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THE RELIABLE STORE Thomas Stone & Son THE RELIABLE STORE

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A BIG SHOWING
AT ALL THE
POPULAR PRICES

A big consignment of White Satin Quilts has just come to hand. The order for these was placed with an English maker, fully six months ago, before the heavy advance in the price of cotton goods, so that the values we are in a position to give you to-day, are fully 20 per cent. better than if we were buying these same goods to-day. The patterns represented in this lot are all the newest designs. We shall be pleased if you will come in and look at them—we are sure they will please you.

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Good Paint

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Try It On Your House.

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AT ACTUAL COST

So that the Electric Light may be introduced into every house in Chatham.

Send in your order for wiring at once. Your work will be promptly looked after.

CHATHAM GAS CO., LIMITED

WHOLE TOWN IS BLOWN UP Car Of Dynamite Explodes In Essex Killing Seven People And Wrecking Many Homes

PETE'S EAGLE EYE

Recently John M. Northwood, city weighmaster, placed a sign in front of a certain property of his on William street. The sign read "To Let," and the authorities state that this is contrary to a city by-law.

Officer Pete Dezella's eagle eye fell upon the sign, and shortly afterwards he was noticed in an earnest conversation with Mr. Northwood. The sign is placed on a tree, which, the police say, is unlawful, but Mr. Northwood thinks that it is not, and he refuses to remove it.

C. M. B. A. NOTES

At the last meeting of Branch No. 8, held in the I. O. O. F. Temple, King Street, 15 candidates were duly initiated into the Association by Grand Organizer O'Connor, who had been working in Chatham and vicinity for the past several days in the interest of the Branch.

Had it not been such a busy season with the farmers many more would have joined the ranks. Bro. O'Connor delivered a stirring address showing forth the merits of the society, and urged the members to be up and doing, as it was only by united effort that the Branch could hope for success.

After the meeting the members indulged in a smoker. For the benefit of those who could not attend on the evening in question another initiation will be held at the meeting next Tuesday evening, when it is expected a goodly number will be present.

BLENHEIM

Blenheim, August 10.—Mr. Warden, of Ottawa, is spending his holidays in Blenheim.

Miss Rhoda Randall, of Ohio, is visiting her parents in Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood and family, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Henneker.

Miss Iona Burns is having a pleasant auto trip through Ontario with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore.

Mrs. C. C. Greening, of Erieau, spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. N. L. McLeod.

Mr. James Fleming, of Blenheim, was a Chatham visitor on Thursday.

Miss Clara Morgan and friend spent a few days in town this week.

Mrs. Stephenson, who has been spending a few days at Erieau, has returned to her home in Blenheim.

Mrs. W. H. Edmonds and baby, of Blenheim, are visiting at Listowell.

Miss M. Lawrence, of Blenheim, has taken a position in E. G. Thompson's store.

Miss Alice McPherson is spending a few days at Drumrochty Lodge.

Mrs. L. M. Smith and daughter, of Los Angeles, Cal., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson.

Mr. Fred. White, of Toronto, arrived last night and will spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. White.

A large crowd from Blenheim attended the band concert at Erieau last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyes, and daughter, of Chatham, are visiting at the home of Mr. Geo. Walker.

Past Master J. K. Morris, of Blenheim, arrived home from Fort William on Thursday night after spending a very pleasant vacation.

Work is the only capital that never makes dividends.

A man may have enough of the world to sink him, but he can never have enough to satisfy him.

He that intends to write what is worthy to be read more than once should blot out frequently.

BRISCO OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, Aug. 15

FIRST CANADIAN TOUR

of the Original

PECK'S BAD BOY

COMPANY

Special Scenery, Right Clever Specialties,
Nothing Serious, All Laughter,
The Greatest of All Comedies with an
Added Special Feature

BUSTER BROWN

The Bad Boys Chum

This is the same Company which has
appeared Kansas City, St. Paul, Seattle,
Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco,
Butte, Omaha, Spokane, etc., the present
season. Prices 50c, 35c and 25c.
Seats on Sale Monday.

Windsor Ont. August 10.—A Car of dynamite exploded blowing up the town of Essex this morning. Seven are reported dead. A report received from the scene says 7 are dead and others hurt. Tremendous detonation was heard in every part of Detroit and shock was also felt here. The following list of victims was telephoned from Amherstburg where all of them reside. It is not known how many of them are dead and how many only injured. David Cottrell, engineer of Passenger train; James Madigan, fireman of passenger train. Thomas Barry, conductor of passenger train. Brakemen Conlin and McNary. A. O. Stimmers, Station agent at Essex. L. A. Abbott, operator at Essex. Colored woman, passenger on train.

