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FIRST AUGUST SATURDAY

We are this summer paying very particular attention to the needs and wants of our Saturday customers. We are careful that our Saturday customers receive a good share of our special offerings and bargain items. So that customers who come in on the train or car, or who have to drive in on Saturday can always be certain of finding something in this store especially attractive and specially priced for their benefit. For the first August Saturday these:—

White Vestings 15c

White Mercerized Vestings in neat spot, lace stripe and figured designs, the kind you have been paying 20c. and 25c. a yard for, on Saturday special at

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Lace Curtains 89c

White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, 45 in. wide, whipped edges, neat floral design with handsome border. on sale, Saturday, special a pair,

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Lustre Skirts \$2.98

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Small Ware Specials

Ladies' Tinsel Belts, in silver and gilt. 25c

Gilt Beauty Pins at..... 2 for 5c

Collar Pins, pearl settings..... 25c

Gilt Collar Supporters..... 25c

Brooches with pearl and paste setting. 25c

Gilt Hat Pins, stone settings..... 19c

Side Combs, very special..... 2 for 15c

Assorted Safety Pins, special 2 doz. for 5c

Full Length Shoe Laces..... 3 pair for 5c

Pearl Bead Neck Lace..... 25c

Back Combs, special, each..... 15c

Bone Hair Pins..... 4 for 10c

Unbreakable Hair Combs..... 25c

Fancy Toilet Pins, 1 doz on a card..... 5c

Embroidered Turn Overs, special..... 5c

Cream Lace Stock Collars..... 19c

Lawn Waists 98c

White Waists made of fine sheer India Lawn, short sleeves, val. lace collar and cuffs, neatly trimmed with val. lace, embroidery and fine tucks, regular value \$1.50 each, 24 of them to go on Saturday

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PRESS WRITERS HAVE OUTING

Newspaper Men Spend a Pleasant Day Up and Down the River

NOTES OF THE VOYAGE

Yesterday was a red letter chapter in the history of local newspaperdom, when the scribes threw pad and pencil aside for the afternoon and spent a few hours of their guileless lifetime up and down the river in a launch placed at their disposal by Fred. H. Briscoe. The reporters have always suspected that Fred. had a warm spot in his heart for them somewhere, but yesterday's kind deed in a naughty, naughty world has raised him several kilometers in their estimation. Pity it is that Fred. could not come along. He missed the best part of his life, and incidentally an afternoon in the most select company. But just the same Fred's kind act cannot help but bring him good luck. So it's all the same in the long run.

When the papers went to press yesterday afternoon, a number of bold knights of the pen, carrying a like number of bold and becoming smiles, had themselves to the water front at Briscoe's dock, and proceeded to take immediate and full advantage of Freddy's generous offer. Reporters seldom refuse anything—especially if it is getting it for nothing—which it might be added, includes callings down and occasional abuse from the displeased.

Someone hunted up Sevengala the hypnotist and brought him in tow. The genial producer of artificial sleep proved the best of good company, and considerably brightened the afternoon with his witty stories and vivid descriptions. Sevengala as well as being a hypnotist is an enthusiastic angler—enough said. With due respect to that gentleman, it might be remarked that Sevengala runs pretty much to windward of a fact which became greatly in evidence the moment he planted his physical being in the launch. The boat teetered all to his side, till some bright person moved the refreshment basket and suggested that the guest of honor take a seat in the centre. This change considerably balanced up matters, and all went merrily as the proverbial tinkle of the marriage bell.

Our friend George Hahn of the opposition, did the stunt at the wheel until it became painfully apparent that George was running the boat into all the snags and sundry drift wood in the river. George had broken his best glasses—his eye-glasses of course—some time through the day, and as he had to wear a pair of substitutes, it was thought that this might account for the erratic course which the boat seemed bound to take. Anyway it looked as though George would steer the boat to certain disaster. Half speed was up and the little vessel only touched at the high spots. Either by blind luck or the intervention of a kind Providence, the boat and its precious burden steered clear of the dangerous places, however, and no mishap occurred till a less venturesome officer relieved Mr. Hahn from the steering obligation.

