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CHRISTMAS.

The Herald wishes to all its readers, patrons and friends, A Merry Christmas.

The spirit of the Christmas season coming down from the proclamation on the day of the Nativity is "peace on earth good will toward men," and even those who profess to ignore Christ's birth, and mission on earth are ruled perhaps unconsciously by the Christmas spirit.

It is a time of kind wishes and charitable deeds and the world moves more evenly and more pleasantly as a consequence.

Old and young, rejoice together at Christmastide and participate in its pleasures. The church rejoices at the significance of the Nativity, and what it has done for men on earth, and the promise it has for the future. Society yields its tribute to spirit and in deed, and all the world is better for the season of peace and good will.

GOOD IN THEIR WAY BUT--

A newspaper description of a new bank building recently opened in Toronto, describes the absolute safety of the vaults in which the money and securities are to be kept. It says that extraordinary precautions have been taken against any of the funds or books being stolen or burned.

Behind the tellers' cages on the main floor is the cash and securities vault. The first door to be opened weighs four and a half tons in itself, while big wheels work the secret combinations and swing the ponderous door back. Before the interior of the vault is reached two vestibule doors weighing one and one-half tons each have to be opened. Solid steel several inches thick and weighing many tons completely envelops the interior. Such are some of the precautions taken to insure safety for cash and securities. The bank books are kept in vaults surrounded by steel.

This is all very good in its way, but nowadays in some instances a bank's most dangerous enemies are not on the outside.

Another Toronto institution is reported to have been mulcted of some \$2,000,000 by its manager, and the directors say they did not know the man was going on.

Of what use are steel safes, gratings and other paraphernalia against a dishonest official?

CURRENT COMMENTS.

The curlers are anxious for cold weather tomorrow.

The pension bill is Santa Claus Emerson's gift to the I. C. R. employees.

Le Press of Montreal, hears that one of the new senators from New Brunswick will be an Acadian.

There is to be a straight party in the Nicolet federal bye election. The candidates nominated on the party are Devlin, Liberal and Conservative.

B. F. Pearson, M. P. P., for New Brunswick has been sworn in a member of the Nova Scotia government cabinet portfolio. Mr. Pearson, who is a prominent Halifax barrister and promoter of industrial and other business enterprises has represented Colchester, his native county in the legislature since 1901.

Official nominations in the Restigouche local bye-election will be made on Wednesday. Mr. Currie, the government candidate, assisted by Hon. C. H. LaBillois, is addressing meetings all over the constituency.

Michael A. Ansbrough of Charlotte Street, St. John, was seriously injured while at work on the C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie on Saturday evening. Ansbrough was hatch man at number two hatch and was at the end of a gangway when a sling struck him and he fell thirty feet into the hold alighting on his back, which was broken by the fall. He is not likely to recover.

Because his wife had only four cents when he demanded a nickel, William Woodrich, a Chicago teamster, 55 years old, Saturday, shot her to death and then committed suicide. The tragedy occurred in a bedroom adjoining a kitchen where two daughters of Mrs. Woodrich were sitting.

RESIGNED THE PRESIDENCY.

Mr. H. M. Wood of Sackville has written secretary Trites declining to accept the presidency of the newly organized hockey league. In his letter he stated in plain language that he disapproves of the action taken by the Marysville, Sackville and Sussex Clubs in withdrawing from the New Brunswick League. He is a strong believer in amateurism but thinks the clubs mentioned might have accomplished their purpose in a manner that would have carried less friction.

HORSEMEN DISAPPOINTED.

On account of the soft weather the new winter speedway at the trotting park will not be in condition for horse racing to-morrow. The chances are however, that many of the fast ones will be out on Queen Street and Government Lane during the afternoon and there may be some fast brushes.

EXCITING RUNAWAY.

A horse attached to a sled belonging to Mr. John A. Morrison ran a way on Queen Street this morning. It started from the corner of Regent and dashed up as far as Carleton Street, where the driver, who had pluckily clung to the reins managed to bring it to a standstill.

