

**G. W. CORNELL**

DENTIST

Corner Sixth and King Street.  
Over the Bee Hive.  
Phone 317.**THE LOCAL BUDGET.**

Miss Ada Barth has returned from visiting friends in Botany.

The Park street Epworth League held a missionary meeting last evening. Miss Mounter had charge of the meeting. Harry Westman gave a short talk. Miss Hillman gave a piano selection and W. Miller a song.

Division Court was held to-day before his honor Judge Woods. One of the first cases on the list was the National Fidelity Company vs. Haskell. This was an action over a note given to the National Threshers Protective Association for membership. The amount of the note was \$17.50. Verdict was given for the plaintiff, W. E. Gundy for plaintiff, Ald. G. Gordon Martin for defendant. O'Keefe &amp; Drew vs. Hammond and Adolphus Myers was an action arising over some hay contracted for by the plaintiffs. They claimed that defendants wouldn't press the hay they had agreed to. Judgment was given for the plaintiffs for \$25 and costs.

**TO-NIGHT'S PRACTICE**

A practice of the Football Minstrels will be held in the Old Town Hall to-night. Every member of the company should make a special effort to be present.

**OFFICIAL VISIT**

General Superintendent Zimmerman, Assistant Freight and Traffic Manager W. B. Bulling and A. I. Hertzburg, of the C. P. R., came into the city on the 111 in a special car. They are taking a general survey and looking up improvements to the local buildings and yards.

**CALL OF TEN PER CENT**

The directors of the Chatham Oil Co. met yesterday afternoon in the office of George Stephens &amp; Douglas. It was decided to make another call of 10 per cent. on the stock. The second well of the Chatham Oil Co. was put down on the farm of Thomas Sutor, 8th Con., adjoining the Edwards property, where Stevens' Strike is.

This second well has been completed. A gum-bed was struck in this hole, and the Chatham Co. look on this with great favor. Petrolia is the only place where gum-beds have been struck and the Company are delighted with the prospect. Petrolia is a splendid field and the Maple City people believe that the gum-bed indicates that they are somewhere near a big lake of oil. This well will be shot as soon as possible.

**SAD DEMISE**

Probably the saddest death which has visited this city in years occurred yesterday afternoon, when James A. McGarry passed suddenly away. Deceased was the local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and was driving through the city yesterday afternoon, making a number of collections. His son Robert was with him. Robert went into a house on Queen street, while Mr. McGarry remained in the buggy outside. When he came out again, he found his father lying back in the buggy in an unconscious condition. He spoke to him but received no answer. Robert immediately jumped in the rig and drove to Dr. Rutherford's office, but Mr. McGarry was dead before he reached King street.

Deceased has complained of his heart for the past week. A week ago last Saturday he was taken ill and he had not been well since. He left his home at three o'clock with his son. He then complained of being ill but did not think seriously of it. One sad circumstance in connection with the demise was the death of Harry, his youngest son, who was buried about three weeks ago. The widow is prostrated with grief over her double sorrow. Much sympathy is felt for the family who are left. Only two sons survive—Robert and Augustus. James McGarry was born in Ireland 53 years ago. He has been in Chatham for three years, coming here from Youngstown, Ohio. He was very popular in the city, and the Singer Sewing Machine Company will lose a very valuable agent.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

**MASTERTON--O'NEIL**

The wedding was solemnized at seven o'clock this morning of Michael J. O'Neil, of Ridgetown, to Miss Catharine Masterton, daughter of John Masterton, of Harwich. Miss Julia Masterton was bridesmaid, while Chris. Masterton acted as best man. Rev. Fr. James performed the ceremony.

**TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.**

The King held the first levee of the season at Buckingham Palace.

The London Mutual Fire Insurance Company will remove to Toronto.

Right Rev. H. E. Ryle, D.D., Bishop of Exeter, has been appointed Bishop of Winchester.

The Sultan has agreed to adopt the scheme of the powers for reforms in Macedonia.

The anniversary of Washington's birthday was generally observed throughout the United States.

