

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Dalley stock company at the Opera house in The Danites. Myrtle Harder Stock Company at the York theatre in The Secret Despatch. Fraternal Temple of Honor meets in Orange hall. Temperance committee meets in Market building.

Local News.

Steamer Calvin Austin, Captain Pike, arrived last evening from Boston with 62 passengers.

Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of China arrived at Hong Kong December 20th, from Vancouver.

The policemen have at last received their new winter caps. They are similar in design and material to those of last season.

Today is the shortest day in the year. The sun rose at 7.45 this morning and sets at 4.40 this afternoon—less than ten hours of daylight.

The seven religious who passed through here yesterday are two sisters named Marie, Bernier, also Sisters Maria Lefebvre, Josephine, Louise Alice Ghislain, Cecile Tolabard and Eva Terrien.

Alexander McAllister, charged with willfully breaking windows in the houses of Alice O'Brien and Margaret Francis, and who was remanded from yesterday's court, was fined \$20 or two months. The fine was paid.

W. C. Whittaker, assistant post office inspector, was in Moncton yesterday making arrangements for the opening of a new post office at Humphrey's, to be located in Seymour Seaman's store, and it will be likely open by the first of the year.

The annual dinner of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' association at the Royal Hotel, tomorrow evening will be an elaborate affair. There will be upwards of 150 knights of the grip in attendance from all parts of the Maritime Provinces. The dining room will be handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the menu will be of the usual high order, which characterizes such gatherings at the Royal.

FUNERALS.

The body of Mrs. Charlotte Powers arrived this morning on the Sussex train, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Robinson. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock, from her son's residence, Princess street. Rev. G. M. Campbell will conduct the services. Interment will be at Fernhill Mrs. Sugg, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Snider of New York, daughters of the deceased, are expected here tomorrow to attend the funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. James McCullough took place this morning at 8 o'clock from her residence, Brittain St., to St. John's Baptist church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father Chapman. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pallbearers.

EQUITY COURT.

In the Equity Court this afternoon the case of Patterson vs. Patterson et al, a partition suit, is being heard. L. P. D. Tilley is counsel for the plaintiff and L. A. Curry, E. T. C. Knowles, Judge Trueman, C. N. Skinner and Earle, Belyea and Campbell, represent the different defendants. There are a large number of defendants in the case. The parties interested reside in St. Martins. In the case yesterday of David M. Fisher, a lunatic, application was made by W. A. Ewing for the appointment of a committee to administer the affairs of the lunatic's estate. Hon. L. J. Tweedie, chairman of the Provincial Hospital for nervous diseases, was appointed as the committee.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Policemen Silas A. Perry and James Greer arrested Thomas Saunders, a lad about sixteen, at five o'clock this morning, on a charge of indecent assault on Sarah Gillis, aged fourteen. The offence was alleged to have been committed in a barn on Sewell street. The girl could be induced to tell only part of the story, and with Saunders was sent to jail until Friday next, when the case will be resumed.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Tonight will be the last chance to witness The Danites by the Dalley Company at the Opera House. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings there will be a change of bill nightly. The first bill will be "The New Dominion" on Thursday, "A Runaway Match" on Friday and "Arizona" on Saturday night. Christmas night and for the first half of the week, Demman Thompson's companion play to the "Old Homestead" "Our New Minister."

ADMIRALTY COURT.

The case of Isaac B. Thurber against the ship "Beaver" is being tried in the Admiralty court this morning.

Clarence B. Forest, secretary for the company and Mr. Thurber were examined.

The case stands for further hearing. J. King Kelly for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed and A. H. Hannington for the defendant.

TO TIMES READERS.

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER TO THE EVENING TIMES, LOOK OVER THE PAGES OF THIS ISSUE AND CONSIDER IF SUCH A VISITOR DELIVERED DAILY AT YOUR HOUSE FOR 25 CENTS PER MONTH IS NOT WELL WORTH RECEIVING. IF SO, SUBSCRIBE TODAY.

FAMOUS CLUB HOUSE BURNED.

The Metropolitan at Washington Was Guted this Morning -- Loss \$135,000.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club House, the home of the most fashionable club in Washington was gutted by fire to-day, involving an estimated loss of from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The fire was caused by a spark from an electric wire near the elevator shaft. The flames broke out about five o'clock this morning, and fanned by a strong wind, soon enveloped the entire building. They were not extinguished until nearly 5 hours later. The club has a large membership embracing some of the best known men in public life but none of them were in the building at the time of the fire, the only occupants being the watchman, steward, and two other employees, all of whom escaped without difficulty except the watchman, Dejean, who gave the alarm and was afterward overcome by smoke. He was carried out by the firemen otherwise uninjured. The library, estimated to be worth upwards of \$15,000 and containing some volumes that cannot be replaced, escaped practically uninjured and the flames did not reach the wine cellar. Manager King of the club estimates the loss of the building at \$100,000 on which there is an insurance of \$45,000 and on contents \$35,000 with \$15,000 insurance. The police estimate of the loss is considerably lower than these figures.

