

The Chatham Daily Planet.

VOL. XI

CHATHAM, ONT., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1902.

NO. 284

Extraordinary Sale of

Ladies' Suits and Skirts

To-Night and Monday

To-night and Monday we are putting on sale 15 Ladies' Tailor-made Suits and 10 Separate Skirts. These are the particulars:—

Ladies' Suits

Made of oxford gray zebeline cloth, jacket made with hip pieces and elaborately stitched with white silk, skirt made with double flounce, silk lined throughout, size 36 in. Bust only, reg. price \$18.00, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of all-wool cheviot serge, black and oxford gray, jacket made eton style, revers, made of black taffeta, cuffs, skirt made 7 gored flare, trimmed with folds of goods, unlined, sizes 34, 36 and 38 in., reg. price \$16.00, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of all-wool homespuns, in oxford gray only, jacket made eton style with collar, revers and front trimmed with satin strapping, skirt flared and trimmed with satin, size 34, 36 and 38 in., reg. price \$17.50, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of homespuns frieze, in oxford gray only, jacket, velvet collar, flounce skirt trimmed with cloth

Ladies' Suits

strapping, suit lined throughout, sizes 34 and 36 in., reg. price \$17.50, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of cheviot serge, in Oxford gray, jacket made with hip pieces, banded with cloth, skirt made with flare and trimmed with cloth strapping, suit lined throughout, size 34 and 36 in., reg. price \$18, on sale for.....\$8.75

Made of gray and black check homespuns, skirt coat, plain skirt, suit lined throughout, size 34 in. only, reg. price \$17, on sale for.....\$7.00

Ladies' Skirts

Made of black serge cloth, well lined, bound with velvet, and brush binding, 7 gored flare, reg. price \$2.75 and \$3 each, on sale for.....\$1.98

Thomas Stone & Son

School Shoes

Past experience has proved to hundreds of parents that our School Shoes wear about twice as long as other shoes sold at the same price. The reason is that we personally select the material used in the manufacture of our shoes. Our profits, its true, are small on a single pair, but, by shoeing half of the school children, it pays us in the end.

Every Pair Guaranteed

For Boys

Boston Calf, lace.....\$1.25
Box Calf, lace.....\$1.50
Box Calf, lace.....\$1.75
Box Calf, lace, heavy sole.....\$2.00

For Girls

Pine oil pebble, lace, sp. heel.....\$1.25
Fine Box Calf, lace, sp. heel.....\$1.50
Fine Kid, extension sole, sp. heel, 2 1/2 to 5.....\$2.00

TURRILL The Shoe Man

"THE ARK"

Twentieth Century
Invention

The New Incandescent
Lamp Burner

Made in Canada

This burner was introduced to the public last season and found to be a great success. We offer them again this season to our customers, with great confidence. It gives perfect light with the ordinary Canadian oil, emits no odor, wick requires very little trimming. Printed Directions with every burner. Made in two sizes Nos. 1 and 2. A trial will satisfy you that it is all right.

For Sale in Chatham only at

"THE ARK"

H. MACAULAY, - - 89 King Street Phone 159

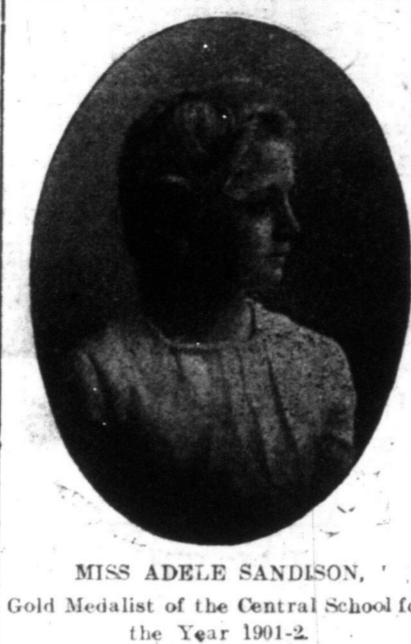
ONE THOUSAND SOULS TOOK PART IN THE BIG CENTRAL SCHOOL CONCERT

THIS MAGNIFICENT PRESENTATION EASILY BROKE ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Grand Opera House Was Thronged With an Enthusiastic and Delighted Audience—A Peerless Program.