INTERESTING RUMOR.

The engagement of a young lady, the step daughter of a high church dignitary, and a young gentleman from New York State, a native of Kingsclear and at present visiting here, is being quietly discussed among the friends of the interested parties.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Adams took place at ten o'clock this morning with services at St. Ann's church by Rev. Mr. Bolk. Interment was made at Forest Hill Cemetery. Mr. John G. Adams was in charge of the arrangements.

BETTER FLASH UP.

The party who took the parcel from Shute & Co's. jewellery store on Saturday would confer a favor by sending the same at once to Box 42, Fredericton, otherwise the name will be published.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong of Rothesay are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. W. B. Clements of Parkskill, N. Y. is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clements at Springhill.

Mrs. G. G. Roberts, her son Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, and her grandson Mr. Lloyd Roberts arrived from New York to-day to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. DeLancy Robinson arrived from New York to-day to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. DeL. Robinson.

Hidden by Their Colors.

To understand the value of what scientific men call protective coloration in animals one need only look at the common ruffed grouse, or partridge, of North America and consider how hard it is to see him in the woods, even where nothing intervenes to hide him from view. His colors agree so well with the background against which he stands that the eye is slow to make him out. Mr. Gregory, in his volume of African travel, "The Great Rift Valley," mentions several striking instances of animals thus protected, among which that of a certain monkey, Colobus occidentalis, is perhaps the most peculiar. This monkey is covered with a long, silky fur, arranged in alternate stripes of black and white, so handsome that the skin is much prized by the natives for making head ornaments. The contrast of black and white is so marked that at first sight it would seem to preclude concealment, but its value is once evident when the animal is seen at home. It lives in high forests, where the trees have black trunks and branches, draped with long gray masses of beard moss or lichen. As the monkeys hang from the branches they resemble the lichen so closely that Mr. Gregory found it impossible to recognize them, even at a short distance.

When Webster Was Wrong.

It is easy for even a good man to be mistaken.

Daniel Webster was a good man. Yet Daniel was positive that a steam railroad could never be made to work.

He was quite willing to concede that a locomotive might be able to skate along at a pretty good clip while attached to a string of cars running on iron or wooden rails.

But having admitted this much, he arose to call attention to an insurmountable obstacle to the further success of the undertaking. He said the train, once under way, could not be stopped—that it would keep right on going and ultimately crash into something and kill everybody aboard.

Thus we see that even with the best intentions it is easy to make mistakes.

Daniel Webster didn't own canal-boat stock, nor was he for any other selfish reason desirous that railroads should not come into existence. He simply was expressing an opinion about something he had never seen in operation. And unfortunately for his reputation as a railway expert he was that weren't there.

Keeping a Skillet Shiny.

A dark brown, greasy skillet is a trial to a neat housekeeper. Unfortunately, though, the cleansing process is so disagreeable that it is too often slighted. It will be found comparatively easy to keep them in good condition, however, if they are first rubbed with a chain scraper and afterward with brown paper before being washed. It is also well to fill the skillet with water and let it boil on the stove while the rest of the dishes are being washed.

Knee Protectors.

Excellent knee protectors for children may be made of women's stockings that are worn in the feet and of practically no further use. Cut off the upper part of the stocking a piece about eight inches long. Hem the top and bottom and run in elastic bands and you will have a serviceable protector for stockings and drawers.

Mrs. Gayboy's Faith.

Gayboy—So Mrs. Neighbors called you a fool, did she?
Mrs. Gayboy—Not in so many words, but it amounted to the same thing. She accused me of believing everything you say.

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The author of the best design will be awarded a premium of \$8,000 the second best \$4,000, the third best \$1,000 and the fourth best \$1,000.

Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1907, and are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

This competition is open to Canadian architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more.

Conditions of competition stating requirements of buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on application to the undersigned.

By order,

FRED GELINAS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works.

Ottawa, December 12, 1906.

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