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Births, Marriages and Deaths

DEATHS.

WESTMAN—Last evening, Nov. 17, Cecil Henry Douglas, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Westman, King street, aged two years and eight months.
Funeral this afternoon. Private.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Nov. 18.—11 a. m.—Strong winds and gales, westerly; fair and decidedly cold to-day and on Thursday; light local snowfalls or flurries.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Barometer 29.57.
Thermometer 19.
Highest yesterday 29.
Lowest yesterday 18.
Direction of wind, southwest.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

O'Leary vs Perkins, a reference, was continued to-day before His Honor Judge Bell.

Don't wait for a week before you look at the dress goods at Thibodeau & Jacques; the choice is better now.

The asphalt blocks are arriving for the balance of the King street west pavement, which will now be opened in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mount celebrated to-day the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. Mount is one of the most popular hotel keepers in the business. His host of friends offer him their congratulations.

Chamois Vests

If you have weak lungs or if you are subject to colds and coughs we advise you to wear during the winter months, a chamois vest or chest protector. A small expense in this way may save you a "Doctor's Bill."

Chamois Vests, \$1.50 to \$3.00.
Chest Protectors, 25c to \$1.50.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.
DRUGGISTS and OPTICIANS.

RIDGETOWN EXPLOSION

Inventor of the Gas Machine Gives Some Startling Evidence

How the Gas was Set Off still a Mystery—Attorney-General Appealed to—Suggestions to be Made

Special to The Planet.

Ridgetown, Nov. 18.—The inquest into the cause of the death of A. B. Weir, killed in the explosion at the Lozar House, was resumed yesterday before Coroner Young. Crown Attorney H. D. Smith was present in the interests of the Crown.

Charles Whitman, the inventor of the acetylene gas machine and a member of the firm from which it was purchased, was under examination nearly all day. His evidence disclosed the fact that under several different conditions gas could escape from the machine into the cellar. The gas could escape from the generator by blowing the water out of the indicator or seal. Gas from the gasometer could also escape into the cellar. No provision had been made to carry the gas out of the cellar in case a blow-out occurred under the conditions specified. He also stated that his attention had been called to the fact that a blow-out had occurred on several occasions. The proprietor had complained to the witness and the latter had said that he didn't consider it dangerous and did not deem it necessary to provide means of exit for the gas although he knew of these different blow-outs. Witness also admitted that he knew of no outlet for the gas if it escaped and filled up the cellar except it worked its way up through the partitions. This would account for the terrible wreck of the whole house. Witness also admitted that the machine placed in the cellar of the Lozar House varied in some particulars from the machine passed by the Underwriters' Association and that he knew nothing about the properties of acetylene gas. He further admitted that he did not know how many feet of gas it would take to fill a gasometer, nor what the pressure was when it was filled to the limit. He didn't know how much pressure of gas in the generator was required to blow out the water in the seal, which was the only protection the machine had.

Ralph Coates was called to prove that the explosion had occurred from a blow-out. He said that within a few minutes of the explosion he saw gas burning at the mouth of the indicator. The coroner's jury inspected the indicator and found marks to corroborate Coates.

No evidence was produced which would show how the explosion had occurred, as apparently there were no lights down cellar. The explosion had occurred when the cellar door was opened by the proprietor. He swore that he had had no light.

The jury, after deliberating for over two hours on the evidence, and considering the public at large are seriously interested in their findings, more particularly as to the safety and workings of acetylene gas machines, and in view of a third death from the explosion, deemed it advisable to secure further expert testimony, submitted the following resolution:—
Moved by A. Long, seconded by M. Steer, that this jury adjourn to meet again Tuesday, Nov. 24th, at two o'clock p. m., and request the coroner to summon the Inspector of the Underwriters' Association, who passed the acetylene gas machine manufactured by Beattie & Whitman, to give evidence and produce the plans and specifications of it filled by them, also to summon an expert on acetylene gas and gas machines, or inspector from the Government to give further evidence before we can possibly agree on a verdict as to the cause of the death of the late A. B. Weir. (Signed)

J. A. DART, Foreman.

At the request of the jury the coroner therefore submitted to the Crown Attorney their proposition, and await his decision.

