FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

DEFENDER OF WALL STREET

What It Is and Does in Connection With the Development of the United States.

(J. S. Bache & Co.'s Letter.)

Wall street in its broad sense comprises the great banks and capitalists and the exchanges of New York. It is the front and top of the business of the United States and its tremendous resources and energy have made possible the wonderful growth of this country. Without it this would still be a third or fourth rate commercial community.

The corporations formed to conduct the manufactures, trade, transportation, and commerce, of the whole country, in most cases have been developed solely by capital brought together in Wall street and seeking such investments. Without this capital no development worth rating would have been accomplished; certainly no such development as has taken place, and yet the very people who are benefited by employment made possible by these enterprises have been taught to scoff at and revile Wall street. The capital of the country invested in the stocks and bonds of our great railway and industrial enterprises is owned broadcast throughout the states, and yet without the exchanges to furnish a daily market for them—a market which makes them convertible into cash at a moment's notice—they would fall like dead birds and all further enterprises would be stifled. The very speculation that is so much condemned is what makes the market broad enough—furnishes one set of men willing to risk a part of their own money and to borrow the rest—to enable another set of men—investors, capitalists, merchants, farmers and miners—promptly to dispose of their holdings if they wish to change the form of their investment or to use their money in their own enterprises. The competition in the market for these securities is what upholds their value—without a market they would drop like any other commodity where the individual owner must search out an individual buyer, and submit to enormous discount just because he wants to sell.

The fever of socialism has started an unnatural desire to wipe out speculation, and the disease is extending from Texas and the South and West, eastward. It was this same fever that a few years ago led in Germany to prohibition of buying and selling on margin there. So disastrous and uncomfortable have been the results to all classes of business in the community that a strong movement among business men has set in there to have the prohibitory law repealed.

The movement here is purely political, like the anti-railway legislation in the southern states, and it is inaugurated by politicians to curry public favor among people ignorant as to the workings of economic law and filled with illusions about making people righteous by statute. The evil effects of such delusions are beginning to be felt in Texas in the withdrawal of capital. And the lack of quick markets for the products of the land are affecting unfavorably the farming community as well as the merchants. If the movement becomes general it will stifle business everywhere and postpone the return of prosperity indefinitely.

WIDESPREAD IMPROVEMENT

The Business Tendency in the United States is in That Direction.

(Montreal Witness.)

The business tendency in the United States is travelling rapidly towards widespread improvement. The public is regaining confidence and a better degree of recovery has already been established than might have been hoped for a month ago. The improvement in financial and mercantile circles is largely due to the favorable monetary situation. The premium on currency has practically disappeared and rates for time money are steadily declining. The derangement in credit is passing away, liquidation has been somewhat severe, and this has had the effect of releasing considerable money. Another factor which is playing a prominent part in bringing about better times is that hoardings in all parts of the United States, roughly estimated at about $250,000,000 are being put in circulation. In short, the country is running into a period when the supply of funds will be sufficient to meet the growing requirements of general trade. Ordinarily "easy" money acts as a stimulus to stock market values, and it is safe to say that "easier" money has been an important element in bringing about the present recovery. It may be well to consider the other side of the situation which is likely to check any tendency towards excessive monetary ease. In the United States, today, there are millions of clearing house certificates to be retired. Then again the government must be expected considerably to reduce its excessive deposits with the banks. Then the trust companies will be forced to increase their reserves and carry them in cash. Thousands of people have been holding on and on in the expectation of better times, and the needs of these will have to be supplied before ease comes. Securities that would have been realized upon but for the depression will as soon as prices approach the normal be thrown on the market. The demand for capital, which was withheld all over the country during the last few months of the old year, will show itself again on the market at the first opportunity. It is no hidden fact that several of the big railway corporations are in dire need of more money for the carrying out of much needed improvements, while maturities and installments or subscriptions will have to be met in the near future. Altogether, the money situation across the border is more or less com, and wehil the border is more or les complex, and while the abnormal rates which have prevailed since October last are practically a matter of the past and are succeeded by lower rates, there is reason to predict a prompt return to low rate.

