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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Neil Watson, of Mull, is in the city today.

Seventy-one tons of rain to the acre fell yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bartlette, of Walkerville, spent Sunday in this city.

Lester Appleford, editor of the Walkerville News, is in the Maple City today.

D. Burwell, Park St., driver on the L. E. & D. R. R., will remove to Ridgetown shortly, his run now being from that town to Sarnia.

James Kendall left today for Liverpool. He will sail in the Numidian, of the Allan Line, which leaves Portland, Me., on Wednesday.

Mr. Surby, until lately an employee of the Wm. Gray & Sons Co., will remove shortly to Pontiac, Mich., he having obtained a good situation in that place.

County Treasurer Shambelan has paid \$80.51, witness fees in the grain stealing case against George LeFleur, who was on Saturday sentenced to one year at Central Prison.

Peter Rutherford was able to be out today. He accused the Chatham papers of killing him prematurely, and said he was glad to say he was still very much alive.

Fred Phelps, who caught for the Chatham team in the Canadian League, spent Sunday in the city. Mr. Phelps was always popular and his many friends were exceedingly pleased to see him.

The roads and bridges committee of the county council, which met on Saturday, did not accept any of the tenders submitted for the construction of the approaches to Kent bridge. They decided to ask for new tenders, to be in by Friday, the 22nd inst.

On Saturday night Supt. Jones was summoned to the corner of Harvey and Lacroix Sts., where he found some boys had unhooked the rope holding up the electric light, which had fallen upon the street, and the globe attached had been broken. This is a serious misdemeanor, for had any passing pedestrian touched the fallen lamp to investigate it would possibly have resulted in instant death.

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F. Tobey, a prominent teacher in the Louisville school, Section No. 3, is thinking of leaving his position to secure another at the Soo.

While felling a tree on Saturday, William Decant, of the River Road, Dover, met with a nasty accident. The butt of the tree fell on his leg breaking it and dislocating the ankle. Mr. Decant was brought into St. Joseph's Hospital. The injury is an exceedingly serious one.

Arthur Gammage left Toronto today for Winnipeg, where he will reside. Mr. Gammage, who is a son of E. C. Gammage, Raleigh street, was formerly employed in Furrill's shoe store, but of late has been in the shoe department of the Eaton store, Toronto.

**HE GOT SIX MONTHS.**  
Townsend Lucas, a colored barber, was convicted before Judge Houston at the police court this morning of the larceny of wood from Drader's yards. Officer Durr traced Lucas' tracks through the snow on the night of the theft. There being a previous charge against him he was sentenced to six months in the Central.

**FOUND CANNON BALLS.**  
Jacob Colby and Chas. Riddell fished two shells and four cannon balls from out the river in the vicinity of the old gun boat on Saturday afternoon. The shells weighed 42 lbs. In battle they were filled with powder fitted with a fuse and when fired from mortars to burst amongst the enemy. Three of the cannon balls weighed six lbs. and two 24 lbs each. The hunters also located a heavy piece of metal which they think is a cannon. These relics of war were found in the river just off the bow of the boat.

**PROF. HEMSTREET COMING.**  
The Peerless Hemstreet, mind-reader and hypnotist, will open an engagement in Northwood's hall Wednesday, March 13th, for four nights only. Part of the receipts will go to the Donegan monument fund.

Admission 10 and 20 cents. That his entertainments are of the first class is undoubtedly proved by the following recommendation: "To whom it may concern,—In the interest of truth and science I most sincerely recommend Prof. Hemstreet to the patronage of all good people. Who would be weary of these marvellous yet real occult science. His exhibitions are free from vulgarities and take rank with the purest and most instructive entertainments of the day."—Rev. John E. Lewis, Port Arthur, Ont.

**A FALSE ALARM.**  
This morning a very erratic fire alarm was rung. The first ring gave a quite distinctly but later that everything was a jump in the air. The firemen turned out and went first to box 31, at McConnell's grocery, then to box 32, corner of Queen and Duluth streets, and then to box 32 at Taylor's mill. Chief Pritchard afterwards explained the cause of all the excitement. The alarm wires are strung on the telephone poles and the Bell Company's men are repairing their own line. Tom Harley, who was up one of the poles, leaned on the alarm wire and owing to a flaw in the metal the wire broke and ran all across the other wires. The result was the fire alarm system was put in commission. The fire alarm bell doesn't ring when the rope holding up the electric light, which had fallen upon the street, and the globe attached had been broken. This is a serious misdemeanor, for had any passing pedestrian touched the fallen lamp to investigate it would possibly have resulted in instant death.

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Prof. Hemstreet, the hypnotist, is in town and will remain until he opens his engagement on Wednesday evening.

The juvenile branch of the A. O. U. will meet on Wednesday evening, in their lodge room. After the business has been transacted, Mr. A. Fennings will entertain the boys with a phonograph concert. It is hoped that all the members will be present, as well as the members of the adult court, as a good time may be expected.

