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TO SUBSCRIBERS IN CHATHAM. You will confer a favor by reporting irregular brvice by telephone No. 53 A. The complaint will receive prompt attention.

TO SUBSCRIPERS CUTSIDE OF CEATHAM if your paper fails to arrive regularly, or if you pm suggest a better connection, or a better route, slease communicate with the circulation depart-

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11. BE THERE

If you are a wheelman or interested in the question of conceding the cyclists some civic privileges, your place is at the meeting to-night at the Hotel Garner.

The matter will be fully discussed and everyone present will be accorded an opportunity of expressing his views. The proposal to present a memor-

lal to the City Council will probably be submitted.

Make the meeting a representative one by being present.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Two weeks from to-day will be Christmas Day.

This leaves but a short time in which to do your Christmas shopping, and if you procrastinate and put off till to-morrow what you should do today, you run a serious chance of being disappointed in your selections.

If you are thinking of buying a nice Christmas box for someone, take a look at The Planet advertising columns, and you will be sure to see something that will materially assist

Moreover, if you see it advertised in The Planet, it's so. You may go to eigh. Mr. McCart, one of the oil the store in good faith, confident that men who is prospecting in Raleigh, the advertiser has the article you saw mentioned in The Planet, and at the price quoted. Above all, The Planet has faith in the merchants who use the Pardo well had been discontinued its advertising columns, and takes pleasure in referring possible purchasers to these stores.

And don't put off your Christmas shopping. Get what you want whilst you have time, and if you do not wish to pay for the article at once, have the merchant put it away for you, and then pay for it before Christmas and have it delivered.

Anything you may want you will find advertised in The Planet.

Is it going to be "bargain day" in the Maple City for candidates for aldermanic honors?

Once again we call the attention of our readers to the fact that the very best guide to the Christmas Shopper is the advertising columns of this great home journal.

Grand victory! Nothing like it since the day Admiral Dewey sunk the washtubs of Spain in the harbor of Manila. The combined fleets of Great Britain and Germany have seized the Venezuelan fleet. They did it without loss of either life or time.

It takes these Yankee newspapers, with vivid imaginations and unscrupulous tongues, to turn out the hot stuff. The Detroit Tribune yesterday announced

*Rev. Ross Resigns-His ideas of infant damnation didn't suit Chat- | neys and bowels are kept ham !"

The Ontario Government, with 7,000 less than a majority, is in clover. Prohibition, with perhaps 60,000 more than a majority, is in ruins.—Toronto Telegram, Independent.

Quite so,-it all depends, you know Mr. Ross manages this little matter himself and the people and their votes can just go to the bow-wows if their views don't suit his.

A SALUTARY EXAMPLE.

Bobcaygeon Independent. The city of St. Louis in the United States is to be the scene of one of the great American Shows and Exhibi-tions of the Twentieth Century. That city has already distinguished itself. At an election which took place, a few months since, the bribery and cor-ruption practised was so extensive that a public investigation was made, and the result of that investigation is really serious. The conviction of Col. Ed. Butler, millionaire and politician, on the charge of bribery, has been added to the list, and he has been sentenced to three years in the

penitentiary.

Observe, Butler is a millionaire, a military colonel, and a politician, and he has to serve three years in a penitentiary. Millionaires, colonels and politicians thus have a useful lesson taught to them. Uncle Sam

WE'RE RIGHT

Our Clothing Selling proves this, the past week being the biggest in our short history. Remember, we are here to stay, and the kind of goods we're turning out every day, and the way we treat our customers, will guarantee us staying in Chatham for a long time to come. Our Clothing is our best advertisement. If we had this column we could not show you patterns and qualities on paper; it is left with you, and you must visit our store to do yourself and pocketbook

Visit our store and see our display of Xmas Pesents, selected from the most up-to-date factories in Canada. For the balance of this year we are making a special run on Men's Suits and Overcoats. Men's All Wool Suits, Fine Tweeds,

Coronation Overcoats, \$9.00, for

The Grosvenor Overcoat at \$13.00 is Visit our store when you like! We will show you what we're doing! It will pay you!

