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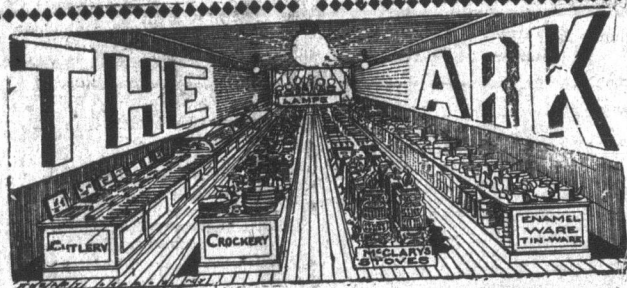
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CELEBRATED THE JUBILEE

Splendid Concert and Banquet
Signalize the 50th Anniversary of Chatham Lodge.

Local Oddfellows Observe Interesting Ceremonial—Veterans' Jewels Presented—Splendid Addresses

Fifty years established in Chatham and at present one of the best standing lodges in the city.

This is the splendid record of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., and the event of the golden anniversary was duly celebrated last evening with a concert and banquet.

There were about 300 people present at the concert and a most enjoyable time was spent by everyone who attended.

O. L. Lewis, who is one of the most entertaining platform speakers in the city, occupied the chair during the program and opened the evening with a short address, giving the history of Chatham Lodge from the time it was first established in Chatham.

"This Lodge," said he, "was established in Chatham on December 26, 1853, and at present we have not got one of the six charter members. Five of them are deceased, and the sixth, J. L. Davis, was, when last heard from, living in Detroit. Among the first members were the following well remembered citizens, Geo. Turnbull, Thos. Stone, Miles Miller, James Higgins and Seymour Stephenson, whose photo can be found in the library of this building."

"The Lodge was installed by Isaac Smith, who is still an honored member, and its first home was in the third story of the old building opposite The Planet Office. Until 1871 it had its up and downs, and on the 9th of November of that year it branched out and took up quarters in the old library building above the present Bell Telephone Company's office. A few years ago, as you all know, it branched out again, and this splendid building was then erected. The Grand Lodge held its meeting in St. Catharines, and it was then that we sent out first representative to that meeting, Bro. James Henry."

"Our funds then consisted of \$117.50. Now we have a building alone which cost \$25,000. We are all proud of our building, and we are pleased to be able to invite you here and have you enjoy yourselves with us."

"Oddfellowship has now been in existence for 80 years. Last week I was standing in the first lodge room of this Order. It was a small room 13 x 8 ft., with a slanting roof, in the fourth story back room of the Seven Stars Hotel in Baltimore, where Washington Lodge, No. 1, was organized. They had at first five members. Now the Lodge has a fund of \$31,000,000, and a membership of 1,300,000, an annual revenue of eleven millions."

"We now have here a membership roll of 250. Western City Lodge, No. 93, also has a membership of about 120, and our Encampment and Rebekah Lodges are all sound, healthy growths."

Mr. Lewis was greeted with much applause at the conclusion of his address.

During the evening Veteran Oddfellows' Jewels were presented to three Veteran Oddfellows who have been members of the Lodge for 25 years—A. E. Sheldrick, Jas. L. Oldershaw and J. J. Evans, formerly of Dover, now of Ann Arbor. The committee who presented the medals were J. Turner, J. McCorvie and W. H. Carswell.

Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, always a delightful platform speaker, gave a very interesting fifteen minute address on his European travels. Other numbers on the program were—Selections I. O. O. F. orchestra; recitation, Miss Viola Marshall, the popular girl elocutionist; recitations, Mrs. A. Merrill and Jas. Ridley, and vocal solos by Miss Van Zant, Leamington; Miss Belle Ridgall, Harry Flowers and Jas. Gillesland.

After the concert a banquet was given and a dance followed to conclude the very pleasant evening's entertainment.

The committee who had the entertainment in charge were Messrs. Jno. McCorvie, C. McArthur, Jno. Turner, Chas. Austin, M. Sides, Wm. Sprentall, and Secretary A. W. Gould.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 33a.

A WINNER

Arthur J. Dunn, the enterprising young business man who seeks election as Alderman.

