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Saturday Night AND MONDAY SPECIALS

Right in line for Saturday Night and Monday, comes this list of extra specials. You can bring your dollars here with confidence, knowing that you will receive extra value for every cent spent. The finest qualities are found here—nothing else gets shelf room.

Sterling Silver Hat Pins, 25c

Silver headed hat pins just in from New York, and on sale to-night and Monday, at 25c. each.

Leather Purses.

Ladies' Black Leather Purses, silver plated mounting at 35c. Just the newest line out, neat and pretty, and just the purse you want. The price for Saturday night and Monday, 35c.

Leather Belts.

Ladies' Reversible Patent Leather Belts at 25c. An exceptionally nice belt at a popular price. We know these will go quickly Saturday night and Monday at 25c.

Ladies' Black and Tan Leather Purses

Trimmed with metal ornaments, regular price 25c., on sale to-night and Monday at 15c. A clearing line, and a nice line, well worth seeing. Remember, your choice, to-night and Monday, at each, 15c.

Baby Bibs at 5c.

Babies White Cambric Bibs, trimmed all around with 1/4 in. lace, on sale, special at 5c.

Ladies' Black Velvet Belts,

Satin Backs, at 25c. This handsome belt is also trimmed with narrow stripe of taffeta, stitched, and has a serviceable and pretty buckle, to-night and Monday at 25c.

Lace Curtains,

150 pairs, job lot at \$1.00 pair. Cleaned up a jobbers lot of these and placed them on sale, under-priced, 3 1/2 yards long, to-night and Monday at \$1.00 a pair.

Cushion Tops, 10c

Printed imitation of real Battenburg lace designs, in shades of blue, green, tan and cardinal, on sale at each, 10c.

Roller Towelling,

Extra special pure linen roller towelling with red borders, on sale at per yd, 5c.

Ladies' Collars, 35c

Ladies' turn-over White Swiss turn-over collars, embroidered in pretty open work designs, on sale at each 35c.

THOMAS STONE & SON.

BLUE FLAME OIL STOVES!

...SOMETHING NEW...

THE AUTO VALVE

Very Powerful.
A Wonderful Baker.

See them at

WESTMAN BROS.

NOTICE.

No person with a house or other building over one story high should be without a good ladder. You should have them for

FIRE PROTECTION,
CLEANING OUT HAVETROUGHS,
PAINTING,
CLEANING WINDOWS, &c.
Call and inspect the Famous
WAGGONER EXTENSION LADDER.
For sale by
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ON CHATTEL MORTGAGE
OR ON NOTE

To pay off mortgages. To buy property.
Very lowest rate.
J. W. WHITE,
Barrister
Opp. Grand Opera House, Chatham

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Geo. P. Stetson's

Big double spectacular
UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

A \$35,000 production, the Barnum of them all, under the management of Mr. Kibble. 50 men, women and children. Double band and orchestra. Travelling in a special train—Scenic investiture a positive revelation. 20 spectacular and specialty sensations. Grand choruses of super-excellence. Kaleidoscope visions of historical interest. The stereoptical sensation—The men who freed the slaves—A tribute to Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan, Sherman and Douglas. 50 colored people from the cotton belt. Sterling dramatic cast of Metropolitan artists, (no brass band talent on the stage). Eva's ascension. The grandest street parade ever given. Two bands. **Prices 10, 20, 30 and 50c.** See our grand street parade.

GETTING READY FOR ST. THOMAS

Col. Rankin Hands Out Some
Caustic Comment to Delin-
quent Soldiers.

The Bands Complimented They
are an Example to the Rest
of the Regiment.

Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., put the 24th Kent Regiment through its paces last night on Tecumseh Park. The battalion was practiced in the march past in preparation for the review of this Regiment by Lord Dundonald at St. Thomas on May 24th.

Quarter-Master Dr. Cornell was stationed with upraised sword to represent Lord Dundonald. The soldiers said that the broad Quarter-Master might represent the Commander of the forces in Canada all right, but it took an awful long time to march past the portly representative. After two practices of the march past, the battalion was paraded on King street.

On the return to the drill shed Col. Rankin addressed the men. He said he could compliment neither the officers or the men on their attendance. The weak numerical strength of the Regiment on parade was a disgrace. There would be battalion drill next Friday night and all who were absent without a reasonable excuse would not be allowed to go to St. Thomas. The Colonel said that he was not going to allow absentees to disgrace themselves and the Regiment by spoiling the appearance of Kent's military organization when on parade in St. Thomas. The recruits were not attending the special classes of instruction under Sergeant Bethune as they should.