3rd door West from Market Place, King St., Catham.

deserves great praise for teaching such a lesson which was much needed in all parts of this continent.

WHOLESALE JUVENILE DE-PRAVITY.

Newcastle Independent The teachers in the Belleville schools have just discovered that nearly every pupil, both boy and girl, is a cigarett smoker.

WHERE THE DEAD WALK. London News Dead men tell no tales, neither can

they vote.-Chatham Planet. Don't fool yourself. Men who have had stones over their heads for years have been known to come to life and vote in London. Fact!

OIL JOTTINGS

It appears that there is a foundation for the rumor which was circulated through the city Tuesday afternoon that a second gusher had been struck on Pardo's farm in Ralpassed the Pardo farm on his way to the city Tuesday evening. Mr. McCart, in a short interview with The Planet, said that the work on owing to a break in the machinery Some new machinery, however, has been sent for and is expected to arrive at any moment. The Gage Company, of Saginaw, are putting down this well and they have now got down about 300 feet. No new strikes have been heard of as yet. Carmen and Fairbank are still at work on the Wm. Jenner well and are confident of success. Mr. Chamberlin is still drilling in one of the wells in the oil belt. He went down 200 feet before he struck the rock.

The Gurd well No. 2 is now down 500 feet and no oil has been struck. The operators, however, have reason to believe that oil is there and are preparing to shoot it.

Mr. McCart is drilling a well on Mr. Johns' place. He is now down 105 feet and fully expects to get oil. He has three rigs drilling, and is one of the most successful operators of Petrolea. His friends are confident that he will be successful in Raleigh. wells are very uncertain

things," said he to The Planet. "You can never tell when you are going to make a strike. You might drill for years and spend unlimited capital and then probably sink one well which would make your fortune. At one time I had all my money and everything I possessed invested in one well. I struck oil, however, and everything came out all right."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper,

************** The Liver, Stomach Kid-

in healthy action by the MAGI CALEDONIA WATERS.

and life made worth living J. J. McLaughlin, Sole

Agent, Toronto. Sold everywhere.

Posts, Shingles Barn Lumber, Building Materials

always on hand in large quantities at the yards of

The Blonde Lumber & Manufacturing Co.,

Limited, Lumber Dealers and Builders

MINER'S STORY.

HIS WIFE DIED AS THE RESULT OF EVICTION.

Boys Forced to Work Without Receiving Payment-Evidence Against the Markle Company.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 10 .- Tales of evictions from houses owned by G. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforced removal from her home, and the story of a mother, whose husband was killed in the Markie mines, of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the Markles the back rent and coal owed them, were the principal features of the sessions of the Coal Strike Arbitration Commission. The miners

concluded the calling of witnesses against the Markle Company. Henry Coll, a Markle miner, told how his family was evicted. He had been injured many times in the mines. One of his legs was almost useless; he had only one eye, his hands were crushed. ribs broken and skull fractured. company gave him nothing until after the employees took up a collection. Then he was given \$50, and the com-pany took out the rent he owed. Then followed a pathetic story of the eviction. Coll said his wife was sick, and her one-hundred-year-old mother was blind and unable to walk. The day on which they were "thrown out" rainy. He took them, as best he could, to Hazelton, seven miles away, and placed them in a cold, empty house. His wife became worse. Medical aid was

furnished by a Hazelton doctor, but it did not help her much, and she died. 'She died?" exclaimed Judge Gray. "Yes, sir, she died, and I buried her

yesterday."
The Commissioners were much af-The witness said he did not know whether the centenarian was still "She was in bad conditon, owalive. ing to her daughter's death, when I left home last night," he continued.
"That is all, Mr. Coll, that's enough,"

said Judge Gray. An eighteen-year-old Hungarian slate picker employed by the Markle Co. said that before the strike he received 85 cents a day; now he received only 55 cents. The company never notified him of the reduction, and he still does the same work. He said the breaker boss, who stands over the pickers, often clubbed him, kicked him, and swore at him for not picking slate faster.

