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## Local Briefs

Miss Annie Wilson is visiting at Astabula, O.  
 Chief Holmes is spending the day at the Joy Club.

The civic pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$425.

Miss Stella Braddon has returned from visiting in Windsor.

Miss Hannah McFaul has returned from visiting friends in Dresden.

N. H. Stevens' temperature was normal yesterday. He is progressing nicely.

Roy McDonald, head clerk in Ald. Edmondson's store, cut his thumb yesterday.

W. W. Scane's new electric vapor Christmas made her initial spin this morning.

Dr. Russell has expressed his intention of defeating the winner of the White-Mussau race.

Ald. John Edmondson has his cheek badly bruised. He says he received the injury in the ball game.

Arthur Wright elected to be tried by Judge Bell and the trial was fixed for Monday. He is charged with horse stealing.

Chas. Jackson, grocer, Baldon, Dover Tp., met with an accident yesterday near Stank's grocery. The big but in the street broke his rig.

The Property committee met with the city engineer at two o'clock this afternoon to investigate the cause of the street lights being out so often. The linemen, in whose charge they are, were also present at the conference.

Miss Agnes Reilly has resigned her position at The Ark, and accepted a position in the mantle department of the Austin store. Miss Reilly is one of the most popular sales ladies in the city, and is well-known to all Maple City shoppers.

Reginald Northwood, Chicago, is visiting at the residence of W. J. Taylor. He was on a cruise on the steam yacht Marcin, the flag ship of the Chicago Yacht Club, but left the boat at Port Huron and came to visit his old home.

Harry Ball has a horse that will stand without hitching. It took a standing fit in front of the Bon Marche grocery Thursday. Soon a crowd collected. Everybody had some suggestion to offer as to how to make the horse go. Harry Ball was perfectly willing to let all put their suggestions into practical use themselves. After Fred Goodland, Albert Sides, Jack Hales, Herb Mount, Harry Jacques and Jack Dunlop had offered suggestions and then tried to work them out and failed, the owner unhitched the horse and led it away.

## FOR SALE.

House and lot in excellent location, street now being paved with brick. Eight rooms and large lot. Price \$1800.

Two story brick house and one acre of land. Price \$1800.

House and lot on Delaware Ave., eleven rooms. Price \$800.

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## COMBINE AGREEMENT.

Clauses Designed to Protect British Interests.

London, Aug. 7.—The agreement of the International Marine Company with the British Admiralty and the Board of Trade was published in a Parliamentary paper. It provides that the British companies in the combine shall remain on an equal footing with other British companies in respect to any military, naval or postal services that the British Government may require from the British mercantile marine. No British ship in the combine shall be transferred to a foreign registry without the consent of the President of the Board of Trade. The vessels shall continue to be officered by British subjects, and carry the same proportion of British sailors as is prescribed in the case of any other British ships engaged in the same line of trade. The vessels shall still be subject to hire or purchase by the Admiralty on the same terms as existed prior to the combination. At least one moiety of the tonnage built or acquired during the continuance of the agreement shall be registered as British. Any company hereafter taken into the combination shall be subject to the same terms. The British companies in the combine shall continue to be British companies, qualified to own British ships, and at least a majority of their directors shall be British subjects. Nothing shall be done to jeopardize the existing British register or the right of a vessel to fly the British flag. Any British company hereafter absorbed by the combine shall be subject to the conditions of the agreement, and the combine shall advise the British Government of any other lines, of whatever nationality they may be, that may hereafter be absorbed. The agreement shall continue for twenty years, dating September 22, 1902, and shall be terminable thereafter at five years' notice on either side. It is provided that the British Government has the right to terminate the agreement at any time should the combine pursue a policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine or British trade.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Pay of the Railway Commissioners—The Lead Bounties.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Marked progress was made with the Government business. The resolution fixing the salary of the members of the railway commission was passed through the various stages, and the railway commission bill was finally disposed of in committee, and now stands for the third reading. Several important amendments were made to the bill, among them being the provision that no change in the classification of rates can be made by the railway companies without six weeks' notice, and also the insertion of the provision regarding the payment of fair wages upon construction work on railways receiving Government aid. The resolution authorizing aid to the lead industry was also reported by the committee of the whole after an animated discussion, and the bill founded thereon put through its initial stages.

Upon motion of the Premier, the bill respecting the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court as to railway debts was transferred to the list of Government orders on the orders of the day. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in moving the motion in committee of the resolution respecting the salaries of the railway commissioners at \$10,000, the other two commissioners at \$8,000 and that of the Secretary at not more than \$4,000, said these salaries were the highest paid by the Government for the salary paid to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the land, higher also than the salary of the Ministers. It had been observed, and he thought with a great deal of truth, that the salaries how paid to the highest judicial officers were insufficient, there having been no general revision for the last twenty-five years.

