PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

MUNDAY KNIGHT HANDS A FEW TO UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

Return of the Dailey Company --- Next Week's Outlook---One of Tom's Ross's Stories --- Janauschek's Grave --- Notes of Players Popular Here.

With two stock companies at work there should be something doing in St. John's theatre next week that will make the audiences sit up and take notice. The Dailey's will continue at the Opera House while Manager Hyde will take a temporary vacation at York Theatre. ,Instead of vaudeville the historic old theatre will hold the Myrkle Harder Stock company,"—an organization that has been touring the Eastern states quite successfully. They will play "rep" and specialties with daily matinees. It I wanted to be funny I would say there will also be dail(e)y matinees at the Opera House. At any rate the Myrkle Harder troupe seem to have the goods and is confident of being able to deliver them for they are booked for two weeks and will ask anyone what joys awaits a theatrical company in St. John the fortnight preceding Christmas. However, those who like dramatic entertainments will benefit for they will have an opportunity of seeing a new play every night and if they do not like it with specialties, at one theatre they can probably get it straight at the other. Now let some "knocker" arise and say St. John is slow and that it offers no amusements to its citizens.

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York theatre had the usual vaudeville billl this week and it was up to the standard. Miss Mario, the violinist, was the star, and she is certainly an artist. Her return would be welcomed at any time.

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Uncle Tom's Cabin has been and gone. It was the limit and furnished excellent proof of how easily some people can make money. It opened at the Opera House on Monday evening and played to big business for three nights. If the patronage had been meted out according to the merits of the performance actors, blood hounds, and all would by this time be counting ties back to Squaw dunk. It was beyond a doubt the worst ever Eva died according to schedule, while the various actors were killed off as of old. Virtue triumphed and the usual transparency was shown depicting Eva in the future state, surrounded by a bunch of admiring card board angels, and standing on a pale feathery cloud, which, to my unpracticed eye, bore remarkable resemblance to one of the chunks of ice that gave the blood hound cold feet earlier in the evening. This was all very nice and probably Eva diserved her fate, but if a transparency had been shown depicting the other actors in their future state, the theatre would have become too hot and smoky to hold the audience. I am glad I saw the show, though for a little friend of mine who attended a performance by another company several months ago, once asked me "Where do bad actors go to?" I could not answer her then, but I can now. They join the Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.

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After the dose of Uncle Tom's Cabin which the St. John theatre goers were forced to swallow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the return of the Dailey company on Thursday was a pleasant relief and probably the audience appreciated their work better when it was compared with the preceding "attraction". The bill they selected—"A Runaway Match" is not new to St. John. It has been seen here several years ago and was, I think, included in Harkins' repertoire on one of his annual visits. It is funny even if the humor is not of a very high order and it was received with evident satisfaction by the audience. Now just here, occurs to me, an interesting problem that should furnish food for thought to local students or admirers of the drama. What class of attraction do St. John theatre-goers prefer? The comedy in "A Runaway Match" was of the roaring farce type. Its lines are not bright. It has no wit of an epigramic order and its construction is decidedly amateurish. Yet large audiences sat and laughed till the tears came, on each evening of its production and I confess I was among them and enjoyed myself thoroughly. I laughed too, laughed until I feared I would either swallow my false teeth or deposit them gracefully in my neighbor's lap. Yet why was it? Perhaps much of the enjoyment was due to the excellent work of the company but at any rate audience was pleased and that after all, is the principal object sought. But the strange part of it all is that "A Runaway Match" got a better reception than some of the other pieces the Daileys have produced, pieces that afford infinitely better opportunities and were much more capably played. Yet they did not go. Now why is it?

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Louis E. Cooke, general agent for the Barnum and Bailey circus which will be in St. John next summer is authority for the statement that James A. Bailey and the Ringling Brothers have met and agreed upon a future programme. By these arrangements and a mutual understanding as to rates and general operations, the public can reasonably expect improved results as there will be no warfare between the two shows and the only competition will be to provide the better show. It is a part of the compact to correct many abuses which have seriously affected the operation of these great amusements concerns, and even made them a prey to the unscrupulous, it being the intention to practically abolish the free-ticket system, as far as possible, and, to this end, window lithographs will to a great extent be dispensed with, and the newspaper columns be used more extensively.

