost his life. It is said that by warning others of the impending danger several lives were saved. His body was terribly disfigured; both of his arms were blown off, and it is presumed, into the was 55 years old and leaves two sons and two daughters.

The holiday season being over business has resumed its regular routine and Geo. S. DeForest & Sons report the demand for staple groceries much better than at this season for many years past.

Flour continues firm at a slight advance in price. The extensive competition among American refiners has resulted in a big slump in the local sugar market and prices have declined this week $\frac{1}{4}$. cent per pound. At present the market is governed entirely by the American re-



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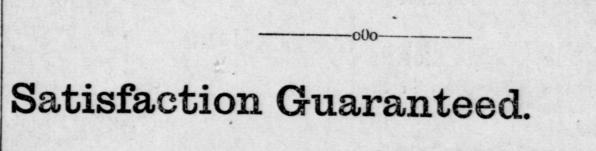
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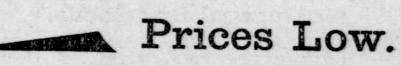
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