The trip up the river was continued till the little coterie in the boat descried a strange creature in the water near to the left hand bank about a half a mile above the waterworks plant. Sevengala thought it must be a sea serpent, while Mr. Hahn was of the opinion that it was a sea cow. He said that he could see its horns, but perhaps the horns George saw were not so far away. Perhaps it was only that Sevengala had cast a magic spell over the party, but when the animal made a movement as though it would attack the gallant crew, it was decided that a locality was no place for respectable and peace-loving newspaper men. The nose of the boat was quickly turned down stream, and the party looking backwards could see the strange beast still observing them with gleaming and resentful eyes.

A little further down the river a young man in a canoe had a tough time dodging the launch, but managed to escape by a bit of skilful navigation. Some of the members of the party say that he used some up becoming language, but as this could not be verified the matter was not put down on the ship's log.

Nothing further of great moment occurred till the return trip was being made, when Commodore Tom Watt hove in sight on the prow of the saucy Grace. Tom had blood in his eye, and he whizzed past like a cyclone. But his triumph was short-lived. The newspaper men gave chase, and there came the river, the fike of which has never been witnessed since Captain Drake ran down the Spanish pirate mariners. Tom had on a load of lead pipe he was bringing up from the light-house—but it didn't prove a lead-pipe for Tom. If his competitors carried any load, it was not the kind that held their boat back, and he was soon left behind to ride the swells from the victors' launch. The return trip was made in splendid time, without mishap, and the party was landed at Briscoe's dock just as

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HE WAS A MAN OF WILL

No Such Word As Impossible in J. A. Bailey's Vocabulary

THE BEST SHOW IN YEARS

There was no such word as "impossible" in the vocabulary of the late J. A. Bailey, the directing head of the great Barnum & Bailey circus. Those who knew him best say that if a feature appealed to him as being meritorious and attractive to the public, neither expense nor difficulty was permitted to stand in the way of securing it. An incident that illustrated this characteristic of the great showman is currently told in New York City.

When the now famous "Dip of Death" was transferred from the Folies Bergere, in Paris, and presented to the patrons of the Barnum & Bailey Show in Madison Square Garden it created a furore.

The apparatus used for the act was, however, both heavy and cumbersome. Experienced showmen with scarcely an exception declared that the use of the act "on the road" would be physically impossible.

One day, about the middle of the engagement at Madison Square Garden, one of the superintendents went to Manager Bailey, and asked him where he intended to have the apparatus stored when the show had started on its road tour.

"Why," said Mr. Bailey, "what do you want to store it for?"

"Because we won't have any use for it."

"Oh, yes, we will."

"You don't mean to say that the 'Dip of Death' can be handled on the road?"

"It not only can be handled—but it will be!" was the manager's emphatic reply.

And it was.

The "Dip of Death," it is announced, will be exhibited here during the local engagement of the Barnum & Bailey circus on Friday, August 17. It will be seen in connection with the "Two Trials of Terror," in which two fearless bicyclists turn somersaults on their wheels in mid-air, and a long list of other acrobatic novelties. A new military spectacle and a splendid zoological display are also offered the circus-loving public.

A NEW OIL FIELD

Reports of Big Strikes of Oil in Raleigh Are Causing Considerable Interest

It was reported around the city that a big oil gusher had been struck in Raleigh. The Planet has ascertained, however, that there is no truth in the report, but there is quite a bit of excitement in Raleigh, nevertheless, and the oil men are quite confident that a strike will be made there ere long.

The operators have drilled down a distance of 750 feet on lot 4, on Charles Crow's, and say that they have struck good indications at a higher level than they were found in the Tibbury wells.

Four wells are at present being sunk in the Raleigh oil district; one on the Holiday farm near Fletcher, one on the Taylor farm near Fletcher, one on Chas. Crow's farm and another on the Shrieves farm near Buxton.

The well shot on the Campbell farm Tuesday, and which was reported as giving such good results in Thursday's Planet, has been sunk to a deeper depth, and is making a better showing than ever.

Drilling operations have been commenced on lot 5, Con. 4, Dover.

SUMMER RESORTS

The Goderich Summer Hotel announces International Bowling Tournament and presence of the Champion English Bowlers between August 6th and 18th. Fine ancient English lawn game as exciting as curling to a Scotchman.