Verner No. 1 L. O. L. expect to confer the initiatory and four Royal Arch degrees at their regular meeting this evening.

STOCKS ARE UP SINCE PANIC

Leading Railroad Stocks Have Shown a Substantial Advance in Last Few Days.

(Montreal Star)

At Wednesday's close ten leading Wall St. railroad stocks showed individual increases, from low of last year, ranging from 7⅛ to 38½ points, the latter being recorded by Reading and the former by Atchison.

Union Pacific showed the second largest increase, making a gain of 26⅛ points.

The following table shows:

	Closing Wed'y	Low. 1907	Inc.
Atchison	73½	66⅜	7⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	89¾	75⅜	14⅜
Canadian Pacific	151⅜	138	13⅜
St. Paul.	115⅝	93½	22⅛
N. Y. Central	102½	89	13½
Northern Pacific	124	100½	23½
Pennsylvania	116⅜	103½	13¼
Reading!	109	70½	38½
Southern Pacific	76¼	63¼	13
Union Pacific	126⅛	100	26⅛

——!Reading sold ex-div. This makes increase two points greater.

Five Industrials show as follows:

Amalgamated	53	41¾	11¼
Am. Smelting	77⅞	58¼	19⅝
Am. Sugar	113⅜	92¾	20⅝
General Electric	124	89½	34½
Steel	30⅛	21⅞	8¼

Sugar shows the second largest gain of the industrials, recovering rapidly from the spectacular bear drive of a few eeks ago. Smelters naturally show a wide fluctuation.

RETURNING GOOD TIMES

Signs of Improved Conditions in the United States.

The New York American publishes the following under the caption "Signs of Returning Good Times":—

Baltimore—The Maryland Steel Company put in operation its rolling mill and blast furnaces on Manday, giving employment to about 600 men. The company closed these departments recently owing to a let-up in orders, but during the past week business conditions have improved.

Columbia, S. C.—Announcement is made by the Columbia Clearing House Association that the banks of this city will begin immediately to call in their certificates. It was originally intended to keep this paper in circulation until March 1.

Atlanta—The Atlanta Clearing Association called in all clearing house certificates issued by its members to meet the recent financial stringency. Only a small amount of these certificates remain in circulation.

Pittsburg—Wallace H. Rowe, president of the Pittsburg Steel Company and the Seamless Tube Company of America, announced that all wire and steel hoop product orders had been reaffirmed and there would be no reduction for the spring trade. All the plants of the companies resumed operations, affording employment to thousands.

SALE OF CITY BONDS

(Montreal Witness.)

During the past few years different cities and towns throughout the Dominion have issued bonds, and as they could not, in many cases, sell them, they had to borrow money on them at a high rate of interest. The banks have been compelled, for some time past, to carry these bonds over, as the money market during the past six months has not been in a position profitably to dispose of them. Easier money, which is beginning to assert itself in London will permit these cities and towns to dispose of their debentures before very long, and they will then be in a position to repay the Canadian banks, and thus place in circulation considerably more money. A pleasing feature of the week has been the splendid financial statements issued by several of our well-known banks, which prove beyond doubt that, financially, the Dominion is 'all right,' and that our financial institutions and mercantile houses are today stronger than ever before.

WANTS $50,000 BECAUSE HUSBAND LOST APPETITE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20—Mrs. Marguerite Dannebaum, wife of the wealthy manufacturer, has sued Miss Mildred Hartman for $50,000 for alienating the affections of her husband. Miss Hartman is twenty-seven years old and is well known in south side society.

"A letter gave me a clue," said Mrs. Dannebaum, "and I found that when my husband registered at a hotel in Petoskey, Mich., last September, Miss Hartman had an adjoining room.

