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## TILBURY.

Dec. 14.—Jos. Tiernan, for many years land surveyor and resident of this village, died yesterday of typhoid fever, after a week's illness. Deceased had returned about a month ago from a several months' surveying tour in Algoma and was in splendid health then. He leaves a wife and four children. Rev. Father Tiernan, of London, is a brother.

Hugh Wilson, Frank Camrie, Frank Sickman and Hugh McLaren expected to leave on Monday for Gurd's lumber camp in Mississippi.

David Thomas and family, of Tilbury North, left there this week for Essex. Fred Parmeter left on Tuesday on a two months' trip to England.

Miss Carrie Morris, who leaves on Monday for the Soo to be married, will be tendered a reception to-night.

W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Stewart.

W. C. Crawford is erecting new sheds in the rear of his store.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnston's drug store.

**Cinnamon-Coated Pills.**—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are coated like a cinnamon drop, very small and delightful to take. One pill a dose, 40 in a vial for 10 cents. Their popularity is a whirlwind, sweeping competitors before it like chaff. No pain, no griping, no inconvenience.—109

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## JUDGE WAS STERN

He Talked Straight to the Jury  
in Bennell Buyc's Case.

The Prisoner Convicted and Sentenced  
to Six Months' Imprisonment.

When his honor Judge Bill undertakes to charge the jury against the prisoner, he does it "for keeps," as they say in the vernacular. Clearly, forcibly and pointedly he throws into bold relief an arraignment of the evidence which tells most keenly against the accused, and cautions the jury explicitly regarding their duty in the matter.

He delivered just such a charge to the jury in the Bennell Buyc case, stealing case at the county court sessions yesterday afternoon, and it was the cause of a lively passage at arms between counsel for defence and the bench.

Thomas Bennell, of Ridgetown, as previously stated in The Planet, was charged with the larceny of a lady's bicycle from Miss Alma Cunningham in September, 1899. It was missed at that time but it was not until a year later that the wheel was located in the prisoner's house—a gift from him to his daughter. Bennell did not go to the witness box himself, but from his brother the fact was gathered that he claimed the wheel came into his possession as the result of a trade. Miss Cunningham and other crown witnesses identified the wheel by a dent therein and a break in the dress-guard. The defence called F. H. Briscoe, Wm. Nicholl and Thos. Watt as experts, with a view to showing that such dents and breaks were common in ladies' wheels, but his honor ruled the evidence inadmissible.

After counsel—O. L. Lewis for the prisoner, and the crown attorney—had addressed the jury, the judge delivered his striking charge. In opening he severely scored the counsel for defence upon his address, which, he declared, was "improper and misleading."

"He has told you," declared his honor, "that the prisoner on conviction is liable to seven years, but he did not tell you that he had a right to be tried by a jury of his peers."

"Then he has told you all about the wife and six small children. This is decidedly improper and is simply said with a view to draw your sympathy from your duty."

Continuing, his honor said in this case, when a man was found in possession of a stolen wheel he was presumed to be guilty unless he could give a reasonable explanation as to how it had come into his possession. No such reason had been advanced by the prisoner.

Regarding the identification of the wheel, Miss Cunningham had given two different accounts, which had made it infinitely strong. In concluding, the judge said a jury must always have a doubt that was reasonable ere they could acquit.

Immediately upon the removal of the jury, O. L. Lewis, counsel for the defence, was upon his feet. "I desire to enter objections to your honor's charge to the jury," was his comment. "In the first place your honor told them that the identification was made by the fact that the same time Cunningham recognized two defects in this wheel. At the same time your honor ruled out the evidence that the man would be liable for seven years to the effect that it was a common thing to have such marks upon ladies' wheels."

"Secondly, your honor pointed out to the jury that the prisoner had not attempted to give any account as to how the machine came into his possession. He could only have done so by going into the box himself, and it is provided for prisoners' protection that judge and counsel must abstain from all allusion to this matter."

The judge—All I can say is, that much evidence has been admitted in favor of the prisoner, which strictly should not have been.

"I believe the crown counsel slipped, with due deference to his great ability, and I noticed you were not slow to take advantage of it."

Mr. Lewis—I am asking that the jury be recalled and instructed upon these objections. Do I understand your honor to refuse the application?

The judge—You do.

