

..The Planet..

S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor.

LET US AVOID LAW.

The suggestion made by Ald. Scane at the City Council meeting last evening, and endorsed by Ald. Marshall, McCoig and Pritchard, that the city should seek an amicable settlement with the Bell Telephone Company over the disputed assessment is, we believe, a wise one and one which the custodians of the civic purse will do well to adopt.

Ald. Scane pointed out that a settlement could be obtained on an assessment of \$2,500, which is double the amount for which the company was assessed last year, the amount which is appealed against being \$4,000. On these terms an amicable arrangement should be effected. It is apparently a fair one and will save the city the expense of litigation.

While The Planet is anxious to see the city secure as large returns as are rightly possible from the Company, the Council should remember that, as guardians of the money of the ratepayers, it should not be expended recklessly upon legal disputes, unless there is a clear justification for so doing.

Fair and friendly treatment of such concerns as the company, too, has other advantages. Only recently when the poles were moved into the sidewalk the company bore the entire expense, amounting, we are informed, to over \$200, although aldermen admitted the liability of the city. If the Bell corporation is thus willing to treat in a fair and friendly manner, the city should meet it with a similar motive, more especially when such action is calculated to save the ratepayers the always heavy expenses resultant upon preparing evidence and fighting a long and bitter suit.

Chatham has had some experience of the costs of law suits.

EVERYBODY SHOULD TAKE HOLD.

The proposal to set apart the week beginning June 30th, 1902, as a "Canadian Old Home Week," is, we think, one of the most promising undertakings imaginable, says the Toronto Star. It is not a fad or an attempt to get up a large-sized amusement, but a national enterprise that gives promise of much benefit to the country.

The general public has not yet begun to appreciate the importance of what is contemplated.

There are Canadians all over the world. A man can scarcely enter a seaport in Central or South America, or in the West Indies, but he will come across Canadians; but, chiefly, our countrymen who have gone abroad are found in the United States. It is said that there are as many Canadians in Chicago as in Toronto. The number in Boston is estimated at 120,000, or almost equal to the combined populations of Hamilton, Ottawa, and London. In every State in the Union, in nearly every town in every State, are Canadians. Most of these left this country years ago, when it was the habit of young men to go to the States. Of late years the exodus has practically ceased, for this country has begun to develop with such rapidity that there is a demand in all directions for men in every kind of occupation. We are keeping our own people now, not growing them for export. But the thousands and hundreds of thousands of our people who are in the United States—many of them famous, prosperous, ready to dabble in new enterprises—still think of Canada as it was when they knew it and left it. They think of it still as a country that grows fine men, but does not know what to do with them.

The proposal is to organize a "Canadian Old Home Week" and cause these people to come back for a visit—to come back from everywhere lying between Maine and California. It is proposed to organize excursions from everywhere, and to see that Canadians in all parts of the United States are informed of it, and assured that if they make the visit they will be expected, and will meet not only the friends who are at home, but those also who, like themselves, have wandered afar. It is proposed that the machinery of our Governments shall be used to help the scheme to success. It is proposed that all the cities in the various Provinces shall do something during that week in June next year to entertain the visitors. It is to be a grand, thoroughly-organized home-coming, and when it is over there shall go back to the United States hundreds of thousands of people well pleased with Canada, and posted as to the great progress the country is making.

The details of the plan are being worked out, and we hope to see all the newspapers take the question up.

Rev. C. H. Tyndall, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., illustrated his sermon last Sunday night by using in the pulpit a complete apparatus of Marconi's wireless telegraphy. The pulpit is trying to keep abreast of the times.

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HYPNOTISM.

There should be a law in Ontario prohibiting the indiscriminate sale of books on hypnotism and mesmerism, and the like to the public. In fact, The Planet is of the opinion that it would be well to limit the sale and use to physicians and other persons who can be safely entrusted to exercise the gifts they possess in that direction. One can scarcely pick up a magazine or leading journal without finding works on these subjects advertised and offered for sale at a small sum, to anyone who has the price. As a result, books on hypnotism have fallen into the hands of school children and other young persons, who, as soon as they obtain them, set about mastering the contents, and practising the art on their younger brothers and sisters and schoolmates. The newspapers, not long since contained lengthy articles on the circumstances in which a certain Stratford pupil hypnotised another, and had great difficulty in "waking" him.