Speaking of this matter this morning, the Crown Attorney said that he had written the Attorney-General asking for instructions. Mr. Smith considers the real importance of the inquest is to impress upon those in authority the necessity for Government regulations in regard to acetylene gas machines. They should be inspected the same as boilers and printed instructions should be placed upon all machines.

The Planet's new serial story, "Abner Daniel," will commence in next Saturday's issue. Watch for it.

CHATHAM TO NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

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LETTER BOX

OUR OWN PROVINCE.

Editor Planet:—
In your much respected paper I would like to give it a little news respecting this great province Ontario, its cities and towns so pure and wholesome. Its places of interest, the observer could never forget, even if his life were prolonged beyond the allotted time. While in Toronto, I came across my friend E. H. Oliver, M. A., of whom the inhabitants of Kent County might well be proud, as he is considered the most brilliant scholar in the Dominion for his age.

Acetylene is a charming city with its majestic buildings created with intention that they should stand the storm and tempest for many hundreds of years. I visited the universities where some of our great men have studied, played their games, and entered into history. I entered the famous Knox College a mighty Scotchman greeted me and I perceived by the twinkling of his eye, that he was out and out a genial fellow, beat a heart of kindness. He took me into a room which was filled with pictures of men who had endowed the College in some way or other, such as Grant, McLaren, Bro. Haldie, Douglas, men of whom I knew a little. The adjoining room was filled with busts which the Chinese gave Dr. McKay when leaving Formosa, boxes presented by our new, put Clark, Hearing Mr. Sidney Lee, of Old London, on the foreign influence of Shakespeare gave me a chance to see Mr. Clark. He has a fine looking forehead, broad, indicating, etc. His eyes are beautiful, large and lustrous, from which the fire of youth seemed not to have fled.

The Anglican College with its 200 muscular looking students, its fine athletic grounds, its beautiful library, 60,000 volumes, a person can take up any studies he may wish and come out qualified for any calling in any life he may choose, and while wandering through the college observing faces that would turn out great generals, statesmen or poets, I came to the conclusion that some day Canada would surprise the whole world. The Toronto Colleges do not look as though the storms have beat over their lofty towers, but they contain the fine rooms, millions of windows with good black oak ceiling like that of Oxford. Parliament was in session at the time. Davies land bill caused a warm debate in my opinion, one gentleman in my opinion, the Hon. Geo. Ross, and I. Lucas, of the Opposition, the latter quite a young man. The Gamey trial was going on at the same time, which gave me a chance to have a glance at all the fine rooms, an active part in the case of a trial I did not care to say anything about the case myself as I might have influenced the judges.

The Bay is a great feature of Toronto, like a placid smiling river, a place where all lovers of sports flock. Toronto with its beautiful cathedrals, its steeples, glitter like gold, chimneys peeling forth through air, rock of ages, etc. Its parks, with animals, trees, shrubs and flowers, assuming their sweet garments, looking most lovely, and birds chirping. It is an earthly paradise to a great many people whom I notice had a work look.

Moving to Whitby I called on my friend Mr. W. R. Miller, formerly of Chatham bank, residing on his grandfather's beautiful farm of 600 acres, better known as David's, as his name is familiar with every great stock man in the Dominion, as he took first prizes for many years at Toronto exhibition. Although laid aside by sickness, he received me kindly, giving me full liberty to roam over his place, and such as Dryden and others. The happiest I spent at Whitby were the happiest in my life; taking the boat for Buffalo, seeing the beautiful scenery along Niagara River, a place dear to the heart of solitary poet and prowling painter. Nothing can approach Buffalo in the beauty of some of its buildings in variety and property of its industries and in the multitude of its native workers. Its great 600,000 acre plant, which employs 7,000, and Larin's soap factory, which employs 3,000, are the big industries. The population principally, are Dutch, combined with Poles and from Southern Europe, Jews, said of Cleveland, with its smoke, which tries a person's lungs as November fog in Old London. Visiting St. Catharines, Hamilton, Exeter, I noticed a few more enchanting sights. The town of Alisa Craig, dropping off there, I was more than surprised to see an old friend, mine, well known to Chatham bank boys, W. H. Garvin. He was the chief out of eight clerks of that branch to of as manager. Stayed a few days in London. The crown and Roman Catholics, with no buildings at hand to dwarf its proportions, it makes a fine impression, the stained glass windows, the embroidered altar cloths, the brass lecterns, the pulpit, the well appointed seats with scarlet cushions, the sunlight streaming through the diamond glass panes of tinted windows, all combined to produce an effect which I never expected to see in London.