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THOUSANDS IN PRIZES

The total amount given in prizes at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, is \$45,000, of which \$11,429 is devoted to the horses and \$8,483 to the cattle, exclusive in each case of gold and silver medals, cups, etc.

MANY RIGS ARE DRILLING

New Strikes of Oil are Being Made Every Day in Tilbury

FEW NOTES OF INTEREST

Interest in the Tilbury oil field continues to grow with every new strike made. Oil men are pouring in from every centre and the field is developing at a wonderful rate.

Mr. B. F. Dowd, representing different companies, is operating the following leases:—The Chas. Campbell 50 acres with two rigs up and drilling; the James Campbell with three wells, and the Central Oil & Gas Co.'s 150 acres; the Sinclair 50 acres; the Christina Stevenson 50 acres with one well drilling; the Geo. Robertson with one well and one drilling; the D. Halliday with one well drilling; the M. Gleeson 65 acres and the Finn 150 acres with one well drilling.

A derrick has been erected on the John Leeson farm, on the 7th Con. Raleigh.

A rig is being erected on the David Phillips farm, M. R. S., by Miller & Warner.

Drilling derrick No. 3 is being erected on the Dr. Fletcher lease for the Buffalo Gas Drilling Co.

Well No. 3 on the Dr. Fletcher lease is down about 800 feet and the well is cased.

The Sam Pook well is now down about 1,000 feet and it is expected to be in the sand the latter part of this week.

The Kelly Well No. 2 is now down about 800 or 900 feet. It was cased this week.

The W. F. Robertson well will be cased this week.

The Cooper well is making rather slow progress. Lack of water may induce this well to close down as well as many others in the field.

Well No. 2 on the Matt Campbell farm is being drilled in and is a beautiful producer. At a depth of 1,410 feet, it commenced to flow and in 23 hours did 80 barrels of oil. The oil is of an excellent quality and the drillers, Shaffer Bros., have hope of this being as good a producer as any in the field. The well is the property of the Detroit Syndicate and is in charge of Mr. A. Campbell, of Detroit.

Mrs. H. H. Argue and J. W. Stearns, of Roth, Barnard & Co., Buffalo, were in town this week. These gentlemen are operating on the following leases:—The Dr. Fletcher, the Jas. Stevenson, the Wm. Finn, the David Fletcher and 1,000 acres of land near the Thames River. Roth, Argue & Co. are drilling one well on the Crow farm.

The John Davidson well, around which so much interest has been centred the past few weeks, has proven somewhat of a disappointment. The well, which is the most southerly experiment in the field, was drilled to a depth of 1,412 feet, when a little oil was struck, sufficient to make a 4 1/2 barrel well. Had the drillers ceased then a paying well would have resulted, but the work continued to a farther depth of 1,450, or 60 feet, in the hope of striking another pay, but in this they were disappointed. The flow of gas in this hole, however, is enormous and Miller & Warner have been approached to leave the casing in and plug the well until a market is secured for the gas. The rig, it is understood, will be moved from the Davidson farm to the Harris farm, just north of its present location.

The Central Oil & Gas Company brought in another well on the Jas. Campbell farm this week, which was shot on Monday and flowed over 26 barrels of oil in 13 hours. This rate will be beaten when the well is cleaned out, which work is now going on. Hall Bros. were the drillers, and B. F. Dowd manager for the Co.

The Saginaw Oil & Gas Co. are today drilling in a well on the H. Marshall farm, which promises to be an excellent producer. At 1,412 feet the well commenced to flow natural, but the drill will go down about fifteen feet deeper.

Mr. C. W. Miller is erecting a derrick on the J. W. Smith farm for well No. 4.

BOAT CAUGHT FIRE

Dr. Lorenzo Burrows and Dr. Jewett, of Buffalo, brought a party of friends into the Eau yesterday in their big forty-five foot launch, "Emily" from Muskegon, Michigan. They had intended to make the trip from Muskegon to Buffalo without a stop, but when forty miles out from Erieau their steering gear broke down and they had to run in for repairs.

Misfortunes never come singly and the same may be said in regard to accidents. During the night while some of the party were making coffee in the launch they set the woodwork on fire, and it was only by the prompt use of extinguishers that the "Emily" was saved.

