

## The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY  
Chatham Ont.

### FARM PROPERTY ON THE RISE.

The Planet has several times noted the increased demand and better prices being paid for farm property in this vicinity. The same satisfactory state of affairs appears also to exist elsewhere. The Galt Reformer says: "There's an increased demand throughout the country for farm property at improved prices, and those who wish to purchase will do well to secure what they want before prices go higher, as they are sure to do. Quite a number of farms have recently changed hands hereabouts at fair prices, and others are looking out with a view of investing. Many are the enquiries for real estate, and everything points to a continual revival in investments of this character."

### CROOKED OFFICIALS CAUGHT.

One of the most sensational of the many sensations that have resulted from the calling of the grand jury at Lansing to investigate alleged crooked dealings of the state officials, cropped out when Gov. Pingree asked for the resignation of Brig.-Gen. William L. White, of Grand Rapids, quartermaster-general; Brig.-Gen. Fred. H. Case, of Three Rivers, adjutant-general; Brig.-Gen. Arthur F. Marsh, of Allegan, inspector-general, and Samuel N. Bickerstaff, a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan Asylum for Insane at Kalamazoo, and city salesmen for the Henderson-Ames Co., of that city, who is alleged to have engineered the deal of the Kalamazoo company.

The dismissal of these four public officers is the result of the discovery that the military board had sold about \$53,000 worth of comparatively new military stores, consisting of clothes, tents, etc., to the Illinois Supply Co., of Chicago, for \$10,500 and then bought the same goods back again for about \$20,000 through the Henderson-Ames Co. of Kalamazoo.

### USELESS FORMALITY.

In delivering their judgment in the West Huron election case—a judgment which has deprived the Hon. J. T. Garrow of his seat—Judge Osler and Judge Rose used these words:

"The election must be declared void and set aside, with the usual result—the bribers and persons bribed will, as the act requires, be reported, however useless a formality it may be."

"A useless formality!" These words were intended as a rebuke to the attorney-general's department, and the rebuke is deserved. It is a disgrace to the administration of justice in this province, that offenders who have been denounced from the bench, and whose prosecution for electoral fraud and corruption has been recommended by trial judges, are protected by the very power whose duty it is to see that they are punished. And the fact that men who have been "reported" from the bench have been allowed to take active part in elections since their crookedness was exposed, makes the disgrace all the deeper.

Oom Paul remembered the British generals in South Africa this festive Christmas, by sending them checks, and no small ones either.

The majority of the Leamington councillors voted themselves \$35 apiece for their year's services. They probably came expensive at the price. The mayor and one councillor refused a grant.

The Superintendent of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Sunday school, of Pittsburgh, is reported as saying that the ordinary Christmas festival is an evil, both morally and physically. Most people are now in a position to judge of this matter for themselves.

Russia's Czar has an income of \$1,000 per hour, the Sultan \$850, the Emperor of Austria \$500, the Kaiser \$450, the King of Italy \$350, Queen Victoria the same, the French President \$250, the King of the Belgians \$85, and the president of the United States \$7.50 per hour.

The government of Ontario have sold 360 square miles of timber limits for which the bidders received were \$723,550, or about \$2,000 per square mile. The price realized is better than usual, but at the rate at which the Ontario government are selling our pine forests, how long are they going to last?

The worst feature about this coal oil blunder is that it cannot be rectified. A renewal of the duty may reduce the cost of oil to the consumer but it will also close the Canadian oil fields because they cannot compete with cheap American oil. The tank car and tank steamer concession crushed out all the independent Canadian refiners and no amount of legislation now will bring them back to life again.

## CHOICE OF Gifts

The gift buyer who usually puts off buying till a day or two before Christmas knows how scarce the prettie gifts are.

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An inspection of our "Ebony goods" with Sterling Silver mounts, will well repay you, whether you buy or not.

## Central Drug Store

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One man one vote will be the rule in voting for aldermen, but for school trustees ratepayers may vote in each ward in which they are on the lists.

There is a limited aldermanic field this election and battle-scarred veterans of many a municipal fight say the consequence will be well bunched running.

### WHERE JUSTICE IS SLOW, BUT NOT SURE.

Detroit Free Press.  
Statistics tend to show that they hang a murderer over in Canada from a month to six years earlier than they can get a jury on this side.

### AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE.

St. Thomas Journal.  
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HORSE, BUGGY, HARNESS, ROBE, everything, complete, for \$50. Apply at Journal office.

### GREETING.

Jean Blewett.  
There's a greeting that I love  
For the tenderness which clings  
To the very heart of it,  
For the memories it brings;  
Gladness of the old, old days—  
Joy and brightness of the new—  
Tears and laughter, clasp of hands—  
All lie in the greeting true.  
'Tis as old as it is sweet, 'tis as warm as it is clear,  
A merrie, merrie Christmas!  
And a glad New Year!

### TOMMY AND DISCIPLINE

"Tommy is not to have any more goose," said his mother.

"You let Bill have some more," grumbled Tommy.

"Willie is a great deal bigger than you are," replied Willie's mother, who did not know Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets counteract the effects of too hearty eating.

"No wonder when you give him twice as much to eat as me," said Tommy. "I do not wish to argue," said his mother, with dignity.

