

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Interesting Letter Dealing with Theatrical Attractions, Local and Foreign--The Dailey Company at the Opera House.

St. John's winter theatrical season opened this week in real earnest and with two theatres--offering diverse classes of entertainment--but catering to the one class of patrons, this city is in a more important position as a center of dramatic art than it has been for many years.

This city by the sea is not favorably situated for dramatic attractions. Geographically, while it has Portland Me., skinned a mile as a winter port, it must play second fiddle to the Maine metropolis, and indeed to any other fairly large city in the Pine tree state as a place where things theatrical can flourish.

And it will always be so unless some better arrangement can be made than obtains at present.

In the first place, expensive companies, carrying a large number of members, and a heavy scenic equipment, that costs good money to transport, do not find the province sufficiently attractive to warrant the outlay necessary to bring them here.

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HOUQUAINTERS MAKE MONEY.

Many of Them Have Received Princely Gifts From Patrons.

(From the New York Sun.) "New York has undoubtedly the very best specimens of the genus waiter," said the manager of one of the big hotels.

By the way, our old friend McCutcheon, well remembered here through his connection with the McCutcheon-Ellis stock company, was with the Mummy and the Humming Bird. He is as genial as ever and says business has been good with him.

At the York Theatre this week the Hyde company put up a good bill. Manager Hyde seems to have found what the people want. However, I will pay more attention to him next week as I find I have about exhausted my allotted space.

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R. K. Y. CLUB'S GOD TIME.

The New Rooms Thronged at Last Night's Smoker.

When yachtsmen foregather there is something doing. The Royal Kennebecasis Yacht club held their first smoker last evening in the new club rooms in the Masonic building. The rooms were thronged, the crowd being the largest in the history of club smokers.

Many prominent citizens were present. Among them the Times noted James F. Robertson, J. N. Sutherland, W. H. Barnaby, W. Malcolm Mackay, Col. McLean, Col. Sturdee, Col. Armstrong, R. B. Emerson, Ald. Colgoldrick, ex-Mayor Sears, and many other well known gentlemen.

The largest of the suite of rooms was given up to the piano and vocal recital, but the crowd overflowed into other rooms, and for a time even standing room was almost at a premium. In the large room, on the walls of which are pictures of yachts the burgeses of over a score of famous yacht clubs on both sides of the Atlantic, and the portraits of the king and of the commodore of the R. K. Y. fleet, the crowd was densely packed.

Commodore Robert Thomson, on behalf of the executive, spoke a few words of hearty welcome and referred to the fine new rooms of the club. He expressed the hope that members would take full advantage of the privileges of the rooms during the winter. Their musical conductor D. Arnold Fox, has secured the attendance of John Francis Gilder, the famous American pianist and composer, to give them a piano and vocal recital.

After an overture by the R. K. Y. club orchestra, Mr. Fox and Mr. Gilder gave a splendid musical programme, with the aid of the piano and a large gramophone, several numbers of which were repeated by special request of the audience.

(a) Duet, "Danse Africaine," Gilder and Thomson. (b) Solo, "Tarantelle Fantastique," Gilder. (c) Solo, "The Brook's Lullaby," Gilder. (d) Solo, "Etude," Gilder. (e) Solo, "Gottschalk," Gilder. Humorous songs--Selected, Mr. Fox.

Selection, "R. K. Y. Club," Gilder. Chorus, "L'Inconnu de Coelo," Meluzzi. (Record) "The Pope's Choir." "Nearer My God to Thee," Mason. (Record) Brass Quartette and Church Bells. Waltz song, from "Romeo and Juliette," Gounod. (Record) Madame Suzanne Adams. Tenor solo, "Donna Gioiella," Gilder. (Record) Signor Enrico Caruso. Song, "Thou Brilliant Bird," David. (Record) Madame Michalowa, Prima Donna of St. Petersburg Opera. "Fasquinade," Gilder. Gilder, Messrs Fox and Gilder.

Mr. Fox had to sing three comic songs before he was excused. Not least entertaining were Mr. Gilder's dry observations in announcing the various numbers. After this programme had been carried out, the members and guests went in relays to the suite of rooms fronting on Germain street, where a tempting fish chowder, prepared by G. Gordon Boyne, was served by an active committee.

