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GAMEY'S LACK OF POLISH.

Gamey has a plain story for plain people. Your city bred politician cannot understand why the man from Manitoulin so easily reaches the hearts of his listeners. Fine clothes and fine phrases are well enough in their place, but they impress a country voter very little when he is hungry for the truth and wants it to come to him in veridical English. Some of the most successful politicians of the past had a rough-and-ready manner on the platform—Joe May, of Wentworth, for instance, who handled his opponents without gloves, his country friends applauding that style of political warfare. Gamey's lack of polish doesn't hurt when he gets away from such a centre of intelligence and culture as Toronto, and it never will hurt him among the plain people of Ontario until the question, "Where did the money come from?" is answered to their satisfaction.—Galt Reporter.

THE CAUSE OF WAR.

It seems certain now that Russia and Japan must fight it out. Probably the Czar and his advisers have foreseen from the first that war was inevitable if the Russian claims were insisted upon, and the temporizing policy which has been followed at St. Petersburg for some months past is merely the Russian expedient for gaining time in order to prepare for the conflict. Russia is now prepared, and the struggle between Slav and Mongol is likely to begin very soon.

As the Herald has pointed out, the war will be a war of aggression on the part of Russia, and a war of national self-defence on the part of Japan. Its cause may be very briefly stated as follows: Russia has occupied the Chinese province of Manchuria, and in defiance of her own promises, has refused to evacuate it. She has also curtailed Japanese commercial privileges in that province. In Corea, Russia is endeavoring to extend and strengthen her influence as a rival of Japan, whose influence has been dominant in that country for centuries; and, in addition, Russia claims exclusive territorial and commercial privileges in the northern part of the Korean peninsula.

Japan insists upon having a written agreement to the effect that Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria will be maintained, and that Japanese commercial privileges in that province will not be disturbed; also that Japan's right to exercise a dominating influence in Corea be recognized. Russia is willing to give verbal assurances to this effect; but Japan will not be satisfied with Russian verbal assurances; she wants them put down in black and white. This Russia declines to do. She will give her word—but not her bond.

Japanese statesmen have only too good reason to know the worthlessness of Russia's verbal assurances. After the China-Japanese war in 1896, when the Liao-Tung peninsula had been ceded to Japan as one of the spoils of victory, Russia and Germany, forced Japan to give up her newly-acquired territory. Russia's plea was that the integrity of the Chinese empire must be preserved. And then Russia herself took possession of the territory out of which Japan had been ousted. Is it any wonder that Japan's statesmen refuse to accept the bare word of Russian diplomats? As Russia will not make any treaty to bind her promises, there is nothing for Japan to do but defend her rights and privileges as best she can.

FASHIONS IN ICE.

Detroit Tribune.

The July styles in ice show that the chunks will be thicker, but not so broad.

A NATIONAL TYPE.

Toronto Star.

Roosevelt is a type of his people. He utters the finest moral precepts that a man could give expression to, and yet when the talking is done and the time for action comes he allows no squeamish notions to interfere with business.

NEW HORSESHOE WANTED.

London Free Press.

Shoemakers who merely "stand in slippery places" have not such hard luck as the horses which have to haul heavy loads with smooth shoes on. The suggestion is made that rubbers be given them. Why does not some one invent a shoe that can come off and on, like our own shoes, and pass a law to compel them to be used. Why cannot owners see that they would be saving money in horse-leash and time in delay by so doing.

A Chatham Man Says Iron-ox Tablets are all right.

January 12, 1903. Allow me to say a few words as to the merits of the Iron-ox Tablets. I have used them constantly for indigestion and palpitation of the heart, also sour stomach, and I can assure you that I have derived great benefit from them. I wish you continued success with the Iron-ox Tablets, for they are certainly all right. I always keep Iron-ox in the house.

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Fifty Iron-ox Tablets, in an attractive aluminum pocket case, 25 cents at druggists, or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price. The Iron-ox Remedy Co., Limited, Walkerville, Ont.

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

Torch bearers are in demand at night upon the city streets.

For a lightning charge artist, the weatherman beats them all.

Pedestrians are quite agreeable to travelling with horses just now.

The burglars will catch us if we don't watch out and light up.

The ashes wasted on the road would do good work on the sidewalks.

The demand for Robin Hood tickets is something surprising. Everybody wants them.

If you want to make most anybody happy send them a ton of coal for a valentine.