A gentleman informs us that a number of Chatham public school pupils have sent away for and obtained books on hypnotism, and are practising it on other children, some boys actually succeeding in hypnotising others. Chatham boys may be up-to-date, but in this there lurks too much danger, both to others and themselves, to permit it to pass unnoticed. It is a matter requiring prompt action on the part of both parents and teachers, in order that it may be checked. The books should be taken from the children and followed by one of those talks that means business.

The cause of science would not be injured by prohibiting the sale of such books, nor by excluding exhibitions of hypnotism from the list of public entertainments.

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Dated this 21st day of May, 1901.
W. G. MERRITT,
Clerk of Chatham.

TENDERS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to and including May the 28th, 1901, for the erection of a two storey brick Fire Hall in Wallaceburg. Separate tenders will be received for brick and masonry, and carpenter work and painting, or both together. Plans and specifications can be seen at my office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. E. JOHNSON,
Town Clerk.
Wallaceburg, May 15, 1901. ladlw
Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

Evidently Shamrock II. is not a four-leaved shamrock.

Many an honest neighbor believes in the motto, "Anybody's umbrella in a storm."

King Edward should remember that one of his early predecessors, King Canute, ascertained that the sea is no respecter of persons.

In Germany it has been discovered that telegraph poles are unnecessary where the wires can be laid on snow. If this discovery had been made in Canada it would have angered us.

The police in Chicago went around to arrest a bigamist and found him playing "Home, Sweet Home" on an accordion. It goes to show that there are more actors in the world than are ever seen on the stage.

What next! The New York Herald has established an exclusive wireless telegraph service on the Nanuet lightship off New York for communication with incoming steamers. It will scoop other newspapers by fifteen hours.

The Gilt Reformer protests against the following in a Brantford paper: "The beating of his heart was not noticeable, and the police were at once telephoned for." The protest is justifiable, especially as the man's heart-beats had already been arrested.

Massachusetts has a law against shooting pigeons and other birds for amusement from traps - which is as follows: "Whoever keeps or uses a live pigeon, fowl or other bird for the purpose of a target, or to be shot at, either for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship, or shoots at a bird kept or used as aforesaid, or is a party to such shooting, or lets any building, room, field or premises, or knowingly permits the use thereof for the purpose of such shooting, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The man who invented "green goods," "gold brick" and other devices, and who is said to have gathered in a million dollars in forty years from the fools who are always ready to bite at such schemes, died the other day in Chicago and his friends had to collect money to pay for his funeral. There seems a fitting retribution in this and it may furnish an opportunity to moralize on the almost inevitable result of wrong-doing. The same talent and energy expended in honest effort would probably have brought this man an enduring competence. Whether it would or not, fresh point is given to Shakespeare's words, "The evil that men do lives after them." Though the inventor of these swindling devices is dead he still has imitators, and they in turn will have fresh victims.

SHE GOT IT.

Ottawa Citizen.

We are inclined to think that the girl who skipped out of smallpox quarantine in order to be married got rash.

LIQUIDATION IN BLOOD.

Toronto Globe.

If a dispute between masters and men cannot be settled without bloodshed civilization is a failure.

PREPARATIONS FOR A ROYAL RECEPTION.

Vankleek Hill Review.

Clean up your back yard. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York are coming.

A SUBSIDY DEFINED.

Denver News.

"I see so much in the newspapers about subsidies. What does a subsidy mean, John?"

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DOVER CENTRE.

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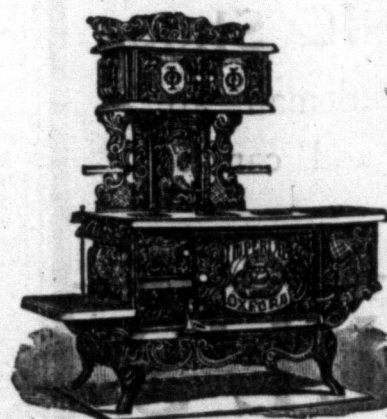
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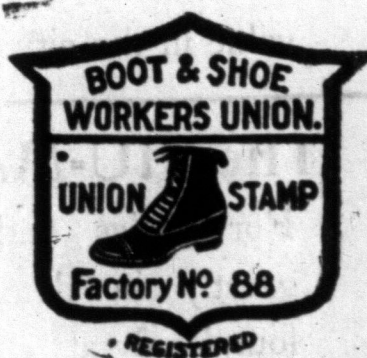
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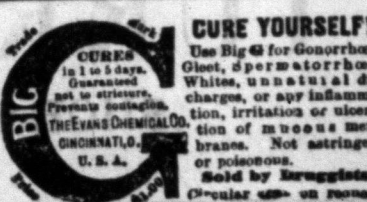
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