About nine o'clock this morning a load of dynamite on a freight car at the Michigan Central depot exploded with terrific force. So great was the concussion that every building in the town is wrecked, many toppling over, while it is probable that not a piece of window glass in the town remains unbroken. The passenger train which runs from Essex to Amherstburg was about to start. Engineer David Cottrell and fireman James Madigan both of Amherstburg were thrown out of the cab and it was at first reported that Madigan was killed. The depot building and freight sheds were blown to atoms. J. A. Abbott, the operator escaped with slight injuries while Jud Smith the Express Agent was unhurt. Greens elevator and Lang and Riches mill are nearly destroyed. The scenes which followed the explosion through the town cannot well be pictured in words. People rushed madly from their shaking homes and places of employment the first impression being that an earthquake had taken place. Simultaneous with the shock came the great crash of glass and to this, many of the people owe their injuries. Throughout the town mothers could be seen bleeding from their many cuts, yet, forgetting themselves in order to give attention to infants and children who were likewise suffering. It was some time before the people could be brought to a realization as to just what had happened.

MILK TESTS MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC PROPERTY

Newspapers Might Be Open To Libel Suits If The Reports
Injured The Milkmen's Business—A Queer
State Of Affairs.

For the past few days the local Health Department have been taking samples from the cans of various milk vendors for the purpose of testing them. The tests are not yet completed, but Medical Health Officer Hall will bring in an detained report on the matter at the next meeting of the Health Board. The public may never have a chance of finding out what the results of the tests are, as recently in Toronto, a legal opinion was given out to the effect that when the Health Officers will not become personally responsible for the published reports, the newspapers publishing such reports are open to actions for damages. This is a curious state of affairs, and scarcely seems a fair deal to the public, in view of the fact that milk-testing is a requirement.

"Would you become responsible for a report on the local test?" Dr. Hall was asked by a Planet reporter this morning.

"It is hardly a portion of my duties to do so," he replied. "I am always willing to do all I can for

the press, but I could hardly be expected to bear this responsibility. You can publish the results if you wish, but you will have to bear the responsibility yourselves. I believe that if the reports should injure any man's business and he could prove the same, you would be open to a liable action—at least that is what I am led to believe from the recent experiences of the Health Officers and the reporters in Toronto."

The newspaper, therefore, which attempts to tell the people about the quality of the milk which they drink is running big chances of getting into trouble.

The new Babcock tester recently purchased by the Health Department is being used in the tests now being made. There is at present no apparatus in the Health Department for detecting the presence of preservatives in the milk. These instruments are very necessary for the work. They can be purchased for a very moderate sum, and the city would do well to supply the department with them.

The new well is the property of the Kennedy Oil Company.

ENTERPRISE OF W. K. A. S.

A well attended meeting of the West Kent Agricultural Society was held Thursday afternoon, when it was unanimously decided to endorse the petition to construct a grand-little walk in front of the Fair Grounds, to be in keeping with the many other improvements in progress out there for weeks past.

The program of races for the Fall Fair will be bigger and better than ever, and will be published shortly.

The directors of the Fair are quite optimistic about the coming Fair, and display more enthusiasm in the event than has been manifested in years past. Everyone should give the proposition a boost, and endeavor to encourage the directors in their commendable enterprise.

Irrevocable Says Blake.
London, Aug. 10.—(C. A. P.)—Hon. Edward Blake has written his constituents that his resignation is necessary and irrevocable. The Dublin Journal, while warmly regretting the decision, says that Blake will carry with him into retirement the affection and gratitude of the country he served so well.

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ARSENIC IN PORRIDGE

Regina, Aug. 9.—A sensation was caused in the city yesterday by the news that a number of boarders at Steele's restaurant on Lorne street had been poisoned by a solution of arsenic in the porridge partaken of by them at breakfast. It appears that the proprietors of the restaurant lent a quantity of oatmeal on Thursday to the Chinese proprietor of the adjacent eating house. The oatmeal was duly returned and Steele used some of it to cook the morning meal. Mrs. Steele and eight or nine guests ate of the porridge and almost immediately afterwards were seized with severe internal pains accompanied by vomiting. Doctors Thompson and Meek were summoned and by natural means and stomach pumps the greater part of the food was ejected. Three of the sufferers, Harry Stewart, Cyrus Winters and John Fortune, were conveyed to Victoria Hospital, where their condition aroused grave anxiety. There is, however, some ground for hoping that all these attacked will recover.

Arsenic in the Meal.
The unused oatmeal was confiscated and a portion of it submitted to Dr. Charlton, Provincial Bacteriologist, who certified to the presence of arsenic. The Chinaman who returned the oatmeal, and generally known here as Mac, has been arrested. According to present arrangements he will be brought before Magistrate McCausland. A fact which, unless disproved, appears to weigh against him is that an invoice shows that he purchased two weeks ago a quantity of oatmeal, all of which had not been used. What valid reason he had to borrow oatmeal with a stock already in his possession remains a mystery.

YOUTH BREAKS JAIL

Escapes From Turnkey and is Still at Large.

Cobourg, Aug. 10.—Norman J. G. Frame, the Toronto youth who was convicted of forgery and sentenced to four months' imprisonment for passing bogus cheques in Port Hope, escaped from the county jail here yesterday morning while in charge of the turnkey. Although the sheriff's officers and county constables are looking for him, he has so far evaded recapture.

The escaped prisoner is 18 years of age, height about 5 feet 8 inches, complexion dark, eyes blue, face smooth, and form slim.

He had been "doing the races" at the Woodbine, and resorting to devices to raise money for "sporty" purposes when he was arrested at Port Hope.

A warrant has been issued and a reward offered for his re-arrest.

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