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Brimful of News!

From one end to the other of this store, from top to bottom, our shelves and tables are overloaded with new goods, newness reigns throughout and issues to you a strong appeal to come, see and feast your eyes.

New Jackets.

Ladies' latest productions of Ladies', Misses and Children's Jackets are here for you to see. Hundreds of them from which to make your selections, and all of them cut after the very latest New York ideas.

Ladies' Black Jackets, 28 in. long, fitted back, stole front, deep single cape, made of good heavy frieze, very special at \$5.00

Ladies' Jackets, made of check back Zebeline Cloth, collars, lined with stitched black cloth, fitted back, single deep cape, special at \$7.00

Ladies' Black Jacket, made of fine Kersey Cloth, lined throughout, stole front, fancy cape, fitted back, 32 in. long, extra, at \$19.00

Misses' Fawn Jackets, Kersey Cloth, made with double cape and military collar, piped with green velvet, new sleeves and cuffs, very special, at \$10.00

Blankets.

Guaranteed pure wool Blankets, size 62x82 in., colored borders, very special, at per pair, \$2.75

Finest imported Saxony Wool Blankets, pink and blue borders, weights 5 lbs., 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 lbs., full size, soft fluffy lofty finish, extra values at per pair, \$3.85 to \$6.50

Dress Goods.

Our showing of Black Dress Goods has never been equalled in this city. Here is a variety a New York store might be proud of, and values that only direct buying from the manufacturer could allow.

44 to 48 in. wide, fine all wool Black Satin Cloths, Armures, Venetians, Canvas Cloths, Knoppe Cloths, etc., suitable for dressy gowns, mourning wear, tailor-made suits and skirts, very special values at 75c

52 in. wide fine all wool French Cheviots, Black only, most correct for suits and skirts, full range of different weights, special at 65c, 75c and \$1.00

48 and 50 in. Knoppe Cloths in Canvas and Cloth back grounds with Black Mohair, knos and tuffing, very new and stylish, special values at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

Special Black Taffeta Silk.

Black Taffeta Silk, 21 in. wide, good weight and bright finish, suitable for waists and linings, very special value, at a yd, 50c

Extra heavy fine finish and durable Black Taffeta Silk, 22 in. wide, very special at 75c

THOS. STONE & SON...

"THE ARK"

Pandora Range

—AND THE—

Famous Base Burner.

Two of our leading stoves.



THE 'FAMOUS' BASE BURNER has the advantage over all other base burners, having three base flues, making it the most powerful heater and most economical of all base burners.

We still handle the 'Famous' Active and Kitchen Range. They are old favorites. Klondike, air-tight and everything in heating and cooking stoves for wood and coal at prices to suit your purse and taste.

Visitors to the fair are invited to visit 'THE ARK' and inspect our stock of Lamps, Fancy China, Dinnerware in Limoges and Semi-Porcelain, Toilet Sets, Crockery, Cutlery, etc., etc. Everything required in housekeeping you will find at this store. Come in and look around, you will not be urged to buy.

H. MACAULAY,

Phone 159, 89 King St.

TAILORS ON STRIKE

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 22.—As the result of a failure to arrive at an understanding with their employers, the merchant tailors of this city, nearly 100 tailors and apprentices

went out on strike this morning, and as a result all the tailor establishments of Windsor have suspended operations for the present.

The man who cannot be beaten, is he who holds his head up when he has been beaten.

CAME TO A SUDDEN END

Yankee Masher's Designs on Chatham Maiden Meet with Sad Disaster

Merited but Painful Lesson in Courtesy Taught a Detroit Dude on Fifth St. Last Evening

"If you would win a woman, flatter her. A woman is four-fifths vanity and the other fifth credulity. Play on her vanity and you will win her nine times out of ten."

Acting upon some such species of philosophy a tall, stylishly-dressed Detroitier, adorned with cigar and cane, last evening undertook to try his wiles on a Maple City young lady and precipitantly came to sudden grief.