PRESENTATION OF HANDSOME CHAIR AND ADDRESS TO PRINCIPAL PLEWES

Capital Address by Chairman W. E. Campbell of the Public School Board—The Illuminated Legend of the School—Gold Medal and Honor Certificates Will be Presented To Night—Every Seat in the House Occupied.



MISS ADELE SANDISON,
Gold Medalist of the Central School for
the Year 1901-2

FOUND MONEY SEWED IN BED

Penurious Chatham Township
Woman Hid Her Savings
in an old Mattress.

Was Thrown Away After Her
Death and \$60 Found by
Boys at Play.

About a year ago Miss Janet McKerrall, an aged resident of Chatham Township—a spinster, who lived alone—died. According to the terms of the will, the household effects were sold by auction.

The furnishings of the house were humble, although the lady was quite wealthy, and only \$18 was realized from the sale of the household effects. The mattresses were so old that they were pitched out of a window and left for their decay to be completed.

During the summer the boys of the neighborhood used to play in the yard. One day the two sons of Ben Bryan, while kicking around the decaying mattresses, found some \$60 in gold. The boys were shocked (though not to say anything about their find and purchased bicycles with the money.

The story has only recently leaked out. The aged spinster was quite wealthy and, prior to her death, she had lived alone for many years. The executors knew of the find and it was with their consent that the boys kept the money.

HOBGOBLINS DIDN'T GET 'IM

Plucky Young Preacher Slept
in Haunted Wallaceburg
House to Get \$100.

Discovered the Origin of Weird
Noises but Hasn't Located
the Hundred Yet.

Perry Fontaine, advance agent for Italian Marine Band of Italy, was in the city Sunday. He is a pleasant appearing fellow and visited this section once before. The story of that visit he tells very vividly.

"It was in 1882 that I visited Wallaceburg," said Mr. Fontaine, "and on that occasion I earned \$100 that I never received. I think I will return to the glass town some day and see if I can get that money. It happened this way. In the year I mentioned, I was attending Knox College, Toronto, studying for the ministry. A student, I went to preach one Sunday in Wallaceburg. While there, I learned that the biggest and finest residence in the largest town on the Sydenham had been empty for eight years. It was said to be haunted and strange noises were heard in the building at night. The owner had a standing reward of \$100 for anyone who would sleep in the house all night without a pistol, light, knife or club. I wasn't afraid of ghosts; didn't believe in them, so I went and slept in the house. I heard plenty of noise during the night before I went to sleep. The noises were made by a door slamming and the weird whistling of the wind through an Aeolian harp. I had heard Aeolian harps before and recognized what made the noise.

"In the morning I investigated and found a horse hair Aeolian harp fastened to one of the windows. In another room there was a pane of glass out and the wind blowing through the opening caused the door to slam up against a brick wall.

"The next day I went to the owner of the house and asked for the \$100 reward, but he wouldn't give it to me and I always felt like I had been gold bricked."

During the last few days J. W. Plewes, Principal of the Central school, has taken a very prominent and important part in the history of the Maple City. The events which have happened, and with which he has been so closely connected, have caused everyone to look upon him with the deepest respect and admiration.

Last Friday evening when the postponement of the Central school concert was so unfortunately brought about he gave the citizens a brilliant and thrilling exhibition of the command and power he possesses over the children entrusted in his care, and at the same time saved numbers from perhaps instant death or lasting injury.

