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## NATURAL GAS.

As previously announced exclusively in The Planet, Mr. Brown, of Buffalo, desires to secure a franchise for piping Chatham for natural gas. He made his formal request to the City Council last evening along the lines this great home journal announced, and his communication was referred to the Industrial committee.

The securing of natural gas for Chatham would be a great boon and the matter should be looked into very carefully.

## A GOOD MOVE.

Ald. Arch. McCoig and his colleagues at the City Council took a most progressive step last evening when they decided to seek the co-operation of the Public School Board in petitioning the Legislature to abolish the ward system of electing the school trustees.

This move has been vigorously advocated by The Planet for some time and will prove a distinct benefit to educational interests in our city.

The abolition of the ward system has been beneficial to the work of Council—it will prove equally beneficial to the work of the School Board. It does away with petty ward influences and jealousies and would make each trustee responsible to the ratepayers of the city at large.

By all means let everyone co-operate to secure this end.

## ANOTHER TRIBUTE.

While this great home journal has no desire or intention to be dragged into a childish controversy with a contemporary whose angry utterances are, we fear, prompted merely by uncontrollable jealousy; a passing word concerning yesterday's outbreak in the News (erstwhile Banner-News, etc., et al) is, perhaps, due our readers.

The Planet is always prepared to stand or fall by its utterances upon any question, but it respectfully declines to have words thrust into its mouth. It is, of course, needless to tell our readers that the comments which appeared in a contemporary last evening, credited to The Planet, never appeared in this journal—nor anything like them. They were as purely the result of acute and well-developed imagination as the wonderful oil gushers which have been from day to day "exclusively discovered" by that paper for the past two months.

But there is one point of interest in the outbreak of our contemporary. It is definite in announcing this particular—that the News on Nov. 11, 1902, gave its initial information to its readers of the striking of the Gurd gusher. If this is true, then, of course, The Planet was mistaken in saying the News was only about a week behind this great home journal in publishing the facts. The Planet of Oct. 29th, some thirteen days previous, gave the information which the News says appeared in its paper for the first time on Nov. 11th. On Oct. 31st The Planet again gave further facts of the strike, but even then it was, apparently, too early for our slothful contemporary.

For years past The Planet has been the recipient of continued kindly congratulations on its prompt, efficient and unrivalled local news service. These it has always appreciated and it is with pardonable pride that this journal has the pleasure of now placing before the public this new evidence—strikingly strong in that it is given gratuitously by a would-be rival—that no other local paper can approach within two weeks or so of its wonderfully rapid and enterprising record.

And The Planet will continue to supply all oil and other news in a full, authentic and unbiased manner with the same promptness and precedence over all contemporaries as was characteristic in the discovery of the Gurd well alluded to.

For the quickest news, the fullest news and the most authentic news The Planet is happy to have had the opportunity of again establishing its premier position in the west.

A little son of Mr. James M. Cole or Lehart was killed by a horse and fatally injured while driving with his mother.

The petition and cross-petition in the North York election case were both formally dismissed without evidence offered.

Prof. Bruen of Strasburg University announces that he has discovered a method of producing electric energy in unlimited volume.

Prof. Tiziani of the Bologna University has announced to the Royal Academy of sciences the discovery of a serum to combat pneumonia.

The King of the Belgians is trying to introduce a strong British element into the administration of the Congo Free State in order to carry out reforms.

Some men find satisfaction in keeping another man from success.

## THE FIRST LIVE NEWS.

Wireless Messages Sent During a Blizzard—Interesting Experiments by Marconi.

The first real live news transmitted by wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic was sent by Mr. Marconi late on the night of the 6th of Jan., 1903, from the Table Head station to The London Times during a violent storm. About 10 o'clock it began to snow hard, and a northeast wind arose shortly afterwards, and at 11 o'clock the worst blizzard of the year was raging around the Table Head station. The snow came down thick and fast, the wind blew at a velocity of sixty miles an hour, and, strange to say, there were intermittent flashes of lightning and the faint rumbling of thunder was heard. When the storm was at its height, Mr. Marconi decided that he had an opportunity to test the power of his wireless station under the most adverse conditions. He wished to see if a violent storm had any effect on the transmission of the messages, and more than that, he wished to ascertain also what effect, if any, an electrical storm had on wireless communication. Like all the young Italian's undertakings, this one was a complete triumph, and he demonstrated conclusively that the elements, such as gales and lightning, could not in the least interfere with wireless telegraphy. The first message was sent to The London Times. It read:

"Times, London: Please insert following in birth column: 'Third January, the wife of R. N. Vyvian, chief electrical engineer, Marconi Canadian station, of daughter.' (Signed.) Marconi."

