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THE LOCAL BUDGET

M. Wilson, K. G., was in London yesterday.
James Clancy, M. P., was in the city to-day.
John Henderson, Dover Centre, was in the city yesterday.
A. M. Elliott, of Bothwell, is a Maple City visitor to-day.
I. L. Cochran, of the Wabash, was in Chatham yesterday.
The I. O. F. concert to-night starts at eight o'clock sharp.
Frank Shoemaker, of Westmap Bros., is in Tillsonburg.
F. G. Westlake, of London, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.
Sergeant Guttridge is able to be out after his recent illness.
John Mains, who came home from Manitoba ill, is recovering.
Byron Robinson, of Wheatley, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.
John Mahler, London, has been visiting his brother, Wm. Mahler, Park avenue.

The Daughters of Rebekah hold a basket assembly in the Auditorium to-night.
Harry Morris, of the L. E. & D. R. R., Walkerville, was in the city yesterday.
N. B. Houston, of the Lake Shore, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Verrall, Park street.
Mike Woodcock, of the G. T. R. freight sheds, is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.

Dr. J. P. Rutherford was called to Belle River yesterday afternoon in consultation with Dr. Anderson.
Lost, last night, a pearl belt pin, edged with sterling silver. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.
The plan for the Christ Church entertainment will open on Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the Central Drug Store.

John Mount, of this city, sold his valuable Wild Brino stallion to Geo. McFadden, of Stratford, on Thursday of last week for \$1,500.
Unless Victoria avenue sidewalks are sprinkled with sand, somebody is liable to get hurt. The residents on that street are using the road.

Rev. Archdeacon Davis, High Treasurer of the L. O. F., and Harry Collins, Supreme Treasurer, Toronto, will be at the Garner House this afternoon and will receive members of the Order.

Mr. E. C. Kessel, manager of the Sutherland-Innes Company, of Exeter, was in town yesterday on his way to St. Thomas, where the company is building a large stove and hoop mill. They intend taking the machinery out of the Exeter mill. — London Free Press.

A young man from Dresden, who is said to be quite sharp, was in Chatham the other night and indulged in "a glass too many." A young lady was passing down the west end of King St., when the Dresdenite followed and insulted her. Not satisfied with this he proceeded to assault her when the girl's screams brought a rescuer who proved a hero. He knocked the scamp down and proceeded homeward with the lady. The Dresdenite is known, and a similar case will lodge him in the cells.

NOTICE.

If you have a business, a house, a lot or farm for sale, it will pay you to list same with us, we are continually receiving enquiries from intending purchasers, and can sell your property or business for you.
We want from 5 to 12 acres with house, near Chatham.
25 Men Wanted to cut cordwood at Coatsworth Station.

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DRUGGISTS.

16 King St., Chatham,
Cor. King and Fifth Sts, Chatham,
and Dresden, Ont.

Captain Asa Ribble, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.
John Mulholland, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

J. Woodward, oil driller from Oil Springs, was in the city yesterday.
D. A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, was in the city last night on his way to Toronto.

J. A. Coulter, of Essex, a director of the Chatham Binder Twine Co., was in the city yesterday.

ARRESTED

Wm. Brisbois Arrested on the Charge of Manslaughter at McGregor

Windsor, Jan. 19.—Wm. Brisbois, aged 55 years, whose wife, aged 50, was found frozen to death in a shanty at McGregor with a gash in her head and about whom Brisbois told a rather unlikely story, was arrested at McGregor this afternoon by Detective Campau, and will have to face a charge of manslaughter.

MUCH DAMAGE

A coal oil stove being used at the Gordon Store to take the frost off the window, was the cause of much excitement and not a little loss yesterday morning.

When Henry Primeau, the popular clerk, placed it in the window, he thought it was working as usual. When, however, a half hour later he heard a good representation of a small sized 24th of May celebration going on, the fur clerk wondered what was doing. Before, however, he had reached "the scene of the fray" a boom resembling that of a cannon was heard and a crash of falling glass followed.

The window was dressed with bedroom ware, and before it could be removed was badly smoked up. The loss is estimated at about \$200. A sale of the damaged goods starts tomorrow.