GEO. CLIVE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
TEACHER WANTED—For Union S.S. No. 12 and 15, Howard and Harwich. Duties to commence Jan. 1st. State experience, qualifications and salary expected. Applications received till Nov. 27. Apply to E. J. Mooney, Morpeth, Ont. 2w
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Need stout-wear shoes. For hard wear you need good stout shoes, not too heavy, heavy enough, at easy prices. We have medium weight men's shoes. Good to keep the feet dry in all kinds of weather, warm, comfortable and wear-resistant; easy on the feet, easy on the purse. Nobody need go without shoes at these prices, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50.

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The Shoe Man.
REPAIRING DONE AT STORE.

EARLY SUMMONS

Cecil Henry Douglas, the youngest child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Westman died last evening from scarlet fever after an illness of a few days. The death is particularly sad as the little fellow was up to the time of his illness a bright, clever, healthy little fellow, and was not in the least delicate or sickly.

Mr. and Mrs. Westman have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.

The funeral took place this afternoon at three o'clock to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Cobblehead conducted the services. The funeral was private.

HOME AGAIN

Contractor Thomas Martin has returned from a three months' trip to Manitoba. He says that it isn't a bad country if a man has money. "I saw many a fine house," he remarked. "Amongst others I met Herman Eberts, and Roland Reid, an old Planet employee. Winnipeg is a great city. They do their own paving there. When the Council decides that a street needs to be paved, they just go ahead with the work and charge it up to the property. Sheet asphalt is the great pavement there, and it wears splendidly. It seems to be suited to the climate. Building is on the boom. The Union Bank is putting up a new 10-story building on the rock, 70 feet below the surface, so that there will be no chance of the building settling."

NEW INDUSTRY

Ald. Walter T. Piggott, chairman of the Industrial committee of the City Council, has his weather eye open for new industries for the Maple City. In the early part of September he got next to a good thing and has received the following reply to his letter from Birmingham, England:

W. T. Piggott, Esq.:
Dear Sir.—Your letter of Sept. 4 to M. P. B. Ball has been handed to me for consideration. I am prepared to undertake formation of concern for pork packing and bacon curing in your city and hope to make it the best going concern in the Dominion subject to your city granting me a concession embracing the following:

A loan of \$30,000 bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. repayable in ten years by yearly installments, free grant of site large enough for grading, feeding, factory, etc., with exemption from all taxes till loan has been repaid.

Chatham will be fully secured on the whole industry by issue of first mortgage debentures to value of loan, and I will raise not less than its amount in this country.

I also undertake to bring over expert and reliable men with their families, and by a system of industrial co-operation for English and Canadian employees hope to ensure prosperity to them, the concern, and not least the city.

A definite reply to your earliest convenience will be greatly esteemed, as I am handling several Canadian propositions at this moment.

Mr. Piggott has replied that the city is willing to assist the concern. The Chaplin Wheel Works was loaned \$25,000 to locate in the Maple City.

One of the best serial stories ever published will commence in The Big Saturday Planet this week. It will be well worth reading.

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Air as a Liquid 312 Degrees Below Zero.
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Reserved Seats at Brisco's.

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NEW JACKETS

Fresh from the Factory.

Superior ideas at modest cost. That's the story to-day. Not one but what is quite a little under its actual worth, yet styles are the season's most popular production.