"I regarded my husband as ideal. I set him on a pedestal. He would 'phone me three and four times a day and even sent me flowers after our separation on Nov. 18. I would meet him downtown and have luncheon. He would not eat, and I thought he was suffering from a weak stomach. Then I would come home and prepare him the daintiest morsels, not even allowing the maid to touch his food. Then I learned that the reason he could not eat was because he had had a previous luncheon with Miss Hartman."

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 20—Exposed to the fury of a northeast hurricane, soaked to the skin, and with the temperature at zero, the crew of the schooner Ada Mildred, which went ashore on Gammon Ledge, at the entrance of Whitehead harbor, spent eleven long hours on a narrow ledge of rock, until taken off by fishermen from the shore this morning. Late last night the schooner drove ashore in the height of a furious gale. Hope was practically abandoned by the crew, but three seamen managed to struggle to the ledge with a line, and with this a dory was hauled back and forth until the crew were landed. It was 10 o'clock before they all reached the ledge, and there they spent eleven long hours until taken off this morning by a boat, in charge of Captain Alden Munroe.

The Ada Mildred is of ninety-nine tons, and was bound for Louisburg with lumber. She is owned by C. W. Anderson, of Sherbrooke, who was on board.

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THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER — OF — KENNEBECCASIS BAY

Many of our gains are losses and many of our losses are gains. Sometimes we exult over that which brings about our discomfiture and lament an occurrence that after a time is followed by long-desired results. Time is the great revealer; he tells us what is good or evil for us as individuals or as communities, and until he tells us we are like one walking blindfolded on an unfamiliar road; he guesses he is progressing in the right direction, until he brings up in a ditch or in the arms of a friend. Then he knows how he is getting on, while before he only guessed. Man has been guessing through all the ages of the past. Sometimes he is assured that he has guessed rightly or wrongly, but that assurance almost always lacks ratification. For example, the farmer guesses that if instead of potatoes, which have rotted, he had planted turnips he would have harvested a profitable crop, whereas if he had planted turnips the fly would have harvested the plants as fast as they made their appearance in his field. And Joshua guesses that if he had married Jerusha instead of Mary Ann he would have had more hair on his head today than he has, whereas he might have lost his head entirely before this if he had taken Jerusha for a "helpmete." Still the farmer might have harvested a good crop of turnips, and Jerusha might have been an excellent wife for Joshua; these problems will forever remain unsolved. We walk in a continuous shadow through which most objects appear blurred and indistinct, unless they are especially disagreeable. Some think physical blindness is one of the greatest of misfortunes; perhaps it is, I don't know.

"I will determine the question experimentally," said I to myself, and closing my eyes I stretched myself back in my easy chair. Presently the fields between the house and the shore of the bay grew verdant and were dotted with daisies and buttercups, and there I saw romping a group of happy children. Among them were poor little Florence and Fred and Dolly and Ruth and Emma and Jennie and Willie and Harry and many others that I had known in the years that are gone, all as young and unblemished as when I saw them last, though I know some of them have grown old and careworn and more of them are in their graves. "Come to me, O little children!" I cried, but at the sound of my voice they vanished. Dear little ones! How kind to give me even a brief glimpse at their happy faces.

Then down the hill trouped a group of boys and girls, just out of school, old school mates of mine. I could see plainly that not one of the world's cares, sorrows or sins had touched them—that the years had not even touched them with their wings since I met them last. "Pause here awile," I shouted, but they went on as if they knew me not, and well they might, for has not the grass grown over most of their heads for at least a generation? Then passed singly, in couples and in little groups a score or more of men and women with dignified tread, sedate but happy. They were the friends of my mature years and were unchanged by the stress of time. Yet the places that knew them know them no more, and many of them have passed out of the memory of the living. One of them, a tall, slim woman, with a tender look in her eyes, plucked a rose from her bosom as she passed and threw it over the hedge to me. I rushed forward to grasp her hand, but instantly the entire pageant had vanished. "O, my friends," I cried, "let me go with you," but no answer came back, and my blind eyes sought for them in vain.