The Yankee "masher," resplendent in gorgeous tie and boutonniere, was standing with a coterie of comrades on the corner of one of Chatham's leading thoroughfares. He was enlightening them on "up-to-date" American methods of winning immediate favor with the fairer sex and dilating on the slowness of the Maple City youth.

"A pretty word or two and a bon-bon is what counts with the girls," he declared with self-satisfied sang froid.

"Oh, you Chatham girls aren't half bad," he continued patronizingly. "A little slow, perhaps, but really not bad looking. But a few little flatteries will bring them all."

"Oh, look here," as a young lady came down the other side of the street, "now that's lovely. Think I'll leave you, boys. Ta-ta."

Flicking the dust from his patent leathers he jauntily crossed the street and raising his chapeau stepped up beside the apparition of loveliness.

The girl drew away and hurried on in a startled manner, the would-be masher trailing along side. At the next corner a young Chathamite swung round. The lady bowed, he raised his hat. There was a moment's conversation—and things seemed to happen with kaleidoscopic rapidity. As the girl passed on the Chathamite and the Yankee masher seemed to come together, an arm shot out and an indiscriminate mass of helpless humanity, mingled with rapidity. As the girl passed on the Chathamite and the Yankee masher seemed to come together, an arm shot out and an indiscriminate mass of helpless humanity, mingled with rapidity.

Finally it slowly raised itself with mournful groans and wiped the blood from its face. Then it made its way slowly back to the hotel.

"What did that ruffian mean?" it gasped, still dazed.

The onlookers had evidently enjoyed the deserved chastisement and there was no sympathy in the ready reply.

"Oh, he's no ruffian. He's only an old member of our football club. It's just a little war Chatham fellows have of resenting any attempt to insult their sisters."

CITY'S HEALTH

Health Inspector Anson Mounter reports that there are about a dozen cases of diphtheria in the city at the present time. All of the cases are being cared for at the two hospitals. A few of these cases are serious, and one death resulted about a week ago. The present patients, however, seem to be recovering. The cases are coming in fast this week, and if the reports continue as they have for the past few days the situation will commence to don a serious aspect. One new case was reported on Sunday, one on Monday, one yesterday, and one this morning. All of the cases except one are children.

It is generally thought that the epidemic was caused by the sudden changes from hot to cold in the weather.

WHEEL FOUND

It always pays to advertise in The Planet. H. S. Clements, president of the Kent Conservative Association, advertised in this G. H. J. last evening asking that his wheel be returned, and it was returned last night.

A young lad had taken the wheel for a ride and after he got through had left it on Head street in front of Shoenith's brewery. Max Shoenith found the wheel and put it in Mrs. Manning's store so that the owner might get it. He returned the wheel to Mr. Clements. The lad who took the wheel was also discovered and was appeared before Judge Houston this morning and was remanded till Saturday.

Yesterday the same boy, who is only 12 years old, took another wheel from in front of the Victoria Shop. This wheel belonged to Claude Sharpe. After having his ride he left the wheel in front of Maynall's store and young Sharp got his wheel back.

BIG PENINSULAR EXPOSITION NOW IN FULL SWING

Ideal Weather and Immense Crowds Assure Its Success—Mr. Prefontaine Disappoints Directors—Opening Ceremonies Curtailed—Splendid List of Attractions.

The great Peninsular Fair was formally opened to-day under the most favorable circumstances. The weather was everything which could be desired and the Fair was pronounced by everyone present as the finest exhibition ever held by the West Kent Agricultural Society.

The main building never presented a more gorgeous and becoming appearance and the implement grounds and stock yards are crowded with exhibits.

The crowds commenced to come early this morning and the rush lasted all day.

The exhibitors announce that their displays have never been more successful in point of sales, which is most gratifying both to the managers of the Fair as well as the exhibitors.

Secretary Robinson is the most delighted man on the grounds, and it is all over the great success of the Fair. It was upon his recommendation that the exhibition was put on so early this year. It was thought in former years that the farmers would not attend in such large numbers as if the Fair were put on in October, as it is quite a busy month for them. This year it has been found that this is not the case, as the attendance has been as large in any former year and larger than in many previous years.