Dr. Jewett and two sons of Dr. Burrows left Chatham for Buffalo by train yesterday morning, but Dr. Burrows and the rest of the party left the Eau last evening to resume their journey in the launch. Park Bros. dispatched a new rudder and fitting yesterday morning to repair the "Emily."

THE ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

The Members of the Macaulay Club Visit an Historic Spot

WITH SPEECH AND SONG

It was a jolly crowd of pleasure seekers who embarked from Roberts' boat house yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, on the annual Macaulay Club picnic. It was a delightful evening and the picnickers enjoyed it to the very fullest extent. There were just thirteen in the party, which might have been viewed by some as an ill omen, but there is no such word as ill-luck in an authentic account of anything managed under the auspices of the Macaulay Club. Everything passed off in glorious style, to the satisfaction of President Musson, who had the arrangements in hand. Those who took in the outing—and the eatables, and the ginger beer—were Mr. Scullard, the father of the society, without whom a picnic would never be complete. Mr. Beeston, the father of the spot where the picnic was held, Edwin Bell, Fred Stone, H. W. Anderson, Harry Collins, Walter Poole, Claude Eberts, S. B. Arnold, Frank Laurie, W. A. Coltart, Dr. Musson, and R. W. Angus.

The trip up was made in remarkably fast time, and it was not long after before the provision baskets were empty. Dr. Musson officiated as cook, and tea brewer, in the absence of Mr. Beeston, who did not arrive until the proceedings were well under way. When he did arrive he was given three hearty cheers, and the privilege of helping himself. He accepted both with his usual good nature.

After the lunch the members broke up into groups of four, and enjoyed cards to the accompaniment of excellent mandolin music from Mr. Eberts. They were called to order by the President, who announced a short impromptu program, and he forthwith proceeded to call on several of those present for songs and addresses. They were all responded to with a will, and it was long into the night before the doctor, having started this flow of wit and eloquence, could draw this part of the program to a close. Mr. Bell was forced to leave early, owing to a business engagement, and the rest of the party were sorry both for themselves and Mr. Bell. Speeches were given by every member present, and some went so far as to speak twice, particularly Doc Arnold, who was in his wittiest mood. The evening was concluded with a series of humorous stories, in which everybody had one better than the previous ones until Mr. Coltart rose from his seat with the observation that he for one had been around there "long enough," and after his joke the others agreed with him.

The trip back was very delightful, and was a fitting climax to one of the most pleasant outings ever enjoyed by this worthy club.

DAMAGING PLAGUE

Grass Hoppers Are Causing Great Loss in Several Out Fields out The Country

A plague of grasshoppers are said to be doing a great deal of damage to the oat crop in the country. The wet season in the spring and early summer with the subsequent hot weather is said to be the cause of the pests.

Out in Raleigh there are great numbers of them, and the farmers state that the oat crop is suffering terribly. One farmer claims to have 20 acres of oats which will not be worth cutting as a result of the inroads of the grasshoppers, and another had 15 acres which has been almost totally destroyed.

The hoppers do not eat the grain; they simply cut the straw, allowing the heads to fall to the ground. In this way they do a great deal of destruction in a day. They are so thick in some places that the heads of the grain can be heard falling right and left when one is standing anywhere near a field in which they are at work of destruction. The worst of it is that there is no practical way of exterminating the pests.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property committee held a meeting Friday night in Harrison Hall.

The complaint of Colonel Martin against the city pound keeper was heard and dealt with. Both the Colonel and the keeper were examined and a recommendation will be brought in regarding the matter at the next Council meeting.

A petition from North Chatham for the installation of a fire alarm box was considered. A communication from Barfoot and Braddon was read. Several other matters of importance were dealt with and the chairman will probably have a long report on Monday evening to submit.

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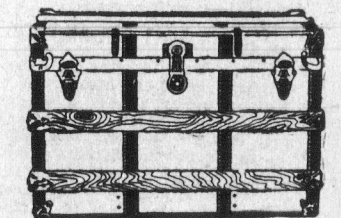
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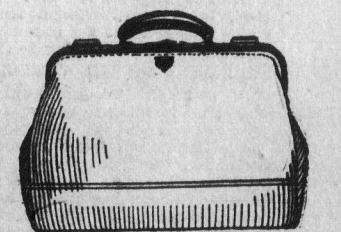


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