The fields were again covered with snow and the bay was ice bound. I saw a tiny speck moving rapidly toward our shore from the point of Long Island. I walked down to the beach and a few minutes later Hannah was beside me. She was just as rosy and vivacious as on her former visit and we met as old friends. She sat down on a bowlder while I unbuckled her skates. Then we walked to the house, and seated before my hardwood fire we chatted, chatted, chatted, for one, two, perhaps three hours. What did we talk about? The public has little business with the personal intercourse of one man and another and none whatever with that between a man and a woman. If Hannah chooses to be voluble on the subject she has a right to be voluble. As for myself, I have nothing to say. I brought out a bottle of blue-berry wine and a plate of soda biscuits and Hannah said they were excellent. I infer that Hannah was sincere from the rapidity with which they disappeared between us.

After she had bid me adieu I opened my eyes. Had I been dreaming or had I been taking a lesson in experimental blindness? If the latter, why, temporary fits of blindness may be borne, if not too frequent, with equanimity.

Whitehead, K. Co., Jan. 17.

AT THE CEDAR

Excellent Vaudeville and Good Pictures Presented Last Night.

Vaudeville of an unusually high order, combined with the latest motion pictures make the new bill at the Cedar particularly attractive. Cunningham and Ivry scored a big hit yesterday in their great comedy act. Viola Wentworth delighted the audience with a performance that had all the charm of novelty, and Stanton and Austin were a host in themselves.

The motion pictures were of the latest from the great studios, and dealt with a variety of subjects calculated to please everybody. Frank Austin's illustrated song, as usual, was one of the features of this up-to-date entertainment.

OPERA HOUSE PICTURES

Those who attend the opening of the picture show in the Opera House today, under the management of The Pastime Moving Picture Company, will be agreeably surprised by seeing new scenery and elaborate requisites necessary for the enjoyment of patrons. The curtain for pictures is flake white surrounded with a heavy gold frame. The proscenium wings are in green and gold draping over columns of onyx, making an imposing and elaborate stage setting for moving pictures.

The machine is one of the latest and best and is capable of giving the largest, clearest and steadiest picture. The pictures are from Klein, one of the best manufacturers in the world, and the subjects are well chosen and are bound to please. The subjects for today and Wednesday will include the beautiful Bible story of the Prodigal Son, the descriptive drama A Tale of the Sea, and Under False Colors, a strong comedy film. The illustrated songs will be sung by Mr. McDonald, of Chicago, and Prof. L. W. Titus, of this city. Among the songs will be Good Bye, Sweet One, and Where Is My Wandering Boy; music by the full orchestra and effects by Mr. Nuttall.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1908 January	Sun Rises	Sets	Tides High	Low
20 Mon.	8.01	5.08	0.44	7.12
21 Tues	8.00	5.09	1.20	7.47
22 Wed	8.00	5.10	1.57	8.24
23 Thur	7.59	5.12	2.55	9.04
24 Fri	7.59	5.13	3.15	9.47
25 Sat	7.58	5.15	4.01	10.33

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Canada Cape, sld, Forcados, Dec 31.
Kastalia, sld Glasgow, Jan. 11.
Lake Erie, sld Liverpool, Jan. 15.
Manchester Mariner, at Halifax Jan 16.
Manchester Shipper sld, Manchester Jan 11.
Memnon, at Yokohama, Dec 19.
Montrose, sld Queenstown, Jan. 11.
Rappahannock, sld London, Jan 12.
Salacia, sld Glasgow, Jan. 18.
Sardinian sld London, via Halifax Jan 16.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday

Stmr Corsican, 7,298, Pickering, from Liverpool via Halifax, C. P. R. pass and mdse.
Schr Ottis Miller, 98, Cole, from Boston, C M Kerison, ballast.
Coastwise:—Stmr Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campobello.

DOMINION PORTS.