The Commanding Officer complimented the bands in their excellent turn-out and said that the attendance in the bands was an example to the rest of the Regiment. The tents, blankets and waterproof sheets had been shipped to St. Thomas Saturday night, and a fatigue party would be sent down on Saturday, May 23rd, to put up the tents in readiness for the arrival of the Regiment. The soldiers would assemble at the drill shed Sunday, May 24th, at 1:30 p. m., and the Regiment would leave by the Windsor for St. Thomas at 2:30 p. m. The Colonel had been asked to have a church parade in the morning, but he thought that would be too much of a task for the soldiers, considering the hard day they would have in St. Thomas on the following day. It had been found impossible to get additional buttons, and the boys who had given their best girls their buttons for hat pins would have to ask for them back. Major Schofield dismissed the Regiment at the request of the Colonel.

CHILDREN KEPT FROM CRIME.

Attorney-General's Bill to Further
Effect This End.

Toronto, May 16.—The session of the Legislature yesterday was short, and rather uneventful, though good progress was made with the order paper. Several long-standing questions were answered, a number of public bills received second reading, and the slate of private bills was largely revised. Mr. McCar's bill, amending the drainage law by provisions for a more fair assessment, met with favor and was given its second reading. Colonel Gibson explained his bill amending the children's protection act, so as to protect the neglected ones from contamination with established vice.

Col. Gibson moved the second reading of his bill to amend the children's protection act. It provides for the appointment of a Children's Committee of six persons in each electoral district to co-operate with the Superintendent of Neglected Children and the Children's Aid Societies, to assist in placing and visiting of neglected and dependent children; the committee to be appointed by the County Judge, the Sheriff and the Warden. It also provides for the appointment of probation officers, to whose care will be referred children under sixteen years charged with offences, and that no child under fourteen charged with an offence against the laws of the Province shall be committed to any jail or police station or lock-up pending trial. The bill was read a second time.

LARGE CONTRACT AWARDED.

Toronto & Niagara Power Co. Pro-
cessing Rapidly.

Toronto, May 16.—The contract for the tailrace tunnel of the Toronto & Niagara Power Co., has been awarded to A. C. Douglas of Niagara Falls, who has already built tunnels for a similar purpose on both sides of the river. This tunnel, Mr. Nicholas said yesterday, is of a gigantic size, 30 feet in diameter, and 2,100 feet long. The outlet will be behind the falling water of the Falls and thus will not be perceptible from the banks. The work on the coffer dam at the head is progressing very favorably and tenders for the wheel-pit will be called for in three or four weeks.

White, especially in lightweight cloths and thin wools, seems more popular than ever this season.

SPLENDID SHOTS

The members of the Maple City Gun Club who visited the Blenheim Gun Club yesterday and took in the tournament got a goodly share of the prize money. The Chatham sportsmen were Wm. Bennett, Wm. Nichol, Joe Oldershaw, John McCoig, W. S. Richards, J. W. Aitken and Jacob Labombard.

Joe Oldershaw did the best shooting of the day and had the best average of anybody at the tournament. His winnings netted him over \$35. He broke 15 blue rocks straight in one sweep and in the next four sweeps broke 14 out of 15, making a straight score of 71 out of 75. John Moore was also shooting well and was generally in the money. His day's sport netted him about \$12. Among the younger members of the Chatham Gun Club, J. W. Aitken showed up well in the few sweeps he entered. Jacob Labombard, proprietor of the Montreal House, was the hero of the day. He succeeded in getting in the money in one sweep. "Gosh," says Jake, "I do pretty good. I won \$1.00 in one sweep and it only cost me \$12 to do that. That was pretty good for me."

OLD PICTURE

Captain S. M. Smith is the possessor of many fine old photographs of Chatham many years ago. Among the pictures is that of the visit of Lord and Lady Dufferin about 35 or 40 years ago. The picture shows the vice-regal party on Tecumseh park, or rather the barracks ground, as it was then called. The square brick house of Judge Bell at the corner of Stanley avenue and William street, which is now being remodelled, is shown, also the old mill of D. R. VanAllen across the river.

Mr. Smith has an almanac of the time when Chatham had a population of 500 souls.

FOREST FIRES CONTINUE.

Catholic Church in Snow Road
Burned.

Kingston, May 16.—Bush fires continue to rage in this district. Rain is urgently needed to extinguish the flames. A message from Ardoch states that nine barns, five houses, three stables and any amount of seed grain, harness and buggies and miles of fencing have been burned. The Catholic Church in Snow road was burned. The buildings at the Boerth gold mine are in danger.