After this one complete failure, which was brought about by such unfortunate circumstances, most men would have given up the idea of putting on such an elaborate concert, but with Mr. Plewes it was far different. With a characteristic display of zeal and energy he stuck manfully to his original idea, and, as a result, he presented to the people of Chatham last Saturday evening, only one night later, a splendid school concert, the equal of which has, perhaps, never been put on in Chatham.

It is unnecessary to say that the concert was a grand success. Any person who attended the one given last year would have a good idea of Mr. Plewes' talent in this line. It is safe to say, however, that this one was far in advance of last year's, both financially and in the merits of the production. Mr. Plewes, who is one of the most popular men in town to-day, is certainly to be congratulated upon his splendid concert.

It would be hard to describe the happy and animated scene which was presented to the audience upon the rise of the curtain. The children, over 800 in number, were arranged on the gallery platform (which was the cause of all the disappointment the evening before, but which has since been rebuilt and strengthened), making, as it were, one huge embankment of beauty, life and intelligence.

There was no one in the audience who did not experience a thrill of delight during the opening number, the National Anthem, which was sung in chorus by the school. There is nothing which inspires or enthuses an audience more than children's singing, and it was surprising to note the life and vigor with which they gave this opening chorus and each succeeding one. They sang with all the enthusiasm of their little natures, their childish voices ringing out full and clear, and with a volume which filled the entire house. It was well worth the whole price of admission to hear one of these choruses from the school.

W. E. Campbell, chairman of the Public School Board, occupied the position of chairman of the evening and after the opening number so spent, as was announced on the program, "his last five minutes with a Chatham audience."

Mr. Campbell made a capital speech, complimenting Mr. Plewes on the success of his concert and also upon his splendid conduct during the previous evening. He also paid a high tribute to the teachers of the Central school, who have spent much time and energy in preparing the children for the concert. Before closing his remarks he spoke a few words upon the recent change in the principalship of the McKeeough school. He stated that Mr. Brackin this school had made unbounded progress and, although he was no longer principal he (Mr. Campbell) was pleased to know that the founder of the McKeeough School Band is still a resident of the Maple City. Twenty little tots from the kindergarten, under the direction of Miss Green, then gave dramatic representations of skipping, high-stepping, horses, running horses, wheelbarrows, flying birds and hopping birds. This work on the part of the little ones was really clever and amusing.

They were followed by a chorus from the school, "Soldiers of Canada." This chorus met with as much approval from the audience as the first.

Next item on the program and one which was keenly enjoyed was a vocal solo by Miss Gerrie Potter. Miss Potter never sang to better advantage and she received much applause. Miss Bogart played her accompaniment.

Fantastic Footsteps for Fleeting Flower Fairies was the next item. This was given by 24 little junior girls, under the direction of Misses Mount, McPherson and Barassin. This was a very pleasing number. The lit-



PRINCIPAL J. W. PLEWES,
Under Whose Enthusiasm and Talented Direction the Big Concert was
Prepared and Presented.

tel girls who took part in this were: Miss McLarthy, leader; Laura Caylor, Jean Cummings, Lottie Wangerheim, Minnie Radley, Dot Shepley, Myrtle Stephens, Lena Harper, Inez Roach, Birch and Ryan. The little girls who took part in this drill were: — Nellie Cumming, Helen Polson, Beatrice Polson, Grace Gamme, Nellie Bedford, Norman Shillington, Elva Chrysler, Lulu Chrysler, May Miller, Pearl Mitchell, Ethel Angus, Marquette King, Bernice Wilson, Annie Campbell, Ethel Baikie, Edna Shepley, Ida Clements, Ida Snook, Grace Hall, Mabel Robinson, Marquette Cobbleick, Cora Nelson, Ada Kempf, Grace Campbell, Flossie Roach, Katie Leitch, Bessie Stone, Bessie Tillson, Maggie Trotter, Grace McGregor, Myrtle Ford, Myrtle Pink, Nellie Daniels, May Barnes, Neta Remington, Gertrude Mcgregor, Minnie Cumming and Hazel James.

