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**W. S. Richards**  
**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Miss Eva Scott, niece of J. C. Richards, is very ill.

Daniel McGill is confined to his home seriously ill with pneumonia.

One half regular prices all next week, Reid the Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, Thamesville, were in the city of the Banner-News, left yesterday for London.

Watch for Reid the Tailor's clearing sale next week.

The official thermometer registered one degree above zero at the lowest last night.

The subject at the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church Epworth League this evening will be "Canada."

If half regular prices will be any inducement, Reid the Tailor sale next week.

Hear the Rev. C. T. Scott, of Aylmer, at Victoria Ave. Methodist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Before taking stock, Reid, the Tailor, is big clearing sale.

A general meeting of the city tennis club will be held at the offices of the gas Co. at 4.30 Saturday afternoon. A full attendance is specially requested.

Don't fail to look in and get our prices next week. Reid, the Tailor.

Jas. Benson and Thos. Smith have both recovered from severe attacks of la grippe and have resumed work.

M. J. Bentley, a resident of the 3rd con. Harwich, for the past forty years is removing with his family to Gravenhurst where he has purchased a one hundred acre farm on Lake Muskoka. Mr. Bentley has leased his property in this county to David Halbwach for a term of years and leaves on Monday next.

Hats, caps, underclothing, all serves the same fate: one half price. Reid the Tailor's clearing sale.

LT-Col. Holmes, D. O. C., has been invited to respond to the toast of the Army and Navy at the annual dinner of the Macclesley Club on the evening of the 14th inst.

Good goods at half prices are bound to make a raffle next week, Reid, the Tailor.

Rodney Smith, customs clerk at Ottawa, passed through the city today on his return to the Parliament City after spending three weeks with his parents at Stuart. Mr. Smith has been very low with pneumonia, but is recovering.

PROFITABLE PRODUCE.

John Stevens, of Blenheim, has returned home. At the time of the Klondike boom, Mr. Stevens started there by the Edmonton route, but found frost more plentiful than gold and quit the region in disgust. He then proceeded to California, where his brother conducts a large vineyard producing raisin grapes. Last season \$45,000 worth were taken off 210 acres and Mr. Stevens has come to the conclusion that there is no better place to locate and intends proceeding there to reside permanently.

## That Lingering Grip Cough

Should be taken care of promptly, lest it should result in Consumption. We have a preparation which is especially made for lingering Coughs, particularly for persons who have weak stomachs. Our Wine of Cod Liver Oil With Hypophosphites and Diastase Can be assimilated by weak stomachs, and is a splendid remedy for lingering Coughs or Coughs tending towards Consumption. PRICE \$1.00 per bottle.

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DRUGGISTS  
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## AT THE THEATRE.

"A Day and a Night," Hoyt's great comedy, which is at the Lyceum, Detroit this week, comes to the Grand shortly.

McEwen, the great Scotch Mesmerist, comes to the local theatre for a week, Monday, Feb. 18. He has proven one of the hits of the season in the eastern cities, and is playing return dates in nearly all of them.

The New York Musical Club will be here as part of the Lyceum course on March 1st. Edmund Vance Cooke, the enterpriser, was to have been here Feb. 15, but is at present lying ill in Cleveland, and writes that he will probably have to shift his date to April.

It is with pleasure most gratifying that the management announces the engagement of Dekester & Mustard's gorgeous production of "Humpty Dumpty," at the Grand next Wednesday evening. The rhymes of Mother Goose have given great enjoyment to the children, and who of us haven't heard of Jack and Jill, Goody Two-Shoes and "Humpty Dumpty." While the rhymes were written for the children, the pantomime will please both old and young. They will all laugh at the antics of "Humpty Dumpty" and his partner in crime, pantomime, behold with amazement the wonderful rick, the glittering maze of scenery, and the beautiful transformation in the last act, which is a fitting finale to the ever popular production of "Humpty Dumpty" ever presented. Numerous novelties and high class specialties will be introduced, including "The La Vieilles," whirlwind duzers, T. Bryan and Wm. Fabie, acrobats and equilibrists, Alice Fischer, London's wonderful child baritone, Lindale Allison, balladist, Fielding, comedy singer, Adams Sisters, novelty dancers, Zeda, etc.

John Piggott & Sons report the following shipments out of town this week:—One large oak bar fixture with bevelled edge mirrors for Pacific Hotel, Warton; one car load of house material to Baird's Siding, one Air Line between Glenora and St. Thomas; one car load of barn lumber to Sheddon on M. C. R.

## COUNTY OF KENT DEBENTURE DEBT.

A Statement of the Financial Status Prepared by the Clerk and Forwarded to The Government.

