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Although the first performance will be given by the Poli Players on Monday afternoon, at which time the admission price to ladies will be 10 cents to any part of the house, we have decided to make Monday night Ladies' Night, and will accept the following coupon as admission ticket, if accompanied by one person with a paid reserved seat ticket. Must be presented at the box office for seat coupon before 6 o'clock Monday night.

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Native workmen, using native material, under the supervision of an Englishman, have built India's first aeroplane.

According to an official report, 85 per cent of the natives of American Samoa are believed to be "hookworm" sufferers.

COMPETITION IN NEW LONDON

In Religion, Business and Amusements it is Marked

FAN-TAN OR CHINESE POKER

Two Ways of Looking at It—A New Steeple for St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church—New London Believes in the School for Marines on the Thames and will Move for its Retention.

Some one in the long, long ago, said something about competition being the life of trade, but that of course depends upon how you gaze at it. With fares conducted and moving picture houses in New London and each filled to capacity every afternoon and evening it would really seem as if there was something in the old saw, after all. The time was when one entertainment of a public nature on the same evening was about all the old city could stand. So much so that when there was a conflict of dates there was sure to be post-ponement, or else a flat loss to the rival entertainments would result.

The heirs of the former owners are not making the efforts to retain the station that John R. Bolles did in its establishment, as it is all gold that comes to them. But the representative from the Third district, Edwin W. Higgins, will do all that he can do to not only prevent the abolition of the station, but will make special effort for its future development. Senator Brandegee, too, will make protest against its discontinuance and advocate its advancement.

Just a few years ago there was pending a moving picture and audient house, but it was a fading venture and was closed. Soon thereafter another try was made, with just a little better success, and then came a rival house, and the business improved in both places, and in a short while thereafter there came a third show house of like character, and now the trio are booming to big business, but the limit is about reached for the present, and further competition would not mean the life of that particular trade. This fact is demonstrated once each week when a company of vaudevillians invade the city and give a corking show at low prices and excellent entertainment. The patronage drawn to this show is so that you would notice it in the trio of regular cheap price playhouses, and it is an excellent illustration of the fact that the trio of houses have entered a combine to try and keep the interlopers, as they are termed, away from the town, and as an opener females are admitted free to the trip when the other show comes to town, but the other fellows play to crowded houses on their every visit.

The place was designated as a coal station and equipped with extensive and extensive outfit for the handling and storage of coal. It being planned that all naval vessels when in the vicinity of New London would stop up the Thames river and take on a supply of coal, and that a regular line of colliers would make regular trips to the station and keep up the supply of coal with enough in storage to supply the vessels on the navy in any emergency. Well, the colliers came and went for a time, and the other naval vessels, not of the highest type, actually did take coal on at the station, and more recently the torpedo boat destroyers have called there.

Competition is not confined to the theaters, but now exists in some of the churches, for at the present time special religious services by experienced evangelists are being carried on, and with success, for the competition along that line does not materially affect the timbre of the most interesting of them. But there is a rivalry and competition, with just a tinge of bitterness that is exhibited in the action of the managers of the churches.

A report of one of the revivals says that prayers that God's powers shall break the shackles of sin and free New London from the awful curse of her iniquitous places! One of the preaching evangelists is accompanied by a singing evangelist, which does not quite suit the fancy of the competitive preacher, and the latter is referred to as an ambassador of Christ, and in continuation of the praise, a little which is made at the other preacher in this style: "He places no dependence on extensive advertising, and says he prefers the men of prayer at his side to a singer. His sole dependence is placed on God's spirit, working in the hearts and consciences of men."

One who is in a position to know declares that the fact that there are two special revival sessions in progress in New London does not affect in the least the attendance at the moving picture and vaudeville houses, but on the night that the visiting vaudeville show comes there is a falling off in patronage that is noticeable at the box office. It may be that the players have no knowledge that religious revivals are in progress. Suggestion has been made that slides announcing the revival meetings be thrown upon the screens at the playhouses, with the usual Biblical warnings, and that the singing evangelist make the rounds and favor the audiences with gospel songs. In that way people could be reached that could not in any other way, and the announcements and the gospel singing might bring some of the audience to the stage of repentance. Yes, the time was when one attraction, even of a religious nature, was all that New London would stand for at the same time. But times have changed since eggs were 12 cents a dozen.

