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THE LOCAL BUDGET

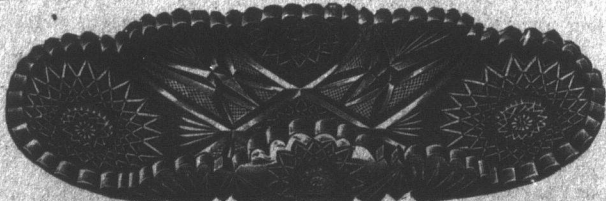
W. J. Beatty, of Fergus, spent yesterday in the city.

D. Dewar, of Sarnia, was in the city yesterday on business.

Y. M. L. S. of St. Joseph's Church will meet in their hall, Cross St. at 8. It will be the fastest game of the season. What will? Why, the hockey match between Windsor and Chatham at the rink to-night. Admission 25c, children 15c.

The Retail Merchants of the city held a well attended meeting in Harrison Hall last night. Matters of general interest to the trade were discussed.

The students of the Ursuline Academy visited the factory of the Blonde Co. to-day. They were shown over the mill by the manager, Ben. Blonde, and inspected the various ways in which lumber is treated.



HAWKES CUT GLASS

A yellow diamond makes a good show until compared with a white one, and Hawkes glass shows up the yellow in other cut glass when placed side by side. We can show you five other makes, Canadian and American, but Hawkes stands out in a class by itself. Come in and let us show you the difference, and it won't take long either. There is comparatively very little difference in the cost but oh what a difference in quality.

VonGunten Bros., RELIABLE JEWELERS

W. N. McCoy, of Wallaceburg, spent yesterday in town.

S. McClure, of Edy's Mills, was in the city yesterday.

J. W. Humphrey is confined to his home through illness.

W. F. Secord, of Thorold, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Miss McVean, of Dresden, was a guest in the city yesterday.

Miss Edna Fraser, of Thamesville, was a Maple City guest yesterday.

Rev. W. E. Milson, of Wheatley, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Thomas Robinson, of Coatsworth, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.

Joseph Thibodeau, of Pain Court, leaves this week for Winnipeg on a business trip.

J. G. Bass and wife, of Windsor, were registered guests at the Garner House yesterday.

Miss Lizzie Sample, of Windsor, is the guest of her brother, Willis Sample, Kirk street.

For seven days out of 15 in the present month of February the thermometer was down below zero.

Keep to-night open for the hockey match between Windsor and Chatham. Admission 25c, children 15c.

Dr. A. W. Thornton, President of the Conservative Association has arrived home from Toronto and will be at his office tomorrow.

William Raymo will be out of the Central Prison on the 19th. He will be brought back here to answer the charges against him.

Come awa and hear two or three Scotch songs, and have a cup o' tea wi us, on the e'en o' the 20th, at St. Andrew's Sunday School. Admission 15 cents.

County Clerk Jonas Gosnell remarked that it was as cold here as in Dawson City. It was only six degrees below zero in Dawson.

The Young Men's Club of the Park street Methodist church met last evening. J. W. Wilson, musical director, was present and drilled the boys for their concert, which will be given soon.

Geo. A. McCubbin, of St. Thomas, is visiting his brother-in-law, Roy Tobey, of the 2 T's. Mr. McCubbin was 16 hours coming from St. Thomas to Chatham. The delay was caused by snowdrifts on the railroad lines.

Fire Chief Richard Pritchard has received from Herbert S. Clements, M. P., who is now in the Dominion Capitol, a handsomely illustrated souvenir of the Ottawa Fire Department. The souvenir is a very elaborate one.

The Veteran Firemen's ball, which was to have been held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium last evening, was postponed indefinitely. Owing to the severe cold weather all those who received invitations were unable to attend.

Miss Rosie Culnan, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Blonde, left to-day for Thamesville to attend the wedding of another sister, Miss Nellie Culnan. Mrs. Blonde was too ill to attend the ceremony. Miss Nellie Culnan was married to James Mulhern, of Ridgetown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. O'Neil.

Rev. D. W. Collins, of Birr, formerly of Blenheim Anglican Church, and who filled the pulpit of Holy Trinity Church on two occasions recently, was inducted as rector of the United Parish of Trinity and St. George's in the Township of London, on Sunday last. Ven. Dr. Richardson, as Archdeacon of London, performed the ceremony. Mr. Collins' many Blenheim and Chatham friends will be pleased to learn of his appointment.

TO CONSIDER OFFER

The County Council will meet on the 22nd of February to consider the city's offer to sell out their interest in Harrison Hall for \$11,000. Warden Vester was notified yesterday by the Mayor that the city would be willing to take this figure. He at once instructed County Clerk Gosnell to send out notices to the commissioners and the Council will assemble a week from to-day.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—N. A. m.—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and decidedly cold. Thursday, fair, and not so cold.

The following figures were registered to-day at 7 a. m. at Turner's weather bureau.

THERMOMETER.

Highest yesterday, 12.

Lowest during night, 9 below zero.

This morning, 8 below zero.

Barometer, 29.53.

Direction of wind, west.