Other unfavorable conditions will be met as they arise, and all unjust discrimination or attempts to levy illegal and excessive fees of any vindo will receive prompt attention.

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Klaw & Erlanger are making extraordinary preparations for next season in the way of new productions. Their roster will contain several of their successes of the current season and also J. I. C. Clarke's dramatic version of Gen. Lew Wallace's romantic novel, "A Prince of India;" Marion Crawford's dramatic version of his "Zoroaster;" Paul West and W. W. Denslow's spectacular extravaganza, "The Pearl and the Pumpkin," with music by J. W. Bratton; Yvette Guilbert, the famous French chansonette, in a new comedy with music; Joseph Cawthorne in a new musical comedy by John J. McNally; a new musical comedy by C. M. S. McLellan and Gustave Kerker, to be called "The Butterfly of Fashion;" a new musical comedy by Harry B. Smith called "Seeing New York;" a new musical comedy with music and lyrics by George M. Cohan; McIntyre and Heath in John J. McNally's new musical conceit, "The Ham Tree;" the new Drury Lane spectacle, "The White Cat," and, in conjunction with Charles B. Dillingham, the latest London musical comedy hit, "Sergeant Brue," with Frank Daniels in the title role.

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Ada Rehan has sent to Lillian Russell, with her compliments, the screen which was used in the production of "The School for Scandal" at Daly's Theatre. Miss Russell will employ this article of furniture in her production of "Lady Teazle." The screen in question is of tapestry, and is handsome. In addition, Miss Rehan writes: "Both Mr. Daly and myself always cherished the foolish notion that this screen had something to do with the success of the production of 'The School for Scandal.' That notion was probably due to the number of horseshoes and other good-luck omens worked into the design. I hope that it may bring fortune to you."

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Gen. Cronje has signed a contract with William A. Brady, the New York theatrical manager, to remain in this country another year and appear in a New York attraction similar to the Boer War production at the World's Fair. Cronje thinks that Brady will not be ready to put on his production until spring and the old Boer general hopes to get a few months' rest in Florida before his new labors begin. Other members of the Boer war aggregation which scored such a sucess at the World's Fair have been secured also for the Brady enterprise.

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It is pathetically mentioned that, could the late Mme. Janauschek reach forth her hand from the grave in the Actors' Fund plot where her remains have been interred, she could almost touch the ashes of men and women whose talent and genius lent lustre scarce less than her own to her art. On one side lies Charles Couldock, the famous English actor, and at her feet lies Remenyi, the great Hungarian violinist. Nearby is a poor property boy, who was mangled by an explosion in the pursuit of his calling, and just beyond, in a tangled mass of ivy, rests an unknown chorus girl. In that sacred ground all are equal.

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Thomas W. Ross, who plays the title role in "Checkers," told this story at a banquet given in his honor a few nights since, about a Galveston, Tex., man who died and went to Heaven. "After being assigned to his cloud by St. Peter," Ross said, "the Galvestonian found himself in a group of white wings and began to tell about the great Lone Star and particularly about the Galveston flood. As he paused for a superlative adequately to describe the awfulness of the flood a little old man contemptuously ejaculated "Oh! hell!' The Galvestonian was plainly astonished, but continued his recital, picturing eloquently the horrors of that memorable night, the height of the water and the number of drowned, stopping only to catch his breath and his balance. Every time the little old man repeated his contemptuous ejaculation: 'Oh, hell!' At the conclusion of the tale the Galvestonian went to St. Peter and said: 'Say! Who is that old rooster who kept interrupting me and casting doubt on the truthfulness of my story, just because he couldn't understand how such a terrible flood could have occurred?'