## Sydney White Pleads Guilty.

Toronto, Aug. 7.—Sydney White, the fifteen-year-old lad who was employed as a clerk by the law firm of Macdonald, Shepley, Middleton & Donald, and confessed, when arrested to stealing over \$8,000 worth of bonds, securities and cash from the firm, yesterday appeared in the children's court, and pleaded guilty. Colonel Denison remanded him to jail for a week for sentence.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

John Heppeler of New Hamburg died suddenly.

A tug was sunk off New Bedford, Mass., and five persons drowned.

John Crook, an aged man, slightly deaf, was run over by a train at Colborne and killed.

It is reported that two Serbian officers have been arrested for conspiring against the Minister of War.

Fifty delegates to the meeting of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held at Montreal, sailed from Liverpool.

The injunction against The Globe newspaper to restrain it from publishing an advertisement of a strike among carriage-makers in Toronto was continued to the date of trial.

Whitaker Wright, the arrested promoter and director of the London & Globe Corporation, Limited, the hearing of whose case was adjourned to August 24, is today still in Brixton jail, some of the proposed sureties for his bail of \$250,000 not having yet been approved.

## TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m., August the 14th, 1903, for putting in a steam heating system in Harrison Hall in the City of Chatham. Parties tendering must submit plans and specifications. No tender necessarily accepted. Dated at Chatham, Aug. 3, 1903.

J. GOSNELL,  
 W&C      C. CLARK.

## CIRCUS WRECKED

Appalling Collision on the G.T.P. at Durand, Mich.—22 Killed.—Defective Air Brake the Cause.

Special to The Planet.

Durand, Mich., Aug. 7.—One of the most appalling railroad accidents in the history of Michigan occurred here at three o'clock this morning when one train of the Wallace Bros. circus crashed into another one-half mile west of the Durand station.

The dead so far number 22. Most of them are canvas men and unskilled employees of the circus, but three of the 22 are widely known in Michigan.

All of the injured are at the Richelieu hotel, which has been turned into a temporary hospital. None of the Wallace brothers were injured.

Many of the killed were crushed while asleep. They never knew what happened. Some of the bodies are crushed and mangled so that they cannot be recognized. The bodies are all in one morgue here. It is a spectacle that freezes the blood.

One elephant was killed, also two camels and a \$1,000 bloodhound. A good many other animals were hurt. None of the animals escaped from the cages.

## CHIPPEWA WEDDING

Harry Collins, commercial master at the C. C. I., and Miss May E. Marshall, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's brother, Chippewa, Ont., on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 5th, at 4 p. m.

The ceremony was very quiet, and was attended only by the immediate relatives. The Rev. W. B. Findley, of Niagara Falls South, officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, John W. Marshall, classical master in the Ridgeway C. I.

The happy couple left on a wedding trip to Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Quebec and expect to return to Chatham in about two weeks, when they will take up their residence on Wellington street, west. Mr. Collins is a particularly fine young man. He is possessed of splendid ability and is of a fine character. He has a host of friends in this city, all of whom unite in wishing him and Mrs. Collins a happy and successful married life.

## DISTRICT DOINGS.

### BLENHEIM

Aug. 7.—Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Collins left yesterday for a short visit to friends in Palmyra.

Geo. Bell has returned from his tour through the west. He likes it well and intends going back in September.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gilroy of Mount Forest have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilroy, Elizabeth street, this week.

Mrs. J. C. McGuigan arrived home from St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, last week. She is greatly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Morris returned on Wednesday from a two months' trip through the Canadian Northwest. Mr. Morris looks well, and says that he had a most enjoyable trip.

Misses Mary and Edith England, of Amherstburg, are visiting at the Methodist parsonage this week.

Mrs. A. E. Bissett, Miss Shaw and Miss J. McKernan, of Rodney, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bunnell.

The annual Scotch picnic will be held at Eriau on Aug. 27. Bear in mind the date, as the committee say there will be greater attractions than ever before.

### TILBURY

The Tilbury baseball club is going to play Marine City on Tuesday next on the occasion of the Farmers' excursion there by the City of Chatham. Seven building lots in Tilbury held by J. Dillon, of Chatham, were secured by J. A. Tremblay for \$320.

The civic holiday has been deferred to Thursday.

T. F. Hinnegan, of Wallaceburg, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ella Anderson is on a two weeks' visit with St. Thomas friends.

Geo. Chalmers has purchased the 4-year-old track colt of Henry Trudel, Tilbury, North, at a good figure.

Flax pulling has considerable interest with our boys during holidays. Wagons containing 30 or 40 pull out for the fields. The drawing is commenced on Monday, 17 loads being drawn to the mill that day. It is a good crop and in excellent condition.