Arthur J. Dunn, whose picture is here given, is one of the bright and progressive young men of this city. He was placed in such a position when 12 years old as would have prevented any young man ever making a career for himself. Despite this discouraging handicap, Mr. Dunn has shown indomitable pluck and energy and has taken advantage of every opportunity until to-day he stands in the front rank of the younger men of this city. By his own efforts he has built up a



ARTHUR J. DUNN.

good business in the commercial world and has gained both the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He has shown that he has all kinds of ability and has push and perseverance to back it up. Mr. Dunn is now offering himself as a candidate for alderman, and the ratepayers can rest assured that they have in Mr. Dunn a candidate in whom they can place every confidence. He has shown himself a man among men.

NO CLEMENCY

In reference to a petition sent in some time ago for clemency in the case of Paul Rose, who was sent to Central Prison on the charge of stealing clothes from the Merriam boarding house, Centre St., Mayor W. E. McKeough received the following communication this morning:

"Sir, Having reference to a petition from yourself and other residents of Chatham and vicinity in behalf of one Paul Rose, now confined in the Central Prison, of Ontario, I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Governor-General does not see fit to exercise the prerogative of clemency in the case of that prisoner."

JOSEPH POPE,
Under Secretary of State.
His Worship Mayor McKeough,
Chatham.

STABBING AFFAIR

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 30.—A serious stabbing affair occurred last evening on the St. David's Road, near St. David's village. Two Italians, Jim Rosso and Antonio Barlo, employed at Lowery's stone quarry, quarrelled, and during the fight Rosso stabbed Barlo twice in the back and once in the shoulder and near the kidneys. He also slashed Barlo twice in the face and across the hand. Rosso had his face badly punched by Barlo. Officers arrested Rosso and locked him up. Barlo is in a serious condition and may die.

SOCIAL TIME

Last evening Court Hope, A. O. F., held its quarterly meeting, at which some fifty of the brethren were present. The usual routine was gone through when a program was given, Bro. J. W. Mann, acting as chairman.

Chairman's address—J. W. Mann. Selection—Orchestra. Song—All. Tringle. Cornet and Trombone duet—Messrs. Moffatt and Gonne.

Song—Wm. Bowles. Brass quartette—Selection. Selection—Orchestra.

Selections on the Zon-o-phone. After the program the committee served light refreshments. The concert held its last meeting in the I. O. O. F. block last night, and are now located at the A. O. U. W. rooms, where they meet next Wednesday evening.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered all those who assisted in the program.

THE TACTICS OF A TRICKSTER

Hamilton Spectator's Vigorous Exposure of "Honorable" Mr. Ross.

What Does He Hope to Gain by Repeated Efforts to Defeat the Will of the People.

The question, "What will Ross do?" has been answered. And the answer shows that Ross still believes in the efficacy of tricks to keep him in power a little longer, in the hope that something may turn up to stem the tide of public opinion which has set in against him. And Mr. Ross has not only answered the question by adopting a trick, but he has been guilty of the smallest, meanest and grossest partisanship in the doing of it.

The cabinet met yesterday, and it was decided to call the legislature on Thursday, Jan. 14, the day upon which, according to the schedule, the first of the Tory protests against Liberal members-elect is set down for trial.

When the ministers came forth from the meeting their faces were all smiles, showing them to be tricksters, one and all, who were made happy by the prolongation of their tenure of office by dishonorable means. And these smiling tricksters told the waiting reporters that there was nothing for publication—that nothing had been decided. Then the real information was carried to the Globe office, giving that journal an advantage over its local competitors! It is not likely that there is a township council in Ontario small enough to be guilty of that piece of small-souled partisanship.

No man can be deceived by the announcement as it appeared in the Globe. The government knows very well how to raise money for necessary expenses without calling the legislature together. It has done it before. It knows very well how to call for tenders in advance of legislation. It has done that before.

The fact is, that the calling of the legislature for the 14th of January is a trick to defeat the trial of the Tory protests against five Liberal members-elect. Mr. Ross knowing very well that some of these Liberals would be sure to be unelected, and being quite certain that, in the present condition of public opinion, the resulting bye-elections would inevitably result disastrously to the government.

But Mr. Ross can no longer deceive the public. They know well why he has done this thing, and they will set to work with him so sure as opportunity offers.

An honorable man—a man having the least spark of honor in his makeup—would in Mr. Ross' present position, promptly resign, and go to the country. But Ross, the Trickster, seeks only to hold himself in power, utterly careless of public opinion. He utters the people and grasps at every and any trick for the purpose of defeating the popular will, that he may ignore the mandate of the people—Hamilton Spectator.

AT "THE PINES"

The teachers of the Ursuline academy held a very pleasant, instructive convention at The Pines Tuesday and Wednesday. All of the teachers belonging to the Ursuline Academy, including those from Tecumseh and Tilbury.

