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W. S. Richards

LOCAL BRIEFS

H. A. Hall was in Walkerville on business yesterday.

Will Jahnske spent yesterday in Tilbury on business.

Miss Ida Snook, daughter of E. R. Snook, will entertain a number of her friends this evening.

Miss Grace Masters, Pontiac, Mich., is visiting at the residence of E. R. Snook, King street.

Miss Edith Thatcher is sick in bed with a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs.

A team, belonging to a farmer, ran away on Wellington St., to-day, and striking the C.P. R. track, ran down to Raleigh St. The wagon was badly damaged.

Chief Young has received a circular from J. J. Donahue, chief of police at Omaha, Neb., in which \$50,000 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the abductors of Edward Cudahy, Jr. Mr. Cudahy offers \$25,000 and the city of Omaha \$25,000.

The funeral of the late Chas. W. Knight took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence Chatham Tp. There was an exceedingly large attendance of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. W. H. Locke conducted the funeral services.

In the report of the binder twine factory meeting yesterday's issue Mr. Henderson was, by an error, made to say that during the past season farmers had paid 18 cents per pound for binder twine. What Mr. Henderson did say was that such a price had been paid in times past.

At the police court before Judge Houston Constable Browning and Mrs. Browning were found guilty of stealing firewood from Mrs. Aldis. Both Mrs. Aldis and her daughter swore that they had seen the defendants carrying away their wood at 3 o'clock in the morning. Both the constable and his wife were convicted. Mrs. Browning was released on suspended sentence and her husband was remanded till Monday. Geo. Gordon Martin appeared for the defence.

CURLING CLUB  
ASKS A REFUND.

The Minister of Militia Will be Asked to Give Just Recompense for the Drill Shed Improvements.

The Chatham Curling Club have prepared a petition which will be forwarded to the Minister of Militia. The document sets forth that the Curling Club have expended \$800 on the additions to the two ends of the drill shed, raising the floor, leveling it and making other repairs. Further, the club had during their occupancy of the shed, paid \$50 in rent and kept the building insured. The building was also kept in repair by the club, whereas had it been vacant it would have become sadly dilapidated. After setting forth all these facts, the petition states that this amount is a large rental to have paid and the Minister is asked to refund whatever part of this sum he may deem right. The matter will be submitted to the government for consideration at once.

Our Own Make...



A. I. McCall & Co., DRUGGISTS  
Phon 178. Night Be'l

# THE SATURDAY PLANET.

To-morrow's issue of The Planet will, as usual on Saturdays, be a seven-column paper and comprise many interesting features.

Dr. McKeough, in a continuation of his delightful diary contributions, takes Planet readers on a visit to Amsterdam, the picturesque commercial capital of Holland, and presents them with many entertaining views of its characteristics, customs and history.

Alister McKay writes an important letter upon the proposed Kent county system of radial roads, with plan of route annexed.

The Planet's many weekly exchanges are responsible for a large list of county doings as clipped from their chronicles.

Chats with citizens provide a column of interesting interviews on current topics.

The Maple City's educational institutions submit their quota of happenings within the halls of learning.

Those interested in athletics will follow with pleasure the brief description of local doings in that line.

The fraternal organizations will find a department devoted to lodge room records.

The "church chimes," reproduction of Talmage's latest sermon and regular instalment of The Planet's serial story will be included as usual, with the customary record of all the latest news happenings, local, national and foreign.

## THE REMOVAL OF HEAD ST. SPUR.

Last evening Mayor Sulman and Ald. McCoig and Mounter met with representatives of the Grand Trunk and Lake Erie Railroads at the Hotel Garmer and held an informal consultation with them. The matters discussed were the proposed opening up of Scane street, over the G. T. R. track to St. Patrick street, and the removal of the Head street Lake Erie spur to an adjoining alley.

The representatives decline to discuss the results of their meeting, which was purely informal, but it is understood that both projects receive due consideration at the hands of the railroad representatives and will be submitted to headquarters on receipt of the official civic applications.

The probabilities seem to be that the city will be granted both privileges petitioned for.

# SPECIAL

## Grand OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY, JAN. 18TH

Mr. A. H. Chamberlain's Superb Production of This Season's Greatest Musical Success

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(By a fortunate chance I have secured the production, the greatest that has ever been seen in five years. It only plays a Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and Chatham in Canada and is the largest company that has come through this so soon. I guarantee my patrons the complete production. Every one of this act, is known by me to be our act and I will refund the money of anyone who does not pronounce this the best production we have had in years.—J. P. Cairns.)