County Clerk Fleming has submitted to the Government a statement of the debenture indebtedness of the county on Dec. 31 last. A condensation of the same gives the following interesting information:—

County building—Original amount of debt \$20,000, contracted in 1889 and expiring in 1900. Balance unpaid \$10,942.08. Annual payment, principal and interest, \$1,471.63.

Wallaceburg iron bridge, north branch—Original amount \$22,000, contracted in 91 and expiring this year. Balance unpaid \$2,660.63. Annual payment, principal and interest, \$2,740.33.

Leaside's creek bridge—Original amount \$8,000, contracted in 1892, expiring next year. Balance unpaid \$1,420. Annual payment, principal and interest, \$758.86.

Industrial Farm and House of Refuge—Original amount \$20,000, contracted in 1898, expiring in 1918. Balance unpaid \$18,029.87. Annual payment, principal and interest, \$1,471.63.

Merces iron bridge—Original amount \$12,000, contracted in 1899 and expiring 1909. Balance unpaid \$11,005.11. Annual payment, principal and interest, \$1,479.49.

The total debenture indebtedness on Dec. 31 last was consequently \$44,653.04.

Kitchener is trying to drive the Boers south in Cape Colony, so as to trap them.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone No. 181.

NOTICE.

The internal management committee of the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board will meet in the county clerk's office, Harrison Hall, on Monday, the eleventh instant, at 4 p. m., to deal with inspector's report and also Mr. Taylor's method of teaching. Those having complaints to make are asked to be present.

J. R. BATTISBY,  
Convenor.

Chatham Feb. 8th, 1901.

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Two houses and lots for sale, opposite C. P. R. Station, Chatham, Ont., on King street. The whole measuring a quarter of an acre more or less.

Possession given to purchaser within a month of the time of the completion of purchase.

Apply on the premises, or to  
Box 445, Chatham, Ont.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE**

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1901

Dickson & Mustard's  
Gorgeous Spectacular Production

**Humpty Dumpty**

40-people on the stage-40 bewildering transformations. Wonderful tricks and illusions. Brilliant Electrical Effects. Famous Acrobats and Equilibrists. A Great Galaxy of Pantomimists. A Wealth of Beautiful Scenery.

Prices \$1 (box seats) 75c, 50c, 25c. Seats on sale Monday.

(The highest spectacular production ever presented in this city. Fully as good as Hanoi's "Superior" and the best show ever off red in Chatham at these prices. I give it my unqualified recommendation. If in doubt, see any Toronto papers dated February 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1901.)

**SHIP-BUILDING**

**IS ON THE BOOM.**

A Magnificent Steamer Being Turned Out at the Cramp Yards in Collingwood.

Among the visitors at the parliament buildings, Toronto, on Wednesday, was Mr. L. Silver, the mayor of Collingwood. Mr. Silver, who was registered at the Queen's Hotel, spent some time at the crown lands department, along with Mr. Macdonald, the solicitor of the Cramp Steel Co., in connection with some additional water lots and riparian rights the town is giving to the Steel Co. Mr. Silver says the town of Collingwood will, before many moons, outdistance Sydney, C. many moons, in shipbuilding fame, and with a big gang of men. The keel has been laid of the new steel passenger steamer for the Beattie line. This steamer will be larger and better than the Manitoba, the queen of the C. P. lake line. Work on the ore docks of the Cramp Ontario Steel Co's docks will commence this week. These docks will be superior to those at Loraine or Chicago. Work will also be pushed on the foundations of the furnaces.

IT MAY END THE WHOLE MATTER

If the C. C. I. Inspector's Report is Given to the Public Monday Afternoon.

To The Planet.—I was very much surprised to find that the C. C. I. board would not consent to the publication of the High school inspector's report. In years gone by the press seemed to have no difficulty in obtaining these reports, for I have often read the inspector's guided commendations in The Planet. No doubt, however, there is some good reason for keeping this report back and therefore we as parents are all the more anxious to see it. Yours, CITY PARENT.

Note.—The Planet understands that there is little in this report that is undesirable for the public to see. Its suppression, therefore, is all the more unaccountable. However, as may be seen by an advertisement in another column, a meeting of the internal management committee of the C. C. I. board has been called for Monday afternoon to consider the report. It is to be hoped that that committee will end the matter by giving out the document and thus setting at rest the minds of the people.—The Planet.

For twenty-four years Vapo-Quinine has been extensively used for all forms of throat and bronchial troubles. All Druggists.