H. S. Shaw left for Detroit on Monday.

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

Those who know when to speak, know when to be silent.

## DO NOT GAMBLE

Buy New York Stocks as an investment. It's like gold dollars for dimes. Advance payment 2 per cent, balance on delivery of certificates, or when market advances you can sell and take your profits. Good dividend paying stocks were never so low. Instructions free.

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## LUSTRES

## FOR SATURDAY.

In order to clear up all the different lines in colored lustres we have placed them on our bargain counter for SATURDAY ONLY at greatly reduced prices.

Our 50 cent Lustre, in pink, blue, brown, cardinal, gray and navy, to clear on Saturday for 39 cents.

Our 25 cent Lustre in blue, pink, cardinal and cream, to clear on Saturday for 20c per yard.

Our 40 cent Lustre, in white and blue, white and black, and blue and white, to clear on Saturday for 30 cents per yard.

## CLOTHING DEP'T.

### JUST LISTEN.

It is astonishing how many good bargains you can hear of if you just keep your eyes on. Just such bargains we want you to observe we have in store for you. Your quickness to see a good thing will determine your success in securing it.

Saturday Morning we place on sale

## 100-Men's and Youths' Suits-100

Regular value at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.00 for \$4.98. Take your choice.

On Display in East Show Window.

Every garment is made from all wool materials, nobby pattern tweeds and plain all wool serges, well made and well cut; sizes 33 to 44. Be on hand early.

...A BIG...

## MILLINERY SPECIAL

Commencing Wednesday we will sell any Untrimmed Straw Hat in our showroom for 25c. Some are worth \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 in the regular way, now 25c.

## The Greatest of All Linen Sales.

Starts here Wednesday morning, Aug. 5th, and lasts until August 15th, 1903. "Everybody take advantage." This announcement tells some most remarkable news from our linen department for a few days. As every housekeeper knows, real bargains in absolutely pure linens are perhaps the scarest things they find when shopping. The prices of linens have been going constantly upwards and an opportunity such as this should attract all housekeepers, as well as all persons wanting good linens. Here are the opportunities:

Unbleached Damasks.—At 45c per yard, half bleached table damask, heavy make, soft finish, six choice patterns to choose from, guaranteed pure flax, 62 ins wide, can not be matched elsewhere in the city for less than 50c and 60c, sale price 45c yd.

At 75c per yd, worth 90c and \$1.00, extra heavy unbleached Irish table damask, 70 ins wide, pure linen, superior finish, representing pansy, hollie, rose and fleur-de-lis designs, an extra snap.

Bleached Damasks.—At 90c per yd, from 1.00, 1.15, 1.25 bleached Irish and Scotch Table Linens, in unequalled qualities, 67 and 70 ins wide, in various handsome patterns, imported as special values at regular prices, our sale price 90c yd.

At 60c yd, from 75c and 85c yd, bleached Irish table damask, 70 and 72 ins wide, very choice designs, were special values at reg prices, our special price 60c yd.

Napkins to match most of the above patterns.

Our \$1.40 and \$1.50 table damask is a wonder, highly finished, heavy quality, fine weave, double damask, harp, rose and thistle and snow drop patterns, sale price 1.25 and 1.35 per yd. Napkins to match, 2 sizes, at 3.50 and 4.50 per doz.

Bath Towels.—Something every ones should have these hot days, plain or fancy striped, special at 50c, 60c, 65 each, 1 pure linen.

Table Napkins.—At \$1.90 a doz, grass bleached Irish napkins, in soft finish, assorted designs, in popular size, 22 in. square, were \$3.25 a doz. At 1.95 a dozen, superior quality Irish napkins, grass bleached, assorted patterns, 2 size, were \$2.50 a doz. At \$2.25 a dozen, extra special pure bleached Irish linen napkins, assorted choice designs, 2 size, were \$2.75 dozen. Other lines at \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.25 per doz.

Towellings.—300 yds pure linen glass towelling, 23 ins wide, fine firm weave, worth in a reg way 15c per yd, sale price 11c.

17 in. pure white Turkish towelling, heavy finish, reg 12c, sale price 10c yd.

Towels.—Solid Huck Towels, plain white hemstitched ends.—18x36 size reg 15c each, sale price 12c.

21x38 size reg 22c each, sale price 17c.

Extra quality crepe towels, very absorbent, red border, fringed ends. 21x42 size, reg 20c, sale price 17c each.

Extra quality pure bleached huck towels, white border, fringed ends, 23x45 size, reg 25c, sale price 20c each.

All our fancy doilies, tray cloths, runners, small hemstitched napkins, centre pieces, etc., at greatly reduced prices. See them at our linen counter.

C. Austin & Company