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PERSONAL Harry L. Moran, of Saint Martins, recently secured a position as book-keeper for Shwab Bros., manufacturers, plumbers' woodwork, New York city. Mr. Moran was a student at the Currie Business University of this city.

THE KEY FAD. It is Not Regarded With Favor By Landlords of Hotels.

"The latest fad in souvenirs comes pretty hard on the hotels," said the proprietor of a Broadway hostelry. "The proper thing now among the girls is to appropriate the key of their rooms in each hotel visited. Travelling across the country in summer brings the summer girl to a number of different places and Christmas shopping to the cities. A room key abstracted from each hotel she visits makes a good sized collection at the end of the campaign. Hung from the wall, each with its own particular romance, they make a picturesque feature of millady's boudoir. But it's hard on the hotels," he added as he sent for the locksmith.—New York Times.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

LOCAL NEWS.

Oldeon L. O. L. will meet Thursday evening.

The installation of officers in Union lodge, K. of P. takes place tonight.

The first regular weekly meeting of the St. John Medical Society, after the holidays, will be held this evening at 8.30.

Baron and Baroness Moyland, valet and maid, and Mrs. S. J. Hill are passengers by the Evangeline, due at Halifax from London.

Steamer St. Croix, which was detained by bad weather, arrived at eleven o'clock this morning. She brought 42 passengers.

An Ottawa despatch today states that S. H. Blake, K. C., may be appointed to a position on the bench made vacant by the death of Judge Gwynne.

The board of safety will hold a special meeting tomorrow afternoon to deal with the matter of providing hose for the protection of the warehouses at Sand Point.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the sailors at the Seamen's Mission has on account of the meeting of the Bible Society been postponed until Friday night.

This afternoon to the Star Mayor Daniel denied that he had changed his mind relative to taking proceedings against the Telegraph. The papers, it is understood, will be issued this week.

Hudson Breen and Len Daly are matched to skate a one mile race from opposite sides at the Victoria Rink Thursday night. Both men are in good condition and should make a close race as they skated very closely last night in the handicap.

The death is reported of Miss Ada F. Storm, daughter of the late Captain Storm, at one time a well known ship-builder here. Miss Storm had for some years been housekeeper for Mrs. C. N. Skinner, but more recently acted in that capacity for Mrs. George West Jones. She was a woman who was beloved by all who knew her, and her death, which occurred very suddenly this morning has been a great shock to her friends.

As all the quarantined houses in the vicinity of Haymarket square have been released, services will be resumed in the Tabernacle Baptist church on Sunday next, when Rev. Mr. Manning will preach. The Sunday school will be held in the afternoon as usual. Although not in any way infected, the church building will be thoroughly fumigated this week as a precautionary measure. Rev. Mr. Roach will continue his labors among the sick and suffering.

McGINTY HOUSE RELEASED. The board of health today released Hon. H. A. McKeown and the other inmates of the McGinty house from quarantine.

Last night Dr. Morris was summoned from the isolation hospital to diagnose a suspected case which the board of health physician pronounced was not smallpox. The suspect was in Lower Cove. Today Dr. Morris went to Loch Lomond to visit the Whalen family.

Joseph Hamilton was released today from the epidemic hospital where only one patient, Charles Taylor, remains. Summonses are being issued against a number of persons who have failed to comply with the board of health demands re vaccination. The cases will probably come before the police court Friday. Some lawyers who have offices in the Ritchie building are among those summoned.

DR. GILCHRIST HOLDS THE RECORD. Since the board of health ordered a general vaccination Dr. Gilchrist of north end has vaccinated nearly 1,400 people at the expense of the municipality. Dr. Gilchrist holds the record for the public vaccinators and his bill against the board of health by the end of the current week will be \$350. The doctor has also vaccinated three or four hundred in the course of his private practice. He says he has given all his subjects generous scratches and effective results followed.

Altogether the vaccination campaign has been a profitable one for the physicians of St. John. Recently two physicians who were employed by one of the steamship companies to vaccinate immigrants received \$57 each for fees of their Sunday labor.

WEEK OF PRAYER. The noonday meeting in the Y. M. C. A. today was, considering the weather, largely attended. The chair was occupied by C. E. Macmichael and among those who took part were the Rev. George Steel and Mr. Kingston. This evening's meetings are:

Queen Square Methodist church, leader, Rev. R. W. Weddall; speaker, Rev. R. R. Morson.