**MR. DICKSON WAS RETICENT.**  
Mr. M. C. Dickson, district passenger agent of the G. T. R. in Toronto, when seen on Saturday would neither deny nor confirm the report which has gained currency that he would shortly be promoted to the position of general passenger agent of the Central Vermont railway.

**MR. STARK REPLIES.**  
In reply to Mr. McCall, re a mistake in supplying salt petre for salts, J. D. Stark writes: "I noticed in the columns of The Planet a few statements made by druggist A. I. McCall re the question of salt petre. He says he doesn't believe there is any druggist in Chatham who would mistake salts taken article from Mr. McCall. The fact is that I did purchase from one of the drug stores of Chatham a five pound package labelled 'Epson Salts,' for which I hold the invoice, but it proved salt petre, not the chrysaline form only, therefore had no occasion to purchase it in the pulverized form."

**A WARNING.**  
To feel tired after exertion is one thing; to feel tired before is another. Don't say the latter is laziness—it isn't; but it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, is running down, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It's a warning, too—and sufferers should begin taking Hood's at once. Buy a bottle today.

**HE WAS FOUND DEAD.**  
Benjamin Stewart, an aged colored minister, residing on Park Ave., east, was found dead in his bed this morning by Mr. Johnson, another aged colored man.

Mr. Johnson, who lived with Mr. Stewart, left the old man sitting beside the fire last evening about 11 o'clock. This morning, when he went to Stewart's room, he found the old man lying dead. Coroner Bray was notified, and, after investigating, deemed an inquest quite unnecessary. The aged colored man had evidently retired and slept his life away. There was no sign of any struggle and the body had been dead some time.

He had, at least, sought and found rest in the arms of his Maker. He was 90th year, and was well known throughout the city as Elder Stewart.

**CROSSLEY AND HUNTER.**  
Whether it be that the visiting evangelists have awakened the conscience of the ungodly—if such there be in the highly intellectual and progressive community of ours—or whether it be that they have aroused a desire within the breast of the provincial pillar in the sanctuary spiritual to forsake the indifference and calm confidence of the chosen and get out and hustle, they have, at least, sought and found rest in the arms of their Maker.

Both Mr. Hunter and Mr. Crossley delivered splendid addresses dealing with moral questions and social problems.

In the evening the evangelists concluded a busy day by the immense meeting in Park St. Methodist church, at which many professed conversion.

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**Children Cry for CASTORIA.**  
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## HYDRANTS ALL RIGHT.

**Mr. Jones Explains How They Are Tested**

**By The Waterworks Department—He Thinks Citizens Should Ascertain the Facts Before Making Charge.**

To The Planet.—In answer to "Citizen's" inquiry in Saturday's Planet I wish to say that I am responsible to the water commissioners for the proper working of the entire waterworks system. After reading the query, I interviewed Chief Pritchard and he informed me it was about 30 seconds after the hydrant was opened till the water was at the nozzle. If this is true, and I have no reason to doubt it, it would have made but slight difference as to the final result of the hydrant.

Hydrants will freeze during cold snaps, just as well as other cities.

Inspector O'Mara says to the hydrants and when he finds them frozen so he cannot open them he thaws them out, but in case the valve rod of the hydrant (although frozen) can be turned the water in every case will cut its way between the ice and loosen the rod and in a few seconds will give a good stream, as shown in the case of McGregor's fire.

This is what Chief Pritchard says about the muddy water: "I ordered the men to poke the branch through one of the panes of glass in a window of the building, the place being full of smoke and flame it was impossible to tell whether the water was clean or muddy. Now, this hydrant was opened last fall and it could not have been as foul as stated. Inspector O'Mara blows off all the hydrants three times during the mild season; 'we do not under any circumstances (except in case of fire) open the hydrants during the frosty weather.' This is to avoid freezing. As to mud in the dead ends of mains and hydrants, it should be known that water lying quiescent in an iron pipe will take up oxide of iron and consequently it will color the water brown. But this oxide of iron in solution, though not nice to drink, is perfectly harmless. I do not think it possible that mud either was or can be discharged with the water, not at least within the last three or four years, as the repeated blowing off of hydrants has thoroughly cleansed the mains. As a matter of fact we do not pump anything but clear filtered water to the city, so it is not very plain where the mud referred to is to come from.

I could not find the fullest investigation in the matter, and I think I can speak for the commissioners when I say they are at all times willing to investigate any bona fide complaints. But before laying any complaints it would be as well to satisfy oneself that we have a good case and not depend solely upon hearsay. Every citizen is quite within his rights to lay a complaint when he has just cause and is sure of his ground. I do not think that "Citizen" or anyone else is justified in making any statements of this nature from hearsay and then publishing it. It creates a false impression that in this case is not justified by the facts.

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