

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

WHY THE DELAY?

It is quite true that it is the city council and not the county body which is responsible for the non-adoption of the Torrens system of land transfer in Kent. Turning to the Planet of January, 1896, we find the following reference thereto:

"In deciding to adopt, in union with the city, the Torrens System of Land Transfer, the County Council have shown wisdom and a desire to keep up with the times. One of the crying evils of the day in the realm of the law is the cumbersome and costly process provided in real estate transactions, which is vexatious alike to the seller and buyer and a positive obstruction to that progress which is associated with property, handled in a prompt, business-like way. Men are often deterred from embarking in enterprises which would insure to the advantage of the community by reason of the fearfully and wonderfully made regulations governing the sale or exchange of land. Persons of small means with a desire to own a little home of their own are saddled with costs, in buying a lot and getting a title, which are out of all proportion to their investment. Law-suits grow out of the intricacies of the statute in respect of transactions which ought to be made easy for all parties. The Torrens Land Transfer System, once it gets into operation, obviates all these difficulties, reduces all these costs and corrects all the injustices and anomalies which exist under the present system. Kent county is to be congratulated on its adoption of the new system."

That is now five years ago, but the city has never made a move yet. The system is simple, works well elsewhere and undoubtedly would here. Its main drawback is its cheapness. There is little expense in selling a piece of property, and the lawyers don't like it. It doesn't cost much to sell a house as you would a horse or a spring wagon.

THE SYMPATHY RACKET IN COURT.

It is a pity judges all over the country do not take the same view of the sympathy racket in the defence of prisoners as Judge B.H.

As things stand, you can hardly blame counsel for attempting it, because the bench so generally tolerates the practice. And this same sympathy racket has led to many a miscarriage of justice. A clever pleader can frequently draw the jury away from the apparent guilt of a criminal by elaborating on the fact that he is the only support of a sick wife, half a dozen or more small children, a widowed mother and a crippled brother, who would all be left destitute if he were sent to jail. All this is very sad, but it has nothing to do with the charge as to whether the prisoner robbed a house or stole a fellow-man. The laws are not made to be applied only to criminals without sick wives, small children, widowed mothers and crippled brothers. They are for all alike.

But what are lawyers to do when appeals to sympathy are allowed in one court and not in another? It is hard for them to tell where they are at. In such matters as these judges should get more together. How would it do for the Government to arrange for a conference of them each year, where they could discuss just such objects and thus secure more or less uniformity?

Another way of putting down the practice would be to abolish the jury system. The inexperienced jurymen is a good subject for a keen lawyer to work on, but in that line his time would be thrown away on a bench of judges.

SEES IN MR. WHITNEY THE COMING MAN.

The Huron Expositor, Liberal, has this to say concerning the Opposition leader in Ontario:—

"Some of the Liberal papers, we notice, are disposed to poke fun at Mr. Whitney for what they term his timidity and lack of courage in coming forward and boldly declaring his policy; and stating to the people what good things he is prepared to give them if they will place him in power. We are not sure, however, that he is much of an object for fun. It strikes us Mr. Whitney knows what he is doing, and that he is pursuing the very best course for himself and his party."

"It will not be wisdom for the Liberal leaders and the Liberal party to treat Mr. Whitney as a joke, and to underestimate his strength and skill. The sooner they commence to take him earnestly the better."

"Since assuming the leadership of the Conservative party, Mr. Whitney has, most assuredly, shown skill and good generalship. Under his command the party in the Legislature has grown from an insignificant faction to a numerous and strong army, almost equal to that to which they are opposed."

"At the last Provincial election the Government went to the country

SCROFULA

is "bad blood." A little break

of the skin becomes a sore;

you come to have a good many

perhaps. There are other

manifestations of scrofula.

This is the plain one.

There is a germ to be killed.

You kill it with vital force.

What is that?

It's the power that life has.

Full life is strong; scant life

is weak.

Take Scott's emulsion of

cod-liver oil, to cultivate life.

Abounding life is, perhaps, the

cure of all diseases.

We'll send you a little to try if you like.

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without any marked issue, such as we have indicated. Mr. Whitney permitted them to do so. The Government had as good an administrative record as any Government ever enjoyed, and still they came nearly getting wrecked.

"Mr. Whitney is preparing to play the same game again, and if the Liberal party repeat their tactics of 1898 they need not be surprised if the man whom they now affect to belittle and ridicule becomes the Premier of the Province."

THE BOXER MOVEMENT THREATENS THE WORLD.

Nothing more significant has been contributed to the discussion of the Chinese problem of late than the article in the Forthrightly Review from the pen of Sir Robert Hart. Perhaps no foreigner to-day knows more of Chinese matters than Sir Robert, and no one is better entitled to speak authoritatively. Here is his description of the Boxer movement, its meaning and its probable consequences:

"The Boxer movement is doubtless the product of official inspiration, but it has taken hold of the popular imagination and will spread like wildfire all over the length and breadth of the country; it is, in short, a purely patriotic volunteer movement and its object is to strengthen China—and for a Chinese program. Its first experience has not been altogether a success as regards the attainment through strength of proposed ends—rooting up of foreign evils and the rejection of foreigners, but it is not a failure in respect of the fever it put out—will volunteer work—or as an experiment that would test ways and means and guide future choice; it has proved how to a man, the people will respond to the call, and it has further demonstrated that the sword and spear to which the prudent official mind confined the initiative will not suffice, but must be supplemented or replaced by Mauser rifles and Krupp guns; the Boxer patriot of the future will possess the best weapons money can buy, and then the 'Yellow Peril' will be beyond ignoring. Twenty millions or more of Boxers, armed, drilled, disciplined and animated by patriotic—if mistaken—motives, will make residence in China impossible for foreigners, will take back from foreigners everything foreigners have taken from China, will pay off old grudges

with interest, and will carry the Chinese flag and Chinese arms into many a place that even today will not suggest to-day, thus preparing for future upheavals and disasters never even dreamed of. In fifty years there will be millions of Boxers in serried ranks and war's pamply at the call of the Chinese government; there is not the slightest doubt of it."

In a word, the Boxer movement is patriotic rather than religious. The native Christians were murdered because they were renegades, and the foreign missionaries were murdered because they made renegades of the Chinese people. Hereafter the Chinese have strongly resisted all efforts to introduce the resources of civilization. They want none of it. They have their own ideas of living, and they insist upon living—and dying—according to their own ideas. One exception they may make. They may adopt the modern methods of killing, substituting the Mauser and the Maxim for spear and sword, and then let the world beware. Sir Robert Hart's view is that safety lies only in the partitioning of China, if some plan could be agreed upon which would not provoke a war among the despoilers.

If these West Point cadets get into trouble for hazing it will not be the first instance of fellows coming to grief through Boos.

Most people are unaware that during the close season for game it is unlawful to shoot rabbits, though they may be killed in any other way. The reason for the change in the regulations is that parties who went out ostensibly to shoot rabbits were not averse to taking a chance shot at quail or partridge even if it were the close season for them.

Our esteemed local contemporary, the Banner-News, finds some little fault with the Planet for congratulating it on the announcement that it proposed to keep its advertising columns clean. In doing this it goes into scriptural quotations. This great family journal, in its pleasure at finding the Banner-News has a bite in its sanctum, cheerfully overlooks the fault-finding, but why should the B-N object to being congratulated on its intended intention to get a reputation journal?

Dr. Drummond says The Wreck of the Julie Plante is original and was written by him about 1877. W. R. Peck declares that he learned to sing the song about 1860. Now it would be a feat even beyond Mr. Peck to learn a song 17 years before it was written. So the controversy gets hot. If it were worth anybody's while to probe into the matter we imagine it could easily be settled. The poems attributed to various authors are undoubtedly by the same man. But Dr. Drummond locates the wreck on Lake St. Pierre, down near Montreal, and Mr. Peck and George C. Rankin claim our own Lake St. Clair. The marine records would show where this boat sailed and was registered. That ought to settle it. Woodscocks of the same name would not in all likelihood have been sailing on both lakes. If the Julie Plante was a St. Clair boat registered in that vicinity, well, it would pretty nearly settle who was not the author. If on the other hand Lake St. Pierre possessed the honor of wrecking her, why it would prove Dr. Drummond's claim.

E. H. Gove
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Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

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the goods
but in
the prices
of our

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CHAMBER SETS
AND LAMPS

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We had to send a SECOND ORDER for
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—just the thing for a

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previous year.
Save your dollars by buying these goods.

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If you haven't children of your own you will surely
want something for some of your friend's children. Toys
that will make the little ones dance with glee and bulge
with wonder and astonishment.

The mechanical Toys that run, squirm and perform
various antics exactly as in real life—Dolls that are lifelike
enough to talk, in fact some of them do say Papa and
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For your own interest do not put off buying a day
longer. You know the value of early choosing.

.....Come in Forenoon it Possible.....

Sulman's Beehive

Garner House Block

Mayoralty

To the Electorate of the
City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen:
I am a candidate for mayor
for 1901, and I respectfully ask
for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,
W. E. McKEOUGH
Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov. 1900

ALDERMAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for
1901 and if my past services has met
with your approval I once more ask
for your support. Thanking you for
past favors I am,
Yours respectfully,
A. B. McGOIG.

To the Electors of This City.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for
this city for the year 1901, your votes
and influence are respectfully solicited.
Wishing you all the compliments of
the season,
Yours etc.,
DAVID A. HUTCHISON.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for re-election as
alderman for the incoming year, and
if my past record as alderman
representative citizens, I have consented
to offer myself as a candidate for
alderman for 1901.
I would like your support.
Yours, **W. F. SMITH,**
Barrister.

ALDERMEN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the urgent request of several
representative citizens, I have consented
to offer myself as a candidate for
alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, **W. F. SMITH,**
Barrister.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
It is my intention to again offer my
services as Alderman for 1901.
I trust that my record as alderman
during 1896 and 1897, and as chairman
of the finance committee in the latter
year is such as to entitle me to your
confidence. If elected, I will, as be-
fore, strive to look after the city's
interests to the best of my ability,
and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully,
S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for the office
of School Trustee. Your vote and
influence is respectfully solicited.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. FAXTON.

WANTED.

GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply
to Mrs. Wm. Hall, Chatham, Ont.

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2:30 a.m. Express. 1:05 am daily on Monday
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Daily Except Sunday.

THE WABASH RAILROAD CO.

GOING WEST EAST BOUND
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