"'Oh, that chap?' said St. Peter, with a twinkle in his eye, 'why that's Noah.'"

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Katherine Roeber will spend the winter in Italy, and make a tour of the continent. She will be seen in a big reproduction next season.

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The Four Lukens are now being billed in London as "The Gymnastic Sensation of the Century." They are making a terrific hit.

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William Gillette is to visit England in the spring. His play is called "Clarisse," and contains more humour than usually figures in his productions. It is the product of his own pen.

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"The Duke of Killicrankie" has been withdrawn from the Criterion, New York. Miss Marie Tempest is to appear there. The Duke is a bright, clean bit of humorous writing, and has met with deserved success, both in London and New York.

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Anna Held has just refused an offer of $2,000 to appear three months at the Wintergarden in Berlin. She would have to cut her winter engagement in New York to fulfil it so she was forced to refuse the tempting offer.

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Two English clergymen have decided to write a "moral" musical comedy. High kicking in abolished but energetic dancing is allowed. They think the play will have an uplifting influence. By the way, one of them is chaplain to Hanwell Asylum.

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Thomas Russell, a brother of Miss Annie Russell, who was when a boy one of the more prominent of the numerous youngsters to play little Lord Fauntleroy, has decided to return to the stage again, though he has been a prosperous business man. He will appear in vaudeville, in a sketch of his own composition. The desire for the footlights seems to be germ that, once in the system, is never quite eradicated.

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At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood "purifiers," will find in Stuart's Calcium Wafers, a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army is planning to do good work for the winter. The Army aims at three months of revival services, 1,200 souls saved, an addition of 400 active soldiers, an increase of thirty-five per cent in congregational attendance, and thirty-five per cent. in financial contributions. Col. Sharp left today for Londonderry, Shediac and Truro. On Monday and Tuesday he will be in Halifax, where he will conduct a marriage. Major Phillips will accompany him as far as Truro, from which place he will go to Port Hood Louisburg and Glace Bay.

Miss Browne—Why, mother, you don't mean to say you are going to call on Mrs. Skilton. You know you don't like her.

Mrs Brown—Of course, but I've got a new bonnet, and I'd rather show it to her than any woman I know of. My! won't she be envious,

TO APPOINT COMMISSION.

Council Decided Yesterday to Amend City Assessment Act.

It was resolved at a meeting of the common council yesterday that a commission should be appointed to amend the present city assessment act. The meeting was a special one held to consider the report of the committee on the mayor's inaugural address and the section referring to the amendment of civic taxation was taken up and discussed. Ald. Maxwell moved that the report of the committee on that section be laid on the table; subsequently Ald. Frink moved an amendment that a commission should be appointed and this was carried. A committee was chosen to submit suitable names to the council for appointment on the commission.

The chair was taken by the mayor, and Common Clerk Wardroper and the following aldermen were present: Aldermen Hamm, Tilley, Lewis, Barker, Bullock, Macrae, Maxwell, Robinson, Daley, Christie, Holder, McGoldrick, Carleton and Frink.

The mayor, having called the meeting to order, explained that it had been called to consider the report of the special committee on the mayor's address. The subject of municipal taxation was a most important one, and the mayor reminded the council of the authority which had been granted by the legislature to employ a paid commission to investigate the matter. Each alderman, he thought, was as well informed on the subject as himself, and although considerable time had elapsed since the question had been mentioned, no apology was necessary, considering the large amount of pressing business which had been before the council. In the natural course of events, taxation increased with the increasing requirements of the population. With a large expenditure and inherited interests, more money was collected every year, and it had become necessary for a way to be devised that the taxation should fall more fairly upon the people. The mayor having made passing reference to the plans devised in Montreal and the published reports of that investigation, said the committee's report was now submitted to the council for them to amend, adopt or reject. He thought the subject was one of sufficient importance to warrant the matter being brought up in the way he had treated it, and it was now for the council to decide whether they would spend $2,000 and appoint three competent men to investigate the whole system.