Shelburne, Jan. 18—Ard. schr Grace Darling, Sims, fishing.
Cld—Schrs, Onyx, Hirtle, Barbados; Grace Darling, Sims, fishing.
Canso, Jan. 18—Ard, schrs Lottie, Newfoundland; stmrs Atlantic, do; Scotia, Halifax.
Sailed—Schrs Maggie A., Port Hastings; stmrs Atlantic, Lunenburg, J L Cann. Mulgrave and return; Scotia, Halifax.
Victoria, B. C. Jan. 19—Ard stmr Wiowera, Hemming, Sydney, N. S. W. via Brisbane and Honolulu.
North Head, Grand Manan, Jan 20—Ard, sch Ravola, Finley, New York.
Halifax, Jan 20—Ard 19th, strs A W Perry, Boston; 20th, Rosalind, New York; Senlac, St John via ports (and sailed to return); Cacouna, Sydney (C B); sch Earl V S, Bay of Islands (Nfld) via Lunenburg for Boston (put in leaking).
Sld—Strs Numidian, Boston.

BRITISH PORTS

Nassau, N. P. Jan. 4—Ard schrs Emily I. White, Colbeth, Philadelphia; Fearless, Kemp Key West; 5th. steam yacht Vesta, Comstock Miami; 6th. schr Julia Elizabeth, Sweeting, Brunswick, Ga.
Lizard, Jan 20—Passed, str Pomeranian, St John and Halifax for Havre and London.
Glasgow, Jan 18—Sld, str Salacia, St John.
London, Jan 20—Ard, str Shenandoah, St John and Halifax.
Tyne, Jan 20—Ard, str Sellasia, Abbott, from Hamburg; Cheronea, Cook, from do.
Demerara, Dec 27—In port, sch Henry Lipuitt, Howes, for Punta Gorda; 11th, Dahome, for Halifax via West Indies, etc, 10th, and Ocamo, for same ports 21st.
St John's, Nfld, Jan 6—Ard, brig Devonia, Snow, Pernambuco.
Cld 4th—Schs Wm Morton, Lloyd, Pernambuco (and sailed 6th); 6th, Emma E Whidden, McKinnon, Bahia (and sailed 7th); 9th, John Llewellyn, Davies, Bahia.
Sld 7th—Strs Regulus, Wakeham, Balena and Charleston; Numidian, Moar, from Glasgow, etc, for Halifax and Boston.
Wabana, Nfld, Jan 2—Ard, str Oscar II, (Sw), Tornberg, Sydney (C B.)

FOREIGN PORTS

Washington Jan. 19—Ard schr Isiah K Stetson, Hamilton, St. John, N. B.
Astoria, Jan. 18—Ard bark Provincee, Jones Buenos Ayres.
Sld—Ship Thiers Quatremann, United Kingdom; bark Miltonburn, Crawford, do.
Brunswick, Jan. 18—Ard bark Matanzas, Davies, Porto Plata; schr John B Manning, Hyres, Portland.
Cld—18th. Schr Carrie Strong, Strong, Matanzas.
Boothbay Harbor, Jan. 18—Ard. schr Manuel R Cuza, South Amboy.
Newport News, Jan 18—Ard stmr Minin, (Nor) Larsen, Sydney, C. B.
Fernandina, Jan 18—Ard stmr Celtic Princess (Br) Humphrey, Barry; bark Ladysmith Mahoney, Point-a-Pitre; schrs Salisbury, Foxwell, New York; Viking, Hopkins, Boston.
Sld—18th. Schr Stella B. Klapan, Merritt, New York.
Vineyard Haven, Jan 20—Ard. sch Albertha, Fall River for Liverpool (N S.)
Portland, Jan 20—Ard and sld, str Calvin Austin, Boston for St John.
Boothbay Harbor, Jan 20—Ard, schs Abana, Parrsboro; Vere B Roberts, coastwise.
City Island, Jan 20—Bound south, schs Jennie A Stubbs, St John; Collector, Bridgewater (N S.)
Havre, Jan 17—Sld, str Sardinian, from London for Halifax and St John.
Cherbourg, Jan 19—Sld, str St Louis, from Southampton for New York.
New York, Jan 18—Ard, sch Cartagena, Cohoon, from San Blas, 20 days.
Cld—Str Leuctra, Grady, for Oran, Algiers, Tunis, etc.
Malaga, Jan 8—Ard, sch Mary Lloyd, Jones, St John's (Nfld.)
Santos, Jan 6—Sld, bark Aureola, Turner, Barbados and St John's (Nfld.)