Mr. Powers, Inspector of Separate Schools, presided over the convention and delivered excellent addresses on the different branches of Separate School work. The convention was opened Tuesday morning by Mr. Powers, who in the afternoon gave an instructive address on teaching in general.

Yesterday afternoon, J. W. Plewes, principal of the Central School, and Robert Park, Inspector of Public Schools, addressed the teachers on grammar, arithmetic, composition, the higher branches of rhetoric, and the higher studies of the academy.

The convention closed yesterday afternoon with all pleased and satisfied with their successful convention.

FARM FOR THE EMPIRE

London, Dec. 30.—The Montreal Witness said that with agriculture in a flourishing condition in Canada, the demands which this industry must make in a scanty population must necessarily turn the energies of the country from the other branches of trade, since it is more profitable to exchange food for British manufactures than to manufacture themselves.

The St. James' Gazette quotes this and says this is precisely what Mr. Chamberlain expects to occur under a system of Imperial preference.

BURGLARS BUSY

Numerous Glencoe Stores Broken Into and Money and Goods Stolen in the Night Time.

London, Dec. 31.—The city police authorities yesterday morning received a telegram from Glencoe stating that Tuesday night several stores in the village had been burglarized and goods and money carried off. The thieves escaped without leaving any trace behind, but it is conjectured in police circles that they are the same gang who have been carrying on a series of similar depredations in Napier, Mount Brydges and other places in the neighborhood. The robbers have been hitherto so skillful in covering up their tracks that the authorities have been unable to lay their hands upon them.

A special despatch to the Free Press from Glencoe states that in the present instance the burglars forced open the front doors of the stores with chisels. At Mr. J. M. Tait's dry goods and grocery store they secured plunder to the value of \$50, at Mr. P. D. Keith's \$45 in cash, and at the premises of Mr. H. C. Dixon, harness manufacturer, two valises. The chisels with which the burglars worked their way in were stolen from Gordon's planing mill, the office of which they had also entered, but found nothing of value. An attempt to break into Mr. J. E. Roome's crockery and shoe store was unsuccessful. The work seems to have been that of an organized gang of robbers, and their nocturnal raid on the business premises of the village has caused considerable excitement. The peaceful village of Glencoe has been undisturbed by such crimes for over a year, but merchants and others are now on their guard, and the local police are keeping a sharp look-out for suspicious characters who have been loafing in the vicinity.

MADE A HAUL

South Buxton, Dec. 30.—Burglars entered the house of Jas. Wellwood on Thursday evening last, while all slumbered, and carried off \$130 found in a drawer. No clue. We also learn that on Christmas night L. A. Pardo was relieved of \$50 in the same manner.

TO PRESERVE LORD'S DAY.

Alliance Deputation Wait on Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Dominion Lord's Day Alliance have renewed their application for the enactment of a Federal law for the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest. The application was made to Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick by Rev. Dr. Potts, President, and Rev. J. G. Shearer, Secretary, of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The question has been introduced into the Federal arena owing to the judgment given on the 14th of July last of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to the effect that the Province had not the power to enact legislation such as the Ontario Lord's Day act. This judgment invalidates all Provincial Sunday observance laws enacted since Confederation, and, accordingly, led those who believe in the sanctity of the Sabbath to turn their attention to Ottawa. On August 13th the delegates from the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada interviewed members of the Dominion Government and intimated that they desired to see the introduction of a Lord's Day act at the coming session of Parliament. The Premier received the delegation most sympathetically, and indicated a disposition to meet their views. Today's interview with the Minister of Justice was in the direction of supplementing what had been previously urged. The two delegates submitted to Mr. Fitzpatrick a draft of the measure which they thought should be enacted. Mr. Fitzpatrick seemed disposed to look favorably upon the proposal. He said that he would submit the draft to his deputy, Mr. Newcombe, who had been present at the argument before the Judicial Council of the Privy Council on behalf of the Government, and would write the association within a week, delimiting the extent to which he was prepared to advise the Cabinet to go.

COTTON "LONGS" SCARED.

Panic in New Orleans Cotton Market—Big Drop in Prices.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—It was field day for the bears in the cotton market yesterday. After futile attempts to break the market a panic was caused in one way or another, and with ten minutes prices went down about 60 points, or \$3 a bale. Hundreds of "longs" were wiped out, and their efforts to get out with as small loss as possible caused prices to go lower and lower. It was one of the worst stampedes of frightened "longs" ever seen in the local market.

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