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Morning News in Brief.

Local.

There was a slight fire last evening about 6:30 o'clock in J. D. Dowell Spurr's house, corner of Germain and Duke streets. Some clothing in a clotheschest caught fire, but the flames were subdued in a few minutes. Very little damage was done.

Dr. W. O. Raymond, lectured last evening, in the school room of St. John's Presbyterian church on Stories and legends of the St. John river. The lecture was most interesting and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Raymond.

The new addition to St. Luke's church was dedicated last evening by the rector Rev. R. P. McKim. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the main Sunday school room, and an interesting programme was carried out. The new building is two stories and a basement, of brick and wood, and gives a room 40x30 on the lower floor and two rooms above.

The quarterly meeting of the local council of women, was held yesterday afternoon, in the King's Daughters' Guild. A communication was read from the Fredericton council with reference to the restoration of the old government house at the Capital. The local council took no action in the matter, as it was felt to be somewhat out of their jurisdiction.

Mrs. R. Thomson, who had attended the National council in Winnipeg, gave an account of the proceedings there. F. A. Barbour, of the firm of Snow and Barbour, who is supervising the St. John waterworks extension, has been engaged by the Halifax city council to report on the water service of that city. It is understood that the estimate of the cost of the work to be done in Halifax is much greater than what the St. John extension will cost, one newspaper statement placing it as high as \$250,000.

The closing anniversary service under the auspices of the junior league of Centenary church, was held last night in the school room. Rev. G. M. Campbell presided and announced that they desired to raise \$2000 and it was hoped when all the funds are in they would realize that sum. Mr. Clawson, the choir leader, gave a short address on the work of the choir. E. R. Chapman, president of the senior league spoke of the work for the winter. Miss Hea, spoke for the women's missionary society. Addresses were also given by Miss Laura McLaughlin, Miss Bartlett, J. L. Thorne, E. T. C. Knowles, J. E. Irvine, S. B. Wilson, and James Marney.

A very interesting lecture on missionary work in Zululand, South Africa, was delivered before a good audience in the school room of Brussels St. Baptist church, last evening by Rev. W. Norman Keys, a returned missionary. Mr. Keys' address treated with the customs of the people, and the work of the missions. A large map of South Africa was hung across the end of the school room and the speaker pointed out the different places as he dealt with them. The Boer war, he said, affected the mission work considerably. During the war thirteen missionaries were engaged in the British army. Supplying wants to the soldiers.

Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor, was in Glace Bay last week, and will return there about the first of the year. He says the new station in Cape Breton will be the largest, best equipped and most powerful yet erected and will be among the most important wireless telegraph posts in the world when the entire system is completed.

Mrs. Corbell wife of Thos. F. Corbell of Halifax, drowned her six months old child in a well near her home and attempted to drown herself last evening. Mrs. Corbell whose mind is unbalanced told the neighbors what she had done, and on investigating found the body of the victim. The medical examiner was notified but owing to the woman's condition no action was taken to arrest her.

The executive committee of the independent labor party of Cape Breton met at Glace Bay last evening, and passed the following resolutions: "Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable for the independent labor party to select a candidate for the coming by-election for the local house, or two candidates in the event of a general election. "Further resolved, that a committee of four be sent to Sydney Mines to confer with friends of the party there, said committee to report to this executive on Thursday, evening, Nov. 17, and it said report prove favorable this executive to call a general convention and duly nominate such candidate or candidates to contest the election in the forthcoming Liberal or conservative of Cape Breton have moved in the direction of putting a candidate in the field for the provincial election. It is probable the latter will allow the county to go by default. The Liberals of Richmond county have nominated Angus Boyd, of River Bourgeois to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Duncan Finlayson to the federal house.

The marine department has received intelligence of remarkable speed made by the steamer Vigilant yesterday at Toronto. The vessel, which was tested for the fisheries protection service, made seventy and one-half knots. The Vigilant will replace the Petrel, which has been sent to the Atlantic coast to fill the place of the discarded Kingsfisher.