The board sidewalks for mine these days. They are more porous than the granolithic walks.

It is reported they are going to put skates on the railroad tracks so as to prevent traffic being stopped altogether.

Kipling evidently knew what he was writing about when he penned "Our Lady of the Snows" even if other people didn't.

These are medieval times in Chatham and at night the good burghers wind their ways about the city streets guided by the lights from lanterns which they themselves carry.

My friend O. E. S. sends me the following poetry with apologies. They are kneaded:

"There was a queer girl from Glenora,
Who was anxiously seeking a Boe;
She had many a fellow,
Who was both soft and mellow,
But she wanted one with the doe."



The letter of Miss Merkle, whose picture is printed above, proves beyond question that thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries and womb are annually cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gradual loss of strength and nerve force told me something was radically wrong with me. I had severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. I strongly objected to this and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found that my judgment was correct, and that all the good things said about this medicine were true, and day by day I felt less pain and increased appetite. The ulceration soon healed, and the other complications disappeared, and in eleven weeks I was once more strong and vigorous and perfectly well. My heartiest thanks are sent to you for the great good you have done me."—Sincerely yours, Miss MARGARET MERKLE, 375 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.—Special Notice: If original of above letter bearing special notice cannot be produced.

Professor—What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?

Smart Student—He has cold feet, sir.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

The weather experienced a drop of 45 degrees in 24 hours Sunday. Old pipe or tea lead wanted at The Planet immediately!

Sam L. Wellwood, of Merlin, called on his Chatham friends on Saturday.

The men's room at the police station was flooded yesterday morning. The floor settled and pulled the pipes apart.

When you want an antistiff design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

A first class boarding house has been opened on Wellington street west, on the McLean property. For terms, etc., apply to Mrs. Field.

There were three cars of coal reported at Fargo for the local dealers yesterday morning. They are expected in to-day.

Assist in providing the Public General Hospital with a maternity ward, by making your purchases from the Ladies of the Assisting Society at Austin's, next Friday and Saturday.

A sleighload of about eighteen young people went to William Meritt's, near Leavelle, Friday night. With snowbanks and the darkness they had a thrilling time and reached home at 4 a.m.

The M. J. Wilson Cordage Company are running full time now. M. J. Wilson, the manager, says that he has orders enough on hand to keep him going until the first of July and the material is now on the way to Chatham.

A maternity ward has long been a necessity in the Public General Hospital. Patronize the sale and refreshment lunch served by the Assisting Society at Austin's, Feb. 12th and 13th.

Rev. Fr. De Paul, who is again stationed in Chatham, sang high mass in St. Joseph's church Sunday morning. His many friends are glad to see him back in Chatham again. Fr. De Paul left Chatham three years ago. He now succeeds Rev. Fr. Robert here.

The Sons of England held their usual meeting last night, when it was decided to hold a basket social Monday evening, Feb. 15, to which the members, their wives and friends, are invited. Bro. H. Horstead has a splendid program ready and Bro. Thos. E. Fielder has charge of the refreshments.

The Lake Erie train from the south was on time yesterday and the one from the north was not very late. The tracks are now in fairly good condition and the train service will be good unless another heavy snow storm falls. A washout occurred at Leamington and the wrecking train from here was called out Sunday. It was soon repaired.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co. Mfrs., Montreal. If

PROSPEROUS KENT BOY

A. Sheldrick has received a very interesting letter from Dr. Schmitt Shadd, a former Chathamite and an ex-school teacher of Kent. Mr. Shadd was born in Raleigh Township. He is now practicing medicine in Kinistino, Sask. He is a prominent Conservative of that district and has been elected president of the Conservative Association of Humboldt District. He says he has had a very mild winter, the thermometer never going below 45 degrees below zero.

Mr. Shadd leaves shortly for the old country and he will probably call at Chatham on his way to England. He has not been here for 15 years.

\$5.00! Ladies' Jackets and Suits

For Less Than Half Price.

With much cold weather yet to come this offering is opportune. The garments are all strictly up-to-date and the best sellers of the season. It will pay you to buy now—even for next season's wear. Be on hand early and have first and best choice.