The closing number, "Mizpah," was then given by the school in chorus. This number was given at last year's concert and met with such success that it was repeated by special request.

During the earlier part of the evening Mr. Plewes was the surprised and happy recipient of a handsome arm rocker, accompanied by a beautifully worded address, the gift of the graduating class. Mr. Plewes made a very suitable and modest reply and took occasion to thank the students for their present and also every one who had contributed to the success of the concert. He especially thanked the School Board for the manner in which they had assisted him through the difficulties he had met with in putting on the concert. He also especially thanked his staff of teachers for the earnest manner in which they had worked to make the concert a success.

Manager Briscoe deserves great credit for the way in which he handled the large crowd. Every seat in the Opera House was taken and no one was forced to remain unseated. From present appearances the concert this evening will also be a decided success.

Many friends may reveal your kindness, but numerous enemies will prove your courage.

most interesting and delightful parts of the evening's entertainment—lullaby exercises with Indian clubs by twenty senior girls. These exercises were very cleverly executed and far exceeded any former exhibition of this kind ever put on in the Maple City. The girls who took part in this number were:—Lillian Wemp, Rena Knott, Edna Hicklin, Merle Bedford, May Glassford, Velma Stone, Nettie Guy, Jessie Bromley, Babe Eddington, Cecil Jordan, Hazel Paul, Dora Campbell, Alice Anquetil, Eva Stevenson, Gertrude McDonald, Ella Herman, Meda King, Edith Merrill, Rose Swan and Edna Reddick.

These girls have been instructed and trained in their work by Misses Irwin, Tackaberry and McKellar, who deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which it was put on.

This number was followed by one equally as pleasant and enjoyable, given by the Central school boys, under the direction of Principal Plewes and leadership of Roy Park. It was named "The Central School Fire Brigade Off Duty," and consisted of a dumb-bell drill by 20 of the boys. The boys went through their exercises well and reflected much credit upon their able instructor. After the drill, specialties were introduced by Percy Moss, baton swinging; F. Snider, dancing, and Ben. Bromley, dancing, and was concluded with a song by the boys, "Soldier Man." The work of Percy Moss was especially clever and is deserving of special mention. The boys who took part in this drill were: Roy Park, Roy Robertson, Roy Wilson, John Ross, Charlie Trotter, Bert Merrill, Milton Harrington, Chester Glenn, Clarence Stringer, Willie Hutton, F. Snider, Arthur Perry, Robert Martin, Tracey Waddell, Jack Northwood, Ben. Bromley, G. Taylor, Walter Thomas and James Boyd.

One of the prettiest numbers on the program was the drill of the thirty-six intermediate girls. After going through some intricate marches they concluded by forming the emblems of different secret societies and spelling out the words "Central School." This was by far the most difficult exercise of the evening and the little girls went through the whole performance without the least hitch or hesitation. They were trained in their drill by Principal Plewes, assisted by Misses Birch and Ryan. The little girls who took part in this drill were: — Nellie Cumming, Helen Polson, Beatrice Polson, Grace Gamme, Nellie Bedford, Norman Shillington, Elva Chrysler, Lulu Chrysler, May Miller, Pearl Mitchell, Ethel Angus, Marquette King, Bernice Wilson, Annie Campbell, Ethel Baikie, Edna Shepley, Ida Clements, Ida Snook, Grace Hall, Mabel Robinson, Marquette Cobbleick, Cora Nelson, Ada Kempf, Grace Campbell, Flossie Roach, Katie Leitch, Bessie Stone, Bessie Tillson, Maggie Trotter, Grace McGregor, Myrtle Ford, Myrtle Pink, Nellie Daniels, May Barnes, Neta Remington, Gertrude Mcgregor, Minnie Cumming and Hazel James.

The closing number, "Mizpah," was then given by the school in chorus. This number was given at last year's concert and met with such success that it was repeated by special request.

