

..The Planet..

S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor.

MUST TAKE ACTION.

Day by day complaints are made to The Planet of the conduct of numerous boys who bathe in the river these sultry evenings. This journal is informed that these youths almost invariably deposit themselves in a nude condition and accompany their disgusting actions with filthy and profane language.

These charges are serious. One hesitates to think that they can be accurate. But the authorities should see to it that they are thoroughly investigated and—if true action must be taken, sternly and severely, to stamp out such a blot on the fair name of the community.

THE HALF-HOLIDAY.

Maple City merchants, who yesterday inaugurated the early closing movement, by which all their employees are given a half holiday every Thursday during the months of July and August, deserve much credit and endorsement at the hands of the community.

The action is an evidence of the generous and enterprising character of our merchants. It testifies that they have the interests and welfare of their numerous employees at heart. This interest will be appreciated. It will mean increased returns in the activity, loyalty and business devotion of those who serve. (And it should.)

All honor to the merchants who genuinely closed their doors yesterday afternoon in the interests of their clerks.

And The Planet would be pleased to see the movement extend—to learn that others, too, had seen their way clear to identify themselves with the holiday project.

Everyone endorses the business men who have inaugurated it. And it would be a grand thing to make it as universal as possible.

REV. SAM TALKS GUFF.

Many Canadians who attended the Pan-American on Saturday last heard Rev. Sam Small, of Georgia, deliver a speech that will cause them to keep away from this reverend gentleman if he is ever again brought to Toronto to talk. It was a rare bit of guffade.

He described the United States as being bounded, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and on the north by the aurora borealis. He predicted that one of these days Canada would be taken into the union, where, in reason, it belonged. His country was the greatest on earth. It could feed and clothe itself and have enough left to feed the starved people of Canada, Europe and Asia.

If Sam Small were seriously minded to do the people of his own country a service he would not thus intoxicate them. There is nothing they need less than stimulants to vanity. That the people of Canada are not starved Small knows very well, for he has marketed some of his sensational preaching here. Not only can this country feed her own people, but the United States finds it necessary to maintain a tariff of about 60 per cent. to keep out our produce and manufactures, while this country keeps up a tariff only half as high. The great nation bounded by the aurora borealis seems to find it necessary to resort to very elaborate devices to reduce the competition of this young country in the trade of the continent, and yet the percentage of growth in trade is greater here than in the United States. Canada is coming along in spite of the "heads I win, tails you lose" policy followed at Washington for twenty years.—Toronto Star.

STICK TO THE TEXT BOOKS.

Woodstock High school trustees are not to be blamed for dispensing with the services of any teacher who cannot induce his class to the beauties of literature and the truths of history without at the same time obtruding his personal opinions as to the origin and justice of any war in which the British Empire may be engaged, says the St. Thomas Times.

Why should a teacher of history or literature imagine that he has a divine call to frame his crude or finished ideas into a creed applicable to the details of every national or international question? Teachers have plenty to do if they dwell on the broad outlines of history and the principles of literature without assuming that the essence of final truth is condensed in their views of the Boer war.

It is the teacher's duty to deal with principles, and leave the scholar to apply these principles to the details of every question as it arises. A high school education should empower pupils to think out questions for themselves. Free thought and liberty of speech for the teacher on controversial questions would imply equal rights for the pupil.

Canadians are not sent to the High school to be supplied with the teach-

ers' ready-made opinions on the Boer war or any other question. History and literature can be taught without reference to existing problems, and no sympathy is due the teachers who mix their personal opinions on the general state of the race with the lessons they are paid to teach.

THE BREATHING CURE.

Anything and everything which tends to the amelioration of the heat is interesting in these days when the thermometer is working overtime to make man uncomfortable. A New York physician says a deal of the discomfort due to extreme heat may be obviated by proper breathing. This seems to be his general idea:

When the temperature of the air is normal we receive the proper amount of oxygen without effort.