Methodist church, West Side, Bible Society meeting.

Main Street Baptist church, leader, Rev. George Steel; speaker, Rev. A. H. Foster.

Subject, "Church Universal."

WITH ONE EXCEPTION. "It is understood that, with one exception, the members of the grand jury in the supreme court yesterday had no condemnation for the board of health."

The jury felt they did not have sufficient information to enable them to fully agree with the chief justice's expression of opinion, but were glad that he entertained that view.

It is understood that the only member of the jury who condemned the board is the North End representative of the local legislature.

POLICE COURT.

Michael Polight's Dog May Unhappily Miss the Day of Celebration.

If Michael Polight's dog remains away from home until the fifth of October 1902, he will miss the forty-third of forty-fourth celebration of the time when Michael was before Sebastopol. This may have nothing to do with Michael's outbreak of yelping last night, but he has explained the whole matter to the police, and wants his dog brought back. Michael Polight and Daniel Dowd make their home in the cabin of an abandoned schooner lying at Wiggins' wharf, West Side. Dan is the captain, while Michael, who is now only seventy years of age, varies from cabin boy to cook. Yesterday, after six months of sobriety, the captain and crew got drunk and were arrested by Sergt. Caples. Previous to the arrest the cabin boy and cook accidentally fell on the street, sustaining such severe injuries that he had to be given a drive to the police station. The prisoners were this morning fined each eight dollars or thirty days, but the greater punishment, as shown by the forsaken expression on Capt. Dan's face, when Mike got out for five dollars, leaving him to do the thirty days alone.

Samuel Redmond, a young man from Parrsboro, who got drunk on St. John street yesterday, explained that he had been shipwrecked on Grand Manan a few days ago and had come to the city yesterday. He is in search of another schooner, different from the one he had yesterday, and was advised to continue his hunt. A fine of two dollars was allowed to stand.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

At the monthly meeting of the King's Daughters, much satisfactory business was transacted, indicating that in every branch of the guild work progress was being made. The guild boarding house for women is supplying a long felt need in St. John. It is well superintended, ever home-like and a welcome resting place to all who come within its walls. The evening educational classes for girls has been held each Tuesday and Thursday under the instructions of efficient teachers. While our mothers' and merry-makers' meetings have not so far this winter been open our attention has been taken up with relief work. Each day has brought its calls for help in the way of provisions, clothes and fuel. Of course the cotton factory working and the decrease in smallpox has eased us up somewhat in this line, but as a matter of fact the King's Daughters realize that "they have the poor with them always," and any assistance rendered to them for relief will be gratefully received. For various kinds of employment, and a great accommodation to those in need of help. During the past six months there have been 230 applications for general girls, house-keepers, nurses, seamstresses, etc., and the names of 40 applicants have been registered for such positions.

The Aberdeen work is faithfully discharged by the Doorkeepers Circle. 78 packages of reading matter are sent out from the guild each month.

THE LATE GABRIEL CRAWFORD.

The funeral of the late Gabriel Crawford took place this afternoon. There was a short service at his late residence, Dorchester street, and another in St. Stephen's church at 2.45 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Fraser, who read from the 1st Cor. xv. and the 103rd Psalm. The choir sang Nearer My God to Thee, and Abide With Me. There was a very large attendance of mourning friends. The pallbearers were: Geo. C. Weidon, James Wilson, Thos. Graham, Andrew Hunter, Geo. Maxwell and A. M. McAvan. Members of Hibernia lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Log Cabin Fishing club walked in the procession. Interment was at Fernhill.

The death of Gabriel Crawford is the second break in the ranks of the Log Cabin Fishing club, of which he was a past president. The first member to die was John Kerr. The club sent to the late Mr. Crawford's home yesterday a very handsome floral tribute, an anchor with the motto, "We Live in Hope." The club colors, red, yellow and blue, were entwined around the anchor. Hibernia lodge, F. & A. M., sent a splendid wreath with square and compass. Among other floral tributes were a crescent from his sister and a wreath "From his comrades," an anchor from W. Scott, J. Farquhar and H. Barnstead. He also carried commercial travellers; basket of cut flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Campbell; a star from Mrs. E. W. Paul and Mrs. C. H. Jackson; wreath from Carruthers, Henderson & Wilson and employees; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Harrison; bouquet from Mrs. Thomas, and a crescent with the word "Father," from members of Mr. Crawford's family.

SHAUGHNESSY GETS SIX MONTHS

In the circuit court this morning Patrick Shaughnessy was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the common jail for stealing a coat from Austin McLaughlin in the New Victoria hotel.

After McLaughlin and Detective Killen gave evidence, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

Chief Justice Tuck in passing sentence, told the prisoner that his appearance did not indicate he was addicted to criminal acts and did not think it advisable to send him to the penitentiary.

Shaughnessy, who was a sailor, claimed he was given the coat while he was under the influence of liquor. John L. Carleton conducted the prosecution.

After the prisoner was sentenced the court adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Before Judge Forbes this morning H. H. Fickett on behalf of the plaintiff, the Bank of New Brunswick, applied to sign judgment summarily against Thomas Potts. Amin A. Wilson, K. C., on behalf of the defendant, opposed the application, which was refused with costs.

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of the board of management of the Sunday school of Zion Methodist church was held in the class-room last evening. Reports from the different departments were read, showing a successful year's work. The election of officers resulted as follows: John Paterson, superintendent; Frank Purdy and John J. Irvine, assistant superintendents; Arthur C. Powers, secretary; Miss Deane Irwin, assistant secretary; Benj. R. Helbig, treasurer; Albert Linton and Fred McLean, librarians; Misses Carrie Irwin and Beatrice Irvine, organists; Mrs. Kethlan, superintendent of the Home department. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$28. The school raised for the church funds as follows: Supernumerary fund, \$5.53; foreign missions, \$6.02; home missions, \$6.14. A substantial subscription was voted to the trustee fund. After a few well chosen words from the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilson, reviewing the year's work, the meeting closed with the benediction.

FARMERS' AND DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The programme of the annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, to be held at Fredericton during the last week in January, promises to be an exceedingly interesting one. In addition to several of the old friends from Ottawa—Prof. Robertson, Prof. Fletcher, Prof. Shutt and others, there will be a number of speakers new to maritime audiences, among them Prof. W. J. Kennedy of Iowa; Prof. Riddick, of Ottawa; Alex. McNeil, a prominent Ontario fruit grower; and Simpson Rennie, winner of the gold medal for the best managed farm in that province.

SITUATION IN HALIFAX.

There are 2,500 unvaccinated school children in Halifax.

Monday there were seven patients in the infectious diseases hospital.

At a meeting of the board of health Monday Ald. Geldert said some physicians were charging exorbitant fees. He had been informed some of them charged \$4 a vaccination. He thought the board should fix the fee chargeable.

The time for children to be vaccinated has been extended to Jan. 15th.

It was decided not to keep special constables on duty at residences after the patients are removed to the smallpox hospital and the house disinfected.

DIED AT THE SEAMEN'S MISSION.

John Johnson, a Norwegian sailor twenty-three years of age, died at the Seamen's Mission this morning. Johnson, who was suffering from consumption, was admitted to the General Public hospital on October 4th, and on Dec. 16th, when the patients in the hospital were being removed in order that the building might be fumigated, he died alone with another sailor, who also suffering from consumption and who has since died, were removed to the mission. Here they have been attended by Dr. Emery Johnson was unmarried and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Today the sailors who are now living in the mission took up a subscription among themselves and purchased a magnificent floral anchor to be placed on the casket of their dead comrade. The anchor was composed of white roses, abutilons, dahlias, asparagus and smilax and bore the word, "John" in purple. The sailors also sent down a beautiful bouquet of lilies and narcissus tied with white ribbon.

MERRITT BROS' AFFAIRS.

Judge Forbes presided today in the county court chambers.

In the case of the Acadia Sugar Refining Co. v. Joseph F. Merritt and G. W. Merritt, Hanington and Hanington obtain a summons calling on the defendant to show cause why they should not be orally examined on oath as to what properties they have liable to execution, and why their wives, Guy Merritt, Geo. McKean, P. S. McNutt, Robert Thomson and John Thomson should not be examined as witnesses.

The summons is returnable Jan. 14 at 11 a. m.

An application was also made on behalf of the Royal Bank for an order for examination of G. Wetmore Merritt, touching what properties he might have liable to be taken by execution on a judgement obtained by the plaintiff. The order was made returnable on Jan. 14th. Chapman & Tilley for plaintiff.

KNITTING STOCKINGS AT 103.

