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A Special in Huck Towels

19 in. wide, 39 in. long, fine Huck Towels, hemmed at both ends, red, blue and plain white borders, a good serviceable bedroom towel, on sale very special at a pair,

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RENOVATION WAS NEEDED

The Old Town Hall Was In A Very Delapidated Condition

FULL OF DISEASE GERMS

Gallagher & Son's workmen and McKenzie's brick men commenced the work of tearing out the interior of the old City Hall building this morning. The butcher's and other occupants have moved into other portions of the Market building.

The need of renovation to the hall is strikingly apparent to anyone who pays it a visit. The interior is filled with old junk and filth that has been there for years, and the general condition of the walls and different rooms would be a standing disgrace to any up-to-date city. The stench is so great that it is almost impossible to remain in the building for any length of time. The place must be full of disease germs, and for years it has been alive with rats, mice and vermin of all descriptions. When a Planet reporter called this morning there was filth on the floor almost half a foot deep, and one is surprised to learn that there is such a desolate and neglected looking building situated right in the heart of Chatham's business centre.

These disgraceful conditions will now be done away with and the hall will be fitted up in shape that will be a credit to Chatham. The building is one of the oldest in the city, and the massive timbers used in its construction are a marvel to the workmen of today. Upstairs ceiling beams and sills were used which could hardly be procured today. Some of these hewed timbers are almost three feet thick, and they are as sound as the day they were put in the building. The auditorium upstairs is now being cleared of the debris with which it has been filled for years. This said that walls have crumbled, and if they had tongues, what a tale those old walls could tell! It was here that the old Town Councils once held forth, and passed upon the various matters which came before them, and it was here also that justice was once meted out.

With the renovation of the old Town Hall, one of the last of Chatham's old landmarks passes into oblivion, and no enterprising citizen or lover of cleanliness should regret the renovation of this ancient pile, which has gradually degenerated into a mass of useless ruins and filth.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits have been recently issued by Fire Marshall Pritchard:

No. 130—D. J. O'Keefe, to erect a one-story frame building, on lot 25 east side of Baxter St. Cost \$250.

No. 131—M. D. Ross, to erect a one-story frame building, on lots 75 and 76, Spencer Survey, west side of Raleigh St. Cost \$3,000.

No. 132—George W. Raymond, to erect one and one-half story frame building on lot 42, east side of Delaware Ave. Cost \$1,300.

LO THE POOR UMPIRE

The Highgate Monitor hands out the following complimentary references to a Chatham umpire who refereed a baseball game in Highgate on the town's civic holiday:

In the afternoon the most uninteresting feature was the umpire's decisions. He was from Chatham, and displayed oceanic gall by taking the position of umpire. His decisions, to say the least, were rank, and were not worthy of an eight year old boy. How such people can raise the nerve to umpire a game is simply amazing.

The game was full of errors, and not to prolong this agony, the score was 11 to 2, when the visitors ran to catch their train.

DEATH'S CALL

Mrs. Emma Cummings, wife of Township Treasurer Hugh Cummings, passed away yesterday morning at St. Joseph's hospital, after a short illness. The deceased lady recently underwent a critical operation. The late Mrs. Cummings was aged 46 years and 6 months, and she leaves a husband and a growing family consisting of four sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. The husband of the deceased is an ex-Reeve of the Township of Chatham.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at one o'clock, from her late residence, corner of the Town Line and tenth concession, to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

LIFE-LIKE.

How life-like are the waves of the sea! Yes. They come to the beach in great style and go away broke.

A ROW OVER LAND

A Detective Has Been Called In To Settle Dispute Between Two Farmers

Leamington, Aug. 25.—The purchase and fitting up of Bluff Park, a beautiful spot on the shore of Lake Erie, about two miles from Leamington, promises to lead to expensive litigation and criminal action against Thos. Rowley, a prominent farmer and nurseryman. Mr. Rowley is now the owner of the old Malatt farm, located at the lake end of the Merse-Gallfield townline. The land forming the park originally belonged to this farm, but has been used by Mr. Rowley for several years. Lately the park has been acquired by a local company of farmers and Leamington people, who commenced to fit up the place in a becoming manner. The company's first act was to mark the boundary line between their land and that of Mr. Rowley. This was done by a surveyor in the face of considerable objections from Mr. Rowley.