**RADIAL ROAD AND BINDER TWINE.**

Meeting Held at Pain Court in the Interests of Those Who Projects

A public meeting, called at the instance of Wm. Newkirk and others, to consider the projects for an electric railroad and a binder twine factory, was held last night in Levesauer's Hall, Pain Court. Mr. Yott was called to the chair, and Mr. Macdonald was appointed secretary. A visitor caused considerable amusement by demanding that only electric railroad should be discussed, and the French language not allowed, at the meeting.

Col. J. B. Rankin explained the object of those who are applying for a renewal of the charter for a Chatham radial road. It is necessary in the new charter to specify exactly the routes proposed, and for this purpose he wished to have the view of the meeting as to the simplest and most frequented route of travel through the township of Dover, beginning at Chatham and ending at Wallaceburg. After the question had been discussed by Messrs. Macdonald, Martin, Thomas King, Alister McKay, Wm. Newkirk and others, a vote was taken on the following two routes: First—Along the second concession to Bear Line, along the third to Pain Court, thence by the Winter Line to Mitchell's Bay. Second—Along the River road to the Winter Line, and along the Winter Line to Mitchell's Bay. Forty-four voted for the first, and twenty-three for the second. Messrs. Henderson, Hutchinson and McKay then addressed the meeting on the subject of a binder twine factory in the city of Chatham, and at the close of the meeting quite a number of the farmers subscribed for stock.

**E. W. Brown**

This signature is on every box of the genuine  
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets  
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

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## A BIG STIR IN Dress Goods

Our special sale prices have caused quite a commotion amongst the Dress Goods stock. It's a case of coming, seeing and buying; the values and prices are irresistible. Our remnant table has met with popular approval. Come early as the assortment is getting smaller. The following gives you some idea of what we are doing:—

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|---|-----|
| 25 pcs. Black Dress Goods, all new and up-to-date patterns, worth anywhere 60c, 65c, 70c and 85c, all on sale for ten days at per yd.....   | 50c |
| 50 pcs. Plain and Fancy Colored Dress Goods, Plaids, Tweeds, Ladies' Cloth Serges and Henriettas, reg. 30c, 35c, 40c and 50c lines, your choice of the lot at per yd.....   | 25c |
| 40 pcs. Plain and Fancy Dress Goods, including Amazons, Homespuns, Silk and Wool Mixtures, Poplins and Cashmeres, an endless variety, reg. 60c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 goods, your choice during sale for.....   | 50c |
| 200 Remnants, ends of everything suitable for school dresses, house dresses, skirts and waists, the selling prices cover all short comings. To put the matter clearly, we've marked the remnants for quick selling at 25 to 50 per cent discount. These goods are all displayed on tables and marked in plain figures. You can look them over and trouble no one. |     |

## Shawls and Rugs

If you want a shawl or rug this list will interest you. The lines are all broken, but we still have a fair assortment. If we have what you are looking for you will get it at bargain prices.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 2 Black All-wool Shawls, at.....75c                         | 2 Lochiel Wraps, at.....\$1.00  |
| 2 Black All-wool Shawls, at.....\$1.00                      | 2 Tourist Wraps, at.....\$1.75  |
| 4 All-wool Double Shawls, at.....\$2.50                     | 2 Broomer Wraps, at.....\$2.75  |
| 3 All-wool Double Shawls, at.....\$3.50                     | 2 Athole Wraps, at.....\$3.98   |
| 2 All-wool Reversible Shawls, at.....\$3.50                 | 2 Kharatoom Rugs, at.....\$2.00 |
| 1 each, All-wool Reversible Shawls at.....\$5.00 and \$6.00 | 2 Menzie Rugs, at.....\$5.00    |
|   | 1 Minto Rug, at.....\$4.50      |

## Furs! Furs! Furs!

We are clearing the balance of the Fur stock at extra close out prices. Come in and get our prices for Astrachan Capes and Astrachan and Electric Seal Jackets.

## A Lounge Special

28 in. wide, full length, deep spring seat, large comfortable pillow arm, well upholstered in satin finished tapestry, brown, blue, green, crimson and myrtle, heavy fringe 7 in. deep all around seat, complete with good casters, and equal to any you have heretofore seen for \$7.50 and \$8. THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE LOUNGE WE ARE SELLING DURING FEBRUARY FOR \$5.00. SEE THEM ANYWAY.

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100 Pairs

Of Men's Special All-Wool Tweed Pants made from good honest wearing tweeds, well made and finished, neat checks, stripes and plain goods desirable colorings, lines that sold regularly from \$1.75 to \$2.50, on sale Saturday.....

Your choice \$1.48

75 Pairs

Of Men's Whipcord and Fine Worsted Pants, made from fine quality worsteds in neat stripes and plain black, solid worsteds, extra well made, odd lines that sold regularly at \$4 and \$5.50, go on sale Saturday.....

Your choice \$2.48

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