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Boston, Mass. Jan. 18—Notice is given by the lighthouse board that Tenpound Island ledge buoy No. 6, a spar, Gloucester Harbor reported broken off and not watching will be replaced by a perfect buoy as soon as practicable.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

London Jan. 19—Stmr Strathlyon (Br) Burch from Rotterdam for New York has returned to Falmouth from lat 48 lon. 11, with 12 feet of water in hold No. 1 and her pumps choked.

New York, Jan 20—Schr Annie R Lewis, from New York for Perth Amboy, went aground in the bay near Keansburg, N J. Wrecking tug William E Chapman and another tug went to her assistance and she was floated at high water last evening and probably taken to Perth Amboy.

Yarmouth, N. S. Jan. 20—Bark Brookside, which was driven ashore at Tusket Wedge during a gale last week, was pulled off Saturday by a number of tugs, after discharging a portion of her cargo.

New York, Jan 18—Str Baltic, from Liverpool, reports Jan 14, lat 47.39, lon 43.54, passed an iceberg.

Darien, Jan 17—Sch Malden's survivors, Capt Bates, his wife and six men, were brought here today by str Kirnwood. They were in an open boat 13 hours.

Philadelphia, Jan 18—Str Alice, from Halifax and Tusket Wedge, reports lost part of deckload of laths, damaged port and starboard bulwarks and had cabin flooded.

New York, Jan 18—Str Rosalind, which left Brooklyn 17th for Halifax in charge of a pilot, when passing Sunken Meadows, between the buoy and the light, struck some submerged wreck. The steamer was right in the channel, about 60 feet from the buoy, and after she passed the wreckage seemed to spring up.

Whitehead, N S, Jan 20—A large black two topmast schooner was seen yesterday afternoon to anchor to the windward of Gammon's Ledge, near the entrance to the harbor. This morning the schooner is reported ashore on Gammon's Ledge. A gale is blowing and there is zero weather. It is impossible to get further particulars now. The vessel is supposed to be going east.

MARINE NEWS.

Swedish steamer Oscar II. is now on passage from Sydney to Portland (Me.) with coal. This will be the Oscar's last trip this season for the Nova Scotia Steel Company.

C. P. R. steamship Montezuma, for London, which sailed on the 17th, took away 841 head of United States cattle and 110 head Canadian cattle.

Donaldson line steamship Salacia sailed from Glasgow last Saturday for this port direct.

Furness line steamship Shenandoah, arrived at London yesterday from this port via Halifax.