By putting the Fair on earlier, Chatham is thrown in a direct circuit with the other large fairs and as a result the men with special features who make it a business to follow up the fairs find it profitable to come to Chatham, and they have done so this year. The grounds are covered with special features which both interest and amuse the large crowds attending.

This is children's day. The schools of the city closed at noon to-day and it would be safe to say that all of the scholars of the city are at the Fair. It is an affair that they never miss and they can always find things to amuse and interest them. The firm of Wm. Gray & Sons Co. have also granted a half holiday to their large staff of employees to give them an opportunity to visit the great Peninsular Exhibition. The ex-Begimental Band marched to the grounds this afternoon and were in attendance at the grounds all afternoon. They are also engaged for to-morrow afternoon.

The judges have completed their work and the prizes were awarded this morning, and the success of the exhibition is, if no other day, plainly evidenced by the large number of red and blue tickets which adorned the exhibits.

The Fair was formally opened this afternoon at two o'clock by George Stephens, M. P. Last minute telegrams were received from Mr. Prefontaine and Arch. Campbell, M. P., to the effect that they were unable to come. It was no fault of the directors that these men did not come, as they were assured until the last minute that these men would be here. The gentlemen themselves had intended to come but found at the eleventh hour, that unforeseen circumstances prevented their visit to Chatham. Both sent regrets and hoped that the Fair would be an unbounded success.

Mr. Stephens spoke before an assembled crowd of between three and four thousand people. He was pleased with the distinction of being called upon to address the gathering and to formally open such a successful exhibition. He congratulated the president, secretary and directors of the Society on their great success this year and also congratulated the exhibitors on the excellence of their exhibits. It only goes to show that the people of Kent can and do grow produce which is of the very best quality and worthy of the best prizes wherever shown. He was sorry that the other speakers were not present, as he felt sure that through their absence the farmers of Kent had missed a great treat.

He was glad to see so many farmers in attendance as nothing so educative as to see what their neighbors are doing, and see how the fruits of their efforts compare in quality and quantity. He closed by wishing the farmers every success and hoping that their showing next year will be even better than the present one.

After the opening speech the races were pulled off. Every race was well entered and eagerly contested. The great Darrell-Graham football game came off at four o'clock. This was the biggest drawing feature of the fair. The result was not known at the time of going to press.

The features for to-morrow promise to be even better than to-day. In the afternoon a lacrosse game will be played between Chatham and Thameville.

A SPLENDID EXHIBIT.

Without doubt the finest piano exhibit in the Palace Building is that of the Mason & Rich Piano Company, which occupies a most conspicuous place as you enter the west entrance.

Mr. Frank Babcock, the popular and energetic western representative of the firm, assisted by his associates, is in charge of the display.

The hangings and draperies make a gorgeous effect and is the handiwork of Austin & Co. The decorating is unique and captivating.

One of the very special styles exhibited is that wonderful and now noted creation in the shape of a piano known as the "King Edward," and well it is named. It is entirely worthy of its name. The piano has been purchased by the King Edward Hotel in Toronto and is of San Domingo mahogany with solid mahogany trusses and is elegantly fitted with electric light globes.

The King Edward was on exhibition at Toronto and London and was with difficulty, secured by Mr. Babcock for the Peninsular Fair and has been shipped to him by express.

Other styles of the splendid pianos made by this firm include the regular five and ten sizes in Cirassian and Hungarian walnut. The Only Piano to be found at this exhibit.

Mr. Babcock, ever courteous and energetic, will be found at the display of Mason & Rich pianos to tell you all about them and sell you as many as you require.

BOYS GALORE

"Never mind inserting our local want ad any longer," telephoned the Canada Flour Mills this morning.

"The other day we put an ad. in The Planet for a 'boy wanted.' Ever since it appeared there have been dozens of boys. We filled the position long ago, but boys galore still keep coming from all parts. Stand ads. seem to get everyone."

