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Local Briefs

Wm. J. Taylor, of Moss, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Laurie are in Ridgeway to-day.

A. Smith, of Tilbury, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

S. J. Fitzsimmons, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. T. K. Holmes returned from Baltimore, Md., this morning.

B. G. Wescott, of Walkerville, is spending the day in the city.

E. Fred Stephenson, of Winnipeg, Man., arrived in the city to-day.

Mr. Dever, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday. He has an interest in the Raleigh oil fields.

J. L. Scott will give a free ticket to Manitoulin for a good man who will undertake the charge of a car-load of horses. Apply at once.

Mrs. Charles Ashwin, of Moosejaw, Ass., who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Miller, of this city, has returned home.

The date of the Opera House Orchestra benefit show has been changed from Monday, Feb. 2nd to Thursday, Feb. 5th. All tickets that have been sold will be good for above date. Everybody come and help the boys along.

Miss Bertha Jenkins, Queen street, was on Wednesday married to Wm. New, a commercial traveller. The marriage ceremony was conducted by Rev. Mr. Cobblehead. Mrs. Harry Jacques acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Jacques supported the groom. The young couple will reside in Chatham after the honeymoon, which will be spent in eastern points.

Essex, Kent and Elgin fishermen have organized into a union for the purpose of presenting their claims for redress before the Legislature at the approaching session of Parliament. The following officers have been elected: President, William Bates, Rondeau; secretary-treasurer Fred Bates, Rondeau.

The C. C. I. Board will hold their initial meeting next Wednesday. There is considerable interest taken in the chairmanship and the contest for it will not be altogether one-sided. J. W. White is making a hearty canvass for the position, but the general opinion of the Board seems to favor Rev. Dr. Battisby. The doctor is not making any canvass, but it is understood that he will take the position, if his colleagues desire that he should.

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's Friend.

John Flook went to Windsor this morning.

J. M. Park is in Tecumseh to-day on business.

Mrs. Frank Smith spent yesterday in Blenheim.

Ald. Geo. Taylor is in Blenheim to-day on business.

Ed. Loney, Lansdowne Ave., is ill with the mumps.

R. Stroud shipped a car of stock to Hamilton to-day.

W. McKay has returned from a few days spent in Detroit.

The civic pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$68.11.

Miss Etta Gosnell, of Highgate, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

J. H. Shaw, Lorne Ave., who has been very ill, is improving nicely.

Henry Primeau attended the bachelors' ball in Blenheim last evening.

Fred Dillon, who has been visiting in the city, has returned home to Detroit.

Miss Dorris McDonald, of the 6th concession, Harwich, is quite ill with fever.

Miss Kate Marshall has gone to Chicago, where her brother-in-law, Ed. Taylor, is dangerously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Purser, of Dover, entertained about 50 guests last evening. A few from Chatham attended.

A new fire alarm box, No. 45, has been installed in the Hadley factory. It was tested and found to be in good working order.

A very successful Aid at Home was given by the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Somerville, last evening.

The Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 7.30 this evening, instead of eight, in order that those who desire may attend the lecture at the C. C. I.

The coal situation has been much bettered in the past few days. Six cars of the much valued stuff arrived to-day and went among the dealers as follows: Crow two, Scott two, Steen two.

The Champion Shoemaker made a great display of wealth on Wednesday evening. He had as much as \$500 in bills and put the money on exhibition in his window. The unusual sight of real money attracted quite a large crowd.

Yesterday was the busiest day in months at the G. T. R. stations. 54 trains went through on that road yesterday. Between 5.30 and 6.15 last evening five through freights went east. Four of the trains were Wabash and one Grand Trunk.

A curious probate was issued to-day. In the year 1882 Richard Bury, of the Township of Orford died. He left two wills, which gave rise to a lawsuit. Unfortunately after the lawsuit both wills were lost. A copy of the true will was to-day probated. The probate was granted to William Teetzel, Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wells, formerly of this city, now of Detroit, passed through the city yesterday on route to Dresden, where they will visit for a short time. Mr. Wells was formerly engineer on the "City of Chatham." He is now chief engineer on the "Eastern States," a new boat which runs between Detroit and Buffalo.

The K. O. T. M. held another of their popular basket assemblies in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium last night. There were over 100 couple present. Pritchard's orchestra furnished the music. Those who managed the evening were: Floor committee - L. Heath, Fred Perry, W. Courtney, A. Potter, and G. Conley. Reception committee - R. O. Springer, R. Potter, J. Tilt, N. Best and G. Boyd.

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DID WELL

Complete returns show that the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church have realized \$180.18, over and above all expenses, on their recent concert in the Grand Opera House. The ladies who worked so energetically for success are to be congratulated.

AFTER HIM

Crown Attorney Smith, of Kent County, asked Detectives Campeau and Mahoney to-day to immediately begin a search for A. L. Shambles, the defaulting County Treasurer.—Detroit Tribune.

CHEAP CABLES IN TWO MONTHS.