## ALD. M'COIG STILL STANDS

By His Guns in the Matter of the  
Proposed Grant to the  
Humane Officer.

He Regrets That He Cannot Please  
Everybody, but Thinks the Poor  
Taxpayer Should Come First.

Ald. Arch. McCoig, whose recent action in conducting the civic opposition to the proposed grant of \$250 to Humane Officer Dagneau has brought him in for the special attention of so many of The Planet's correspondents, was interviewed upon his position by this journal this morning.

"I have no desire to mingle in the newspaper argument of the matter," he replied to the enquiry, smiling. "I am, however, sorry to have to defend the views of any citizen, more especially as humane effort towards dumb animals appeals to me as a noble cause—nowwithstanding your fair correspondence to the contrary."

"My position is briefly this: When I sought support from the ratepayers at the recent election I obligated myself to be as economical in the expenditure of their money as was at all consistent with the best interests of the city. In my opinion I would have broken faith had I voted for a \$250 grant at the first meeting when I really deemed it unnecessary."

"I am sorry the citizens are not unanimously in accord with the stand I took. I like to please everybody, you know, but we all took an oath of office which provides for our acting in what we regard the best interests of our city."

"But say," continued the young alderman, "I'm awfully pleased to see that the ladies take an interest in the council and their proceedings, although your correspondent of the fair sex does differ with me. I regret her unfortunate estimate of my capabilities, but you can assure her that I'd be more than willing to take the job for the sake of a swell new suit of clothes. It's more than I've got out of two years' council service, and there you're always in danger of losing the poor suit you have and having the clothes torn off your back, too."

"Seriously, I believe it's not right to give such a sum of money for work volunteered last year, and which our efficient police force can and do attend to it, for I notice information against offenders are preferred by them. And I think, if the humane and generous 'Girl of the Period' will take a few moments' thought of the 'poor' men and women, too—who are even in our wanted prosperous city, blistering their hands and racking their bodies to gather the money to pay promptly their heavy taxes, she will heartily agree with me, too."

## DEMISE OF SIR FRANK SMITH.

An Old and Esteemed Senator  
Passes Away as Recorded  
Yesterday.

A Sketch of His Important Life and the Characteristics That Made It Such.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Sir Frank Smith, who has been gradually fading away for the past year, died at noon yesterday, according to the despatch to The Planet, surrounded by the members of his family. His illness had reduced the once vigorous frame to a mere skeleton, and the end was not unexpected.

The senator was born at Richhill, county Anagh, Ireland, in 1822, and when a boy of ten came to Canada with his parents. He learned the business of store keeping and opened up a business of his own in London in 1849. In 1867 the firm removed to Toronto, and Sir Frank continued his connection with it till 1891. It was as the chief owner of the old Toronto street railway that Sir Frank was best known to the citizens, and his famous contest with the municipality as to the franchise in 1891 was one of the most stirring incidents in his career.

In public life his place was a distinguished one. He served in the rebellion of 1837 as a volunteer and subsequently became a captain of militia. In 1864 he was a delegate from the London Board of Trade to the Detroit trade convention. He served the city of London as alderman, and in 1866 became its mayor. He was a prominent member of the Roman Catholic Church, and was one of the originators of the Ontario Catholic League, which was formed in 1871. In the same year he was summoned to the Senate of Canada by Lord Lisgar.

In July, 1892 he was sworn in as a member of the privy council, and was a member of the Conservative cabinet led successively by Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Abbott, Sir John

Thompson, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper. In August, 1891, Sir Hector Langevin retired from the position of minister of public works and the deceased succeeded him in the portfolio, which he retained until January, 1892. On May 24, 1894, he received the honor of knighthood. Sir Frank was connected with many large corporations. He was president of the Niagara Navigation Co., president of the Dominion Bank, president of the London and Ontario Loan company, president of the Ontario Jockey Club, president of the Home Savings Co., vice-president of the Consumers' Gas Co., vice-president of the Dominion Telegraph Co., a director of the North American Life Co., and a director of the Toronto General Trusts Co. Lady Smith, who was a daughter of John O'Higgins, of Stratford, died in 1896. Two daughters and a son survive—Mrs. John Foy, Mrs. Bruce McDonald and James Austin Smith.

## PURCHASE OF MACHINERY.

Directors are Carefully Looking  
Into the Matter and Securing  
Expert Experience.

The Election of Provisional Officers of  
the Board Proceeded With.