Some New Members

At \$10.00.—Of black or Oxford grey cheviot, loose fitting with military cape, trimmed with stitching and satin piping, brass buttons.
At \$7.50.—Stylish Jackets of black and white tweed effects, collar and cuffs finished with broadcloth strapings.
At \$10.00.—Of black cheviot, loose fitting, pouch sleeve, deep cape with stole, front heavily stitched, lined throughout.
At \$5.00.—Jackets of heavy black cloth, lined throughout, Bishop sleeve with turn-back cuff.

Cloth and Silk Capes.

Black cloth cape, wide sweep, nicely trimmed with braiding, special at \$5.
Black cloth cape, finished with rows of stitched and astrachan collar, \$6.75.
Black broadcloth cape, fur-lined and finished with astrachan collar, \$14.00.
Cape of black silk broche, well lined and finished with Thibet collar.

3 Bargains in Our Small Wares Dept.

1st.—15 dozen women's vests and drawers, half wool and cotton, vests are lace trimmed, high neck, richlein ribb, and are mill seconds, bargain price 33c, or 66c pair.

2nd.—25 dozen women's ribb cashmere hose, double thread heels and toes, warranted fast black, sizes are 9 and 9 1/2 only, bargain price 20c pair.

3rd.—10 dozen children's curl gauntlets, in black only. They were never made for the money, but we are going to give you a chance to buy children's gauntlets cheap, bargain price 25c pair.

DRESS GOODS FOR FALL AND WINTER SKIRTS

This week we are showing a fine assortment of Dress Tweeds for ladies' skirts in good heavy material in plain and fancy effects, light and dark colors.

56 in. all wool Homespun and Flare Dress Goods in Brown, Gray, Black, Blue and Black with White Flare. Price per yd. 75c.

56 in. all wool Fancy Stripe Effect in Blue, Brown, Grey and Black. Price per yd. 80c.

56 in. Plain and Fancy Tweeds, a very large range in this line in Black, Brown, Blue, Grey and Fancy Flare. Price per yard, \$1.00.

Clothing Department...

IT'S THE HAND-WORK THAT TELLS IN MEN'S CLOTHING. And the unusually large amount of hand-work on AUSTIN CLOTHING is what distinguishes it from other ready-made clothing. It is shapely in the beginning, and it keeps its shape. Hand-padded collars, hand-made button-holes, all seams sewed with silk thread—details, but not trivial, by any means. These are the things that make a man's clothes look well as long as they are worn. These are the things that are lacking in the clothes that get out of shape, and tempt a man to throw them away before they have finished their rightful service. Such things do not happen with AUSTIN CLOTHING, it is made on a different principle.

See our Men's Tailor-Made Overcoats, \$72, \$10, \$12, \$15

See our Men's Tailor-Made Suits, \$10, \$12, \$13.50, \$15

More News of Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

We are devoting a week to special selling and displaying of Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers. See Best Show Window for samples, then come in and see our immense stock.

Reefers—Boys' storm and dress reefers in Cheviots, Chinillas, Friezes and heavy Blue Cloths. Range \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Overcoats for Boys, ages 3 to 16 years, in plain Grey and Black, and

Raglanettes, nobby Tweeds, full long coats, ages 4 to 16, \$3.00 to \$6.50.

Russian—The swell garment for the boys, 3 to 9 years, heavy fancy Blue Cloths, button close to neck, velvet collar, prices run \$4, \$5 to \$6.50.

Suits—A very nobby range of Boys' 3-pc. in Norfolk single and double breasted styles.

Middy Norfolk—The very new style in Blue Serges, full sailor collar, fancy trimmed, neat belt, for ages 4 to 8 years, swell, \$5.00.

Boys' 3-Pc. Suits in Middy Suits, for the little fellows, neat vestee, for ages 3 to 9 years, prices \$1.98 to \$5.00, and for the larger boys in short pant suits, ages 9 to 16 years, prices \$3 to \$6.50.

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