

..The Planet..

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A POLICY THAT SUCCEEDS.

The decline of Michigan as a lumber state is shown in a striking manner by the figures of the product of 1900. In the Saginaw River district there were produced in 1882, 1,011,000,000 feet of pine lumber, while last year the pine output dropped to 129,921,408 feet. The decrease in some of the other lumber districts of the lower peninsula is not less pronounced. The pine supplies of Upper Michigan are also being rapidly diminished, but there is a vast quantity of hemlock and hardwood timber yet available in both peninsulas. The high water mark in the production of lumber in Michigan was reached in 1888, the output in that year being 3,292,189,914 feet, since which there has been a gradual decline. This is the result of the patriotic Ontario policy requiring the saving of Canadian logs here, which was adopted at the instigation of the Ontario Conservatives. The same policy applied to wood pulp and nickel would effect a wonderful transformation in New Ontario, but the Ross Government hesitates. Fortunately there is promise of the next election placing a party in power that will exert some vigor in the handling of these questions.

IRISH AGITATORS.

Maude Gonne has reached Detroit and is airing her views there in the newspapers. When St. Patrick drove the snakes and toads out of the Green Isle he unfortunately overlooked the agitators. Thus poor Ireland still suffers. The country has had wrongs inflicted on her in the past, there is little dispute about that. But the men who suffered the wrongs and the men who inflicted them are all gone. And why not let the dead past bury the past? There is not a more liberally governed country in the world to-day than Ireland. There is not a country in the world where the government does more for the people, and especially the poor people. They are even advanced money to purchase land if they so desire, and that without further security than the land itself. What person in this country, who understands agriculture at all, would not like to be treated by the Canadian Government in the same way.

But yet these agitators like Maude Gonne go around. She is called the modern Joan of Arc. It might be better if she were designated one of Ireland's worst enemies. People are becoming too intelligent now to pay much attention to ranters. The fact that the United States is not contributing a dollar to the Irish parliamentary fund is good evidence that people are getting thoroughly weary about wrongs that do not now exist. This woman, Miss Gonne, no doubt wants notoriety and when she gains that, possibly Ireland may be left to look out for herself. The unfortunate country has suffered more in the past from false patriots than active enemies.

A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC.

The recommendation the grand jury made at the Woodstock assizes that special regulations be imposed on the railways in regard to carrying explosives is an eminently proper one, and it is to be hoped that it will not meet with the fate which many grand jury presentments do, not be heard again. The probability is that if the dynamite contained in the cars which were wrecked at Woodstock had not been frozen, a serious explosion would have occurred. It is possible that regulations on this matter exist now. If so they should be strictly enforced. It has been stated that explosives have been shipped in some cases under other names so as to induce the railway companies to accept them as ordinary freight. If this is true, it is criminal. When explosives are carried at all by railway there should be the utmost caution exercised. The fact that so few accidents have occurred by their conveyance is probably presumptive evidence of a fair amount of care, but in this matter there should be every possible safeguard for the safety of employees and people in the neighborhood of railways.

When the census enumerators start out on their rounds shortly there need be no hesitation as to answering his questions as to confidential matters, as every officer is required to keep inviolate the secrecy of the information gathered and entered on his schedules. Enumerators are not allowed to show their schedules, keep copies of them, or give out any information, directly or indirectly, and the same obligation of secrecy rests on the employees of the census office at Ottawa. No information in regard to the census is to be given out in advance of the printed bulletins or reports, except by the head office of the census, acting under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture.

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"They finally healed without leaving a scar." Mrs. L. TREIST, 7 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, N. J.

The Duke of York and Cornwall has been empowered by the King to confer knighthoods while in Australia. He will no doubt be given the same privilege when he comes to Canada. In a case of this kind the honor is usually conferred on the chief magistrates of the cities visited. In that event it will probably be Sir George Sulman.