The provisional directors of the proposed binder twine company, met in the old town hall yesterday afternoon. R. Smith, Dover, one of the directors appointed, did not care to act, and D. A. Hutchinson, the next in order, took his place.

Following provisional officers were elected—

President—John Houston.

Vice-President—M. J. Wilson.

Directors—Alister McKay, D. A. Hutchinson, and Jas. Chinnick.

Secretary Treas.—T. C. Smith.

Solicitors—Scane, Houston, Stone & Scane.

A report was in circulation yesterday that Messrs. Henderson & Cumming were promoting the new binder twine company with a view to unloading some old machinery on the stockholders.

Mr. Henderson was seen this morning and warmly repudiated the report. He said: "The company will have new machinery of the latest pattern. It is made in New York. Mr. Cumming and myself are engaged to-day on the contract to be made between us and the directors. The contract has to be agreed to by the provisional board of directors and no money passed until the machinery is here and the directors are satisfied it is all right. J. B. Rankin, Q. C., is drawing up the contract for us, and Scane, Houston, Stone & Scane are acting for the provisional directors. Who ever has started such a report knows little about the manufacture of binder twine. There isn't a machine made that isn't in use. We couldn't and wouldn't even attempt to float a company if we had old machinery to offer."

Alister McKay, of the directorate, was also interviewed. He said the proposition was to supply the latest machinery, to put it up, furnish belting and electric light plant on the premises for the sum of \$28,450. The directors were not prepared to make any bargain hurriedly and had appointed Messrs. Houston and Wilson to visit Toronto and Brantford and secure expert evidence on the quality and cost of such machinery as was required. These gentlemen are now away on their mission.

Saturday, Jan. 19th

## McConnell Park Street

—WILL SELL—

Evaporated Apples..... 6c per lb.  
Figs..... 5c per lb., 6 lbs. for 25c  
Prunes..... 7c per lb., 4 for 25c  
7 lbs. Rolled Wheat..... 25c  
Ginger Snaps..... 6c per lb.  
Salmon..... 10c per can  
Sardines..... 5c a can  
Baking Powder..... 10c per lb.  
Our 25c Black, Green and Japan Tea are good quality.

We will clear out a quantity of Fine China, also a number of Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, Chamber Sets, Glass Water Sets, a lot of Cups and Saucers, Plates, Bowls, Etc. at reduced prices.

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Park Street East Phone 190

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For Saturday  
Next

25 doz Ladies' Pure Wool Cashmere Hose, extra heavy quality, double sole, heel and toe, high spliced ankle, asorted ribbs, regular 35c value,

2 pair for 25c

Bargains in the Carpet Department  
For Saturday Next

One doz. Wool and Union Rugs, reversible patterns, pretty borders, sizes 3x3, 3x3 1/2 and 3x4 yds., worth \$4.50 to \$6.75 each,

Your Choice on Saturday for \$2.87

2 pos. Extra Heavy, Reversible Pattern Hemp Carpet. 34 in. wide, the strongest, heaviest hemp, woven, worth 25c yd.,

On Saturday per yd., 17c



## Clothing Department

ECONOMY IS  
A GOOD THING

But there are lots of ways of cutting down expenses which will not result in economy. For instance, you might get along without the articles mentioned below, or buying inferior qualities. That is not economy. These are needed articles, and each one will quickly save you much more than it cost.

Saturday Morning We Place on  
Sale the Greatest Underwear  
Snaps of the Season

Bargain  
Special  
No. 1

Men's Extra Fine Quality of Wool Shirts and Drawers, beautiful, fine, soft wool, a limited quantity only, are sold regularly at \$1.00, and \$2.25 a garment. THEY GO ON SALE SATURDAY AT HALF PRICE

Your  
Choice  
For 50c

Bargain  
Special  
No. 2

Boys' Fine Quality, Union Shirts and Drawers, in plain gray shades, extra heavy, all sizes from ages 5 to 16 years, sold at from 25c to 50c, sale Saturday.

Your  
Choice  
For 25c

Bargain  
Special  
No. 3

The Special Display of  
Boys' 2 & 3 Piece  
Suits and Reefers



On display in East Show Window Saturday.

Boys' 2 pc. Suits, sale prices.....

\$1.98, \$2.39, \$2.48, \$2.95

Boys' 3 pc. Suits, sale prices.....

\$2.95, \$3.48, \$3.95, \$4.95

Boys' Storm and Dress Reefers, sale price \$3 and \$3.50.

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