FROM THE WEST

William C. Oliver, Mayor of Lethbridge, Alberta, N. W. T., was in the city Saturday. The people of Lethbridge are going to put in a waterworks plant and Mr. Oliver has been sent to examine the waterworks plants in the towns of Ontario. Mr. Oliver called on Chief Engineer E. B. Jones and examined the waterworks plant, a canyon and is 300 feet above the stream from which the water for the waterworks will be taken. The town is also divided into upper and lower town. Lower town is the business portion. The water will be pumped from the canyon bed up to a reservoir in upper town. Mr. Oliver is a brick-maker and has a contract for a million and a half of bricks for a beet sugar factory at Lethbridge.

FOR-BEAR!

A real live bear story comes from across the river. The bear was first seen around the residence of Harry Cameron, who is one of the master mechanics in McKenough & Trotter's foundry. It is said that Mrs. Cameron objected to bruin's vicinity, so Wm. Pickard agreed to take charge of the bear. Mr. Cameron's brother, in Owen Sound, secured the bear cub and sent it to Chatham. Mr. Cameron was going to train the animal up for bear meat, when his better half objected. Then Wm. Pickard agreed to take the cub little cub, and he now has it in charge. His fellow-employees have called William the only and original bear-feeder. Shadow Taylor says that Pickard's pet is the most bear-faced animal he has ever seen. It has been suggested that the City Council secure the bear and start a zoological garden in Victoria Park. Bruin would make a beginning. Then Ald. Piggott could tell the Council where they could get some dandy lions. Ex-Mayor T. A. Smith says that he knows where some gr-a-pes could be secured. The football club could possibly furnish a tiger to-gether with three cheers. It is understood that the silent member of the Council may provide an owl, while Ald. Martin will go-at one better. Ald. McCoig, not to be behind, will stuff his raccoon coat. Then there is no doubt that, in the Maple City, any park will be supplied with dears. There are lots more animals to be secured around here, but these would do very well for a start.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE—Cheap—Factory 48 by 50, with annex 16 by 22. Must be removed at an early date. J. Piggott & Sons.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A Fifty-thousand-dollar Blaze at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—A fire broke out in the cut-nail and horseshoe nail factory of Peck, Penny & Co., on Mill street, early yesterday morning, and did damage to the extent of \$50,000. The loss is well covered by insurance. The rolling mill on the west side of the factory was saved from destruction by the heavy fire-wall, and the wind served to prevent the fire from communicating to the Livingston Linseed Oil Co.'s plant on the east. Just how the fire originated is not yet known. With the thermometer at 15 below zero, and a cutting wind, the firemen had a hard time handling the frozen hose, but they worked well, and their efforts, assisted by the protective fire-wall, were responsible for the saving of larger plants in the immediate vicinity. Chief Benoit had a very narrow escape from death. The men of No. 1 Station had a stream playing to the right, and another to the left. The chief was standing between the two streams, directing the operations, when a large portion of a brick wall collapsed. There was a rumbling and cracking noise just before the wall fell down, and the chief had to make his escape on the ice on the canal, which was by no means safe. The firm of Messrs. Peck, Penny & Co. were insured for \$50,000 on the destroyed building, machinery and stock, divided among the following companies: Aetna, \$3,000; Alliance, \$2,000; Commercial Union, \$2,500; Hartford, \$2,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$5,000; London & Lancashire, \$2,500; London Assurance, \$3,000; North America, \$2,000; North British & Mercantile, \$2,000; Northern, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$2,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$3,000; Phoenix of London, \$4,000; Quebec, \$1,500; Royal, \$7,500; Scottish Union & National, \$2,500; Western, \$3,000. Upon inquiry at the company's offices yesterday as to whether they would rebuild, on the old site, it was learned that no definite decision had yet been reached in this respect.

CLOSE THE BARS, THE CRY.

Liberal Temperance Men Interview Premier Ross.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—A number of Liberal Temperance men—lifelong supporters of the Government, as one of them described their standing—held a private interview with Premier Ross yesterday, when the temperance situation was discussed at some length. Among those present were Mr. John A. Patterson, K.C., who presided; Mayor Urquhart, Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, Mr. Henry O'Hara and Dr. Cross, who spoke; Messrs. R. U. McPherson, Hon. S. C. Biggs, G. Tower Ferguson, H. L. Stark, Dr. W. J. Greig and many others.

