

Pays to Read This

A China Store appeals to everybody at this season of the year. Early buying is wise buying. Goods displayed on our counters now were bought last Feb'y and March and are now to hand for your selection. Just think of us waiting until now to get in Xmas goods. Markets are all picked over and you get only job-lots at this season of year. Come where you can get the best and greatest selections.

Our 25c Window is the talk of the Town.

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At 50c.

We give you a choice assortment spoon trays, bonbons, fancy creams, pretty china cups, shaving mugs, candle holders, vases in china and cut glass, jardiniere, hair boxes and jewel cases.

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The assortment cannot be excelled, fancy celery tray, roll trays, cake platters, rail plates, jardiniere, butter knives sugar and cream sets, biscuit jars and 49 other things suitable and useful as gifts for Christmas.

At \$2.00.

The assortment is not so large but the quality comes better, the pieces are much larger and the goods are the choicest, royal Doulton jugs, art vases, pudding sets, teapot sugar and cream sets, fruit sets, lamps, sugar shell and butter knife in case, large nut bowls, fern pots and 27 other things of good value.

At \$5.00.

Tea sets in English china, sets of 1847 knives and forks, parlor or hanging lamps, handsome toilet sets, umbrella jars, and our finest berry sets or a few pieces of stock Lemoges chin? and carving sets.

At \$10.00.

Dinner sets, fine china tea sets, 1 doz. knives and forks 1847 Rogers genuine goods, Library lamps and many other choice things which you must see to appreciate.

Come any day now. We are ready for any kind of a Rush.

Lot of goods Lots of help

Grays China Hall.

KING ST. CHATHAM

Walk in and Lo

The Daily Planet

REQUISCAT IN PACE.

Warden Commissioner Stephen Parnall Sturgis made the statement during the County Council session, last week, that he did not think The Planet took the proper interest in the affairs of this County in that we did not have a representative present to take notes on the proceedings of this grand, noble and supremely important body of public men. While Stephen Parnall Sturgis was making his remarks, a representative from this journal was present taking down what he said, and it is given in today's issue. Moreover, as the subscribers of The Planet know, full reports of the proceedings of the County Council have appeared throughout the whole session.

It is a question what Warden Stephen Parnall Sturgis considers taking an interest in county affairs and the County Council. True, we did not publish a picture of the Warden, any more than the Toronto papers did on the occasion of Mr. Sturgis' visit to that place on a deputational tour from this city, relative to a Normal School. We, moreover, were not furnished with a photograph of that gentleman.

Does Stephen Parnall Sturgis consider it in the best interests of the people of this county to hold under great expense to the county—sessions which are almost devoid of important public business, but largely devoted to venting personal spleen upon a newspaper because in referring to the Warden it used the name by which he is universally known in the district in which he resides, and which name he does not object to when it falls from the lips of his personal friends?

Of course the Banner, no doubt green with envy that the casual remarks of a contemporary should attract so much of the time and attention of such a large and intelligent municipal body, was there to make the most of it, and they fairly outshone their former record for "innocent mistakes," "remarkable lapses of memory" and misrepresentation. The wild-eyes series of gorging grunts that that decrepit organ worked out were melodramatic and bloodcurdling, and no mistake.

Under the new Whitney regime, however, we can forgive and forget, gracefully scolding "Requiscat in pace" over the short sad life of that municipal body of professional "representatives." Next year we will have the accredited choice of the townships as representatives on the County Council, and a general awakening may be looked for in the affairs of this banner agricultural and industrial County of Kent.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

If the weatherman doesn't soon get on his good behaviour, we won't give him any Christmas box. So there!

Christmas comes but once a year, but the average man with a large family isn't exactly pining away to hear of it playing a return date.

Only two weeks more now to do that shopping in! You know how to avoid the rush.

The more Mayoralty candidates, the Mayor!

A Parisian chemist says that he can make diamonds out of hard coal. For making such a discovery at this time of the year, the man ought to be kicked.

Andrew Carnegie has been roasted by the London, Eng., newspapers, but after all, Andy ought to get some consolation out of the fact that they couldn't take any of his money away from him.

Warden Stephen Parnall Sturgis and the County Council of Kent have concluded their December session, but this old, imperturbable, worldly world still continues to make one revolution every twenty-four hours with aggravating regularity.

POISONED BY A RAZOR

Don't trim your corns with a razor, use a purely vegetable remedy like Putnam's Corn Extractor. No pain, certain cure, and all for a quarter. Every dealer sells "Putnam's."

Promoters Must Pay.