Mrs. Kate Burns of Jeddo was exam-

ined by lawyer Darrow, and said her husband, who was an engineer inside the Markle mes, was killed underground, leaving her with four children, the oldest a boy of eight years. The company never offered her a penny. but the employees gave her about \$180 to defray the funeral expenses. After her husband had been killed she moved from her lour-roomed house into containing only two, the one above the other, and for the next six years she struggled as best she could to get along. She took in washing, scrubbed for the neighbors, and once in a while sha was given work cleaning the offices of the Markle Company. During these six years she said she kept her children at school When the eldest child was fourteen years old she sent him to work in the mines. At the end of the first month the boy brought home his wage statement, showing that the mother owed \$396 for back rent. The boy's wages for the month had been taken off the bill, and he came home open-handed. She submitted to this, and in the course of time ber next boy was old enough to help earn a living, and he, too, was sent to the colliery. Like the older brother, the second boy received no pay, his earnings being deducted for rent. The money she earned for cleaning the Markle office was never given to her, but kept by the company for rent. She said it took the three of them thirteen years to make up the debt, the mother's earnings from the neighbors being the principal contribution toward the mainten-ance of the family. The debt was cleared last August. During the six years

from the time her husband was killed antil the time when the first boy went to work the company never asked her for After closing the Markle case the re-presentatives of the miners called witnesses who had formerly been employed in the mines of several companies to show that a black list exists, and that some of the companies had broken the agreement which ended the strike and

TARKET REPORTS.

resulted in the appointment of the Ar-

bitration Commission.

Improvement in Grain Prices-Live Stock Trade Dull.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 9. Toronto St. Lawrence Market. Business was quiet on the street market here to-day and small deliveries in general

here to-day and small deliveries in general farm produce were the rule. Receipts of grain were 1,300 bushels and prices were generally steady.

Wheat—Prices were steady; 200 bushels of white sold unchanged at 69c to 70c, 200 bushels of red unchanged at 70c, 200 bushels of gogse unchanged at 64½c to 65c and 100 bushels of spring 1c higher at 68c.

Oats—Four hundred bushels sold ½c higher at 34c to 35c.

Barley—Malting sold 1c lower at 45c to 48c and feed 2c lower at 41c to 44c. Deliveries were 800 bushels.

Hay—Timothy sold about steady at \$13 to \$15 per ton, and claver or mixed sold at \$6

\$15 per ton, and clover or mixed sold at \$6 to \$10 per ton. Discries were 15 loads. Straw—Two loads of sheaf sold \$2 lower at \$10 per ton.

Toronto Live Stock.

Trade was active for a time at the Turonto Cattle Market to-day, but the run was light. Everything was sold early in the day and the few choice lots were snapped up quickly. The quality of the cattle was moderately good and steady prices prevailed. The general range of quotations is on a level with the closing figures of last week. Exporters are nominal, but butchers' are in demand. Feeders and stockers were not offered and the supply of good milkers was small. Sheep were dull, but lambs were firmer. Calves and hogs

stockers were not offered and the supply of good milkers was small. Sheep were dull, but lambs were firmer. Calves and hogs were unchanged.

Export Cattle—Nothing had developed in the way of freer access to the Atlantic seaboard and business here is at a standstill. No export steers were offered, but a few mixed loads of cows and helfers sold at fairly steady prices. Quotations are nominally unchanged.

Butchers' Cattle—The run was light and the best lots sold at good prices. Rough common stuff was in evidence to the same extent as usual, but all went. During the next week or ten days there will be an active demand for choice helfers and steers for the Christmas business, and high prices.

Common soaps destroy the clothes and render the hands liable to eczema.

UNINGH PREDUCES EXPENSE

DOVER CENTRE.

Are you coming to the concert, In school section eleven, On Thursday night the eighteen h.
At the hour half past seven?