Of course they do.

ESCAPED THE PETREL

Eric P., Sept. 22.—The fishing steamer Silver Spray has again given the slip to the Canadian patrol cruiser, Petrel. The Silver Spray showed a clean pair of heels to the Canadian cruiser yesterday afternoon, and escaped capture and confiscation for poaching in Canadian waters. A report that she had been fired upon and one of the crew killed is unfounded.

The captain of the Silver Spray says he was near or across the boundary line looking for lost nets when the Petrel hove in sight through the fog. The Silver Spray wasted no time, but headed for the American shore at full speed. Notwithstanding the captain's assertion that he was looking for lost nets the Silver Spray brought 1,000 pounds of fresh fish to port. It is believed here that many miles of American nets are getting across the line. The Petrel is not fast enough to overhaul the Yankee craft.

On August 12th the Silver Spray was ordered by the Petrel to lay to, as the Canadian officer thought the boat was fishing in Canadian waters. The Silver Spray ran away, and the Petrel opened fire on the Eric Steamer, which reached port disabled, with two of her crew slightly injured.

POTATO EXPERIENCE

Samuel O. Simmons, proprietor of the Oriental Tinsorial Emporium, has a faint suspicion that he is the big "it" when it comes to raising potatoes. Mr. Simmons has quite a large garden plot in the rear of his handsome, new brick house that is causing such a commotion among the mothers of marriageable daughters. As he looked at the garden plot says Mr. Simmons to himself, "I'll plant that garden full of potatoes and I'll have something to fill the cellar of the house with when I start house-keeping in the late fall."

He then went out and bought fancy seed potatoes and paid for having his ground ploughed up. The two bags of seed potatoes and the labor cost him the net sum of \$3. Then all summer the big, jolly shaver labored in his potato patch, saying unto himself, "Why shall the harvest be?" In the hot sun he perspired copiously, but still he labored on, keeping down the weeds and hoeing up hills. He thought that the bigger the hills the more potatoes, so he made his garden patch look like a copy of about a hundred or so Hamilton mountains. This week he harvested his crop of tubers and his potato patch and labor just netted him two bags of potatoes excitedly. As that was the amount he used for seed Mr. Simmons considers himself very fortunate in getting even his seed back.

COLORED COLONY OF KENT COUNTY

New York Paper gives Alleged History of the Growth of the Race

Local Colony said to have Been Established in the Year 1849 by Escaped Slaves.

The New York Sun, in a special article describing the negro colony in Kent county, descended from escaped slaves, says:—The present state of the negro colony, established at this point in Kent county in 1849 is of interest now on account of its bearing on the race problem in the South—was settled by fugitive slaves, and was the northern terminus of the "Underground Railroad," by which runaway negroes were conducted from southern plantations to Canada.

What have these ex-slaves and their descendants accomplished? The colony has passed its half-century mark. Two generations have been reared on the fabric established by the colony of freed bondsmen. What has been the result?

Composed almost wholly of American refugees who sought freedom in Canada, the colony has on several occasions attracted special attention from students of the negro problem in the United States. This was especially the case when President Lincoln sent here a commission in 1864, to investigate the progress made, with a view to determining the capacity of the negro for material advancement.

It was in 1849 that the 9,000-acre tract was set apart between Lake Erie and the River Thames by the Canadian Government for colonizing purposes. The originator of the plan was Rev. William King, and English clergyman. Five years ago, when he died, he declared that the experiment was in every way a success and had established all that the original promoters intended.

Visitors to the colony to-day might draw different conclusions than its founder. Among the 1,300 colored people settled here in Kent and Essex counties there are many conspicuous instances of individual advancement, but there are no indications of the success of the plan in the nature of thriving villages and industrial communities. In fact, if the experiment demonstrates one trait of the black man more clearly than another, it is, in the opinion of some observers, that the negro is not inclined to agricultural pursuits and that, while the adverse inclination may be overcome temporarily he does not transmit to his children any love for pastoral employment.