George E. Clark of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and son of J. B. Clark, private secretary to the minister of justice, saved a youth from drowning in the Rideau canal, Ottawa, yesterday. Rideau canal, Ottawa, boys skating on rather thin ice, and one of them disappeared in the water. Clark was near at hand and jumped in the canal with his



This medal was awarded to Minard's Liniment in London in 1836. The only liniment to receive a medal. It was awarded because of strength, purity, healing powers and superiority of the liniment over all others from throughout the world.

THE "WHITE" AUSTRALIA.

Efforts to Secure it Are Bringing About Strange Side Evils. (From the Leisure Hour.) The "White Australia" policy of the Australian Commonwealth is having numerous side effects. One of these concerns the missions amongst the Kanakas of Queensland. In Queensland thousands of Kanakas--natives of the South Sea Islands--are employed in the sugar cane fields, but a law passed some two years ago prohibited the importation of any more after a certain time; and further provided that all those at present here should gradually be sent back to their island homes. For many years a number of missionaries have labored in the cane fields' missions, with fair results. Now, however, they find that there is a danger of their work being wasted. Many of the islanders come from the New Hebrides, and these, of course, are all right, as the Presbyterian church has flourishing mission stations on those islands. But many others come from such islands as the Solomons, where not only is there no mission, but, until lately, it was a foolhardy action for a white man to land. However, many of the Solomon Kanakas who have been converted have returned to their homes, and these report that there is much need for missionaries on the islands, and that now there lives would be feily safe. A movement is on foot, therefore, to supply the islands with a regular mission, and a party of four, from Queensland, will shortly make the attempt. The Solomon Islands are to the east of New Guinea. The islanders are fine big men, but very warlike and savage. In fact, until lately, they were famous as "head hunters"--human heads, of course; and their chief show places were sheds with rows and rows of preserved heads hung along the ceilings, much as an agriculturist hangs onions.

SEEKING DIVORCE.

Provincials in Massachusetts Weary of Marriage Tie. A Boston letter to the Sun says-- In the Suffolk county superior court here Mrs. Mary Eliza Harris has entered a petition for a divorce from Charles Edmund Harris. The wedding occurred at Hillsboro, N. B. in 1879. Mrs. Harris asks for the custody of three children. Desertion is alleged.

In the same court Mrs. Ada M. Bayne asks for divorce from Alonzo R. Bayne of Pictou, N. S. Desertion is alleged. Across the river in Cambridge, John W. McEachern has filed a petition in the Middlesex county court praying for the legal dissolution of his martial relations. He was married to Margaret Dingwall of Midgeol, P. E. I., at Somerville in 1896, and claims that his wife left him and returned to her home on the island in 1901. Mr. McEachern asks the custody of a five year old daughter.

Jan. A. McLean of Manners-Sutton York Co., N. B., has presented a petition to the Suffolk Co. probate court asking for letters testamentary on the will of Julia K. McLean, late of York Co., who owned property in this state. A hearing will be held on Dec. 1.

A ROYAL STAMP BOOK.

The great interest taken in stamp collecting by the Prince of Wales, who possesses a collection valued at something like £20,000 is well known. Concrete testimony to his Royal Highness' enthusiasm for the hobby is to be found in a little book, "The Royal Stamps of Great Britain," by Fred J. Melville, which is just printed in London. In this book a paper by the Prince of Wales, placed together a fresh philatelic impression being taken of the issues of the United Kingdom during the present reign, is printed as an appendix. His Royal Highness commences by explaining that as the stamps of the postal issues of the Mother Country made necessary by the accession of King Edward have now been completely issued, it would seem a convenient time to compile the history of the stamps issued by the home authorities during the present reign.

Trails were made with three quarter size and quarter size portraits of the King from photographs, he says, but they have now been captured stamps on 1900 by Herr Emil Fuchs. Mr. Fuchs prepared a special drawing of the portrait for which the King was pleased to grant a sitting. The frame and border designs were prepared by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. under the artist's instructions, and from a sketch furnished by him.

The original sketch and the border were then photographed and the two parts placed together a fresh philatelic impression being taken of the whole. This was submitted to the King and was approved by him. The original, which the Prince writes about, is now in the Prince's stamp collection. "Temporarily copper plates were made to show the effect and at the same time the same engraved in brass, which was effected by reducing the width of the recessed design."