Mr. Lewis complained of the bench comment upon his address. "I had a perfect right," he said, "to state that the man would be liable for seven years. The statutes show it."

The judge—Then you should have said also that he was liable for only an hour.

Mr. Lewis—I did not have to. I was perfectly within the lines of propriety and practice in saying what I did.

The judge—Then I shall dwell upon it every time also and state it is not the proper thing.

Mr. Lewis—I submit that it is a proper practice. Mr. B. B. Osler is an authority.

The judge—B. B. Osler does many things that are not proper.

Mr. Lewis—But your honor allowed it no later than yesterday.

The judge—Yes, and I regretted it. It will be allowed no more.

The jury were out over three hours ere they returned a verdict of "guilty," with a strong recommendation to mercy.

Mr. Lewis appealed in view of the jury's recommendation for leniency, but the crown proved two prior convictions. His honor then sentenced the prisoner to six months in the Central.

"Thank you for your light sentence," said the prisoner, "but I didn't steal the wheel all the same."

**COURT JOTTINGS.**

Ex-Mayor John Carpenter makes a good court official.

A. C. Armstrong, of Ridgetown, was associated with O. L. Lewis as solicitor on the Bennell case.

The trial held here yesterday before his honor Judge Bill, to show that the arm of the law is stretching, the main witness in the case Queen vs. Bennell, came here from Hamilton, Missouri, U. S. A., at a cost of \$62.10.

D. R. Farquharson of Tilbury, has been in attendance as stenographer during the sittings.

The county court officials, James Holmes and Geo. J. Blackwell, have been looking on and wondering why litigation is so much suspended. They are not at all envious of the sheriff. There was not a case at the civil court and therefore no fees.

Magistrate court opens on Monday next before Referee J. B. Rankin, Q. C.

at 10 a. m. This is a court likely to last one or two days.

## ALL RIGHT IN DE-CUITS

But a Poor Medicine.

Common soda is all right in its place and indispensable in the kitchen and for cooking and washing purposes, but soda was never intended for medicine and people who use it a such will some day regret it.

The common use of soda to relieve heartburn and sour stomach is a habit which thousands of people practice, almost daily, and one which is fraught with danger, soda gives only temporary relief and in the end the stomach gets worse and worse.

The soda acts as a mechanical irritant to the walls of the stomach and bowels and causes an acid where it accumulates in the intestines, causing death by inflammation and peritonitis.

Dr. Harlandson recommends as the safest and the surest cure for sour stomach (acid dyspepsia) the daily use after meals of an excellent preparation, sold by druggists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. These tablets are large 20 grain lozenges, pleasant to the taste and containing the natural peptones and digestive elements necessary to good digestion, and which all weak stomachs lack.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets used regularly after meals digest the food promptly and thoroughly before it has time to ferment, sour and poison the stomach and nervous system.

Dr. Wuerth states that he invariably uses and recommends Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in all forms of stomach derangement, and finds them a certain cure, not only for sour stomach, but by causing prompt digestion of the food they create a healthy appetite, increase flesh, and strengthen the action of the heart and liver.

"They are not a cathartic and contain no violent drug but are intended only for stomach diseases and faulty digestion, and generally acknowledged to be the most reliable cure for any stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets now enjoy an international reputation and popularity and are sold by druggists everywhere in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Geo. Stacey, of Port Hope, who has been visiting relatives in Dover, returned home last night.

"When We Were 21," the best show of the season, at the Grand Opera House to-night.

One of the most thrilling stories of the day, The Mystery of Agatha Webb, will be commenced in Saturday's Planet. Don't miss reading it!

The Singapore is frozen in the ice off the lighthouse. H. Cartier, lighthouse keeper, had to go out and bring off the crew. One of the sailors had his feet frozen.

Our old and esteemed friend, Mr. D. A. Hargrave, is an Alderman candidate in Chatham. He is well qualified for such a position, and we wish him success.—Ridgetown Dominion.

While working in J. R. Owen's mill, Ridgetown, on Monday, James Stewart was quite badly hurt.

He was walking past the band saw when he slipped and fell, his right arm coming in contact with the saw. He was picked up and taken to the time before he was able to use it again.

A very pleasing event took place at the residence of Richard Kinsman, Tilbury West and Mersea Townline, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th, 1900, when his daughter, Miss Bertha, was united in marriage to E. Beattie, of Mersea. The bride and groom were supported by Miss Beattie and John Kinsman. Miss Maud Nutt, brown dressed at the organ. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Kirkland, of Comber.