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ICE CRUSHER TO SAVE FLOOD

Herbert S. Clements, M. P., Appeals to Parliament to Protect Against Spring Freshet

Asks for the Sending of an Ice Crusher—Secures Promise from Government to Take the Matter Up.

In the House of Commons yesterday Herbert S. Clements, M. P., took up the matter of protecting the farmers and merchants of this district from the disastrous results and heavy loss by the spring floods.

The Mail and Empire reporting the proceedings of parliament, says:

FLOODING OF THAMES RIVER.

Mr. Clements (Conservative, West Kent) spoke of the serious loss to the people living on the banks of the Thames River between Chatham and Lake St. Clair caused by the breaking up of the ice on the river. The river between Chatham and London is narrower and the water rises more rapidly than farther down the river. The result is that the ice breaks earlier than it does between Chatham and the lake, and much damage is caused by flooding.

Mr. Clements asked that an ice-crusher should be obtained from Detroit to break the ice in the lower part of the river before it broke up in the higher part.

Mr. Hyman promised to write to the boat-owners at Detroit and find out whether an ice-crusher could be sent up to do the work.

THE CARNIVAL

St. Valentine's Night brought Forth a Splendid Competition on the Ice.

The valentine carnival given by the non commission officers of the 24th Kent Regiment in their rink last night was a decided success. The carnival was the best yet. Nearly all the skaters were in costume and the ice was in good condition.

The judges were Miss Helen Young, Miss Coatsworth, Sam Mercer, M. Houston and Garnet Brackin. They awarded the prizes to the following:

PRIZE WINNERS.

Comic gentleman—Thos. Morgan, "Everything."

Best dressed gentleman—Ollie Springer, "The Black Knight."

Comic lady—Mrs. Wake, "Scrub woman."

Best dressed lady—Miss Maw, "Night."

Best dressed girl—Miss Cartier.

Best dressed boy—Fred Brundage.

The 24th Kent Regiment Band was in attendance and furnished excellent music.

GOOD SOCIAL

A very successful social was held at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Kellar, William street, last evening, under the auspices of the Christ Church Senior Guild.

There was a good crowd present and a very pleasant time was spent by everyone present. Several booths were open for trade from the visitors, including post office, fortune telling, etc.

The ladies who had the management of the social in hand were Mesdames Merritt, T. K. Holmes, Chas. Kellar, Fisher and Shackleton.

A good sum was realized, which will be devoted to church work. A short musical program was given, including vocal solos by Messrs. J. W. Wilson and R. W. Angus, and instrumental solos by Miss Edith Hall and Miss McLean.

MONKEY BRAND SOAP cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

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March Fashion Sheets Free

THURSDAY

Ribbon Day at The Austin Store

"Dame Fashion," says Ribbons are right for Spring and Summer. We are headquarters for Ribbons and have made large preparations for the increased demand and can give you values that are better than ever.

25c. for 20c

Heavy Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, suitable for neck or hair, ribbons all shades.

75c. for 39c

Extra wide widths in silk and Duchess Satin, polka dots, flower patterns, etc.

30c. for 25c

Extra heavy weight Taffeta 5 1/2 in. wide, all colors including new shades of brown.

25c for 20c

Fancy Stripe Silk Ribbons in Red, Green, Pink, Blue, etc.

In connection with our Ribbon Sale, Miss M. L. Rehiuss will demonstrate the "Out-of-Sight Fastener," the only perfect method for adjusting Ribbons, Stocks and Collars. "The Out-of-Sight" saves time, saves ribbon, and produces a neater closing than any other method.

Some Suggestions of Comfort

Our entire stock of flannelette and wrapperette wrappers are grouped at these prices 75c, 98c and \$1.25.

AT 75c—All wrappers regularly priced \$1.00, of heavy flannelette, lined to the waist and sheet flounced or plain.

AT 98c—Regularly priced \$1.25 and \$1.39, mostly dark colors, fancy stripes and floral designs, yoke front, tight fitting back, trimmed with frills and narrow fancy braid, deep flounce on skirt.

AT \$1.25—All \$1.75 and \$2.00 lines, navy, cardinal and black and white, pointed yoke, finished with wide pleats, braids, and ruffles over shoulders.

Flannelette Gowns

Excellent styles, plain colors and stripes generously cut, and nicely trimmed with laces and tucking or insertion and embroidery. Reduced to the following low prices:

59c—Plain pink or white with double yoke, trimmed in neck and sleeves with ruffles, regular 75c value.

78c—Plain colors with square or pointed yoke, trimmed with frills with lace or narrow novelty braid, regular \$1.00 value.

98c—With yoke of hemstitched tucking, trimmed down the front and in neck and sleeves with hemstitched frill in frill of embroidery, regular prices, \$1.25 and \$1.39.

AT \$1.25—Of heavy flannelette with V shaped yoke, trimmed with insertion and embroidery, pink, blue and white, regular price \$1.75.

An Overcoat Buying Opportunity FOR MEN

That will certainly appeal to you. Overcoats at 70c on the \$.

That's the condensed fact—a sale that has no parallel in this store—but that's neither here or there—let's get down to business—you're