The Canadians who have come in contact with the negroes here say that they are not farmers, that while they will work as hired hands for the whites they will not make a success as owners and managers of farms.

"They want somebody to direct them," is the way one of the students of the situation here expressed it to the writer.

In spite of this deduction, there are some instances in which the descendants of refugees have made successful husbandmen. In fact, there are a few of the ex-slaves residing here to-day upon small farms purchased nearly half a century ago.

These instances are so few, however, as in the opinion of many of the whites, to justify the general verdict that the negro is not a farmer by instinct and cannot be induced readily to follow the plough from one generation to another. If this deduction is the way one of the students of the situation here expressed it to the writer.

The land was sold to the negroes in farms of from 40 to 100 acres at the nominal price of \$5.50 per acre. They had all the time required for the payment.

In clearing the land there was a revenue to be made from the logs. Firewood was plentiful, and the soil agriculturally could not be excelled in this part of Canada. To-day their land for farming purposes is valued at from \$50 to \$100 an acre.

But most of the farms that Mr. King transferred to his colored wards have passed out of their hands. It is the exception now where colored men are found owning their farms here. The majority of them are renters.

Crop failures are particularly unknown here. Conditions are very favorable for an independent livelihood, not to say acquisition of considerable wealth, as a farmer. Yet the testimony of many white men is that the tendency among the negroes is toward the urban life.

The negroes have left the farm to seek employment as laborers on the various railroads. In fact, the young colored men, the offspring of the original settlers, do not remain here, but scatter, and always toward the city.

All the big farms are owned by the whites, all the commercial enterprises are conducted by them, and the mercantile concerns that supply the remaining negroes are wholly in the hands of the whites.

The children of the colored population—and they raise big families—attend good country schools, churches are numerous, and every facility is afforded them for active competition with the whites. In spite of these conditions and the early advantages under which the ex-slaves began life here, the majority of them with a

practical knowledge of farming, they have not built up a community worthy of the name.

A GOOD MOVE.

Some of their descendants have gone into professional life in Canada, and others have returned to the States as doctors, teachers and lawyers. These instances are pointed to as the evidences of the success of the colony. Yet no towns have been founded by these negroes, and they are apparently losing their identity rapidly.

Buxton is a struggling village of less than sixty families. The postmaster says 100 families secure mail here. Most of them are colored, but many of them reside four or five miles away. This is the remnant of the 1-200 negroes settled here fifty years ago.

The best feature of the conditions among the colored people here as compared with those of the Southern States is their excellent morals. This is an undeniable feature of the improvement obtained.

BE CAREFUL BOYS

"There is a matter which should be called to the attention of the police," said a Lorne avenue resident this morning, "and that is the fact that a number of small boys are making a race course of the sidewalks of Lorne avenue every night."

"I like to see the boys enjoy themselves and I do not like to spoil their sport, but they should be warned that their practice is a dangerous one for pedestrians who have to clear the way when they see the crowd of small boys tearing towards them on the sidewalk. It is a wonder to me that somebody does not get hurt."

PRaises SINGING

The Sarnia Observer, giving an account of the services in the Baptist church of that town, says of the singing of an accomplished young Maple City lady:

"The choir furnished an abundance of good music, the expression and blending of voices was most evident in the anthem, 'Tell me whom my soul doth love,' by Farmer. 'Come unto me' was beautifully rendered by a promising young vocalist, Miss Edith Dolsen, of Chatham. She possesses an excellent soprano voice, both in tone and compass, and her singing throughout was characterized by clearness of enunciation and fine expression. Her voice shows careful training."

Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is the infirmity of will.

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We can fit any ladies' foot with a Dorothy Dodd Shoe.

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We have just received a shipment of a splendid quality of fine Jamaica Ginger—firm and juicy—just right for ginger beer or preserved ginger. This quality is rare and the supply limited, so we can advise an early purchase.

Corks, Rubber Rings, Wax, Pure Spices, and everything for preserving or pickling.

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