John Thompson, near Vennacher, helping to fight the flames, expired suddenly of heart failure, caused by the excitement of the occasion. The loss to farmers in the district is impossible to estimate.

LEITER'S PROPOSITION.

Principal in a Notable Wheat Corner
is a Bankrupt.

New York, May 16.—An attorney in this city to-day made the announcement that Joseph Leiter, who was the principal figure in the wheat corner of 1897 and 1898, has made a proposition to his creditors to settle their claims against him for 20 cents on the dollar. It is understood that Leiter's father will guarantee that this proposition will be carried out.

Mr. McGregor's Funeral.

Windsor, May 15.—Where all was decoration two days ago flags now droop at half-mast. William McGregor's funeral has been set for Sunday afternoon. The services will be conducted in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, with interment in Windsor Grove Cemetery. Col. Bartlett of the 21st Fusiliers issued an order this morning requesting the officers of the regiment to attend the funeral in uniform, as a mark of respect for Mr. McGregor's position and for his loyalty to the regiment. It was chiefly through the efforts of Mr. McGregor while in Parliament that the Government built the Windsor Armouries.

Judge Nesbitt's Appointment.

Ottawa, May 16.—His Excellency has signed the order in Council appointing Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., to the Supreme Court in the place of the late Justice Mills. The appointment meets with hearty approval, by Conservatives especially. Justice Nesbitt's elevation to the Bench indicates that the Government are not influenced by mere questions of politics or patronage when in search of a good man. Everyone concedes that the new Judge has had an exceptionally fine professional record, and, although he will be the youngest occupant of the Supreme Court Bench, the public are not disposed to regard that as a drawback; on the contrary, the more frequent appointment to judicial offices of men in the prime of life would be very popular. In connection with the Supreme Court Bench, there is a growing feeling that the salaries paid to the Judges should be increased.

Dynamite Under the Consulates.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 16.—It is reported from Salonica that the French and Russian Consulates there have been discovered to be undermined. Large stores of dynamite have been seized.

London, May 16.—"In spite of the denials of the Fort," cables the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail, "the situation at Monastir is alarming. Thirty-eight additional battalions of Redifs (reserves) have been ordered thither from Smyrna."

INDIAN WAS FOUND DEAD

Couldn't Stand Fire Water
and Fell from Rig to
Death.

Crown Attorney will ask for
Special Government Detec-
tive to Investigate.

Bill Dodge, an Indian, well known in this county, was found dead by the roadside in Tilbury East, near Merlin, yesterday. Coroner Dr. J. L. Bray was notified and, after investigating the case, deemed an inquest unnecessary.

It appears that Dodge was drunk, and, while driving along the road, had fallen out of the rig and his neck had been broken by the fall.

There have been a good many complaints of late about liquor being sold to the Indians around Merlin, and Crown Attorney Herbert D. Smith has asked the Government to send up a detective to investigate.

Dodge was not unknown to the police. On September 3rd, 1898, at an Indian pow-wow he horribly stabbed a squaw, and for this offense served nine months in jail. There was an Indian camp in the bush of David Wilson, near Fargo. The Indians held a pow-wow, got gloriously drunk and a squaw was frightfully cut up by Dodge.

JOKER IS SENSATIVE

The Toronto Telegram is a paper not on our exchange list and we never see it. The item, credited to The Telegram, concerning John Lee, M. P. P., was taken from the St. Thomas Times and published in the Dominion without change and without comment. Mr. Lee has evidently been calling on the Telegram, for we have received from that gentleman a copy of the paper with the following paragraph marked:—

"We desire to say that the scene depicted was a mere joke on the part of Lee. He is not a somnolent member of the House. He is active and keenly alert and takes a deep interest in public questions."

We, in common with most people, regarded the Telegram's original article as a mere joke on East Kent's member, but Mr. Lee is evidently sensitive to jokes on himself.—Ridgeway Dominion.

KENT YIELDS

The firm of Cluxton & Co., of this city, have leased in the neighborhood of Chatham, Ont., 10,000 acres of land which will be developed for oil production. The land lies between the old Petrolia field, which has been producing oil since the 60's, and the Gurd gusher on Lake Erie, which is a big well recently brought in. Samuel N. Amm did the leasing for the firm. The land is practically one big block. Not much is known of the Canadian oil and gas field by producers in this country, and nearly all the oil developments in Canada have been brought about with Canadian capital. The counties of Essex, Lambton, Kent and Elgin, which lie along Lake Huron and Lake Erie, are all producing oil and gas.