British Alaskan commissioners would not be appointed until after consultation with the Dominion Government.

Mr. Thomas Bell, believed to be the oldest locomotive engineer in Canada, died at Stratford, in his 82nd year.

At Washington the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries voted not to report the ship subsidy bill to the House.

The Pere Marquette, which has recently purchased the L. E. &amp; D. R. R., will make Sandwich the terminal point of the Canadian division.

The Czar has dismissed four Finnish Governors for opposing the policy of Russia. The remaining three provinces of Finland will in future have Russian Governors.

**Will Do Sandwich Good.**

Windsor, Feb. 23.—If the present plans of the Pere Marquette Railway are carried out Sandwich will be made the terminal point of the Canadian division of the road. Transfer boats will be brought to Sandwich and will ply between there and Detroit.

**WORLD'S MEAT TRADE.**

To be Controlled by a New American Beef Trust.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The Post says: Plans practically are complete for the merging of the interests of the firms that comprise the so-called "beef trust." Unless something unforeseen arises, April 1st will see the official announcement of the incorporation of a securities-holding company which may eventually control the meat trade of the world. Unlike the popular idea of the packers' merger, however, for the time being it is not to embrace everything in sight, nor is it to be capitalized at \$500,000,000, as announced for the United States Packing Company. Further, the plans contemplate no friction with the Federal Courts, because of the recent decision by Judge Grosscup against the packing house combination. The nucleus of the great combination of world-wide interests is to be the merger of the smaller independent plants, bought last year by the big packers preparatory to the general merger planned at that time. The securities to be held by the new corporation are those of the G. H. Hammond Packing Company, the Omaha Packing Company, the Anglo-American Flour Company, the St. Louis Beef Company, and the United Dressed Beef Company, and possibly several of the outside stock yards now controlled by Chicago interests. Chicago will be the headquarters of the combination, but as far as the public is concerned there will be no immediate change in the operation of the individual plants under the new regime. The capitalization is not definitely known.

**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 to-day.

Women may be more constant than men and they are more apt to talk about it.

**LOOK!**

2 story BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE—Hall, double parlors, large dining room with arch and sliding doors between each, library or bedroom. Upstairs—Hall, 3 bedrooms, large bathroom with all fittings in. Small cellar, woodshed, city water, sink, etc. House finished throughout in hardwood (oiled). Lot 100x200, planted with all kinds of fruit.

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**DRUGGISTS****LETTER BOX****THE SCOTTISH BARD.**

The following letter from the pen of Mr. J. S. Lane was denied publication in the columns of our contemporary. It deals briefly with an exhaustive and rather ridiculous editorial dissertation in yesterday's Banner, apparently a labored effort to misrepresent the views expressed by the gentleman in a communication which, the editor strangely announced, he declined to publish. This course is a breach of all journalistic ethics and is so manifestly unfair, that The Planet, in justice to Mr. Lane and his position, has no hesitation in according him the opportunity—and right—of dealing with the matter in these columns.—Editor Planet.

Chatham, Feb. 23, 1903.

The Editor of the News:

Sir,—If you had chosen to apply the closure, as you say, with "Teacher's" letter, and had left mine unnoticed, I should have no complaint to make, but as you have seen fit to attack and misrepresent an unpublished communication, I must beg leave to reply.

To call me a ruthless realist is no offense, as it is more unmeaning nonsense, but when you style me a heartless iconoclast, that is something more definite, and when you state by implication that I am no admirer of the hapless poet, you pervert, whether through lack of perspicacity or through malice, the whole tenor of what I wrote. In admiration of Burns' work and the essential features of his character I yield "this side of idolatry" to no one, and I think it not impossible that my knowledge and appreciation of his unsurpassed lyrics are equal to those of either the "News" or the nameless Scot. I confess that my letter was somewhat long, and indeed if I had considered the vast demands made upon your space by puzzle pictures and squabbles from the oil fields I "wad ne'er hae steered" you. Still, I protest that your peculiar attempt to save me from a storm of indignation is as unfair as unnecessary. "Fair play, I care na' deils a boddie!"