An increase in the birth rate of the province in 1900 is shown by the annual report of the Registrar-General. Vital statistics for 1899 and 1900 are as follows:

	1899.	1900.
Births	44,705	46,019
Deaths	16,514	17,123
Marriages	28,607	29,504

The birth rate last year is estimated at 19.9 per 1,000, as compared with 19.3 in 1899, and 20.4 in 1898. In England the birth rate is 29.4, in Scotland 30.8, and in Ireland 23.2.

A WARM PROPOSAL.
Bowmanville News.

Overcoat—Will exchange a good overcoat for a cord of hard wood. Apply at the News office.

A HINT TO THE SHERIFF.
Detroit Free Press.

The sheriff might not always run into a chicken fight by shadowing Ald. Weiler, but he'd never miss one.

THE FUN CORA'S HAVING.
Welland Tribune.

Miss Cora Dixon is trying to get all the enjoyment possible from a three-weeks-old felon on her right hand, the third finger having swollen to a very great size, requiring lancing.

HOW TO GAIN FLESH
Persons have been known to gain a pound a day by taking an ounce of Scott's Emulsion. It is strange, but it often happens.

Somehow the ounce produces the pound; it seems to start the digestive machinery going properly, so that the patient is able to digest and absorb his ordinary food, which he could not do before, and that is the way the gain is made.

A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health; if you have not got it you can get it by taking Scott's Emulsion.

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Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Chatham by all druggists. Ask for Minard's and take no other.

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Chicago Tribune.

"Is woman's testimony less reliable than man's?" is the question started by a Chicago judge. It is not, as to what the other ladies of the congregation had on.

CLAIMS TO BE CROMWELL'S HEIR.
Montreal Star.

A movement is now on foot to recover for the heirs of the late Mr. Oliver Cromwell an estate valued now at \$25,000,000, which has been doing nothing but accumulate in the Bank of England for generations. The party who are now after the fortune of the simple old Puritan are led by a Mr. William Dickerson, an engineer living at Chelsea, Mass. As there are sixty seekers for this alleged wealth in Massachusetts alone, and they will all spend a dollar or two to get their own, the Old Country agents for fortunes awaiting claimants will make a fair thing out of it if the Cromwell heirs do not. By the way, the late Mr. J. Caesar, at the time he was hurried hence by Mr. Brutus and his friends, had a few dollars, and had made a will. What has become of the accumulations of all these years, and who is now the occupant of the Caesar real estate? Here is a chance for heirs to invest. These fortunes that are not working must be all rounded up.

SAFETY OF OCEAN TRAVEL.
Marine Review.

The comparative, one might almost say absolute, security of ocean travel could not be better illustrated than in the latest trips of the Atlantic liners. A storm raged, the fierceness of which passes all memory, and yet every ship came in. They were late, of course, all of them, but they had come in. Every one of them had been battered with countless tons of water, hurled with immeasurable force, and time and again the mighty liners were tossed like corks upon the waves, but they came out triumphantly. Fastenings were torn from the decks and even propeller blades were lost, but they plowed steadily forward. There was a diminution of speed, but they went on. This wonderful machine, the essence of power, known as the Atlantic liner, is superior to the tempest.

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A Tragical Trifle.
Trifles, and sometimes queer ones at that, have been the cause of many a frightful catastrophe. A fire which was directly responsible for the loss of more lives than any other single configuration originated through the vagaries of a stray tarantula, a species of huge, hairy spider peculiar to South and Central America. The scene was Santiago, Chile, and a grand religious festival was taking place in the principal cathedral.

The building was a sea of drapery, flooded with every variety of illumination. Twenty thousand silver lamps were in full blaze, and the acolytes were busy lighting the 25000 tapers on the grand altar when the errant spider skipped into the central aisle and alarmed a woman, who screamed.

The acolytes, some of them, looked around to learn the cause of the commotion, and one of the naked girls, carrying a candelabrum in contact with the drag of a colossal figure of the Virgin. A few minutes later the vast cathedral was a raging furnace, in which were being consumed more than 2,000 persons, the elite of Santiago society.