It opens with a chorus,
"The Land of the Maple Tree";
Then, "I'm Little but I'm Spunkey," Who recites it you will see.

Hear the dialogue (it is sparkling), By the name, "Which Shall It Be," And what a comic Dutch dust Is "Katrina and Charley."

"The Circus Boy" is a beauty, too; The Hoop Drill is out of sight; To hear, "The Rival Speakers" You will laugh with all your might. The song "When We Were Maidens

Is as cute as cute can be;

And such a humorous recitation "When the Minister Comes to Tea. To see "The Dental Operation," The funniest dialogue yet, And hear "The Ories on a Chicago

Street. We're certain you'll not regret. We'll thrill you with some posing Seen under colored lights. It's sad to see poor Penelope
"When Women Have their Rights.

So don't forget to take it in; You'll have a happy time; We've named a few attractions In an awkward little rhyme.

CEDAR SPRINGS.

McPherson and McGuigan, who have been operating the evaporators at Blenheim and here, have shut

down for the season. S. Nelson, our shoemaker, is back on the corner again. Will be glad to have his old customers call if wanting anything in his line. S. McDowell, who sold his stock

of groceries and hardware to R. J. Campbell, has sold the building to James Springsteen, who will move it over and connect it with E. J. Hucher's store, where he will be able to make a better display of his goods. pleased to hear of the trustees en gaging Miss Doyle for another year, as she has proved herself an efficient

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mc Dowell, Cedar Springs, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, there was a very pleasant gathering of about forty re-latives and friends, when their daughter Maud and Capt. W. F. Gibson, of Grimsby, pledged their word to each other to journey hand and hand through the pathway of time so long as they both shall live. The bride, who was tastefully dressed in white silk and veil, was attended by her little sister Ruth as maid of honor. Rev. W. H. Shaw, the officiating minister, was also chairman of the after-dinner speeches, when many happy thoughts were voiced in reference to the bride and groom, who have greatly endeared themseles to all who know them, and as the party left on the evening train for Montreal and Ottawa, they carried with them congratulations and best wishes of the entire company. Friends from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Atlen, Winona; Dr. and Mrs. Simpson, Hamilton; Miss Fanny Doran, Grimsby; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McPherson, Dresden. The presents were costly and numerous, showing the high esteem in which the young couple were held.

Shadow makes the light more glori-

WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED - \$2.50 per day. Apply Cooper, London. WANTED-Dining room girl. Apply

Merrili House. GOOD GIRL WANTED - For general housework. Apply Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave.

WANTED-Girl for general housework, Highest wages paid, Address 208 Hudson Ave., Detroit,

HORSESHOER WANTED - At once. Highest wages paid. Apply to John Taylor, corner Head and Joseph street.

TEACHER WANTED-For S. S. No. 3, Zone. Apply, stating salary, to Ben. Boothroyd, Sec'y-Treas., Box 165, Thamesville, Ont.

WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 7, Romney, for 1903. Apply, giving re-ferences, salary expected and ex-perience, to G. M. Loyst, Wheatley,

EACHER WANTED-For School Section No. 15, Raleigh Tp. Duties to commence January, 1903. Apply commence January, stating salary and qualifications, to Joseph Symons, Secretary-Treasur-er, Merlin, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED-For S. S. No 10, Chatham Township; duties to commence in January. Applications containing qualifications and salary required should be addressed to David Thorp, Oungah.

WANTED-Male teacher for S. S. No. 3. Tilbury East, holding first class certificate; services commencing January 1st, 1903, stating salary and qualifications. Address Henry Sales, Sec.-Treas, Merlin, Box 83.

The Busy Cash Store The Northway Co., L'td

Extraordinary Handkerchief Sale.

2cc., 25c. and 35c Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs at each

Here are the particulars. 800 Fine

Beautiful designs in fine lawn, some slightly imperfect, but most of the lot in perfect condition. Go on sale FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock sharp at 12 1-2c. each. The regular value of these lines were 20c., 25c. and 35c. each. If you wish to share in this extraordinary Holiday Bargain be on hand sharp at 9 o'clock.