Well, it serves me right! Que diable vilains je faire dans cette gallerie! Why should I have expected fairer treatment at your hands than the teacher or the editors of the offending American work? Why, in short, could I not have been mindful of the fate of him who exposes his pearls to be trampled underfoot and himself to be turned upon and rent? Or I thrust myself into such another literary symposium "I'll wallop in a tow."

May I ask you to print in common honesty two sentences from my letter of the 21st inst., and you may "whistle over the lave o' it?" The first is that in which I speak of besmearing the magnificent figure of Burns with a coat of whitewash; the other is that in which I beg you to judge with more objectivity of American criticism of English—I beg Scot's pardon—of British literature?

To admirers of Burns (others will not be interested) who wish to read a sympathetic sketch of Burns' life, but one at the same time free from cant and hypocrisy, I recommend the article in Chamber's Encyclopedia; it has the advantage of being above suspicion of any hostile national bias. And now a toast, for Burns' night:

"Here's freedom to him that wad read!"

"Here's freedom to him that wad write!"

"There's nae ever feared that the truth should be heard"

"But they wham the truth wad indite."

Yours, etc.,

J. S. LANE.

He says he's bound to have his magazine read.

How's he going to do it?

He's going to put the reading matter where the advertising usually is.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.

**MILK WITH WHISKY.**

The Story of One Referendum Polling Booth.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The referendum charges yesterday before Judge McCrimmon brought out some peculiar facts. It was admitted by Deputy Returning Officer Thomas Cavan that he worked for the license-holders for eight days before the vote was taken; that he did not administer the oath to voters suspected of being personators in the prescribed form; that he did not make and sign the declaration required at the close of the poll; that he allowed one Montgomery to vote, although his name was not of the voters' list for subdivision No. 26 in South Toronto, where Mr. Cavan was deputy returning officer, and other witnesses proved that a bottle of whiskey and milk was in the polling booth, and that several of those present drank freely of the mixture.

Cavan was formally charged with having refused to swear parties who tendered votes under the names of John P. Cassidy, George McCarthy and Denis Mahoney. The proper parties who are on the list as having voted under these names are three teachers at the De la Salle Institute, and the parties who voted and whom it was desired to swear were not the priests. He was also charged with refusing to examine the ballots to see if they were those he supplied to voters, although it was pointed out to him that there were more ballots in the box than had been given out; and he was further charged with counting ballots which had not his initials on them, as required by law. This concluded the taking of evidence, and the Judge reserved his decision.

**THE ICEBOUND STEAMERS.**

Stanley Out of Sight—Minto Off King's Head.

New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 24.—No progress has yet been made to relieve the Government S.S. Stanley. The S.S. Minto is fast in the ice a few miles off King's Head, Merigonish harbor, but the Stanley is now out of sight of land. It was thought that possibly coal might be hauled out to the Stanley in teams from Little Harbor, but the idea was found impracticable. Captain Walsh of Charlottetown, with a lifeboat crew, is now at Pictou, and it is proposed that an attempt be made to reach the Stanley from Bailey's Brook, fifteen or twenty miles further east. The lifeboat will be taken by train to Avondale Station, on the Intercolonial, and thence by teams seven miles to the shore at Bailey's Brook. If Capt. Walsh establishes communication with the Stanley from Bailey's Brook, an effort will be made to coal her from that point. The attempt to reach her will be attended with great difficulties. The ice is rough and in some places piled fifteen feet high. The snow, which has just fallen, will fill up the crevices, and make ice-travelling difficult and dangerous.

**SCHOOL LANDS VOTE.**

Party Division in the Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—On a straight party division in the Manitoba Legislature last night. Attorney-General Campbell's resolution, calling upon the Dominion Government to restore the rate of interest on school lands from 5 to 6 per cent., was adopted by a vote of 17 to 7. The Attorney-General and Premier Roblin seized upon the occasion to make a strong attack on the Department of the Interior over alleged irregularities in the sales of school lands.