BACK FROM ST. LOUIS.

E. P. Eastman Says Canada Was Splendidly Represented.

E. P. Eastman, of Petticoatic, who has been at St. Louis in charge of the Canadian Forestry exhibit, was a passenger on the Atlantic express today en route home. Mr. Eastman in conversation with a Times Reporter, spoke in most eulogistic terms of the Canadian display. The I. C. R. exhibit was certainly fascinating and commanded the attention and admiration of the many hundreds of thousands who visited the fair. It was replete in every respect.

From the small trout to the salmon, from the deer to the elk and the moose, all were there in most perfect representation. The heads of the monarchs of the forest, with antlers from fifty to sixty inches across were the wonder of the curious tourist and frequently could be heard the remark, "what a grand hunting ground Canada must be."

The picturesque scenes along the Metapedia valley surprised all. It is a well known fact admitted by Americans generally that Canada is the home of the moose and the deer. The north shore of New Brunswick has also a widespread reputation as an angler's paradise. The exhibit was certainly fascinating and commanded the attention and admiration of the many hundreds of thousands who visited the fair. It was replete in every respect.

CHADWICK CASE.

Conneaut, O. Dec. 21.—O. C. Lillie, cashier of the closed First National Bank of this city and president and owner of the Marine Savings Bank, owned at Conneaut Harbor, which is also closed, has made an assignment. It was stated yesterday that both banks would be able to open within a week or ten days but the assignment of Mr. Lillie puts a new aspect upon the whole affair. No statement of Mr. Lillie's assets or liabilities is given out.

GRAND TRUNK BONDS ISSUED.

London, Dec. 21.—At a special general meeting today of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway, presided over by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, it was agreed to guarantee the issue of \$7,500,000 four percent gold bonds for the construction of the Lake Superior branch of the road.

SALE IS RATIFIED.

Ottawa, N. B., Dec. 21.—(Special.) At a meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Atlantic railway held here yesterday the application of the directors to sell or amalgamate with the Grand Trunk was ratified.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal.—George F. Gregory, J. H. Hayes, Galt; Mrs. John Daniel, Boston; Gertrude Young, Boston; F. W. Emmerson, Moncton. Dufferin.—F. B. Butcher, Middleton; W. H. Wilson, Sarnia. Clifton.—C. Flood, Halifax; S. W. Trouard and wife, Eastport; Geo. Phillips, Halifax. Victoria.—B. B. Hardwick, Anagnag; Fred La Forest, Edmundston; R. M. Parsons, Montreal; T. J. Rollins, Woodstock; H. L. Shaw, Windsor.

CASE DISMISSED.

The case of Beverley vs. Hannington for assault came up in the police court this afternoon. Mr. Beverley was not present. J. King Kelly acting for plaintiff asked for an adjournment as Mr. Beverley was not in the city. Amon A. Wilson for Mr. Hannington objected stating he had learned that it was Mr. Beverley's intention not to return. Accordingly he moved the case be dismissed which motion was granted.

Macaulay Bros. & Co's store will be open every evening until Christmas. A good opportunity to buy presents is thus given those who cannot do their shopping during the day.

TWO GOT FOUR YEARS IN THE REFORMATORY

Two Others Go on Suspended Sentence ---Sequel to the Stealing of Boots From a Car in the I. C. R. Yard Last Month.

Carl Kemp, David Kilfoil, and Herbert Kilfoil, who were arrested last Monday night on a charge of breaking and entering an I. C. R. car on the railway grounds were again in court this morning.

William Morris, whom Detective Killen arrested yesterday on a similar charge, was also before the magistrate.

Edmund L. Ritchie appeared for Kemp and Daniel Mullin, K. C., for Morris. Carl Kemp's father was placed on the stand and testified that his son was past fifteen years of age, had always lived with him and went to school until last June, when he entered the employ of T. Rankine & Sons. From there he went to Fowler's axe factory, and previous to his arrest was employed with T. McAvity & Sons. The lad, he said, had always been under his control, and he had never known him to be in trouble before.

His honor, in addressing the prisoner, said that the evidence showed that they had broken and entered an I. C. R. car on the railway grounds on November 27th, and each had stolen a pair of boots belonging to Messrs. J. M. Humphrey & Co. The official seal of the car had been broken, which was in itself a serious matter. They had not been charged with that, but simply with stealing. They were very young boys and the affair was most unfortunate. Evidence, he said, pointed more strongly against the Kilfoil boys,

THE TRAVELLERS' HOME DOING SPLENDID WORK.

There Have Been 1209 Applications for Lodgings Since Oct. 15th.—The Aldermen Should Take Note of this Institution—A Great Christmas Dinner.

At the last meeting of the common council a communication was read from the Salvation Army, asking for a grant of \$200, towards the home which has been established by the Salvation Army for the wayfarers and cattleman.