The next message sent was to Mrs. Frawler, mother of Mrs. Vyvian. It read:—"Frawler, Weymouth: Daughter born, 3rd January. Both well. (Signed) Vyvian."

Both messages went through without the slightest hitch, and Marconi declared that not the slightest difficulty will be encountered in sending messages during a storm. There was also a severe storm raging in England at the time.

Mr. Marconi was asked to give a name to the wireless message. He replied that he had given some consideration to the matter, but had not yet determined on a suitable name. He did not like the name "Marconigram," because it brought his own personality too prominently to the fore. "Wireless messages" was too lengthy a nomenclature, and he thought the word "ethergram" would not prove popular. "I fear we will have some difficulty in finding a suitable name," answered Mr. Marconi.

The inventor stated that the wireless line between Cornwall and Cape Cod passed directly over Sydney. He added that he could send a wireless message now as easily to Vancouver from Table Head as to Cornwall from Table Head. In fact, a message could now be sent to any part of the world.

After the establishment of operations between North America and Great Britain Mr. Marconi will turn his attention to establishing a line between Italy and South America.

## The Conventional "John Bull."

The "grand old man" of Startford-on-Avon, Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G., midshipman, Queensland squatter, and five times Mayor of Startford, the other day breathed his last at the age of 84. Many are the stories told of the robust personality of that "living embodiment of the conventional John Bull," as he was once described. The son of a parson, and educated at Eton and Cambridge, he joined the navy 70 years ago, served in the old Canopus in China and other distant lands, then left the sea at Sydney, married a daughter of the Chief Justice of New South Wales, and in 1842 struck into the wild Queensland bush, carrying his young wife with him.

Once when riding home from Brisbane to Eton Vale he was "balled up" and robbed by a gang who took both his money and the fine blood horse he was riding. He got home as best he could, but a few mornings after the stolen horse was found quietly grazing at the paddock with unruffled pocketbook, watch and handsome apology tied round its neck.

The "ball up" had been done by "new chums" of the gang, who knew not Arthur Hodgson.

## A Pleasure Postponed.

Here is a conversation between a pair of Berkshire sweethearts: "John," quoth she, "why doesn't 'ee say summat?"

"John" reflected: "'Cause I hain't got nothin' to say," he replied.

Again there was silence, and once more it was the woman who took the initiative.

"John," she enquired tenderly, "why doesn't 'ee tell ma that thee loves ma?"

"'Cause I've telled 'ee that afore," answered John, who evidently disapproved of vain repetitions.

But the lady was tenacious of her privileges, and not easily daunted. "John," she asked for the third time, "why doesn't 'ee gimme a kiss?"

The tardy wooer pondered long. "I be gwine to, presently," he said, at length.

## A Gigantic Meteorite.

Prof. Henry A. Ward, the veteran meteorite hunter, recently found a meteorite of tremendous size. It has a length of thirteen feet and one inch, width six feet and two inches, thickness five feet and four inches, and weight fifty tons. Prof. Ward has named it Bacubirito, after the mining town near which it was unearthed, and which is situated on the Rio Sinaloa, Mexico. It took twenty-eight able-bodied peons one entire day to uncover its upper surface, making an excavation thirty feet on a side, with the great meteorite lying within. At the end of the second day they were able to bring the huge mass to a semivertical position, the Mexicans standing aghast at the revelation of their work.

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Ridgeway—Feb. 7.  
Blenheim—Feb. 9.  
Bridge End—Feb. 10.  
Thamesville—Feb. 11.  
Zone—Feb. 12.  
Bear Line, Dover—Feb. 13.  
Fletcher—Feb. 14.  
Tilbury—Feb. 16.  
Wheatley—Feb. 17 and 18.  
Addresses will be delivered by G. C. Castin, Craighurst; W. F. Kidd, Simcoe.

## Revolution in Newfoundland

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## HARD COLDS.

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## A Howard Man.

In the annals of the French academy there is an account of one Pietro le Dillo, or "Peter the Devil," who had three horns on his head; two as large as those of a good sized ram, one behind each ear, and one straight one nine and a half inches long, growing from his forehead.

## Seeding Raisins.

Rub a little butter on the fingers and on the knife when seeding raisins to avoid the stickiness.

## Tea Bricks.

Bricks of tea once were current in Russia and Siberia. The tea was of poor quality, merely the scrapings and leavings pressed into brick form. Frequently the little bricks were used as money and were exchanged for horses.

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Ladies' Full Length Raglans, three-quarter and medium length coats, fine pure wool Kersey cloths, all wool heavy Frieze and fine Beaver cloths, handsome garments in this season's latest styles, rich satin and mercerized linings, some unlined, colors black, Oxford grey and fawn, regular \$10.00, \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15.00, clearing at \$8.90.

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