The next day five large shade trees on the park land were cut down or girdled. Most people knew, or thought they knew, who the culprit was, but owing to lack of evidence, nothing was done.

Finally a detective has been called in to endeavor to discover the perpetrator. A confession is alleged to have been obtained, and an attempt at settlement is talked of.

BERLINITES INDIGNANT

The Berlin Telegraph reports the imputations cast by the Galt Reformer as to the alleged large amount of liquor guzzling at the Berlin Old Boy's Reunion, says the Reformer does not know what it is talking about, that the general verdict was that the Berlin Reunion was one of the most enjoyable and orderly of such events known, and adds:

"What are the facts in connection with the celebration. It is estimated that between 18,000 and 25,000 people, including the citizens of Berlin and Waterloo, were in Berlin during each of the three days. The police force of ten men only had occasion to arrest seven drunks during the entire celebration, and, we are informed, four of these were from Galt. There was not a case of pocket-picking committed in Berlin, that was reported to the police, and as far as is known there was only one bar-room fight."

OPERA HOUSE IMPROVED

The Brisco Opera House was reopened Saturday evening with the farce-comedy, Just Struck Town. On account of the humidity of the weather the turnout was not large.

Brisco Bros. deserve to be complimented on the improvements they are making to their play house, which has undergone some costly renovating. Many needed improvements have been made to the stage and vicinity, and the theatre proper is at present undergoing repairs and is at present repainted. The appearance of the fine, fire-proof curtain was the subject of many complimentary remarks Saturday evening. A new scene sets off the centre, which is surrounded with fancy and attractive advertisements, the work of Mr. Tinto. The dressing rooms to the rear are also undergoing renovation.

Just Struck Town dragged a little at the beginning, but made up for it in the last two acts, whenever replete with laughable situations. The company carry quite an amount of good scenery, and the different roles are all well taken.

ADRIFT IN LAKE

Petrolia, August 25.—A sailboat accident occurred on Thursday in the vicinity of Port Frank on Lake Huron, which fortunately did not result disastrously.

Mr. Colin G. Moncrieff, of Petrolia, was out sailing with two young boys, when a storm came up and the boat was capsized, owing to the rudder breaking and allowing the boat to be swamped in the trough of the sea. They were all good swimmers and managed to clamber up on the bottom of the upturned boat, where they drifted for some time calling lustily for help.

Their cries were finally heard by Mr. McDonald, who put out to them in a rowboat and brought them all safely to shore.

A PIONEER GONE

Isaac Jeffs, brother of John Jeffs, treasurer of the township of Camden, who lives on the fifth concession, passed away Saturday morning, at the age of 60 years.

Deceased has been a resident of the township of Camden for the past 30 years, and has been ill for about two months. He was born in Hastings, He leaves a widow and one son and two daughters to mourn his loss. The children are Charles, at home, and Mrs. G. A. Miller, of Dresden, and Mrs. Aitken, of Port Lambton.

FIRE DESTROYS RATHBURN DOCKS

Eighteen Houses In Deseronto Ablaze—Town Is Threatened

RAGED FOR NINE HOURS

Deseronto, Aug. 27.—In a fire which raged here from 4:45 Saturday afternoon to 2 o'clock Sunday morning the Rennie dock of the Rathbun Co. with sheds and thousands of feet of lumber, and a large amount of cordwood were burned.

Eighteen houses were more or less damaged, three of them entirely destroyed, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church was also slightly damaged. The fire originated at the big trestle shed dock owned by the Rathbun Co., and inside of few minutes the whole structure was a mass of flames.

There was a strong south wind blowing towards the town and it was soon evident that everything was doomed if aid was not procured at once.

Aid from Napanee. Two fire engines and crews were brought from Napanee and every person available was pressed into service to help keep down the blaze.

The big trestle, refuse boilers, thousands of feet of lumber and cords of hardwood, and fourteen dump cars belonging to the Rathbun Co., and three houses were entirely destroyed.

The wind shifted towards the bay, and the fire was apparently under control, but later in the evening the wind veered again, and carried the sparks in the direction of the town.

These sparks ignited 18 houses and the English Church, but the good work of the firemen saved most of the buildings.

How the fire originated is a mystery. This is first serious fire that has taken place since 1896, when the whole town was wiped out, the fire at that time starting from a fire cracker.

INTO THE RAPIDS

Reckless Niagara Bather Drowns in the "Swift Drift."