THE NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd

Flour and Woolen

To the Electorate of 1902 == 1903

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You will need clothes and good clothes and will want to save your money. By coming to us we will attend to all. If you visit our store we will convince you that we have the largest assortment by far, of Imported Worsted, Scotch, Irish and English Tweeds and Overcoating, also the largest stock of Canadian goods to choose your Fall or Winter outfit from, of any tailoring establishment in

Give us a trial. Our prices are right and we have nothing but skilled workmen. We guarantee our work to be perfect. Also see our ready-made pants at \$1.50 and \$2.00, the best in

By visiting us we can show you the very latest Dress Goods, from the finest to the coarsest also see our cape and mantle cloths, steamer rugs, flannels, yarns etc. We are offering special inducements in Plankets this season. When in want give us a call and you will not regret it.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited,

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria FOR SALE-Gas engines - two seven horse power. Apply at The Planet

HOUSE TO RENT-On Grant street.

SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE - One on Victoria avenue, and six on Maple street. For full particulars apply to S. Stephenson. Planet Office. tf TO RENT-A brick store with dwelling above, in Port Alma. Posses-sion given at once. For further

Port Alma. FOR SALE-A rew good farms, also some desirable houses and lots in the city at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

particulars address Samuel Cooper,

OR SALE CHEAP-Two warehouses adjoining the G. T. R. tracks, Chatham, Capacity 6,000 and 4,000 bushels wheat respectively. Apply to Bank of Montreal. LOTS FOR SALE-One and one-half

acres at the head of Victoria Ave., and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tissiman, Victoria Block, or The Planet. FOR SALE OR TO RENT-House, now occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding

house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. E. Rispin Us King St. ORILLING MACHINE FOR SALE -Dry Drilling Machine with engine, in first-class repair, for sale cheap, as owner is leaving for the west Can be seen at Hunter's store, Char-

ing Cross. Address George Johns Chatham. TO RENT-Two hundred acres, Lot 18 and 19, Second Con., Harwich, 150 acres clear, balance in bush and pasture, 18 acres wheat in ground, good house and buildings. Possession given at once. Terms easy. Apply to A. H. Patterson, Quinn & Pat-

**** GRAND OPERA HOUSE ...

terson, hardware Merchants Chat-

THURSDAY, DEC'R. II. Lyceum Course No. 3.

PRESENTED BY THE PARKER CONCERT COMPANY.

ADMISSION, 15 CENTS; Reserve at Central Drug Store IOc. extra.

The opera house should be packed

^ GEORGE STEPHENS & DOUGLAS



This cut represents our Eldridge Five-drawer Drophead Sewing Machine, Fully guaranteed. We have also lately secured the agency for the famous "WHITE" Sewing Machines, and will carry a stock of same constantly. These are the HIG HEST OF HIGH GRADE SEWING MACHINES, both in appearance and construction and are fully guaranteed to work perfectly for five years by the makers.

P.S.—Herbageum is worth its weight in gold as a ton c tor animals of all kinds.

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Saturday Dec. 13

MR. BARNEY GILMOUR **KIDNAPPED**

"NEW YORK See the Child Actress on the Greatest Child Actress on the

SPECIALTIES ... POWERS BROS, Alphonse and Gaston, awheel. BILLY HALLMAN, Famous Baseball Player.

MONTGOMERY and PEARL,
BABY ABBOT LILLIAN SHIRLY

<u>.</u>.... Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in

PRICES, 25c, 35c, 8oc end 75c,

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ONE SOLID WEEK and Saturday Monday, Dec. 15

W. B. SHERMAN presents The Castle Square Stock Company...

THE ELITE OF REPERTOIRE

OPENING "THE DESERTER" 15 BIG SPECIALTIES EVERY 15

MAGIC PRICES, lo. 20 and 30 cents

***** Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's