The oil is not as good a grade as the Bradford oil, but on account of the high tariff of \$2.52 a barrel on American crude, the oil sells for \$2.12 a barrel at the well. Refined oil sells from 30 to 60 cents a gallon in Canada, depending on the part of the country in which it is purchased.

The Ontario field is shallow, the oil sand being found at 300 feet. A well can be drilled for \$500, and even less, if the modern drilling machine is used. Cluxton & Co., have not decided yet whether they will form a stock company or operate the territory themselves.—Bradford, Pa., Star.

Mr. Amm was here for some time during the winter. The land he leased is in Chatham Tp., between the 5th and 10th concessions, and includes the farms around Darrell, Chatham Centre and Eberts. The residents hope that the Bradford syndicate will begin drilling at once.

GARBAGE PLOT

Chairman Geo. G. Martin, of the Garbage committee, with Alderman Edmondson and the Sanitary Inspector, visited the new dumping grounds yesterday with Mr. Jackson. The object was to definitely define and locate the five acres to be leased for dumping purposes. Pending the formalities of a by-law being put through and a lease prepared the Sanitary Inspector will at once proceed with the new system which will be under his immediate control.

Mr. Jackson has agreed to let the Garbage committee have five acres a year to be used as a dumping ground for night soil. He also agrees to provide five acres each year for five years.

The Health Inspector displayed his skill as a ploughman and turned over a couple of furrows. The Health Inspector's furrow wasn't in it with the furor that Ald. Martin always creates by his eloquence.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

W. L. Soncrante, a barber, was arrested this morning on two charges, one of forgery and the other of theft. He was arraigned, pleaded not guilty, and was remanded till Monday for trial. Crown Attorney H. D. Smith asked for \$100 bail.

Soncrante and Duncan Vickery are in partnership in the barber business and their establishment is in the Northwood block. Vickery accuses his partner of altering the books of account of the firm so as to make the earnings of the barber shop appear less than the original entries. Vickery further accuses his partner of stealing \$50. Soncrante is a stranger in the city. He has been hanged about seven months.

BELL COMPANY WINS.

Jury Returns no Bill in the Conspiracy Case.

Toronto, May 16.—The Grand Jury of the Criminal Assizes yesterday returned "no bill" against the Bell Telephone Company, who were charged with conspiring with the C. P. R. to restrict trade. Mr. Justice Street, in instructing the Grand Jury, said that the alleged offence was the agreement between the two corporations, and not what happens as the result of that agreement. This alleged agreement was made in Montreal, and if so, the offence was committed in Montreal, and the case must, therefore, be tried in Montreal. "I can find no violation of the act by the telephone company," remarked his Lordship. "It may be that it is a very improper thing for the railway company to grant these facilities, but Parliament should say so in less ambiguous terms." Mr. Guthrie addressed the jury, and they retired, returning shortly with "no bill."

STREET RAILWAY STRIKE.

Failure of the Current Negotiations in Toronto.

Toronto, May 16.—As things are shaping now, there does not seem to be much hope of averting a strike of street railway employees. The company has made no important concessions, and in the opinion of the men there does not seem much chance of securing from the company any of the two essentials asked for, recognition of the union, and an increase of wages to 23 cents per hour for the men now receiving 20 cents, and of 20 or 21 cents for the new men, who under the present arrangements are receiving 18 cents per hour. There have been also requests for extra pay for night and Sunday work. There have been several conferences between representatives of the union and the management, but the points of division have always been the two named.

The representatives of the men who have been attending the international convention have come back, it is understood, with full authority to take whatever course they deem best, with the full endorsement of the international body.

A mass meeting of the men will be held to-night.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Daniel C. McLeod, the only smallpox patient at Winnipeg, is dead.

The body of an unknown man was found in the river at Brockville.

One hundred and fifty carpenters struck work at Calgary for higher wages.

The Dominion Elevator Company's elevator at Nesbit, Man., was burned, with 13,000 bushels of wheat.

Lord and Lady Minto visited the educational institutions of Hamilton yesterday and went out to Stony Creek bottle-land, where they were entertained at lunch.

Edward Hunter, Samuel Burley, Albert Laking and Edward Dunn, found guilty at Brockville of the manslaughter of Robert Johnston, were released by Judge Britton on suspended sentence.

Girl's Strap Slippers.

A large variety of Girl's Strap Slippers has been put into stock at prices from
50c. to \$1.00, sizes 3 to 7 1/2
75c. to \$1.25, sizes 8 to 10 1/2
\$1 and \$1.25, sizes 11 to 12
These are the best we have ever offered for the money.

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