

## The Daily Planet

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## FLOODS IN THAMES VALLEY.

Chatham, and other points west of London have a representative deputation in Toronto to-day, whose purpose it is to enlist the sympathy of Premier Whitney in a scheme that is important to every district along the Thames River subject to floods.

The plan which the deputation will lay before the Premier is briefly the creation of a second channel for the river at a point from Thamesville, diverting a portion of the stream to Lake Erie. This, it is contended, would cause a more rapid current over the whole length of the river, and thus would permit the rushing waters to escape with a freedom that would annually save the country thousands of dollars.

The Government would do well to earnestly consider the matter. Whether it is within the province of the Ontario Government, or more properly belongs to the Public Works Department of the Dominion, may be a question, but it is plainly the duty of one Government or the other to adopt any practical measure to end the vexatious and costly floods in the Thames valley.—London Free Press.

## LAURIER'S ABJECT BREAK-DOWN.

For months the Government press has been gloating over the prospect of the drubbing which Foster, Fowler, Bennett and Lefebvre were going to get when the insurance report came up for discussion in the House. They were going to be shown up, their wings would be clipped, all their future criticisms discounted; they would be placed before the country as thoroughly discredited men. But—oh, most lame and impotent conclusion!—the premier meekly announces that really there is nothing in the report which reflects upon any member of parliament so seriously as to call for action by the House. Fowler's threat has proved sufficient to silence the Government and its supporters. One can imagine the suppressed rage of these shackled politicians. Their prey is just before them—and they cannot attack. Willing to wound, they dare not strike. After preparing fiery orations in denunciation of the wickedness of those Conservative members, they suddenly find themselves muzzled. This episode will probably do more to lower the reputation of the Dominion Parliament than has anything that has happened since confederation. It is the first time that a Government and its supporters have been cowed and silenced by a threat that if they dare to do their duty the private vies of some of them will be exposed.—Hamilton Herald, Independent Liberal.

Premier Whitney has a poor opinion of such public libraries as have "fifteen trashy novels to any one standard work." He cannot understand why the people's taxes are spent in supplying fiction and other light reading to the idle class in prosperous communities. His mystification on this point is shared by a large number.—London Free Press.

Premier Whitney's sentiments are characteristic of his sound judgment and wholesome common sense. There is great room for improvement in the selection of the literature in Ontario public libraries. A public library is essentially educative. There are books and magazines in our public libraries which could well be dispensed with. If the people's money is to be spent upon free reading, that reading should at least be of the best quality. Its selection should be based not upon price but upon merit.—Brockville Times.

## JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

It is a question as to whether this is really an open winter or a premature attempt on the part of spring to make good.

However, Arch. McCoig could hardly expect his small-pox bill to be looked upon as much else but a rash measure.

There is only one woman who is getting her pictures more in the papers than Evelyn Shaw, and that is Lydia Pinkham.

Dr. Dana says that in one hundred years from now, women will have no ams. As he did not mention anything about the loss of tongues, we presume afternoon teas will not lose any of their present popularity.

McCoigism appears to be growing more and more synonymous with cheap blare and bombast.

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## Kidnappers Demand \$1,000.

New York, March 13.—Kidnappers written to a New York detective agency, apparently from some point in Canada, threatening to kill 4-year-old Horace W. Marvin, Jr., of Kittanning, Delaware, if \$1,000 in gold is not paid to them at once.

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Mark Twain's Odd Request and How Mrs. Cleveland Received It.

When I was leaving Hartford for Washington upon one occasion my wife said: "I have written a small warning and put it in a pocket of your dress vest. When you are dressing to go to the authors' reception at the White House you will naturally put your fingers in your vest pocket, according to your custom, and you will find that little note there. Read it carefully and do as it tells you. I cannot be with you, and so I delegate my sentry duties to this little note. If I should give you the warning by word of mouth now it would pass from your head and be forgotten in a few minutes."

It was President Cleveland's first term. I had never seen his wife, the young, the beautiful, the good hearted, the sympathetic, the fascinating. Sure enough, just as I had finished dressing to go to the White House, I found that little note, which I had long ago forgotten. It was a grave little note, a serious little note, like its writer, but it made me laugh. Livy's gentle gravities often produced that effect upon me where the expert humorist's best joke would have failed, for I do not laugh easily.

When we reached the White House and I was shaking hands with the president he started to say something, but I interrupted him and said: "If your excellency will excuse me I will come back in a moment, but now I have a very important matter to attend to, and it must be attended to at once."

I turned to Mrs. Cleveland, the young, the beautiful, the fascinating, and gave her my card, on the back of which I had written "He didn't," and I asked her to sign her name below those words.

She said: "He didn't? He didn't what?"

"Oh," I said, "never mind! We cannot stop to discuss that now. This is urgent. Won't you please sign your name?" I handed her a fountain pen.

"Why," she said, "I cannot commit myself in that way. Who is it that didn't? And what is it that he didn't?" "Oh," I said, "time is flying, flying, flying! Won't you take me out of my distress and sign your name to it? It's all right. I give you my word it's all right."

She looked nonplused, but hesitatingly and mechanically she took the pen and said:

"I will sign it. I will take the risk. But you must tell me all about it right afterward, so that you can be arrested before you get out of the house in case there should be anything criminal about this."

Then she signed, and I handed her Mrs. Cleveland's note, which was very brief, very simple and to the point. It said, "Don't wear your arctic in the White House." It made her shout, and at my request she summoned a messenger, and we sent that card at once to the mail on its way to Mrs. Clemens in Hartford.—Mark Twain's Autobiography in North American Review.

## Water in Old London.

London's original water supply, says the Chicago Daily News, was the river Thames, and every apprentice was supplied with a water tankard for transporting liquid to the house. As early as 1470 there was a water thief, "for in this year a wex chandler in Fleet street had bi craft perced a pipe of the condit wythinne the ground, and so conveyed the water into his cellar; wherefore he was jugid to ride through the citee with a condit upon his hedde."

## Christmas Island.

"I spent last Christmas on Christmas Island," said a globe trotter. "In the morning I bathed in the sea and in the afternoon, dressed in white flannel, I played tennis. Christmas Island is in the Indian ocean. It is always summer there. The thermometer never falls below 70 and never rises above 90 in the shade. There's always a cool, pure wind from the southeast. Fresh fruit and flowers and vegetables are as plentiful in January as in July. This little paradise is nine miles long and ten miles wide."

## Treating the Insane.

In 1709 William Tuke, a Quaker, opened the first national asylum for the insane in York, England. A few years earlier a Frenchman named Pinel had made a similar effort to restore the mentally deficient to the rank of human beings. Pinel's plan was that of non-restraint, a system then unheard of and, of course, to be ridiculed as a preposterous heresy. It is now being followed everywhere.

## Her Plan.

He—Do you believe in long engagements? She—It all depends. He—I don't understand. She—If he has plenty of money and is inclined to be liberal a long engagement is the thing, but if he cannot afford boxes at the opera and such things I always make his regime very short.

## Countering a Touch.

"Don't you think you're wasting your time talking the value of economy to Blank? He hasn't any money."

"I know, but I have."

There are stars so distant that a flying machine moving at the rate of 500 miles an hour would require 500,000,000 years to reach them.

## THE STAGE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Theatre—Moving Pictures—Friday and Saturday. Dora Thorne—March 18.

Special Comic and Instructive Moving Pictures and Illustrated Songs by the Edison Canograph, at the Brisco Opera House Friday and Saturday of this week. There will be a three o'clock matinee each day. Price of admission only 5 cents, and prices at night are 10-30-50 cents. Special ladies' and children's matinee, Saturday.

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