Yesterdays Halifax Chronicle says: "More goods stolen from the cargo of the wrecked steamer Mount Temple were recovered on Saturday by L. J. Ehlbers, the local representative of the Canadian Detective Bureau, and Provincial Detective Harry Wright. The two officers drove down the Eastern Passage and crossed in a boat to Devil's Island, and searched several of the houses. Goods were recovered in four of them, and brought to the mainladn. The officers also searched houses at Eastern Passage and in two of them found goods stolen from the steamer's cargo. The goods recovered comprised laces, glassware, irazors, knives, china and crockery ware. All the booty was brought to the city in a team.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
Athenia, 5982, R Reford Co.
Corsican, 7298, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Kanawha, 2488, Wm Thomson & Co.
Melville, 2,872, J H Scammell & Co.
Barks.
Etaut, 1,131, J H Scammell & Co.
Schooners.
Abbie Keast, 98, Master.
Abbie & Eva Hooper, 275, R C Elkin.
Annie Bliss, 275, master.
Arthur M Gibson. 296, J W Smith.
C B Wood, 224, Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Dara C. 402, A W Adams
Elma, 296, A W Adams.
Evolution, 173, J W Smith.
Henry Miller, 246, A W Adams.
Harold B Cousins, 360, P McIntyre.
Hugh G, 430, J W Smith.
Harry W Lewis, 297, J W Smith.
Harry, 422, C M Kerrison.
Hunter, 187, D J Purdy.
Ida M Barton, 102, J W McAlary.
J Arthur Lord, 189, Master.
John G Walter, 209, master.
Jennie A Stubbs, 159, master.
Lavonia, 266, J W Smith.
Myrtle Leaf, 366, master.
Norombega, 266, R C Elkin.
Otis Miller, 98, C. M. Kerrison.
Onward, 92, C M Kerrison.
Peter C. Schultz, 373, Stetson Cutler & Co.
R Bowers, 347, R C Elkin.
R D Spear, 299, J. A. Gregory.
Rebecca W Huddell, 210, D J Purdy.
Roger Drury, 307, R C Elkin.
Romeo, 111, P McIntyre.
Sallie E Ludlam, 199, D J Purdy.
St Bernard, 122, J W Smith.
Therisa Wolfe, 344, Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Winnie Lawry, 215, D J Purdy.

UNION CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Union Club was held last evening. After the presentation of the reports, the election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Alfred Porter, re-elected president; S. S. de Forest, re-elected vice-president; Hon. J. G. Forbes, T. E. G. Armstrong, R. B. Kesson, Fred. R. Taylor, C. J. Milligan, and L. G. Crosby, committee.

Of these Messrs. Armstrong and Kesson were re-elected. J. Twining Hartt was reappointed secretary-treasurer, and Col. E. T. Sturdee, auditor.

The club gained a little in ordinary membership during the year, and now has nearly 200 ordinary members.

THE WHISKY!
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HAZEL KIRK

City Cornet Band Dramatic Club Gave Excellent Production Last Evening

The City Cornet Band Dramatic club presented Hazel Kirk before a large and appreciative audience at the Opera House last night. The members of the cast were thoroughly at home in their respective roles; all made the most of their opportunities, and the result was a very creditable production of the well known play.

Miss Lena O'Reilly appeared to advantage as Hazel Kirk, and held the sympathy of her audience from start to finish. She is possessed of much emotional power and repeatedly called for hearty applause, particularly at the close of the second act.

Miss Bessie McSorley's conception of the part of Mercy Kirk and that of Lady Travers was indeed, in each case, deserving of special comment. Both are character parts, and neither are easy to play, yet Miss McSorley was perfectly at home in either role, a fact that the audience was quick to recognize. Miss McSorley is already well known as a brilliant amateur actress, and her work at last night's performance was not a whit behind the best work she has done in theatrical circles.

W. J. Kindred's Lord Travers was a good conception of a difficult part, and M. J. Donovan as Barney O'Flynn, was accorded a hearty reception. Other members of the cast consisting of Miss Sue Murphy, and Messrs F. J. Joyce, J. J. O'Toole, W. J. Quigg, W. Collins, Louis Armstrong, and J. Butler were fully equal to the demands made upon them by their various parts.

Between the acts pleasing specialties were given by Miss Bessie Wetmore and Mrs. Francis J. O'Reilly. Miss Wetmore's particularly sweet and expressive voice was well suited to "Yesterday," by C. R. Harris, and in response to an encore she was equally successful in "Meditation." Mrs. O'Reilly delighted the audience with "As Long as the World Rolls On," and for a recall sang, with excellent effect "I'd Rather Two Step Than Walk, Bill."