London, Dec. 8.—(C. A. P.)—In the King's Bench Division Christopher and Roney, solicitors, recovered £223 against White, Leachman & Workman, promoters of the Western Canada Pulp Paper Co., for work done in the formation of the company. The defendants' counsel for alleged negligence was dismissed.

In beauty town there dwelt a lass,
Her face was fair to see,
The secret of her beauty lay,
In Rocky Mountain Tea.
A. I. McCall & Co.

WARDEN STEPHEN PARNALL-STURGIS

He Assumes The Role Of
Adviser In The World Of
Journalism

AN AMUSING INCIDENT

It is a well known saying that everyone knows how to run a newspaper; better than the people engaged in the work of their publication, and the latest addition to the ranks of this vast majority, is Warden Commissioner Stephen Parnall Sturgis. Mr. Sturgis has had a remarkable public career. He served many years on the County Council, and the last year he was appointed to the position of Warden—he himself casting the deciding vote in favor of himself. He was a candidate for many years, and at last he captured the coveted prize. He is evidently out for more fields to conquer and he decided to take a whirl at journalism.

At the session on Saturday Mr. Ross complained that The Planet did not provide the Councilors with copies of The Planet every day during their week of sessions here. Warden Stephen Parnall Sturgis thought this was a sign that this Great Home Journal did not take the proper interest in county affairs. With a crude attempt at humor he hoped The Planet was still published in the same old quarters, and he had every reason to believe it was.

In spite of the fact that the reports of the proceedings have been published in full in this journal, and also the fact that a representative was at the time present at the meeting, the Warden went on with his extraordinary remarks.

"I do not know why they do not send a representative from that paper to the Council to take notes of the proceedings of this Council, to show the people what we are doing. It looks like a cooling off. We divided the County printing and it was given to The Planet this year. Last year the Banner had the printing of the minutes and we could not get them on time any more than we did from the other paper this year. Mr. French, who comes from the same district as Stephen Parnall Sturgis, also added a few words. He thought that if the Council could not get their minutes on time they should be given to a small country office. It was rather amusing to hear the Council say what they were going to do in the future, when that body of men goes out of existence at the end of the present year. However, they were here to hold sessions and there was nothing of importance so this probably accounts for the valuable time they were able to throw away in discussing and elaborating upon small, trivial personal matters—all at the expense of the ratepayers of the County.

THREE CHURCHES LOOTED.

Sunday School Boxes Emptied and Considerable Damage Done.

Brampton, Dec. 6.—Tuesday night several persons unknown entered a number of the churches here and created great havoc. At St. Paul's Church a quantity of money was taken from the children's Sunday school money boxes, and at Grace Church great damage was done to the Sunday school library.

The caretaker of Christ Church found two men sleeping in the kindergarten classroom. He gave the alarm, but upon re-entering found that the men had escaped through a window.

The communion wine had been taken, and everything turned upside down, from one end of the building to the other. A horse and rig were taken from Grace Church shed and driven some distance from the town when they were abandoned, the horses returning home.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Brisco Opera House—

The Scarlet Mysteries—Dec. 13.

Charles's Aunt—Dec. 15.

Miss MacIntyre's Recluse—Dec. 17.

Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24.

Ruie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.

Return of Morris-Thurston Co., New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

THE SCARLET MYSTERIES.

The Brisco Opera House is to be occupied on Thursday night by the Scarlet Mysteries, a mysterious company of artists from London, who are making their first appearance in Canada under the direction of Mr. Edward Branscombe. The company number eight performers, all of whom not only enjoy English reputations, but claim individuality to excel in some "specialty."

The bare announcement in any town in England that the "Scarlet Mysteries" are to appear is sufficient guarantee for the public, owing to the reputation this company enjoy, that they may depend upon an entertainment after their own hearts—cultured, refined, thoroughly amusing and, best of all, different from any other show. In this country they come to us as strangers, and have yet to prove their quality, but the association of Mr. Edward Branscombe's name, who is known to us, should be ample recommendation as to the qualifications of the artists who have elected to surround themselves in the mystery of masks and musketeer apparel, and from the English credentials which they show, it is safe to say that the opportunity afforded Thursday to enjoy an evening's fun and merriment at the expense of these red-robed gentlemen and their quaint jester—who is said to be a veritable prince amongst

Weak Kidneys

Weak Kidneys, surely point to weak Nerves. The Kidneys, like the Heart, and the Stomach, find their weakness, not in the organ itself, but in the nerves that control and guide and strengthen them. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is a medicine specifically prepared to reach these controlling nerves. To doctor the Kidneys alone, is futile. It is a waste of time, and of money as well.

