

## The Planet.

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## THE SPRING POET

We are nearing that delightful season when editors, one and all, have their fun with "The Spring Poet"—when the lifting mists of winter unveil him, and he comes forth with the blooms about his brows, and listens to the music of the mockingbird, and is beaten in a singing match with that "melodious mimic!"

A great subject for ridicule is this fellow—the spring poet—called, just as if he doesn't sing the weary winter long, of the cheerful cots and cabins, with "we hit ingles blinkin' bonnily"; of the red sparks flying up the chimney, and melting like fireflies in the snow; of the ancient fiddler, with his patting feet keeping time to his music as the girls and boys make the room ring with the old-fashioned quadrille! Just as if he didn't sing the cane-grinding, and the moonlight in the lane, and the jolly good ride home with the girls over the frosty roads!

But let them have their joke at his expense; let him be the butt of all their time-worn paragraphs—he is all right, for all that!

Though he may be as frequent as the mockingbirds, and not so popular, he feels the balm, the beauty of the springtime, and with all the soul that is in him he sings it to that little, listening world which is the better for his singing. He does not reach the heights, but he reads the language of the violets—the litany of the lilies. Wherefore, we bid him welcome, and take him by the hand, and crown him with blossoms!

—Atlanta Constitution.

## INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

The Postmaster-General explains that when a few years ago he introduced a bill to put a stop to the practice of appointing members of Parliament to positions he did so on his own responsibility. It is well, however, to remember that Sir William was unanimously supported by the then Liberal Opposition. And he deserved to be for his was a sweeping measure. "No member of Parliament," he declared, "shall be eligible for appointment to any position in the gift of the Crown during the lifetime of the Parliament of which he shall be a member, nor until twelve months after the dissolution of that House." In introducing this proposition Sir William assigned reasons favoring its enactment. He said:

"If the Government of the day can dangle public offices before their followers and induce a few, perhaps an increasing number, to aspire to these positions instead of representing their constituencies here, and exercising an unbiased judgment and a wholesome influence upon the Administration of the day, they become mere parasites upon the Administration, and cease to voice the opinions of their constituencies."

"Not only do they do that, sir, but moving about among their colleagues, they become, as it were, corrupting agencies amongst their own ranks."

"Not only is the will of the people being interfered with, not only is Parliament being subordinated to the will of the Administration, but there is even a worse evil growing out of this abuse."

"All through the country the electorate, noticing these things, are coming to the conclusion that the highest aim a man can have in seeking public life is that he may through Parliament, find his way into a comfortable position for life."

"If that becomes the highest aim of those who seek public life, then public life becomes a means, not of advantage to the public, but of private gain."

The argument was lofty, and even though the bill did not pass, the politician who introduced it was bound in honor to carry out its principles. Yet, what do we see? If there was a wrong when the bill was proposed, the wrong is aggravated now. Instead of isolated cases we have the appointment by wholesale. There have been thirty under the present regime—all advised by the author of this reforming bill. Since the last session there has been an unusually large batch, also recommended by Sir William Mulock. But if the principle which Sir William condemned was really bad, what have the people to say of the later developments in this line? Why was Mr. Blair appointed to the Railway Commission? Does anyone doubt that the unusual course of giving a very valuable office to a powerful politician who was ready to condemn, with great effect, the policy to which the colleagues had bound themselves was determined upon for the purpose of shutting that gentleman's mouth,

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and helping to rivet upon the country the rascality to which he was opposed? If the thing which Sir William condemned was corrupt and corrupting, how can this new development—the quelling of a critic with an office—be described?

But, passing from that, it is interesting to note what is occurring in Nova Scotia. The Chief Justice of that province recently resigned, and a bill has been introduced into the Local Legislature to transfer the duties appertaining to that functionary to another judge until a chief shall have been appointed. What does this mean? It means that the coming Chief Justice is sitting in the House at Ottawa, and that he is to serve the Government by voice and vote during the present session, after which he will receive his appointment and step to the bench. This is an improvement upon what we formerly had. There may have been in the old days many imperfections, but for open, flagrant, and scientific corruption the experience of to-day is unequalled.

## THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage  
and all the men and women  
merely players."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At Chatham Grand—  
Maynard Stock Co.—April 18-23.  
Miss Foster—April 25.

The Maynard Dramatic Company—playing the week in the city Grand—hold a unique distinction among the many repertoire companies which from time to time filled the boards here. A stern censorship has eliminated the specialties and side-shows between acts—so often a nightmare to admirers of the genuine histrionic art—and the company devotes its energies and talents distinctively and entirely to the dramatic art in bright, clean, sparkling comedy.

Those who attended the presentation of Edwin Maynard's clever comedy, "Two Fools Met," last night, witnessed a capital production in every sense. Professedly the piece is an innovation on the regulation lines—and a pleasing one. It is a collection of episodes, capitally comprehensible, if not altogether coherent, and fraught with considerable spectacular value. It is rapid and bright in action, breaking at intervals into melo-dramatic life and resolving again into situations genuinely and intensely humorous.

The strength of the production unquestionably lies greatly in the capable work of the Maynards, Edwin and Frederick, who gave splendid interpretations of the title roles. Both demonstrated that they were actors of considerable ability and were supported by a better company than is usually secured by repertoire concerns. (Particularly is this true of the ladies in the cast.)