OFFICERS ELECTED

Court Epping Forest, I. O. F., Monday elected the following officers: E. W. Rowley, C. D. H. C. R.; Dr. L. A. McAlpine, C. Ph.; H. G. Martin, C. R.; C. J. Lake, V. C. R.; Reverdy Steeves, R. S.; T. E. Owens, F. S.; Mary Owens, Treas.; Bertha B. Allen, Orator; J. G. Willett, S. W.; G. L. Benson, J. W.; John Lane, T. R.; W. F. B. Patterson, J. B.; Messrs. Patterson and Lake, Trustees; Messrs. Benson and Willett, finance committee; Messrs. Rowley and Lake, central committee.

Victoria Company, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at the annual meeting Monday night, elected: W. E. Hopper, Captain (re-elected); H. Kinnear, 1st Lieut.; B. L. Sheppard, 2nd Lieut.; J. F. Brown, recorder; J. A. Stephenson, Treas.; Alex. Corbett, Guard; William Smith, Sentinel. A committee was appointed to work with the Boston '08 Club in preparing for the Boston trip in August next.

Cygnet Company, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, has elected: R. T. Patchell, Captain; Frank M. Shannon, 1st Lieut.; Arthur Williamson, 2nd Lieut.; R. H. Irwin, Recorder; M. V. Wilson, Treas.; W. McLellan, Guard; Geo. Lobb, Sentinel. This company has also appointed a committee to work with the Boston '08 club.

John W. Snyder

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 20—(Special)—John W. Snider, an old and respected citizen of Roachville, died last evening at his home, aged 77 years. A wife, four daughters and two sons survive. The daughters are Mrs. Fenwick, of Keirstead Mountain; Mrs. Hugh Parker, St. John; Mrs. James Pearson, Boston, and Mrs. Claud Northrup, Cole's Island. The sons are Amos and John at home.

The funeral takes place tomorrow at 10 o'clock, from his late residence, interment at Keirstead Mountain. Rev. Dr. Rogers will officiate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DEATHS

PAISLEY—Suddenly, at Sackville, N. B., on Monday, January 20th, Rev. Charles H. Paisley, M. A., D. D., in the 65th year of his age.

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Relatives and Friends of Count Szechneyl, Who Is To Marry Gladys Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20—Relatives and friends of Count Laszlo Szechenyi arrived on the Kron Prinzessin Cecile, of the North German Lloyd line, to attend the wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt to that nobleman on January 27.

Whether they had been farewarned of the nature of the reception that awaited them could not be learned, but they yielded to the importunities of photographers and individually and collectively posed before cameras no fewer than thirty-seven times, submitted to all sorts of questions, pertinent and impertinent; tried to appear politely unconscious at the pier for half an hour, while a staring crowd circled around them, and at the end emerged smiling and cheerful.

In the party were Count Denes Szechenyl, the eldest brother of Count Laszlo, and the Countess Denes Szechenyi, Count Stefan Szechenyi, another brother; Count Anton Sigray, who is to be the best man, and Count Paul Esterhazy. They will all be the guests of Mrs. Vanderbilt. Travelling with them were Count Stefan Przedzlecky and Nelson O'Shaugnessy, Secretary of the American Embassy at Vienna, and Mrs. O'Shaugnessy, who are old friends of the Szechenyi family.

No member of the Vanderbilt family went to Hoboken, and the explanation of their absence given Count Denes by his younger brother was amply borne out by what happened when the crowd became aware of the identity of the visitors.

Until recently Count Denes Szechenyi was secretary of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy at Berlin. He is now on leave, and when he returns it is supposed he will be made minister to Denmark. He is apparently a little more than 40 years old and below medium height and rather stout. He wears a reddish moustache and a monocle. The beauty of his wife was a subject of considerable interest. She was the Princess of the House of Caraman-Chimay, of Belgium, and is a relative of a prince of that name who was married to Clara Ward, of Detroit. Tall and slender, she has dark eyes and hair. She wore yesterday a travelling dress of brown checked cloth, a small dark hat trimmed with red and brown, and a long brown veil. Count Stefan Szechenyi is tall and slender, with pale face and a thin dark moustache that droops at the ends.

Count Laszlo met the party at the pier