The object of the interview, it was subsequently explained, was the presentation to the Premier of a resolution which had been passed at a meeting held prior to the interview, as follows:

"That we urge upon the Government that the recent vote calls for the closing of the open bars of the Province, and for the abolition of the treating system and the sale of liquor in clubs, and that it is in the public interest, should the sale of liquor, so far as permitted, should be under Government control."

The deputation disclaimed all connection with any temperance or social organization, and were present, as they said, in their capacity as Liberals and as temperance men.

The Premier promised consideration.

Brantford.

Brantford, Jan. 19.—(Special).—Large searching parties yesterday afternoon made a thorough effort to find the body of John Springle, who has been missing from his home on the Mohawk road since a week ago yesterday, but were not successful. The party consisted of members of the Sons of England and many of the employees of the Watrous Engine Works Company.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Particulars have been filed in the Centre Bruce election petition.

Rev. Joseph H. Hills, a pioneer Methodist minister, died at Dundas.

Hon. G. E. Foster opened his campaign in North Ontario at Bracebridge.

The trial of Col. Lynch on the charge of high treason commences to-morrow.

Mrs. William Archer was found dead in bed at Kingston, her body being frozen.

Cement manufacturers have organized a section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Over one hundred deaths from bubonic plague occurred at Mazatlan, Mexico, since January 1.

The appeal in the South Oxford election case will be heard to-day by the Court of Appeal.

A meeting of health officers at Washington decided that the bubonic plague exists in California.

Argument was concluded in the Sault Ste. Marie election case, and judgment reserved on 28 charges.

Canadian rubber manufacturers meeting in Montreal considered the question of asking for more protection.

Harry Toews, the Altona, Man., school teacher who shot his trustees and pupils, died at the jail at Winnipeg.

A beginning will be made in the exchange of commercial messages between Canada and England at the end of this month.

It is reported in Liverpool shipping circles that the C. P. R. is negotiating for the purchase of the Beaver Line steamers.

Peter Hughes left his sister for a few moments at the Windsor Station to get a drink, and has not been seen since.

Architect E. B. Patterson has taken out a permit for the erection of forty brick dwellings for the Barton Building Company, on Fullerton avenue, Hamilton.

Sir William Mulock was a guest of Col. Lingwood yesterday, being entertained at lunch by the municipality, and dined in the evening by the Board of Trade.

The Canadian Elevator Company will build 70 new elevators this year along the lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, and will also open 20 lumber yards in the Territories.

WET, COLD FEET

Are often the primary cause of a cold. Sooner or later a "hard cold" turns out to be pneumonia. And when pneumonia doesn't prove fatal it leaves the lungs in a condition that is apt to invite consumption. And consumption claims more victims than any other disease. Remember that good, practically waterproof shoes and absolutely waterproof overshoes are essentials—not luxuries, you can afford the best, and we have the best at right prices.

MEN'S Blizzard Overshoes,
(1st quality waterproof)
\$1.25

LADIES' Blizzard Overshoes
(all sizes, fresh new goods)
\$1.00

WORKINGMEN'S heavy
grain leather, warm felt
lined Shoes
\$1.50

You can depend upon getting
the best goods and lowest
prices at

**GEO. W.
COWAN
CHATHAM**

A. O. U. W.

Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock Peninsula Lodge will hold its regular weekly meeting. Every member is expected to be present, as business of great importance is to be finally gone over with.

Visiting brothers welcome.
A. E. SAUERMAN, J. R. SNELL,
M. W. Recorder

SONG RECITAL.

The pupils of Miss Margaret Trotter, assisted by Miss Annie Daniels, pianist, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, gave a song recital at Florence. Songs were very beautifully rendered by Miss Georgina Thomas, of Croton, Mr. Frank Stevens and Miss Mary Mawlam, of Shetland, also Miss Margaret Trotter and Miss Annie Daniels gave very pleasing piano duets. Speeches were given by Mr. Charles Walker and Mr. James Kyle. After the musical lunch was served and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Miss Trotter's pupils all have their voice well under control and she is to be congratulated upon her success with them.

