

LOCAL NEWS

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NO WEEK-END DRUNKS

There was a clean sheet at the police court this morning as far as week-end drunks were concerned. The police report that things were very quiet Saturday night and Sunday.

USED PITCHFORK

An incident which might bear investigation by the S. P. C. A., is reported to have occurred on Queen Street, Saturday, when the prongs of a pitch-fork were used to hasten the movement of a horse which was dragging a heavy load.

THE GEM

Down with Husbands. A fine comedy. Widow and Her Child, a very touching picture. And two others. Don't fail to see this show. A comfortable place to come in winter time Matinee Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

UNIQUE TONIGHT

What promises to be the most highly sensational detective feature of the year is that which will be shown at the Unique tonight. "A Case of Identity" by Edison. Two splendid Biographs and a Selig drama will afford a strong evening's amusement. The Unique will give daily matinees all next week. Special matinee Saturday 2.30 p. m.

SIXTEEN BELOW ZERO

Saturday night was one of the coldest that has been experienced here this winter. At the pumping station the thermometer registered 16 below zero. The weather remained cold during Sunday, but moderated this morning. It has been several years since the thermometer has dropped so far below zero so early in the season.

HERE ON VACATION

Mr. John W. Curry of Andover, who was graduated in forestry by the University of New Brunswick in June last, is spending a part of his Christmas vacation in this city. He will go to his home later in the week. Mr. Curry has been in the employ of the Riordan Paper Company whose plant is located about eighty miles north of Montreal.

BIJOU

Another great vitagraph comedy. "A Tale of a Hat." A picture of universal smiles and a good laugh. "The Gambler's Charm," western. "The Mysterion of a Torn Note," a very funny Lubin comedy. "An Indian's Gratitude." This is a story of early California in the fifties. Miss Gass will sing a new illustrated song. Go early. First show starts at 7.15.

OPERATED ON TODAY

Mr. Wm. Aitken was operated upon for appendicitis at the Victoria Public Hospital this morning Dr. W. H. Irvine assisted by Dr. W. C. Crockett performing the operation. Mr. Aitken was in the lumber woods in Northern Maine when he was taken ill about a week ago. He was brought home Saturday. This afternoon he is reported to be doing as well as can be expected.

KENEN CASE CONTINUED

The case against E. J. Kenen, charged with taking and opening a letter addressed to Bernard Kay, was resumed before Police Magistrate Marsh this morning. Jacob Bloom, an employe of the Golden Fleece, Limited was on the stand both morning and afternoon. His evidence had to do mainly with the details of the business arrangements of the store. The witness was a Hebrew and took the oath with his head covered and on the Old Testament. The counsel for the prosecution created some amusement by asking the witness what his "Christian" name was.

CALLED BY FAIRVILLE CHURCH

The congregation of the Fairville United Baptist Church, at a meeting last night decided to extend a unanimous call to Rev. H. R. Boyer to become their pastor. Mr. Boyer is a native of Fredericton, and took a course at the U. N. B. At present he is taking his theological course in Newton (Mass.) His course will not be completed till June 1. He preached in the Fairville church the first Sunday in December, and made a fine impression. He held for some time the pastorate of the Gibson church, where he was very popular. Rev. Mr. Boyer is a fine scholar and effective organizer of congregational activities, and the Fairville congregation confidently expect that he will be able to do notable work among them.

Mr. George M. Barnes, of Toronto, is at the Barker House.
Mrs. Chas. M. Hall, of M-Givney, is visiting friends in the city.

LIEUT. LaCROIX ARRANGING TRANSFER TO MAJOR WEAVER

Latter Becomes Medical Officer at No. 3 Regimental Depot--Lieut. La-Croix Returns to Halifax.

Lieut. La Croix, P. A. M. C., who has been medical officer at No. 3 Regimental Depot here for some months is making arrangements for the transfer of his duties to Major W. J. Weaver, A. M. C., of this city. It is expected that the transfer will be completed this week.

Lieut. La Croix, who was transferred from Halifax to this city will return to that city. He had expected to spend Christmas in Fredericton but his retransfer may take place before that date.

SUCCEEDED LT. COL. BRIDGES

Lieut. La Croix succeeded Lt. Col. Bridges as medical officer at the local depot. Col. Bridges being transferred to Quebec. Although he has been in the city but a short time Lieut. La Croix has made many friends who will greatly regret his departure from Fredericton.

Major Weaver, who is the new medical officer at No. 3 Depot has resided in the city for some years and has been an officer in No. VIII Field Ambulance Unit during that time. At the time of Lt. Col. Bridges' departure from Fredericton Major Weaver's name was mentioned in connection with the appointment of a successor and the announcement is not unexpected.

REV. JOSEPH WILSON MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION YESTERDAY

Large congregations heard Rev. Joseph Wilson, the new pastor of the George Street United Baptist Church, at both services yesterday. Rev. Mr. Wilson made a most favorable impression, his discourses both morning and evening being delivered in a most pleasing manner and containing most potent truths.

Last evening Rev. Mr. Wilson preached from the following text, Galatians 2:20; "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

He alluded to the fact that from the abundance of Christ's gift of life, mentioned in the text, three things resulted, consecutively: mortification, revitalization and transformation.

The mortification which followed the advent of the new life would include all unholy things, habits and desires, practices in life, business and society. In short, sin would die. Following the mortification would come the revitalization, which would make a larger and better life, a life that would be positive for the Christian life was not, as many thought, a mere set of negatives. That revitalization would be followed by a growth in the powers of perception and a nearer approach to the Christlike life. From that the transformation would come gradually.

TRAMPLED BY HORSE AND HAD SKULL FRACTURED

George Charters, son of Mr. Chas. Charters of New Maryland, was brought to the city yesterday and taken to Victoria Hospital, suffering from a fractured skull and other serious injuries. He sustained these injuries at his home while watering a horse. He was leading the animal to water and slipped on the ice falling beneath the horse's feet. The animal became frightened and trampled Charters with its hoofs fracturing his skull above the left eye and hurting him seriously about the body. Dr. A. B. Atherton was summoned from this city and drove to New Maryland where he attended the injured man and ordered his removal to the local hospital. Charters was brought in on a bed laid upon a sled. This afternoon he is reported to be resting comfortably and likely to recover if complications do not set in.

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DR. JAMES H. GRAY DEAD

The death of Dr. James H. Gray, who was well known in this city, took place at his home in Fairville, Saturday night. He was president of the New Brunswick Medical Council and his death is a great loss to the medical profession in this province. His wife, formerly Miss Trueman of Point de Bute is prominent in the W. C. T. U. Three daughters and one son, all residing in Fairville or St. John survive. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

See the Bargain Table at Fowler's.

CRIMINAL LIBEL SUIT HAS FARCIAL ENDING

On Account of Testimony of Employes of The Gleaner Police Magistrate Marsh Dismisses Case Against James H. Crockett, Managing Director-- Connection with Defamatory Article Not Proven.

The expected sequel to the astounding evidence given in the criminal libel case against James H. Crockett by members of the staff of The Gleaner came this morning when Police Magistrate Marsh said that according to the evidence given by the witnesses who should know, no connection had been shown to exist between the alleged defamatory article and the defendant and that on that grounds he would dismiss the case. His Honor added however that his decision did not prevent the complainant from placing the case before the grand jury and asking for a bill. The magistrate commented on the fact that with one or two exceptions the witness swore that James H. Crockett had had no connection with the article in question and that H. L. Coulthard was editor.

FEW SPECTATORS

The case was resumed this morning in the City Council chamber. The attendance of spectators was not large, the outcome of the case evidently being anticipated.

Mr. P. J. Hughes appeared for the prosecution and Mr. P. A. Guthrie for the defence. Mr. Hughes stated that he had no other witnesses to call. The defendant when asked by the magistrate if he had any statement to make replied that he had not. His Honor then gave judgment.

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION

The magistrate said it was his duty to decide whether there was sufficient evidence to send the defendant up for trial or to dismiss the case. He had carefully considered the evidence. Mr. James H. Crockett, managing director of The Gleaner had been charged with publishing a defamatory article.

The question was, "Is he editor?" If he were editor he would have to be sent up. One witness, Mr. Coulthard stated that he himself was editor, that he had found the copy of the alleged libellous article on his desk on returning from lunch and that he had not consulted Mr. Crockett concerning its publication. It did not seem to him that any connection between that article and Mr. Crockett had been proven. It had been shown that he had telephoned concerning it to Hon. H. F. McLeod, but that had been after publication. The other connection proven was by Mr. R. B. Hanson's evidence. He did not think

that he should send the case up on such grounds and therefore must dismiss it. His action however would not preclude the complainant from laying the matter before the grand jury and asking for a bill.

STORY OF CASE

The article on which the case was based appeared in The Gleaner on November 25th. Mr. R. W. McLellan in the article being charged with the forgery of a telegram from Mr. G. B. Fraser, Registrar of Probate for Northumberland. On the following day information was laid before Police Magistrate Marsh who set December 1st as the day of hearing. On that date the case was adjourned until December 7th, the defendant making the plea that his counsel, Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., of St. John could not appear. Evidence was taken on December 7th and 8th, when adjournment was made until December 14th. On that date the counsel applied for adjournment in order that Miss Nellie Lawson, who was wanted as a witness could be located. Miss Lawson had been stenographer at the Gleaner office, but had left Fredericton while the case was in progress. The required adjournment was refused and the present date, set as that for judgment.

The evidence of fifteen witnesses was taken. Mr. G. B. Fraser and employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company proved the statement of the Gleaner to be false. The numerous employees of the Gleaner who were put on the witness stand, however, swore that James H. Crockett had had no connection with the alleged defamatory article.

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