"Please give me some more goose, then," said Tommy.

"Did I not say you were not to have any more?"

"Yes."

"Well?"

"But I want some more."

Tommy's father seemed to be struggling with something that had gone down the wrong way. Tommy's mother tried to look as stiff and unbending as possible. It was Christmas day but rules are rules and discipline must be maintained. Besides she was ignorant of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

"I don't see why Bill should have some more and not me."

Bill gazed at Tommy with the greatest scorn.

"You're only a kid," said he.

"Willie's a kid," demanded Tommy.

"Be quiet, both of you," interposed Tommy's mother.

"He's only a year older'n me," murmured Tommy.

"I'm fourteen months older," said Willie.

"If you don't hold your tongues you shan't get any pudding," said the mother.

"I want some more goose," said Tommy.

"Leave the table," ordered Tommy's mother.

"What for?" exclaimed Tommy affecting indignant surprise.

"Because I tell you," said his mother.

"What did I do?" demanded Tommy utterly mystified.

"Leave the table, before I box your ears," said his mother.

Tommy left the table, greatly aggrieved. Of course, goose is indigestible, but then Christmas comes but once a year, and a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet would have prevented any unhappy effects.

In good company you need not ask who is the master of the feast. The man who sits in the lowest place, and who is always industrious in helping everyone, is certainly the man.

### HERE AND THERE.

The greatest university is Oxford, which has 21 colleges and five halls. The total value of exports of American products to Australia last year was \$13,000,000.

The Florida Legislature has made women eligible to appointment as notaries public.

In San Francisco schools, Japanese children are not segregated on the school rolls, but are classed as whites.

Water is the hardest of all substances to heat, with the single exception of hydrogen gas. The easiest two are mercury and lead, which stand in this respect on nearly the same footing.

Until 1720 the yearly value of the official cargo sent from Manila was limited to \$250,000, and the return trade was not permitted to exceed the value of the proceeds, namely, \$500,000 in coin or stores.

Attempts are being made in the county of Kent, England, to exterminate the sparrow. Sparrow clubs have been formed, and money prizes are given to those producing the largest number of heads.

Only once in their history as a nation have the Spanish achieved a military victory. That was at the battle of Lepanto, in 1571, when, with the aid of Venetians and Genoese, they annihilated the Turkish fleet.

The daily post bag at Marlborough House contains some extraordinary letters. Recently one arrived from a French inventor of a new driving dress, begging the Prince of Wales to do it and drive into the Seine when he next visited Paris.

A French economic oralthologist states it as his belief, resulting from his investigations, that if the world were to become birdless, man could no inhabit it after nine years' time, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects.

Meat Inspector Lehwald, of East Prussia, got a jail sentence of 18 months for causing the death by trichinosis of the Werner family. Lehwald inspected the meat and found no trichinae. The Werner family ate the meat and perished. Lehwald was punished, therefore, for not finding the trichinae.

A volunteer in serving in the Philippines was cured of the infirmity of stuttering by the effective but rude surgery of a Mauser bullet. The missile struck him in the face, passing diagonally downward through his mouth and made its exit through the back of the neck. The surgeons cannot give a reason why the stuttering should have cured the stuttering—they say it should have killed the man; but it did not.

Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace, author of "Tropical Nature," believes that the white man can live a more healthy life in the torrid zone than in temperate regions. He himself, though 76 years of age, is still hale and hearty, and attributes his good health to a sojourn of 10 years in the tropics when he was a young man threatened with lung disease. He cites of British soldiers in India and the Sudan who are strong and healthy in their tropical homes, while the Dutch have lived and thrived in their colonies for generations.

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### FOR ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTT.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,  
Your obedient servant,  
A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900. As I will be out of the city during the coming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.  
Respectfully yours,  
GEORGE STEPHENS.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
W. S. MARSHALL.

### FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for public school trustee.

WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,  
ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,  
ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Electors of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Having consented to enter the arena of municipal politics, I respectfully request your support and influence.

JIM MCCORMICK.

To the Electors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am a candidate for the position of Reeve for the Township of Harwich for the coming year. I therefore solicit your votes and influence in my behalf, to secure my election. Thanking you for past honors, if elected I will endeavor to guard your interests to the very best of my ability. Believe me to be yours very truly,  
E. B. TOLE.

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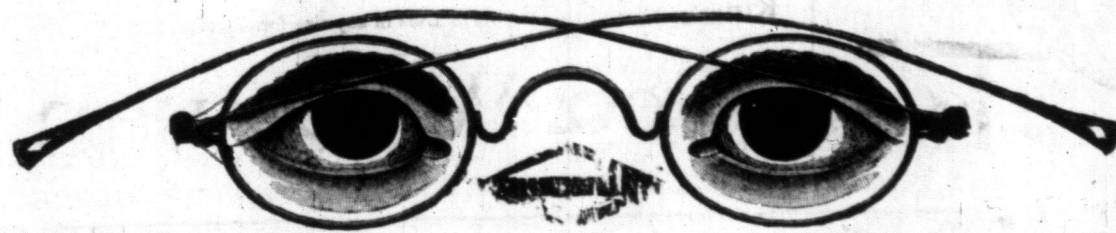


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