James Elliott, an employee of the Lake Erie, was seriously hurt at the Ridgetown gravel pit on Monday.

Along with other members of the construction gang, he was standing on the gravel train which was backing into the pit. The train collided with a car in the pit, throwing all hands off.

His injuries are serious, but Jas. Elliott was not so fortunate. In jumping he injured his right foot quite severely. Dr. Marr attended his injuries.

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Exactly at ten o'clock Saturday morning Vancouver Bros., Chatham, sold reliable jewellery will hold their first cut sale this year, of twelve handsome berry dishes, mounted in quadruple silver plate (not single plate) for (\$2.50) Two Dollars and Thirty-eight Cents. The actual value of these berry dishes is \$4 and \$5 each, and only one will be sold to any one person. They make a handsome and useful Xmas present and the Planet advises anyone who has any intention to get one to go early as they won't last long.

**AT THE THEATRE.**

The Marks Bros. Dramatic Company will arrive in the city on Monday and will remain for one week with a larger and better show than ever before. They will be a number of new faces and an entire change of program with excellent specialties.

"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE."

The fame of "When We Were Twenty-One," the great Knickerbocker theatre success, has preceded it and it is safe to say that a crowded house will greet Mr. Morris and his great company under the direction

of Edw. E. Rice, at the Grand to-night. The brilliant, distinguished and interesting young actor, William Morris, so long the leading man of Charles Frohmant's Empire Theatre Company, will be seen as "Richard Carewe." The cast is an extraordinary one and we print it to full.

Richard Carewe, William Morris.  
Sir Horace Plunket, Bert, commonly called "Widdle," W. J. Butler.  
Colonel Miles Graham, the soldier man, Herbert Wilke.

Terrance McGrath, the doctor man, Nestor Lemon.  
Richard Terrance Miles Audaine, the Imp, Albert Brown.

David Hirsch, Charles Tinsley.  
Lord Dunsany, William Strong.  
The Hon. Gerald Carruthers, his cousin, Henry Botter.

Herbert Corrie, George Love.  
Hughie Holmson, Charles Quinn.  
Willie Brundall, H. D. Hawley.

Bobbie Bellow, Al Lawrence.  
Moray Allotta, S. A. Harrison.  
Jacob, Hume Gibbons.

Kara Glyneak, known as the Fire Fly, Selbie.  
Mrs. Grant Gordon, Estelle Carter.  
Eileen O'Brien, Jennie Reeves.

Charles Newton, Lillian Cooley.  
Willie Thornton, Byrd Newbold.  
Fleurbaey, Della Ware.

Mabel, Francis King.  
Cora, Clara Barney.  
Flirt, Marquita Dwight.

Bernard, Jane Hamilton.  
Mrs. Ericson, Emma Lathrop.  
Phyllis Ericson, Florence Wickliffe.

Wood's Phosphorine is sold in Chatham by all druggists.

SOLE AGENTS STANDARD PATTERNS

# Gordon's Christmas Chimes

Christmas is at hand again with its unselfish happy plannings, merry whispered secrets, sly dodging to quite corners, smiles upon smiles and smothered laughter, snatches of old songs, fat mysterious stockings, trees blazing with glory, hearts dancing with love, eyes shining with joy, yet sometimes filled with memories' tears—such is Christmas. Presents for the boys and girls, and the blessed babies, sweet sixteens, big brothers and sweethearts, for fathers and mothers, dear old grand-mas and grand-pas, uncles, aunts, cousins and old batchelors—Cheer them every one with a present from our large stock and our low prices.

## MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at 1/2 and 3/4 off. Widow's Dress Caps for presents. Tips and Wings at 1/2 price.