Mr. T. C. Norris of Lansdowne, in seconding an amendment to the resolution, made a vigorous fighting speech, justifying the department and its officials from the reports of the commission, and pointing out that wherever there was any suspicion of crookedness the sales had been cancelled. Over two-thirds of the parcels sold had been bought by actual settlers and farmers, and Premier Roblin was bluntly charged with making sweeping accusations which were untruthful.

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**LIBERTY SILKS**—British manufacture, pure silk 21 inches wide, black and full range of colors, guaranteed not to cut, 50c Yard.**PEAU-DE-SOIE SILKS**—all the leading shades, 21 inches wide, pure silk, high finish, at 50c Yard.**EMBROIDERED SILKS**—A new range of waist silks with embroidered stripe, white and colors, will wash, 50c Yard.**TAFFETTA SILKS**—In stripe and plaid designs, light and dark colorings, 50c Yard.**WASH SILKS**—21 inches wide, in street and evening shades, plaid, stripe and fancy design, 50c Yd**PEAU-DE-SURIE**—A novelty silk with very bright finish, 21 inches wide, good range of colors, 50c Yard.**BLACK TAFFETTA**—A special 21 inch black Taffetta that will not cut, pretty finish and good weight, 50c Yard.**STAPLE DEPARTMENT**

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20 pieces choice new Prints, factory cotton cloth, light fancy shirt waist and shirting stripes wide width, reg. 12½c. value for 10c yd.

36 inch fancy light striped Percalae, suitable for boys' blouses and shirts, sp. 10c yd.

New, fancy, open-striped, white waist muslins, suitable for fancy waists, dressing sacques, wrappers, etc., 12½c. value for 10c yd.

22 inch blue and white checked glass Towelling, heavy quality, all linen, regular 10c. for 8 1-2c yd.

34 inch heavy Shaker Flannels in fancy plaids and stripes choice colorings, regular 12½c for 10c yd.

Durban drill, in blue and white spots, stripes and small effects, suitable for men's or boys' garments, regular 15c. value 12 1-2c yd.

Special value in Horrocks fine bleached cottons for ladies fine undergarments, soft, ready for the needle, full 36 inch wide, at 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c yd.

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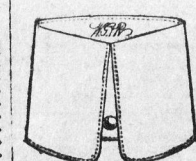
TURKISH BATH MITTS, ASSORTED, 10c. EACH

**IN THE CLOTHING SECTION****New Trousers Rejuvenate a Suit**

Most trowsers bought last fall begin to look rusty now, and nine times out of ten it is the trousers that make the trouble.

**Try a New Pair**

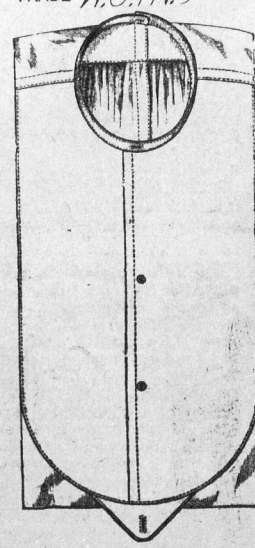
You'll find the suit looks quite smart again; and you may feel entirely respectable until the time comes to buy your spring suit. This week we are having a

**SPECIAL ODD PANT SALE****AT 98c.**—Men's honest wearing tweed and serge Pants, neat pattern tweeds, plain serges, regular value at \$1.25 and 1.50, clearing at 98c. a pair, placed on tables to clear.**AT \$1.29**—Men's heavy all wool etoffe tweeds, plain all wool serges and fine pattern all wool tweeds, pants worth from \$1.50 to 2.00, to be cleared at \$1.29 this week.**MEN'S 20c. LINEN COLLARS at 10c.**  
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We are having a clearing-up sale of a lot of odd lines of the best four-ply linen Collars. The popular double collar, wing and straight band, sizes 14 to 17 mostly the W. G. &amp; R. celebrated Collars.

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