Not so very long ago barracks were built for the school of instruction for officers in the revenue marine corps and school now established there, and has proven to be an excellent place for the school. The people of New London are pleased to have the school there, and in order that the school be retained, it would be well for the New London board of trade, the New London business men's association and kindred societies, and the court of common council of the city of New London to get busy and by united effort save the naval station on the Thames from total abolition.

After the years of persistent work that the late John R. Bolles did and that finally resulted in the establishment of the New London naval station, during which the endorsement of the highest naval authorities was received, and led the "Father of the Naval Station" to believe that it was to be the great navy yard of the future, is now listed among the navy yards recommended by the secretary of the navy for abolition. This plan may be changed when the navy department and the general government as a whole realizes that when the place is no longer to be used for naval purposes that the land with all its improvements will revert to the parties who owned the property just prior to its transfer to the state to be given over to the government for naval purposes.

The Catholic church of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, which was erected about forty years ago, minus a steeple, although the original design included that distinct church identification, is to have one added and the church edifice practically completed. Ample money for the building of a steeple in keeping with the magnitude of the beautiful granite structure is available through bequests of the late Sebastian D. Lawrence and Rev. Thomas P. Joyn, who was rector of the church for over a quarter of a century. Plans prepared by George Chappell of the firm of Chappell & Ewing, New York architects, have been adopted, and it is expected that the work will be completed within a year from next August. The architect is a son of Alfred H. Chappell of New London, who in his infancy was baptized in that church and was a regular attendant until he went abroad for study and subsequently located in New York city.

When this church was in course of construction it was a part of the plan to have the steeple surmounted by a gilded cross so that the Star of the Sea church would serve as a land-

mark for the mariners at sea and a reminder of its spiritual significance. In those days there were no electric lights, so with the modern advancement, the idea of the original builders of the church might be carried to a point in keeping with the times, and that the cross be lighted at night to serve as a beacon light and mariners be guided to a certain extent by the cross on the steeple of the Star of the sea.

Just because some Chinamen assembled at the home of one of their fellow countrymen, and played fan tan or Chinese poker, or some similar game, report was made to the police that the house was a resort for gamblers and that gambling was on that very Sunday in progress. Formal complaint was made to the prosecuting attorney and warrant for service was placed with the police and the house was raided. There were twelve men in the place when the police officers called and the man of the house was placed under bonds for trial in the police court the next day. After hearing the testimony Judge Colt discharged the accused, as there was no evidence that the police officers were playing any game of chance for coin. It was well that the police did carry out the instruction of the court in this particular case as there would have been injustice to men perhaps innocent of the crime of gambling, as the law is commonly considered. The court ordered some time ago that when gambling rooms are raided that not only the proprietor but all other persons in the place shall be held into court.

A friend, and not in a regular gambling room, just as men and women sit together for a social game of whist for cash. They are not in the same class as their American brethren in the professional gambling game, who play at the table for what there is in it at every opportunity. It is a natural recreation for these Chinamen and if the law is technically violated society is not in the least injured by their acts and none is put to any hardship by the losses of some of the players. If gamblers are wanted, either private residences can be raided with as equal good grace as can the exclusive home of the Chinamen.

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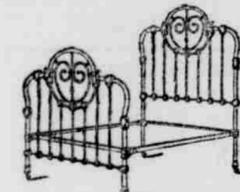
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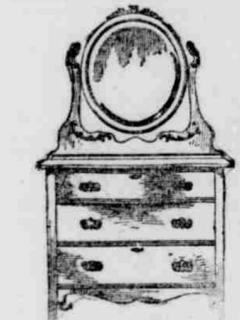
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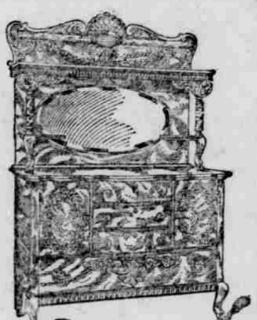
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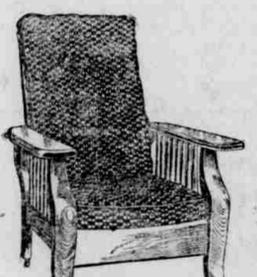
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