If your back aches or is weak, if the urine is pale, or is dark and strong, if you have symptoms of Bright's or other distressing or dangerous kidney disease, try Dr. Shoop's Restorative a month—Tablets or Liquid—and see what it can and will do for you. Druggists recommend and sell.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

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them—should on no account be missed, for it is rare to meet with an entertainment so entirely free from the least trace of vulgarity, and, at the same time teeming with mirth and revelry.

The company play at the Brisco Opera House on Thursday, Dec. 13. Referring to these performances, we quote the following from a London paper:—"The entertainment was one of the best and most artistic, albeit at the same time, the happy-go-lucky for some time; it was carried through without a break, in the gayest spirits, so that the audience were quite carried out of themselves for the time being."

FACES NEW CHARGE.

McGill, Former General Manager Ontario Bank, Accused of Having Stolen Sum of \$1,150,000.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—A third charge was laid yesterday against ex-Manager McGill of the Ontario Bank, that of having stolen \$1,150,000. McGill's own surety in \$100 was accepted as bail. The charge is laid to dissipate the objections which have been raised to sending the investigation commission to New York. Crown Attorney Conley thinks that the opposition to the commission indicates that the defence have reason to fear the enquiry. After a brief session the enquiry yesterday was adjourned a week.

"Pretty steep," was McGill's comment in an aside when the charge was read. A. E. Ames was called as a witness and questioned concerning six cheques on the Metropolitan Bank as follows: April 4, 1906, \$3,000; April 11, 1906, \$1,500; May 18, 1906, \$2,000; Sept. 29, 1906, \$2,790.89; Oct. 10, 1906, \$2,500. These withdrawals, Mr. Ames thought, were from McGill's separate accounts. These cheques various tellers have already testified they cashed for McGill.

To Mr. McKay witness admitted that with regard to the "C. McGill" account the transactions were almost entirely in Ontario Bank stock. The dealings need not necessarily have been for his own benefit.

Clean, dry crystals—that are absolutely pure—that will not cake—that is WINDSOR TABLE SALT. The best for table use.

Elder Fined \$10 and Costs.

St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—The case of assault at the Mapleton Church last Monday night was ventilated yesterday before Magistrates Hunt and Day. W. G. Charlton, the defendant, is an elder of the Church of the Disciples and occasionally preaches. W. K. Cameron appeared for the prosecution, and T. W. Crothers for the defendant.

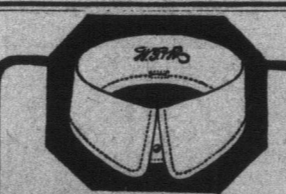
Clinton W. Smith swore that Charlton without any provocation struck him, giving him a black eye, then knocking him out of the church. All the men of the St. Thomas party gave similar testimony, and one of the young ladies, Miss Clara Lumley, gave evidence on the same lines.

The evidence of the defence was that one St. Thomas being present, he had been boisterously laughing, hissing and talking and preventing the carrying out of the program, and that he was justified in what he did.

Elder Charlton was fined \$10 and costs, the expense to Mr. Charlton being \$20.65.

The people who start wrong have to live an unpleasant.

Progress is the real cure for an that discrepant organ worked out were



GAMBRA—Slip-easy band makes tie-tying pleasant instead of worrisome. In three heights—1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inches at back. Perfect fitting because made now in Quarter Sizes.

Made of INISH linen for the sake of the brand it bears—and for your pocket's good. Sewn doubly well for the same reason.

20c. Demand the brand 3 for 50c. Each

Time is Getting Short

Better do your holiday shopping this week---there are many good reasons why you should.

Better choice, better service and more comfort than is possible later on. Here are some special inducements to early buyers.

A CLEAN SWEEP IN MILLINERY

Ladies' Stylish Trimmed Hats—Regular up to 5.50 for 2.68; regular \$7 to \$8 for 4.95; regular \$10 for 6.90.

Misses and Girls Trimmed Hats—regular up to 4.50 each clearing at \$2.19.

Ladies' Coats Reduced—Long coats of natty tweeds in checks, plaids and mixtures, perfect fitting, all sizes, worth up to \$12.50, clearing at \$9.90.

\$17.50 Coats at \$9.90—Ladies' coats, long, loose and Prince chap styles, fine tweeds, latest patterns in light and dark colors, beautiful garments, worth up to \$17.50, clearing at \$12.90.

Coats at \$1.98 each—Lot odd coats, in ladies' and girls' sizes were regular up to \$10, clearing at each \$1.98.