Ald. Christie thought the commission should be within the council. He said the council has already been to the legislature and been denied what they asked for.

Ald. McGoldrick said no doubt the citizens felt they wanted a better assessment. Working people were very heavily assessed. Men who only worked six or eight months were assessed at $10, and the present act required amendment.

The matter was further discussed by Ald. Robinson and Ald. Bullock.

Ald Maxwell moved that the section be laid on the table. He believed St. John had one of the most equitable assessment laws in the Dominion.

Ald Frink moved an amendment that a commission be appointed to amend the present act, and that the rate of remuneration for such commission be fixed by the city council, seconded by Ald. Barker.

Ald. Macrae moved as an amendment to Ald. Frink's amendment that the section of the report be adopted, and a commission appointed.

The mayor then put Ald. Macrae's amendment and it was lost. On Ald. Frink's amendment being put it was declared carried.

Subsequently, on motion of Ald. McGoldrick, a committee was appointed to select the names of the commissioners and submit them to the council at their meeting on Monday next. This committee is composed of the mayor, Ald. Christie, Macrae, Frink and McGoldrick.

SALE AND TEA.

Ladies' of St. Matthew's Church Will Hold One in Union Hall Next Week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Douglas Avenue, will hold a tea and sale in Union Hall, on Tuesday evening next commencing at 5 o'clock. The ladies' in charge will be:—

Supper table—In charge of Mrs. James Wilson and Miss McMasters, assisted by Miss Wilson, Miss McAllister, Miss M. Hastings, Miss Fitch Miss Earle, Miss Fraser.

Work table—In charge of Mrs. McLean, assisted by Mrs. Scott, Miss Burton, Miss McDougall.

Candy table—In charge of Miss Blewett, assisted by Miss Robertson, Miss Hastings, Miss Kein, Miss Edgar, Miss McAllister.

The kitchen—In charge of Mrs. Cook Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. McMasters, Mrs. Kein.

Mrs. George Blewett will be the general supervisor. Supper will be served from 5 until 8 o'clock.

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CITY TEACHERS MEET.

They Discussed Their Salaries and Several Other Things, in Foresters' Hall Last Night.

The monthly meeting of the St. John Teacher's Institute was held last evening in Foresters' hall, Charlotte street. Mr. McLean reported in connection with teacher's salaries. Some of the teachers are strongly protesting against the manner in which the salaries are now paid. They claim that by the present system of receiving one-tenth of their yearly salary each month, they lose two or three day's pay as compared with the former system of paying by the day. Mr. McLean's report was received, and it was decided to forward the part which deals with the deficiency to the trustee board.

The status of teachers under contract was next taken up. They discussed whether or not teachers should be removed to other departments than their own during the term. The matter was referred to executive.

The meeting appointed a committee to present to Mr. Montgomery, lately retired from the teaching staff, an address in recognition of the valuable service he has rendered in the profession.

Miss Etta Barbour read an interesting paper on color, showing the necessity of more attention to this study.

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The members of No. 1 Hook & Ladder Company last evening, at an inquiry held by Chief Kerr, gave direct denial to the matters alleged in a complaint made by a woman in which she alleged late hours and excessive drinking in a section of the department.

The inquiry was held in the meeting room of the company, and Chief Kerr presided. The company members were there and Ald. Maxwell, chairman of the safety board, sat beside the chief.

Geo. Barker, assistant foreman, Richard Walsh, Harry Green testified that there was nothing going on to indicate drinking and that there was no evidence of drinking. E. D. Ring and other members gave similar testimony.

John Hamilton told of leaving before the others, and said he was not helped out the back door, as some one had said.

There was some talk as to the woman complainant attending the inquiry to tell her story. Mr. Jackson said, she declined to come.

Washington county, Colorado, claims the distinction of having elected the only female justice of the peace and also one of the few women constables in the State. Mrs. Mary Clark is the justice, and Mrs. Belle Weinig, constable, in Clark precinct. Both will qualify and serve their terms of office.

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