This notice explains why the little books of stamps recently issued are frequently with inserted watermarks. It seems that to facilitate the binding of the stamps into books, half the stamps on a sheet were printed upside down. "I do not, of course, claim for these notes the importance of a philatelic paper," says the Prince in conclusion, "but as all the information and data given may be relied upon as authentic, I hope that they may be of use in saving a future historian of the stamps of this country a not inconsiderable amount of research and trouble."

BEGIN THE DAY RIGHT.

A good breakfast of "SWISS FOOD" is the open sesame to a successful day's work. Try it. Aunt Jane--So you think that young men love you and that you love him? Inaugure--Pus says of it, Aunt Jane. He said me he wouldn't give me up for a million dollars, and neither of us laughed or even smiled when he said it. Doesn't that prove we are both of us very much in love, I'd like to know?

The Times Readers must make their purchases somewhere. Advertisements in The Evening Times show them where. Contract for space. 40,000 eyes cannot fail to see it.

PRINCES ON AMERICANS.

They Say Chicago is Slangy, St. Louis is Lovely and Philadelphia is Charming.

New York, Nov. 11.--Louis Marie Philippe, and Antoine Gaston Philippe, princes of Orleans, sons of Prince Louis Philippe Gaston, Comte d'Eu, and Isabelle Princess of Dragats, good nephews of Don Pedro, late emperor of Brazil, got back to New York today after a trip through the United States. They have been in this country about three months and in that time visited Boston, Lenox, Newport, Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

"Chicago is a big, bustling city. We were there for the horse show, and we saw it all," said Prince Antoine, "and we saw the American harness horse on his native heath. He is a fine animal. You know we have been exporting American horses to Austria for the trotting races. The American style is a feature of our sport."

"We found it hard," resumed Prince Louis, "getting on in Chicago. Somehow we couldn't get the attention and the veneration of the streets, cars, and hotels. They use so many Americans there, what you call slang, we call patois--we did not understand it. They are difficult our Americans."

"We have had a fine time and we have been treated handsomely by your people. You Americans are so cordial, so courteous, so hospitable. "America is a great country. We saw at the St. Louis exposition about what we saw in Paris two years ago. But the electric light effects were wonderful. At evening, when one looks down from the high ways upon the green grounds it is like looking at a fairy city, just coming out of the mist. That is beautiful and worth the trip over the ocean to see."

"In Philadelphia we were delightfully entertained. That is a fine, quiet and beautiful old city, and the people are charming. Prince Louis is 26 years old and Prince Antoine 23. Both are fair haired, have blue eyes, are about five feet ten inches in height and well set up. It is a mistaken notion that the young men are old like pretenders to the throne of France. They are rather better looking than the young men of Brazil. Should the empire ever be restored in Brazil the elder of the two young men, Prince Pierre d'Alcantara, would be heir to the throne. Prince Don Pedro was driven. The whole family is now banished."

DO YOU READ THE TIMES AND LIKE IT? TELL YOUR FRIENDS IT IS YOUR FAVORITE PAPER. Mistress--Mary, I am sure I heard that man kiss you in the kitchen last evening. Maid--Yes, ma'am, I suppose you know that kisses that are kissed out loud ain't worth speaking about?

SAYS CHEE FOO.

Once again Port Arthur's fallen, Kurapatkin's had a mainin. Says Chefoo; Stakelberg has been surrounded, Rosenkampf has been impounded--All's confusion worse confounded. Says Chefoo. Naps besieging are defeated, Says Chefoo; Jodu hurriedly retreated, Says Chefoo; Kurapatkin's won the day, Old Oyamha he will slay, Russians never run away, Says Chefoo.

Prince Ouktomsky's been suspended, Says Chefoo; War is practically ended, Says Chefoo; Fighting's only just begun, Both sides madly on the run--Telling who's in and who's out, Says Chefoo.

Poor Kurak's quite prostrated, Says Chefoo; No, he's not; he's quite elated, Says Chefoo; Weather's freezing cold, but Ain't it fun to send out rot? Says Chefoo.

I dwell with Uncle Sammy, Says Chefoo; With election dogs I'd cram me, Says Chefoo; I would say that, sure as fate, Parker's win, November eight--Some poor fool would take the bait. Says Chefoo.

Baltimore American.

BEGIN NOW!

Times Wants Bring Good Results.