There is less oxygen in a cubic foot of free air at 95 degrees Fahrenheit than there is in a cubic foot of free air at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, because air is lighter when heated than when cool. Therefore, in order to secure enough oxygen we must take in a greater quantity of air when it is lighter and heated than when it is heavy and cool.

This can be done by exerting ourselves to breathe.

Breathe oftener and deeper, so that you know that you are consuming more air than you do while the temperature is normal.

It is necessary to take the air in through the nostrils.

Make the system of breathing at such times so that you feel you are regulating the body to the unusual conditions surrounding you, and you will find that instead of being uncomfortable you will feel exhilarated.

TOO INQUISITIVE.

Bellefonte Intelligence. The Hamilton Spectator man says that, being unable to lie, he never goes fishing. How about the other qualification, an "elegant thirst?"

A LONG-FELT WANT.

Toronto Telegram. Any fast Atlantic service established by the Laurier Government would need to have certain elements of speed which are not present in its census service.

OBJECTS TO SACKCLOTH.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Tolstoi seems to have a bad case of the photograph habit, but it would be more endurable if he would quit sitting for his picture in gunnysacks and Mother Hubbards.

APPARENTLY SO.

Hamilton Post. It is impossible for the Ontario legislature to frame an act regarding assessment, which can be understood with reasonable assurance, without the process of dragging it through all the law courts in the country.

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Geo. Meynell,

BY HEELIOGRAPH.

Ottawa Citizen. As Steyn got away with his shoes off he should now be a free-booter.

AND COUNT THE DUKE.

Ottawa Journal. If the census must be taken over, let's be sure to have it while the Duke of York's party are in the country.

THE NEWSPAPER IS THE THING.

Printers' Ink. There are three theatres in Boston which do no billposting. The saving thus effected enables them to take large space in the newspapers and thus overshadow the other houses, which only take two or three inches.

OR BECAUSE IT WOULD SHOCK PRO-BOERS.

Hamilton Spectator. We observe that the British soldiers have been driving off the Boers by punching them with the butts of the rifles. We suppose they refrained from using the bayonet because modern warfare has shown that it is useless.

ANOTHER COUNTRY HEARD FROM.

Arnprior Chronicle. Many citizens of the town are of the opinion that the council should make an endeavor to have the Duke of Cornwall and York pay Arnprior a visit, be it ever so brief, when en route west from the Capital in September. They contend that since the Duke's sire, the King, was here in 1860, there should be little difficulty in prevailing upon the son to pay a call at this place and view the scene which came before the eyes of royalty 41 years ago.

VALUE OF NEWSPAPER CRITICISM.

London Spectator.

Two years ago we should have felt inclined to express the opinion that it was not likely that the newspapers could teach the admiralty its own special business. But the history of the war has shown that trust in the expert, even on technical matters, is not to be given without very strict limitations. The war office might have been expected to give us a sufficient quantity of modern artillery to know what was a proper supply of ammunition to prevent it being depleted, and to realize that a war against Boers must be a war for mounted troops, and not an infantry war. And yet we know that in all these particulars the war office with its expert knowledge failed us completely. The truth is there is no expert opinion which cannot be, and ought not to be, corrected by common sense, and newspapers often show not only quite as much, but more, common sense, than the departments. It is never safe for the public to dismiss newspaper agitations with the answer that the government must know all this as well as the newspapers.

FLORENCE.

Jas. Kyle left Wednesday evening for a trip to Ireland.

A son was born to Mrs. Frank Scunah on the 12th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson, Oil Springs, spent Sunday with Mr. Chas. Scunah and wife.

Moore, Alfred and Richard Scarlett, of Detroit, attended the funeral of their brother here last Friday.

Miss McMahon, who has been visiting Mrs. Gordon for a few weeks, has returned to her home in London.

Jas. MacIntyre, who has been employed with B. Calderwood, has accepted a position in Wardsville during the summer months.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered last Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. J. Brown officiated.