Stratford Store Robbed.

Stratford, Jan. 19.—The dry goods store of Mr. J. P. Chiswell of this city was entered late last night and robbed of nearly \$100 worth of goods. The burglars entered by a side door, and the loss was not discovered until this morning. The goods included a pair of Persian lamb gauntlets, caps and overcoats. There is no clue.

The Toronto Gas Company has reduced the price of gas ten cents per thousand, to 80 cents.

Posts, Shingles Barn Lumber, Building Materials

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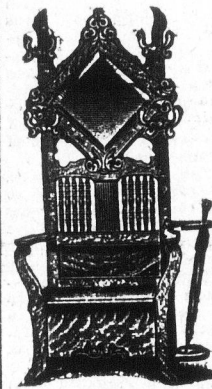
We have placed on our bargain counter a selection of some of our Best Storm Collars and Caperines at greatly reduced prices. Every garment is selected with extreme care. We neither buy or sell furs of any but irreproachable character. Here are hints of furs at our **BIG REDUCTION SALE.**

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| 1 only, Persian Lamb and Electric Seal Caperine, trimmed with six heads and twelve tails; price \$20.00, sale price \$14.50 | 1 only, large Caperine, Persian Lamb and Sable, very nobby; price \$22.00, sale price \$17.00 |
| 1 only, Alaska Sable and Seal, storm collar, long tabs, trimmed with two heads and eight tails; price \$25.00, sale price \$19.00 | 2 only, Astrachan and Electric Seal, storm collars, trimmed with two heads and ten tails; price \$12.50, sale price \$9.75 |
| 2 only, Columbia Sable, storm collars, fancy lined, trimmed with ten tails; price \$18.00, sale price \$12.50 | 1 only, Alaska Sable, storm collar, a beauty, trimmed with two heads and ten tails; price \$25.00, sale price \$19.00 |
| 1 only, Columbia Sable, storm collar, trimmed with ten tails; price \$12.50, sale price \$9.75 | 1 only, Persian Lamb Caperine, trimmed with thibet; price \$16.50, sale price \$12.50 |

Our January Furniture Sale Gives Extraordinary Values.

ALTHOUGH the success of our January Furniture Sale has been greater than our anticipations we know there are hundreds of people in this city and surrounding country who do not fully realize the extent of the stock carried by us—its uniformly high character and its fairness of prices. We have as a fitting introduction to people who should trade here inaugurated this January Clearing Sale.

Here are a few quotations illustrative of the values offered throughout the stock. The goods are in perfect condition and a critical examination of the entire line is earnestly invited.



5-Piece Parlor Suite, consisting of Sofa, Arm Chair, Rocker, Divan and one Small Chair, Mahogany finish, upholstered in extra good quality silk tapestry, with silk plush trimmings, good value at \$40, Jan'y Sale Price... **\$32.00**

Combination Book Case in Quarter Cut Golden Oak and British Bevel Mirror, must be seen to be appreciated. January Sale Price... **\$13.00**

A large line of **Hall Racks** at values that should induce speedy buying. One like cut in 1/2 cut Golden Oak, good value at \$12.00, our January Sale Price... **\$10.00**

A Few Odd Dressers in Golden finish Elm, extra good glass. Our January Sale price... **\$5.00**

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Knocks at Every Man's Door Once

This is the greatest Men's Suit opportunity that the well dressed men of Chatham and vicinity have ever had offered them. It is an opportunity that you must take advantage of at once as the quantity is limited and the first choice is always best. Here is a chance to save money without sacrificing a single one of the points of excellence in your clothing. The materials are honest, reliable, wearing cloths, workmanship is of the highest order and every detail of your garments will be exactly to your liking in every way. **Now is your opportunity. Don't miss it.**

Your choice of \$7.50 to 8.50
Men's Suits, on sale at **\$5.95**

Your choice of \$10.00 to 12.00
Men's Suits, on sale at **\$7.50**

Samples on display in East King Street window all this week.



Men's Overcoat Special...

THIS WEEK

Men's 46, 48 and 50 inch Raglanettes of handsome quality Oxford Cheviots, best No. 1 making and trimming, are excellent value at \$12.00.

Special this week at **\$8.88**

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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers