

The Planet:

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AN EFFICIENT OFFICER.

While The Planet is by no means an alarmist and can see no menace to the city or neighboring townships in the few mild and isolated cases of small-pox several miles down the river, yet this great home journal feels that the community is much indebted to the Maple City's energetic, able and conscientious Medical Health Officer, Dr. W. R. Hall, for the prompt and vigorous steps he has taken to protect us all from any possible contagion.

The visit of Dr. P. H. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, and the consequent steps to stamp out the disease and guard the neighboring community, were directly attributable to Dr. Hall's zeal and activity. His visit to Dover yesterday and his sagacious suggestions, which the township Board promptly acted upon, alone demonstrated the extent to which he outlines and adopts his duties.

Chatham is fortunate in possessing a Medical Health Officer of Dr. Hall's calibre and we believe the city and county are both considerably indebted to him in this crisis.

THE AMERICAN TYRANTS.

More reports of the horrible cruelties of the American troops in the Philippine islands in their dealings with the brave but defenceless women and children herded in the pestilential concentration camps! The horror that has greeted the dawn of the twentieth century is the spectacle of these insular patriots futilely struggling in the iron grasp of a so-called republic, which, without a shadow of cause, has invaded the eastern hemisphere and set its despotic heel upon a free people, hither to almost successful in their efforts to throw off the yoke of effete Spain. The people of this little sister republic, the sordid Americans bought like cattle from Spain, with the beautiful group of islands which they inhabit, to give the American nation a shadow of right to this valuable eastern possession, and have since prosecuted a war of extermination which will eventually lay the islands waste. For four years the brave Filipinos have put up a desperate but hopeless struggle, inflicting on their oppressors losses far in excess of their own entire numbers and the cowardly military hirelings of the Washington autocracy, despairing of vanquishing the fighting men in the field, have resorted to the dastardly alternative of herding their women and children in concentration camps to starve to death or die from pestilence and neglect. In the name of civilization the British nation should arouse itself and intervene.

P. S.—The above is largely not, but not any more so than the stereotyped editorial in Ottawa papers on the Boer war.—Ottawa Citizen.

MARCONI'S GREAT FEAT.

It seems reasonable to infer, points out the Toronto World, that if Marconi can signal the letter "a" from England to Newfoundland he can signal the whole alphabet. And if he can send the alphabet westward across the Atlantic he can also send it across the ocean eastward. It seems reasonable to infer from the evidence before us that before long we shall have a practical system of wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic. And if across the Atlantic, why not over and across all the other oceans? Marconi has got the first strand of his invisible bridge over the ocean. Is there any doubt that other strands will be added from time to time and that finally his bridge will be a completed commercial structure? Considering the short period of its existence wireless telegraphy has made wonderful headway, but Marconi's last achievement greatly transcends every other step previously made. The twentieth century has opened most auspiciously. The news that comes from St. John's, Newfoundland, is hardly less wonderful than the flashing of the first word across the Atlantic nearly half a century ago by Cyrus Field's cable. Although the perfection of his transatlantic mechanism may take some considerable time, Marconi has probably achieved enough to set the cable companies thinking seriously about the future of their business. The quotations on the stock exchange to-day will tell us exactly how the commercial world estimates the money value of Marconi's latest victory. When wireless telegraphy is perfected the great cable monopolies of the world will be put out of business, or at least despoiled of their monopolistic features. The success of Marconi's system prefigures incalculable good for the British Empire. Give the press of the Empire the advantages that will accrue from cheap and instantaneous inter-imperial communication and a

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But it'll take more than a word to stop Bourke Cockran.

Nelson won the naval battle of Copenhagen by disobeying orders. If he had been treated as Schley has been treated, there would probably have been no Trafalgar.

A big fight is on at Rio San Juan, Chile is preparing for war and the Republic of Costa Rica is drinking huge draughts of penniless bitterness. The little world in the American tropics is a region of trouble and tears.

All Canadians who read will regret to learn that Bret Harte is dying. Wherever the English language is spoken and read, the sad intelligence will be received with sincere sorrow, for Bret Harte has brightened this dull world with his clever stories and inimitable sketches.

Walkerville is one of the most economically managed towns in Canada. In cleaning up the civic business for the year, the statement shows that only \$16,203.60 had been raised in taxes and that the expenditures were \$1,000 less than that sum. The public works committee had a credit balance of \$1,000 after doing all the necessary street and sidewalk work of the year. The board of health expended \$554.49, of which on case of smallpox, imported from Cleveland, cost \$139. The total amount spent for the relief of the poor was \$150. Evidently there is not much poverty in Walkerville. With such a record of financial management the mayor and council think they are entitled to another term of official life.

The Pretoria correspondent of the London Daily Mail raises the question which must have presented itself to everybody, where do all the Boers come from? A year ago the number of Boers in the field was estimated at 17,000. Since then over 16,000 Boers have been accounted for, killed.

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wounded, surrendered or taken prisoners, and yet there are said to be 10,000 still in the field. Where do they come from? The readiest explanation is that they come from the concentration camps. The old couple declares that he that fights and runs away may live to fight another day; but the Boers appear to have improved on the running-away business, as they have improved on so many of the traditional usages of war. It is no longer necessary to run away, in order to fight another day. The Boer stands his ground, surrenders himself a prisoner of war, enjoys the hospitality of the enemy until he feels fit for the field again, and then makes his escape. It would be really interesting to know how often some of the Boers have surrendered.

Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly assist your merchants and their clerks by shopping early this Christmas.

SCARCE THERE, TOO.

Galt Reformer.
Where is the hand-shaking and jocular aldermanic candidate this year? We are real lonely without him.

BUT THEY HAVE INFLUENCE.

Montreal Star.
There are some prohibitionists in Ontario "as is prohibitionists," but being members of the W. C. T. U. most of them have no votes.

IMPLICATION.

Alexandria Glengarian.
"Burying out for the war office" is the suggestive heading which recently appeared on an article in a daily paper. Still this is no proof that any of the officials there are donkeys.

OUT FOR BUSINESS.

Toronto Telegram.
The readiness of Canadians to enlist for service in the last stages of the South African war is an answer to the cheap slander that this country's recruits for the first contingent expected to figure in a military picnic.

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3. Chopin—Mazurka, op. 17, No. 4, Nocturne, op. 9, No. 1, Ballade, op. 23, piano—Mr. Weissman.

4. De Beriot—Andante and Finale, From 7th Concerto—Violin—Mr. (Wm.) Yunck.

5. Bird—Sketch in F. Weissman—Menuet; Schubert—Tango—Marche Miniature—Piano—Mr. Weissman.

6. Mascagni—Ava Maria (Cavalleria Rusticana)—Vocal, Miss Edith Dolson.

7. Schumann—Des Abends; Sapientia, op. 4, No. 2; Kullak—Octave Study in E-flat—Piano—Mr. Weissman.

8. Lemaire—Souvenir de Haydn—Violin—Mr. William Yunck.

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