The tennis club drove to Chatham on Friday and won the victory in the game; they scored 7 events to 2.

Miss Nora Scarlett, of Detroit, is spending a few weeks with her relatives here.

Fred. Sangster, of London, spent a few days in town last week. Fred. has been travelling for a hardware firm throughout the Southern States and is looking well and hearty.

The funeral of the late Went Scarlett, Detroit, took place last Friday. The services at the grave were conducted by the I. O. O. F., after which Mr. Scarlett's pastor, Rev. Mr. Jeffrey, preached a sympathetic sermon in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Scarlett was a brother to H. H. Scarlett, and leaves a wife and four daughters to mourn his loss.

PAN-AMERICAN, BUFFALO, N. Y. Parties who intend visiting the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, can secure private accommodation within ten minutes' walk of the grounds. For particulars and rates address M. H. Terry, formerly of Chatham, 1292 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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600 yards Linen Crash for Skirts or Suits, 35 in. wide, firm quality, guaranteed thoroughly shrunken, regular 15c yard; Saturday 10c.

300 yards Colored Muslins, Dimities and Batistes, newest American designs and colorings, fast dyes, worth regular 18c, 20c and 25c yard; Saturday 12 1/2c.

Another Lot fine American wash materials, splendid range of desirable colorings and patterns, fast dyes, good value at 10c yard; Saturday 5c.

200 yards Art Muslins, for curtains, etc., new designs, good assortment of colorings, regular value up to 20c yd.; Saturday 12 1/2c.

18 pair Fine Lace Curtains, 3 and 3 1/2 yards long, extra wide, white and cream, in choice new designs, worth regular up to \$1.75 a pair, special Saturday \$1.19.

5 pieces English Tapestry Carpets, firm heavy quality, new patterns and colorings, regular up to 65c a yard, special Saturday 46c.

6 pieces White P.K., fine and heavy goods, regular value up to 25c yard, Saturday 15c.

5 only ladies' muslin dresses, pretty patterns and colorings, very prettily made, worth up to \$5.00 each, special Saturday \$3.19.

4 dozen ladies' wrappers, good quality prints, desirable patterns, fast colors, stylishly made, worth up to 90c each, special Saturday 67c.

5 dozen men's cambric shirts, neat patterns, fast colors, soft or laundered, worth up to 42 in, regular 75c, special Saturday 48c.

Ladies' shirt waists, your pick of 5 dozen fine muslin and percale waists, stylishly made, prettily trimmed, sizes 32 to 44, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, special Saturday 85c.

Ladies' vests, the best values in the city, short sleeves or sleeveless, soft finish, elastic rib, at each 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

Eight dozen Men's and Boy's Straw Hats—Fine brims in plain and rustic, silk bands, regular 35c, 40c, and 50c, each, clearing Saturday at 25c.

Four dozen Men's Linen Crash Hats—Assorted shapes, regular prices up to 65c each, clearing Saturday at 45c.

16 only, Men's Tweed Suits—Fine all wool quality, neat patterns, dark colors, extra well tailored, good serviceable trimmings, sizes 36 to 42 in, regular \$7.50 to \$8.50 each, Saturday \$5.90.

75 pieces Velvet Ribbon—Width 1, satin back, in 10 yard lengths, Saturday 25c.

75c SILKS AT 39c

28 pcs. Fancy Waist and Dress Silks, reg. spec. 60c, 75c yard, Saturday 39c

Big Hosiery Values—25 doz. Ladies and children's rib hose, good substantial wearing quality, fast black, any size, Saturday, a pair 10c.

10 dozen Ladies' Drop Stitch Hose—Fine German make, pretty lace effects seamless feet, best black dye, Saturday a pair 22c.

Ladies Polka Dot Hose—Fine black Egyptian plain cotton hose, with assorted white polka dots, superior finish, special a pair 25c.

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