Marconi Promises to Accept Business in That Time.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Mr. Marconi arrived here yesterday to consult with the directors of his Canadian company. He intimated that within two months of the present time regular commercial telegraph business conducted by the wireless principle would be established between England and Canada. The wireless company had decided to charge for the transmission of messages would be 10 cents, as against the cable company's tariff of 25 cents, per word for transatlantic telegrams. The cable companies threatened to reduce their tariff, but let them do so. If they even came down as low as ten cents, the public would be the gainer, and possibly the new company might be able to send the wireless messages at even a little less than the rate he had mentioned. Signor Marconi hopes that quite an important branch of the transatlantic business he will do will be the press messages, which will be transmitted at a cost of only five cents a word. This department would be conducted on a more comprehensive scale than any existing cable company had attempted, and the press messages would come direct from England to Canada without filtering through American channels. Special attention would be given to Canadian news, or news in England in which Canada is especially interested, but which is now practically entirely lost sight of. Signor Marconi also mentioned that an arrangement was being made with the Allan Steamship Co., by which it was hoped that by the installation of a receiving and transmitting apparatus on their vessels the dangers of navigation in the St. Lawrence would be greatly reduced. Instruments had already been installed on twenty-one of the principal steamship lines, and had been found to give satisfaction in so far as communication between vessels at sea was concerned. He added that the Italian Government had made a grant of \$200,000 to the Italian Marconi Company for the opening up a wireless system between Italy and Argentina and other South American states.

THE ALASKAN TREATY.

Referred to United States Committee on Foreign Relations.

Washington, Jan. 30.—In the executive session of the Senate yesterday the treaty for the settlement of the dispute over the Alaskan boundary and the proposed extension of the time for the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty until March 31 were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The committee will also take up the Panama Canal treaty, and Senator Culom expresses the opinion that a favorable report will follow.

ROSS' MAJORITY NOW SEVEN.

Mr. Gamay of Manitoulin Supports the Government.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Mr. R. R. Gamay, M. P. P. for Manitoulin, was elected last May as an independent Conservative, and has always been counted in the Opposition column. He now announces his belief that the Ross Government will remain in power during this Parliamentary term, and in view of that they deserve cordial support in their policy of developing new Ontario. The effect of Mr. Gamay's action will be to make the majority of the Government seven, not counting Hon. E. J. Davis, who has announced his intention of resigning shortly. There are two open seats—North Renfrew and Centre Bruce—besides North York, which Mr. Davis will vacate, while in the courts—Lennox, South Oxford and Sault Ste. Marie, against Conservatives, and East Middlesex against a Liberal.

Big Storm at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, Jan. 29.—This district is being visited by one of the heaviest snowstorms of the year. Traffic on the railroads is hampered. The west-bound express was twelve hours late in reaching here, having been delayed near Nipigon ten hours. The east-bound train is six hours late. Traffic on the street railway at Port Arthur is almost demoralized.

NOTICE

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of The Blonde Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, Dover street, in the city of Chatham, on Tuesday, the Tenth Day of February, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, receiving reports and the transacting of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

T. J. DOYLE, Secretary-Treasurer.
Chatham, Ont., Jan. 30, 1903.

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ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Oriental Order of Humility and Perfection, Hebdomade Sanctorum, No. 7, was held last evening in the Oddfellows Hall. Reports for the past year were read and adopted. The reports showed this Sanctorum to be almost the largest in the Oasis of Ontario. All last year's business was wound up. A new set of by-laws for the good government of the Order was read. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

O. L. Lewis—Past Grand Hyastitus.
Wm. Potter—Grand Hyastitus.
S. A. McCormick—Vice Grand Senior Hyastitus.

Thos. Smith—Venerable Friar.
W. Pickard—Grand Monitor.
Fred. Thompson—Grand Registrar.

John Turner—Bankerissimo.
R. Pritchard—High Chief Executioner.
James Keith—Chief Guide.
H. W. Smith—Grand Herald.

LAST CALL

The directors of the Chatham Binder Twine Company have issued a last appeal for preference stock subscriptions. In their circular they point out to the shareholders that the McGavin lien for over \$8,000 comes due on February 5th, and if this is not paid on that date the sheriff will enter the factory. The directors are willing to take out their share of the preference stock, but they must receive the united support of the other shareholders if they are going to put the concern on a safe basis.

There is no doubt that if this lien is paid off the present directors will have the factory running and putting out twine for the farmers of Kent in a very short time.

—Scrofula, with its swollen glands, running sores, inflamed eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

FOR SALE

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See the display in window to-night, and better still come in and examine the quality and see the extra fine values we show.

COATS REDUCED

FOR SATURDAY BUYERS

The soft, spring-like weather, with inventory at hand, forms a coalition against prices that's hard to withstand, and our winter coats aren't standing it, as to-day's still further reduced offerings testify.

It should be remembered that one zephyr in January doesn't make for primroses as much as it does for pneumonia, and that there will be plenty of chance between now and April to get full value out of these stylish, low-priced coats.

At 2.50 Ladies' and misses' short Jackets, black navy, fawn and cardinal, mostly fawn and navy, all lined—many with silk, velvet or cloth collars, excellent values.

At 3.98 14 only, three-quarter length coats storm or turn-down collars, silk or satin trimming, nicely lined, sold regularly at \$5.00 and 6.50.

At 7.50 Three-quarter and full length coats, fawn, grey and black, all lined, seams stitched, velvet collars, bell sleeve with or without turn-back cuff, sold regularly at \$10.00.

A Radical Clearance of Tailor-Made Costumes.

An announcement at this time concerning practically our entire stock of Tailor-Made costumes will come as a pleasant and gratifying surprise to those who have a suit want. Suits of every description at very considerable reductions.

At \$13.95.

Costumes of Broad-cloth and Zebiline, Black, Brown and Grey, tight fitting or Russian Jacket, nicely trimmed with stitching and silk braids—jackets satin lined.

Regular Price \$18.00.

At \$7.50.

Our entire showing of reg. \$10.00 costumes, double breasted Eton, Russian effects and tight fitting jackets, skirts trimmed to match jacket.

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Suits of Cheviot, Homespuns and Broad-cloth, Navy, Grey and Brown, trimmed with attached straps of cloth, satin or braid, lined throughout.

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