New Mexico Torments.
"Besides the rattlesnakes, the New Mexico end of the Rocky mountains is blessed with the tarantula, the scorpion and the centiped," says Will Morrie in Ainslee's. "Then there's the gila monster and many poisonous lizards. Of all these the centiped is, perhaps, the most terrible and he has a habit of living among the ceiling rafters of old adobe houses. At night, when a man is sleeping, it drops, and if it strikes his body it leaves a mark that takes months to heal, provided some blood disorder does not develop and kill the man. The gila monster generally does not bite unless teased. The scorpion and tarantula inflict wounds more painful than dangerous."

The Sure Road.
The Old Stager—Young man, if you would be successful, you must do two things—first get some enemies.

The Aspirant—And second?

The Old Stager—Second, irritate them so that they will make you prominent.

Promising.
"Your son seems a very promising young fellow," Snipkins," observed a friend.

"Yes; he is rather too promising. He promised a girl he'd marry her, and now he won't, and I've had to pay \$200 to compromise the matter."—London Fun.

It has been estimated that from 90,000 to 100,000 deer feed in the forests of Scotland, and that 4,000 stags are killed annually.

The Yang-tse plain supports a population of 175,000,000.

GORE FIRE INSURANCE CO.
We have been honored a copy of the annual report of the Gore Fire Insurance Company of Galt, Ontario, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900, which will certainly prove most satisfactory to the policy holders. We see, owing to the strong financial standing of the Company, that they were enabled to grant a refund of 20 per cent. on all moneys received for premiums on the Mutual Plan. Those wishing to insure in this reliable company may call on Frank P. Weldon, who is agent for Chatham and vicinity. Office, Scott's Block.

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New Spring Jackets, smart style, in firm covert cloth, box back, new collar, all silk stitched, very special at.....\$6.00



Black Venetian Broadcloth Suits, new point front, all silk stitched, twill Roman satin lining, perfect fitting, latest style skirt, special at.....\$15.00

Fine Broadcloth Suits, new blue shade, Russian blouse style, with fine stitched taffeta silk, vest front trimmed with clusters of small gilt buttons, lined throughout with rich black taffeta silk, latest mode skirt, special at.....\$22.50

Spring Jackets in fine black or fawn broadcloth, new box back styles, handsomely lined and finished, very special at.....\$8.50

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THE FALLACY OF BOILS.

Don't Believe That These Contumacious Pests Are Good Things.

"It is an unshaken article of belief with most people that skin diseases are almost always catching, that they show that the sufferers themselves or their parents are no better than they should be, that they indicate that 'the blood is bad,' that you must be careful or you will 'drive it in,' and the patient will die if nothing more, and that a boil is worth \$5 in doctors' bills saved. They are all wrong, testatorially wrong, on the very best medical authority," says Harvey Sutherland in Ainslee's. "Not more than two or three of the hundred or so skin diseases catalogued are catching, and the chances are that the eruption is as innocent and as innocuous as a cold."

"If there is such a thing as 'bad blood,' medicine has not found it out. Next to nothing is known in regard to the condition of blood in diseases. Chemical and microscopic study has utterly failed to show that there is any difference between the blood in health and the blood in cutaneous disorders. Certain of them are symptomatic of nervous breakdown, and imperfect digestion causes others. Tomatoes, bananas, strawberries, shellfish and other articles of diet, harmless to most of us, cause a rash to break out on others. Evidently the medical profession does not fear 'driving the disease in,' for the treatment for cutaneous affections is now wholly local."

"A boil is an acute inflammation of the tissues surrounding the hair follicle and is due to some infection of the follicle by a germ, generally the staphylococcus pyogenus aureus. I thought you might like to know the name. Boils come upon the just and unjust, on those who have good blood and those who have bad blood. What forms inside the fermenting tissue of the blood, for so does not exist in the blood. It is of local formation."

"A boil is not worth 5 cents, let alone \$5. It is just what your untutored imagination says it is, a conformed nuisance. If anybody owed me \$5 and could either pay it in cash or boils, whichever I preferred, I should take the cash every time, even at a discount. I think I should get more comfort that way."