The performance was thoroughly enjoyed and if the remaining bills are the equal of last night's the company should be greeted with excellent houses for the balance of their engagement. The Maynard Company is one of the best that ever visited the Maple City.

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## Local Briefs

Brimco's Bicycle repairs and livery! Ex-Mayor Graham, Ridgetown, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

James Stewart, of Tibury, was a Maple City visitor Tuesday.

Herman Harder, of Detroit, was a Chatham visitor Tuesday.

Smoke Quail on Toast, five cents, union made.

J. Conn, pavement contractor, of Detroit, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Alma Gammage has again entered the Canada Business College.

Mr. Shaw, of Boston, traveller for Hawes Hat, spent Tuesday in the city.

When you want an artistic design, call on or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

Don't miss the Patriotic Concert in Victoria avenue church to-morrow night.

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Probate of the will of the late Robt. King, Tr. of zone, has been granted to the executors, Eli King and William King.

Why pay rent when you can buy a lot for half its actual value in the Athletic Grounds Survey, on which you could build a home of your own.

Probate of the will of the late Thomas Watson, Highgate, has been granted to the executor, Duncan McGeachy.

Bicycles, new and second hand, cheap, also repairs—Geo. Stephens & Co.

Mr. Ald. Robert Pritchard, who was seriously ill, but who was recovering, is again confined to his home through illness.

Miss Florence Knott, of the Canada Business College, has accepted a position as stenographer for Frank Smith, barrister.

D. E. Cooper, of Toronto, was in the city for a couple of days. He attended the annual meeting of the Sutherland-Innes Company held here Tuesday.

Have you bought a lot in the Athletic Grounds subdivision? There is only one left along the William St. pavement, put down two years ago, and five on the portion put down last year.

Misses Mary and Margaret Scane, Grant street, entertained to a taffy-pull last night in honor of their aunt, Miss Wall, of Toronto, who is visiting them.

A local up-to-date merchant advertises his window display as follows: "What will it be—Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, a pair of shoes or a fit?"

Wilson, Pike & Gundy have been instructed to enter appeals against the decision in the Ridgetown small-pox cases of Green vs. Marr and Ward vs. Lozar. These cases were tried last fall and judgment was given for the defendants.

A very successful dance was held in Northwood's Hall Tuesday evening. About 40 couples were present and very enjoyable time was spent. DeCous's Orchestra furnished the music and the dancing was good.

The gentlemen who had the management of the dance in hand were: Messrs. Harvey, Gamble, Garnet Boyd and James Dooling.

"That fire in Toronto is going to greatly effect the stationery business of the west," said Stationer W. J. Kenny this morning. "In other words, business will be stationary instead of stationary."

The men who were burned out—Gage Co., Copp Clark, Warwick & Reuter, Brown, Barber & Nelles, Book Supply Co., Buntin, Reid & Co., and the Educational Publishing Co.—are the leading houses in Canada and supply nearly all of the western trade. It was particularly regrettable that Copp Clark and Brown were burned out for the former supplies all of the school book trade and the latter the most of the commercial stationery."

## ROYAL TEMPLARS

The Royal Templars of Temperance, No. 129, held a meeting in the A. O. U. W. Hall Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Seven candidates were initiated. A. D. Westman occupied the chair during the evening and delivered an address. Alexander Hall is the secretary of the Society. After the initiation an open meeting and social was held. A large number of ladies were present and assisted in the social part of the entertainment. An orchestra and a gramophone provided splendid music. Dr. Russell gave a couple of vocal solos, accompanied by Mrs. Knox. There were about 50 visitors present at the social. This Society has added about 20 members during the last two months and they now have a membership of 50. They meet every two weeks.

## Notice to Contractors

Sealed, bulk and separate tenders addressed "Tenders for Christ Church Renovations" will be received at the office of the undersigned architects, where plans, specifications and details may be seen, on and after Wednesday April 12th, up until 7 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 27th, 1904, for all trades required in erecting additions and making alterations to Christ Church. Situated on the north side of Wellington street, opposite the Market Square, City of Chatham. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By: R. McCosh, pastor.  
John Waddell Esq., and W. E. Esplan, Esq., Wardens.  
S. Stephenson, Esq., M. Wilson, Esq., K. C. H. Dennis, Esq., John A. Morton, Esq., W. H. Harper, Esq., Building Committee.  
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## HAWTHORNE CLUB

The Hawthorne Club, composed of Messrs. Fred Bates, Art. McLean, Chas. Eyles and Will Wheeler gave a very pleasant and enjoyable dance in Northwood's Hall last evening. About fifty couples were present and everybody enjoyed the dancing. Shuter's orchestra, of Mt. Clemens, provided the music and everything passed off in excellent style. Among the visitors present were—Walter Drouillard, Windsor; Will Boulton and Mr. Berry, Wallaceburg; Mr. Lankin and Miss Shaffer, Blenheim, and Miss Simpson, of St. Clair.

## HOW IT SPREADS.

The first package of Hem-Roid (the infallible Pile cure) that was put out went to a small town in the State of Nebraska.

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