The Star this morning saw a pair of woollen stockings knit by Mrs. Elizabeth Wier, of Queens County, Nova Scotia. Dr. R. B. Ray, late pastor of Coburg Street Christian church of this city. The interesting part of the story is that Mrs. Wier is 103 years old. The stockings are as well knit as any ever shown in this town. Dr. Ray is naturally proud to have such a memento of the industry of a centenarian. Mrs. Wier knits many pairs of stockings, and they are eagerly sought after by people in the district where she lives.

THE COUNTRY MARKET.

The lack of snow is having considerable effect upon the amount of produce brought to the country market. Since the beginning of the year business has been quiet and farmers about town are wishing for snow. Very few are coming in, but during the past couple of days an increase both in the market and in the amount of produce displayed has been noticeable. Prices have not varied to any great extent, and although the supply is not very large, it is proving quite equal to the demand.

A WELCOME STORM.

Stormy weather is not usually conducive to cheerfulness, but today's snowstorm is a source of great satisfaction. Thus far this winter the roads, except for a few days in December, have been very bad for traffic. Country people have not been able to come in with team loads of produce, and the city livery stables have had a very poor business. Therefore when a vigorous snowstorm set in today it was heartily welcomed, with the hope that unlike its predecessors this season, it would not be followed by rain.

We beg to say that it is our intention to continue the following agencies during the year 1902: "Chickering," "Newcombe," "Carhard Heintzman," and "Mason & Hoch" Pianos, and "Mason & Hamlin" Organs. Much experience has proved to us that in this collection we have the finest representation of pianos and organs sold in this country, and the fact that our sales during the past year have been far in excess of any previous year, is the strongest assurance of their popularity that the public could give. Our sales in 1901 were over \$20,000 ahead of 1900. The W. H. Johnson Co., Limited, 7 Market Sq., St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S.

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3 Dozen Florentine Coat Buttons for . . 50c  
All Vellings . . . . . half price  
Unshrinkable Grey Flannel 25c. for 14c  
English Embroidery Silks, large skeins, 6c. for . . . . . 2c.  
Balance Fur Collars . . . . . quarter price.

Everything must be cleared and reductions are daily made. Many were disappointed by not coming in time for some lines, as they are rapidly clearing. Come early. OPEN EVERY EVENING.

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Advertisements in the STAR are better displayed than in any other St. John paper. Each one is next to reading matter. It pays to advertise in the STAR. Use it and prove it.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Drummond took place at half past eight o'clock this morning from her late residence, Delhi street. The body was taken to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. A. W. Meehan. Relatives of the deceased acted as pall-bearers, and interment was made in the old Catholic burying ground.

This afternoon at two o'clock the funeral of the late Miss Emma Cooper, who died in Boston, took place from the residence of her mother, Mrs. George McAfee, Red Head. Service was conducted at the house, after which the body was taken to Fernhill for interment.

The funeral of the late William H. Craft took place at half past two o'clock this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Robert Roberts, 32 Cedar street, Indiantown. Services were conducted at the house by the Rev. J. C. B. Appel and Rev. B. N. Nobles, and interment made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The body of Mrs. Katie Whelan, wife of Walter Whelan, was today laid to rest in the new Catholic cemetery. At half past two o'clock the funeral took place from her late home 51 Britain street to the church of St. John the Baptist, where the burial service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Gaynor. There were no pall-bearers.

Although official instructions have not yet been received from Ottawa, Dr. Murray McLaren will in all probability accept recruits for the Field Hospital Corps tomorrow. Three privates and one driver are required from St. John, and the pay is \$121 per day. Already Dr. McLaren has received quite a number of applications.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—The big dry goods firm of J. G. Mackenzie & Co. has been reconstructed by the retirement of J. P. Cleghorn, for many years managing partner. The business will be continued by representatives of the Mackenzie heirs.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Smallpox has broken out in the settlement of the Dowieites in Stephens Township, Huron county, and the health officials are being given much trouble, as the people refuse to accept quarantine or the service of physicians.

BUCKSBURY, Me., Jan. 7.—Capt. Andrew L. Hall, the heroic commander of the steamship Walla Walla, sank in collision with the French brig Max off Cape Mendocino, on the Pacific coast, is a native of Bucksport, and received his early sea training on the Maine coast, sailing in various craft from this port, where he is remembered as a young man of exceptional ability and energy. He has relatives residing here.