St. John, like every other seaport town, has during the winter season visitors on whom fortune has not smiled, and in many cases vicissitudes of life have been accompanied by very unfortunate circumstances. The wayfarer's home which has been supplied by the Salvation Army, is an exceptionally important addition to the charitable institutions of the city. It is one which will supply a long, felt want. Many a tired and penniless unfortunate will therein find a haven of refuge for which they can pay by manual labor in lieu of dollars and cents.

In most of the principal cities on the American continent these resorts have been founded by the authorities. Municipal financial aid is most willingly granted. There is no hesitation whatever, because the cause is not of a charitable character, but fills a marked need for the accommodation of the poor. St. John will surely not be behind other enterprising cities in endeavoring to encourage and promote such an important acquisition to the city.

GOOD SLEIGHING.

The snow will bring the farmers to town, making poultry cheap. Our goods have always been cheap. Our stock consists of suitable gifts for a gentleman. Pipes in cases at 95c., best quality, cigars at 75c. or \$1.00 per box. Cigars and cigarettes cases also holders in all styles. Large variety of Meerschaum pipes also tobacco pouches at reasonable prices at Louis Green's.

ADMIRAL O'MANNEY DEAD.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 21.—Admiral Sir Erasmus O'Manney, the "father 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. The admiral was born in 1814 and entered the navy in 1826.

GOES TO MISSOURI PACIFIC.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—J. W. Higgins, of London, Ont., assistant Supt. of the Grand Trunk Railroad, has been appointed inspector of the Missouri Pacific system with headquarters here.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the Presbyterian college at Montreal, arrived in the city today and while here he will be the guest of Col. Edwards. It is understood by the Times that Dr. Fraser will conduct one service in St. Stephen's church on Christmas day. Dr. Fraser is well known in St. John and his many friends are extending to him Christmas greetings.

Don Malcolm, who has been attending McGill college, returned on the Atlantic express today and will spend Christmas with his parents. Rev. Edward Savage of Sussex, is in the city. Geo. Roberson, M. P. P., returned from New York and Boston today. His trip was simply on private business. H. L. Shaw of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Windsor, N. S., is in the city spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McN. Shaw. He will remain here for a week or ten days.

Mrs. Harry Brown, of Arco, Assinaboia, passed through to Moncton yesterday. Mrs. Brown is a sister of J. R. Sangster, I. C. R. restaurant keeper at Moncton. Mr. Brown left Moncton some years ago and started in business at Arco. Like all other enterprising provincialists he has done well. Owing to business demands he could not accompany his wife on the Christmas trip, but will renew old acquaintances later on.

Judge F. Emmerson, High Secretary of the I. O. E. was in the city today on his return from a trip to Fredericton in connection with Forestry business. Judge Gregory, of Fredericton, is registered at the Royal. Fred Laforest, M. P. P., of Edmundston, is at the Victoria.

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Hand Knit Silk Gloves for Ladies and Gentlemen. Kid Lined Gloves in great variety of shades and makes. A further opening of those wonderful Moirette Underskirts at \$1.85 each.

Ladies' Eider-Flannel Dressing Jackets, and Gowns. New Waist Silk, in the fine dainty checks, at present the top-of-fashion.

White Japanese Dress and Waist silk 39 cents per yard 27 inches wide, just the same as last lot.

Men's Umbrellas, Ladies' Umbrellas, Men's House Coats, Men's Dressing Gowns, Thousands of New Neckties and Scarfs, All the latest in Ladies' Stocks and Scarfs.

If in doubt about a Christmas Gift, buy our Standard Kid Gloves, "Dent" or "Perrin's," or, fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, in embroidery, plain or initials or Fine Table Linens.

MACAULAY BROS. & Co.

Christmas Ties.

Thousands of men will receive thousands of Ties for Christmas.

Not a man will have a Tie more than he can use or wants. Did you ever see a man who had too many Ties? It matters not what other things you may give "him" at Christmas time, don't, above all things, forget a few Ties.

The swellest and handsomest neckwear you will find right here.

All Styles---Newest Silks.

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There's no doubt in the world he would not only "like" but heartily accept something sensible, practical and pretty.

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- House Coats, \$3.50, 5.00, 5.50, 5.75, 6.00 and 7.50. Fancy Vests, \$3.00 to \$4.50. Washable Vests, \$1.75 to \$3.50. Raincoats, \$8.50 and up. Overcoats, \$10.00 and up.

Specials in Suits:

\$13.50 to \$18.00 Sack Suits at \$12.00; Full Dress Suits for \$20.00.

Both lines perfectly new.

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Men's \$6.00 Reefers, Now \$2.98. \$7.00 and \$8.50 Overcoats, Now \$4.95. Boys' 2-Piece Suits, former prices \$1.85 to \$4.50, now marked 98c, \$1.69 & 1.98. \$6.00 and \$7.50 Suits, Now \$3.95. \$10 and \$9.50 Overcoats, Now \$6.98.

Boys' Short Pants, former, price 50c to \$1.10, now marked three special prices, 25c., 49c. and 69c.

See Our Christmas Ties, Mufflers, Fancy Braces Armbuckles, Etc.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's & Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.