A Corpse In the Game.
When the plague was prevalent in India, search parties went through the villages inspecting the houses with the idea of seeing that the houses of death by the plague were reported to the authorities. On entering a suspected house one day the inspectors saw a group of natives playing cards. The players attracted the attention of one of the inspectors, who placed his hand upon the man's shoulder. To his amazement the man swayed and fell to the floor.

Upon examination it was found that he had been dead some time, but in order to avoid having the house marked as plague stricken the other inmates had concealed the fact of his death. Hearing that the inspecting party was approaching, they had hastily placed the body in a chair and put some cards in the dead hands. Then they had gathered about him as if both the quick and the dead were engaged in a game of cards.

A Queer Fish.
There is a quaint little fish which hunts the weed tracts of the gulf streams and there builds its nest and lays its eggs like a bird rather than a fish. This animal, the antennarian, imitates in color the weed it lives in, and like the chameleon, constantly changes its color.

A Matter of Hearing.
Suburbanite—You've got a new baby at your house, I hear?

Townite—Great Scott, can you hear it away out there in the suburbs?

The world is probably a little larger than you think it is, and you are probably a little smaller than you think you are.—Chicago News.

If you want to live long, do your best and let others do the worrying.—Saturday Evening Post.

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TENDERS WANTED.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon Saturday, 10th of March, 1901, for the erection and completion of a two story frame house at Merlin. Plans and specification to be seen at photographic studio of C. G. Jones, architect.

Bulk or separate tenders, any tender not necessarily accepted. A. L. WEERS, Architect, Merlon, Ont., Tel. 6-13 and 9-16 w 6-13.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Bulk and separated sealed tenders for labor and materials will be received by the undersigned architects, addressed to John Malone, Esq., Chatham Township, up to Friday 7 p. m. March 15th, 1901, for all trades required in the erection of a brick veneered residence. Plans may be obtained at the office of the architects. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Contractors.

JOHN MALONE, Esq., Proprietor.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given, that partnership hitherto subsisting between us, the undersigned, as painters, paper hangers, picture framers, etc., in the City of Chatham, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Jos. A. Tilt at Chatham aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Joseph A. Tilt, by whom the same will be settled. Dated at Chatham this 21st day of February, 1901. JOHN A. TILT, JOS. A. TILT.

Witness, W. G. RICHARDS. 2w2a

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LOTS FOR SALE.
Lots for sale on King street West, opposite St. Joseph's Hospital. Grand old side walks, good sewer, city water, gas, right up to this property. These lots will be sold on favorable terms. Will sell two five acre lots or factory sites on C. P. R. D. JORDAN.

FARM FOR SALE.

North quarter 20, in the 5th concession, of Chatham Township, 50 acres; frame house, barn in good condition, good water, convenient to school, 2 1/2 miles from Kent Bridge; good soil. Possession at once if desired. For full particulars apply on the premises, or address, JOHN McVICAR, s and w 1/2 Kent Bridge.

FARM FOR SALE.

Farm for sale, being lot 2, Con. 7, township of Raleigh, 100 acres, 25 acres fall ploughing, nice acres of wheat, all cleared and fenced, young orchard, frame house, frame barn and granary; good horse wall. On stage road about half a mile from village. Possession given at once.

For further particulars apply on premises, or address, SPENCER NEWMAN, Fletcher.

FARM FOR SALE.

Farm for sale very cheap and on easy terms of payment. About 45 acres lot 11, con. 4, W. C. B. Harwich, about one-half mile north of Cedar Springs.

On the farm is a good frame house, good barn and drive barn and other out buildings in good state of repair, first class arctician well, good orchard of peach, pear, plum, cherry, quince and apple and an abundance of small fruit. The place is well tiled drain, and is conveniently situated to school, church, postoffice, butcher shop, blacksmith shop, 2 general stores and railroad station. For further information apply on the premises or address box 402, Chatham.

NOTICE

Parties wanting mineral water from the Chatham mineral well on McGregor's farm, can procure the same from Mr. E. S. Broomfield, at the well, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., or in small quantities at Room 9, Victoria Block at any time.

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