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Toesing about in the whirlpool of the lower Niagara River is the body of Martin Kane of this city. Riding bottom up-wards on the water is the boat in which he sat as he was swept into the rapids.

Kane was drowned Saturday morning while in bathing with a companion, Gerald McGraw. Both were employees of the New York Central Railroad Co. They worked nights and Saturday morning on their way home went down to the old Maid of the Mist landing for a swim.

They went out in a small boat, and in sporting in the water did not note the fact that they had been carried down stream dangerously close to "Swift Drift," where the rapids begin.

Both got into the boat and tried to paddle ashore. The current was too great.

On Kane's suggestion they leaped into the water to swim for it.

McGraw made the American shore in an exhausted condition, but Kane failed, and went through the rapids to his death.

McGraw is prostrated. Both men were of the same age, 24 years. Kane leaves a sister and a brother in Buffalo.

SUSPENDED IN AIR

Nine-Year-Old Girl's Hair and Cheek Torn Off.

Hastings, Aug. 27.—An appalling accident took place near Ryckman's Corners, about four miles from here, on Saturday afternoon, when Edna Myers, nine years old, had her scalp and a portion of her cheek torn off as a result of her hair becoming twisted around the shaft of a windmill.

The youngster was playing about a barn on the farm on which her father worked and got too near the shaft which was revolving at a high rate of speed, when her hair catching, she was suspended in the air. Her cries brought assistance, and after being taken from her perilous position she was brought to the city hospital where Dr. Cummings performed an operation on her in an endeavor to graft the flesh on. The child's father and several of the patients in the hospital consented to have flesh taken from their bodies for the purpose of grafting. The youngster's condition is serious, but it is possible that she may recover. At any rate it is expected she will linger for some time.

Killed at Port Perry. Port Perry, Aug. 27.—Watson Hodgson, an old resident of Port Perry, aged about 75 years, was killed Saturday by the G. T. R. train. He was driving into town from the country and attempted to cross the track at Kallit's crossing ahead of the 11:30 express.

The train struck the buggy and the old man was thrown against telegraph post, striking his head, which was badly cut, death being instantaneous.

ALWAYS EGOTISTICAL. Bjones is egotistical even in mind.

Yes; he says it is much better to allow people to mismanage their own affairs.

EVERY RINK WON

The British Bowlers Score A Complete Victory At Walkerville Saturday

Walkerville, Aug. 26.—The British bowlers were royally entertained on the lawn adjoining Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons' offices here yesterday. Haug's string band, of Detroit, was in attendance, and the catering was done by the Woman's Exchange, of the same place.

The bowlers expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the trip here, and a vote of thanks was moved to the Messrs. Walker at the close. Today was spent in Detroit. They go next to Woodstock. Following is the in-to-days' games:

British—Telford, sk. 21, Toronto—Henderson, sk. 17, British—McGill, sk. 23, Walkerville—Chaler, sk. 16, British—Pilling, sk. 31, Windsor—Arnold, sk. 16, British—Pillars, sk. 21, Windsor 2—Stuart, sk. 16, British Brown, sk. 22, Chatham—Bray, sk. 17, British—Jagger, sk. 23, Walkerville—Isaac, sk. 11, British—Watson, sk. 21, London—McDougall, sk. 17, British—Morrison, sk. 18, Detroit—Bainford, sk. 14, Totals—British, 180, locals, 124. Majority for Britishers, 56 shots.

BEHIND THE TIMES

"Lawn bowling in Canada is just 100 years behind the times," declared Vice-Captain John C. Hunter, of the British Bowling team, Friday. "This is particularly true of the style of Greens in vogue in this country. As yet I have not come across a single green that we consider fit to bowl on in the old country."

"The greens in Canada are not built right. In Europe we have a slope of more than four inches from the centre of the green. The green is first packed down to hard soil and then this slope is built up with layers of clinkers and sand so no worms can work their way through. The sod is made of sea grass, and is cut with a hand scythe almost to the roots in order to make it heavy and fine."

"Another thing that handicaps Canadian bowlers is the obsolete style of guard play in vogue in this country. This system of play has been discarded in the old country as out of date."

PERSIAN JACKETS

Persian Jackets will be exceedingly popular again this season, as a Ladies' Winter Garment, being shown in both Box Front and Blouse effects, with Mink Trimming.

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