## Waist Silks and Silk Waists

A table of fancy silks, reg. values 38c, 40c, 50c and 60c per yd. 25c  
20 pcs. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c and \$1, at per yd. 50c  
SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURED  
SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, 1 reg value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

## Handkerchiefs

Children's colored bordered 20c to 50c  
Ladies' plain hemstitch and lace bordered, from 12c to 12c  
Ladies' initial cambric handkerchiefs, at 10c to 12c  
Ladies' fancy lace handkerchiefs from 10c, 14c and 25c  
Ladies' initial linen handkerchiefs, at 10c to 12c  
Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 10c  
Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs, from 10c to 25c  
Gents' Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, from 10c to 25c  
Gents' Initial Lawn Handkerchiefs, at 25c  
Gents' initial and Hemstitch Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c to 50c

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chateleine bags, chain purses, etc.  
Ladies' Bells, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1.  
Hose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

## Specials

Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and course combs, hair and tooth brushes.  
Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, broaches, cuff buttons, etc.  
Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, sashes, etc., per yd., 10c.  
Babies' bonnets, hoods, tuques tams, etc., from 25c to 50c.  
Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 8c, 10c, 25c.

## Furs!

Full description would require an extra edition of this paper, we will quote prices and particulars when you visit us, new goods daily.  
Special Seal Jackets from \$25.00 to \$45.00  
Astrachan Jackets, special and samples, 22, 24, 27, 30, 34, 36 in long.

Astrachan Capes, from 27 to 30 in long.  
Sable Colliettes and Capelines, with muffs to match.

Electric Seal Ruffs, collars and muffs.  
Astrachan Ruffs, collars and muffs.  
Combination and Fancy Furs.

Ladies' and Children's Gauntlets of all kinds.

## Jackets and Tailored Suits

When buying for another bring the bust measure, we can do the rest, and if we miss it we can change it.  
Tailored Suits, from \$4.75 to \$6.75, lined or unlined jacket, best of linings and trimmings, nothing slighted.  
Separate Skirts, traveler's samples, no two alike, at less than the price of the materials—\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.95.

## Dress Goods

We are noted for the largest, best assorted, most fashionable stock of black and colored Dress Goods in the city and at economical prices, with a dress lining and trimming department to match. We can say more, but a visit will convince you best.

Fine French Flannels and American imitations, fine silk and wool plaids. These are the kind for a ladies' waist for presents, a new dress pattern, either in wool or silk, is a thrilling Xmas box, we have them from \$1.50 to \$4.00 and \$6.00 in wool, and from \$1.50 up in silk.

Fancy Knit Shawls for Xmas, sample lot at from 50c to \$3.00, 1/2 to 1 below regular prices.

## Kid Glove Attractions

At 50c a good line from broken lot of \$1.00 and 75c goods, all sizes.  
75c Le Chateau lawn lined kids, bargains.  
\$1.00 Fowne's celebrated Kid Gloves, with black and white fancy backs.

\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, black or white, stitched backs.  
\$1.00 white Kid Gloves, all sizes, stitched back.

\$1.25 Jammets Daphne, black or colored fancy stitched backs.  
\$1.45 Treadano Peque, stitched back.

\$1.50 party Kid Gloves, all lengths.  
Gents' Gloves, fine mocha knit linings \$1.50 and... \$1.50  
Silk lined fine mocha Gloves... \$1.50  
Lined Kid Gloves, all sizes, \$1.00 and... 75c  
Kangaroo and kid unlined Gloves \$1.50, \$1.00 and... 75c

Men's fine black wool Mitts... 40c  
Men's fur and imitation Gauntlets from \$1.00 to \$8.00.

## Men's Furnishings

Neckties—A fine exhibit of Neckwear 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00.

Neckwear, full assortment 25c, 30c and 75c  
Black satin Chest Scarfs, silk lined, for ladies and gentlemen... \$1.00  
Braces, a large variety 20c, 25c and... 50c  
Fine Underwear of every description, from heavy cotton goods at 50c up to wool 35c, 50c, 75c, finest imported wool... \$2.00

## Umbrellas.

## Ladies' and Gents'

For presents \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 to... \$5.00

Rain Proof Coats for ladies' and Gents' Long Rags, beaties, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00  
Ladies' eiderdown Dressing Jackets, special values \$1.00, \$1.50 and... \$2.00  
Fancy German Flannel Shirt Waists, all sizes, at... 69

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## THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 14.—Miss Iler, of Ridgetown, is the guest of Mrs. R. Pye.  
Dick Howat has returned home from Windsor.

Mrs. J. C. Ellison, of Florence, is visiting Mrs. C. E. Butler.  
Messrs. Potter and Thompson, of Woodstock, are superintending the placing of the pipe organ in the Presbyterian church.

Fred. Thorne, of Windsor, is in town.

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