9 Only, Ladies' Coats, fine, pure wool, Frieze, in Oxford Grey and Black, also fine Black Beaver, this season's best styles, lined throughout, regular price up to \$7.50, clearing at \$3.90

5 Only, Ladies' Coats, in Black and Grey Frieze and Beaver Cloths, also Black Boucle Cloths, warm, stylish garments, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, clearing at \$2.85

14 Only, Ladies' Coats, handsome garments in fine pure wool Frieze, stylish Tweed mixtures and fine Beaver Cloths, made in latest New York styles, colors grey, black, navy and fawn, regular price up to \$10.00 each, clearing at \$4.90

17 Only, Ladies' Coats—This lot includes some of the handsomest garments of the season, loose or fitted backs, medium and three-quarter lengths, with capes or plain collars, lined, colors black, grey, fawn and mixtures, regular prices ranged up to \$5.00 each, clearing at \$2.90

7 only Ladies' Tailor Suits in home-spun tweeds, chevrons, serges, and habit cloths, stylish garments, extra well tailored and finished, regular prices \$10.00 to \$14.00 each, clearing at \$6.90

Ladies Cloth Capes—Handsome garments of fine black cloths, beautifully made and trimmed with applique silk and satin braids, cording etc., long lengths, full sweep, clearing at \$4.90, \$6.90, \$8.90, \$11.90 and \$12.90

Ladies Astrachan Coats—Rich, glossy fur, full cut, made with double front, large collar and lapels, medium length, superior linings, the best \$25.00 Astrachan coat in the city, clearing at \$19.50

Ladies Electric Seal Coats—Only, rich quality, made in latest styles, large lapels and collar, kimono sleeve, rich satin linings, regular \$35.00, clearing at \$25.00

Ladies' Russian Lamb Coats—Superior quality, equal in appearance and wear to Persian lamb, firm close curl, rich heavy satin linings, perfect fitting the best \$50.00 coat in Canada, fully guaranteed in wear, clearing at \$39.50

Greenland Seal Coats—Rich, bright full fur, stylish cut collar lapels and facings of rich Bokharan lamb, superior satin linings, 3 only left, regular \$35.00, clearing at \$25.00

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THE STAGE



"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand—Robin Hood, Feb. 11. "A Ragged Hero"—Feb. 16.

CARNIVAL OF ENTERTAINERS.

The Carnival of Entertainers held the boards at the Grand last evening and pleased a well filled house. All the entertainers were well up to the standard of high class entertainers. The McRath Bros., banjoists, proved stars with their instruments, Mr. Houston as elocutionist was splendid, while the thought transference or whatever it was, proved very mysterious and entertaining. Mrs. Mowery in her recitations, too, was well up to the mark. On the whole this was the best of a so far excellent course.

"General Doherty and a General 'Run Down' state calls for a general tonic to the system. Such as 'The D. & L.' Eucalyptol, Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health.

THAMESVILLE

Feb. 8.—W. M. Drader, of Chatham, was in town to-day on business.

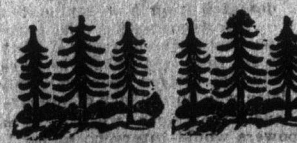
Miss Edythe Secord, who has been visiting in town for the past month, returned to Port Huron to-day.

Owing to the rise in the temperature the carnival which was to take place Saturday night, was postponed for a week.

Miss McManie Dunlop, of Wallaceburg, visited friends in town Sunday.

Dr. C. W. Currie spent Sunday at his home in Glencoe.

Dr. Wood's



Norway Pine Syrup

Cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Pain or Tightness in the Chest, Etc.

It stops that tickling in the throat, is pleasant to take and soothing and healing to the lungs. Mr. E. Bishop Brand, the well-known Galt gardener, writes:—I had a very severe attack of sore throat and tightness in the chest. Some times when I wanted to cough and could not I would almost choke to death. My wife got me a bottle of DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP, and to my surprise I found speedy relief. I would not be without it if it cost \$1.00 a bottle, and I can recommend it to everyone bothered with a cough or cold. Price 25 Cents.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. W. E. Rispin has made special arrangements with two or three loan companies and is prepared to advance money on mortgages and real estate for either farm or city loans at the very lowest rate of current interest, either for paying off old loans or making new ones.

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WANTED.

GIRL WANTED—Dining room girl at Merrill House, Chatham.

WE PAY HONEST MAN—\$200 per month to take orders for the greatest household supply in Canada. Your salary will be guaranteed and position permanent. Apply Cooper, Drawer 531, London, Ont.

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