New Silk Waists—Made specially for our Christmas trade, the prettiest styles and best values we know of, at each \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

75c, 65c, 60c and 50c Dress Goods at 33c—35 pcs choice new dress goods and suitings, including 48 in. plain cloths, 54 in. all wool Panamas, 44 in. mohairs, 42 in. all wool Granites, Roxanas, tweeds, etc., every desirable shade, regular up to 75c a yard, clearing at 33c.

DRESS GOODS

56 Inch Cloaking Tweeds, pretty mixtures in greys, and blues, for ladies' or children's long coats, heavy, pure wool, worth regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 a yard, clearing at 58c.

50c, 60c and 75c. Silks at 46c. Yard—43 pcs. rich pure silks in 27 in. Japan Taffetas, 23 in. Ivory Figured Wash Silks, 27 in. Pure Silk Plaids and Checks, 21 in. Colored Peau de Soie and other desirable silks in full range colors and blacks, regular 50c, 60c, 65c and 75c, 46c.

54 in. Cream Serge, heavy weight, pure wool, sponged and shrunken, worth \$1.25 a yd., clearing at 78c.

Cut Prices on Room Rugs—Heavy Oriental rugs, choice designs and colorings, size 6 by 9 ft., regular \$7 rugs, for \$5.90. Size 7 1/2 by 10 1/2 ft., regular \$10 rugs, for \$7.90. Size 9 by 12 ft., regular \$13 rugs, for \$10.90.

Rich Ayrian Rugs—Size 9 by 9 ft., regular \$11.50, clearing at \$8.65. Size 9 by 10 1/2 ft., regular \$12.50, clearing at \$9.95. Size 9 by 12 ft., regular \$14.50, clearing at \$11.50.

Handkerchiefs—The greatest handkerchief sale of the season.

\$1.50 Black Mercerised Underskirts 98c—10 doz fine heavy quality satin petticoats, rich silky finish, made and trimmed with flounce, tucks, frills, cordings, etc., assorted sizes, regular 1.25 and 1.50 each 98c.

Dolls, Dolls—Of every size and description, selling at fully 20 per cent. less than you would pay elsewhere.

BUY YOUR FURS AT NORTHWAY'S AND SAVE MONEY.

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I was cured of terrible lumbago by MINARD'S LINIMENT. REV. WM. BROWN. I was cured of a bad case of earache by MINARD'S LINIMENT. MRS. S. KAULBACK. I was cured of sensitive lungs by MINARD'S LINIMENT. MRS. S. MASTERS. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living no matter what your station. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest preventative known for all diseases. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. A. I. McCall & Co. There's little room in this great world of ours for the "Fat Woman." She's a hindrance to herself in street cars, flats, elevators; but what can she do, poor thing—take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. A. I. McCall & Co. A good listener maketh a good husband. an uncut diamond looks very much like a bit of gum arabic.

H. W. BALL & CO., Chatham's Nicest Store

Christmas Suggestions

What to buy for Christmas presents is a very important query these days. We invite you to this store come any time, look around at the special display of useful Christmas presents, do this early in the week, when buying time comes you are ready—We will reserve what you fancy.

Perhaps it is Gloves.

Always acceptable and suitable for young or old. We sell good gloves, find out the size you will want, you can always get a hint of the shade that is wanted. Box and not charge you for the box either.

Wool and cashmere gloves 25c and 50c. Kid Gloves 1.00, 1.35, 1.50 and \$2.50.

You're Safe on Handkerchiefs.

Everybody likes lots of handkerchiefs impossible to have too many, they are made so fine nowadays, our grandmothers had to make theirs by hand, it took all year to make one—now you can buy nice ones for 10c each. Special 3 handkerchiefs in box 25c; special 2 handkerchiefs in box 25c; special 1 handkerchief in box 25c.

Also the same quantity in boxes at 50c.

How About Ladies' Neckwear.

You'll never make a mistake if you buy a pretty lace or fancy collar, the wearer always remembers the giver every time they put a gift collar on—they are nice too—so delicate in coloring and trimming—you never get stuck for what to buy if you buy fancy collars—nice boxes to fit. Lace and fancy at 25c and 50c, and very handsome ones at 75c and \$1.00.

Linens Make a Nice Gift.

Some house-keepers would rather have nice linen than any other kind of a present. A great deal of ours is hand drawn work, done by the Japanese ladies while they were waiting for their husbands and sweethearts to return from the Russo-Japanese war—it's lovely work and not expensive, some pieces are as cheap as 25c while the best pieces are only \$2.00 and \$2.50.

How Would You Like to Give a Dress.

We would suggest black it is always worn and very serviceable—we have special clerks in the Dress Goods to help you in your choice. We will deliver it when you want it.

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