During the earlier part of the evening Mr. Plewes was the surprised and happy recipient of a handsome arm rocker, accompanied by a beautifully worded address, the gift of the graduating class. Mr. Plewes made a very suitable and modest reply and took occasion to thank the students for their present and also every one who had contributed to the success of the concert. He especially thanked the School Board for the manner in which they had assisted him through the difficulties he had met with in putting on the concert. He also especially thanked his staff of teachers for the earnest manner in which they had worked to make the concert a success.

Manager Briscoe deserves great credit for the way in which he handled the large crowd. Every seat in the Opera House was taken and no one was forced to remain unseated. From present appearances the concert this evening will also be a decided success.

Many friends may reveal your kindness, but numerous enemies will prove your courage.



MISS BELLE WEBER,
Gold Medalist of the Central School for
Year 1900-1

SAYS SIFTON IS INNOCENT

Verdict of the Jury in the London Murder Case Was
a Surprise.

Walter Herbert Will be Sentenced to Hang at the January Assizes.

London, Ont., Nov. 10.—Gerald Sifton is a free man. By the verdict of twelve of his peers he has been declared innocent of one of the foulest crimes ever alleged against a citizen of the county of Middlesex.

The verdict that brought to a conclusion at this great trial, which set Sifton at liberty, was reached within a few minutes of 9 o'clock Saturday night. The end, like the case itself, was full of sensational incident.

Within half an hour of their having made a declaration to the court that they could not possibly agree, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal. An agonizing scene followed the first report of the foreman of the jury. A crowd in a frenzy of joy was the result of the second announcement.

The Crown were surprised at the outcome. They had expected a disagreement, if not a conviction. The same case that was led before a jury fourteen months before had again been presented it was believed somewhat more strongly and effectively. Fourteen months ago a jury disagreed upon the evidence, but stood 9 for conviction and 3 for acquittal. Acquittal was not dreamed of by the prosecution at this stage, with it that set Sifton at liberty was reached within a few minutes of 9 o'clock Saturday night. The end, like the case itself, was full of sensational incident.

An overjoyed defence had been a confident defence throughout. To an equal degree they had built high hopes upon securing an acquittal, while the Crown looked for the justification of their charge against the prisoner. The defence had an advantage on this occasion that they had not at the first trial, in that a disagreement was to them almost as good, in effect, as a verdict of acquittal. It was well known that if the jury on this occasion did not convict there would be no further trial. The Crown would not make a third attempt. All the difference to the defence, then, would have been that the prisoner must have remained in jail until the assizes in January. He would then have been brought up and given his liberty, the Crown offering no evidence. There is some difference, however, that his name has been legally cleared of all guilt.

The result of the trial of Gerald Sifton leaves a situation complicated in many ways that is altogether unique in the annals of crime. It is admitted that if Walter Herbert is guilty of murder, so also is Gerald Sifton. If Walter Herbert told the truth, then the arch criminal has been allowed to escape. But by their verdict the jury that acquitted Gerald Sifton have said that Joseph Sifton died as the outcome of an accident, and that there was no murder done. Yet in January next a mere boy will face a judge of the High Court of Ontario, and will hear from his lips the awful words of doom that shall consign him to the gallows. And this upon his own confession. He will be taken back to the cell where he has lingered now many months, and over him will be set a death watch. And unless the Department of Justice shall in the meantime interfere Walter Herbert will be hanged by the neck until he is dead. Will the Minister of Justice commute the sentence of the lad to imprisonment for life? and must Herbert suffer so great a punishment when he has confessed to a crime that after all was nothing more than a dream of his own, and that never had an existence in fact?

The trial has cost the county of Middlesex many thousands of dollars. The Crown left no stone unturned in their efforts to bring home the guilt, if guilt there was, to the doors where it belonged. And the task was exceedingly expensive. The many postponements, always unavoidable, it

Continued on Page 5.