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Whitewear Opening and Sale of White Goods

To-day (Thursday) we placed on display our new assortment of Ladies' Whitewear. Without casting discredit on our past displays, we can say that you will see the finest display of Whitewear ever in our store. We make special displays of

**EMBROIDERIES
COTTONS AND SHEETINGS
BED SPREADS
LADIES' WHITE UNDERWEAR**

LADIES' GOWNS

Ladies' fine white Cotton Gowns, yoke trimmed with five rows tucking, neat full down front, very special value at...**50c**
A great choice of Gowns, made of cambric and fine cotton, trimmed with tucking, embroidery and lace, beautifully made, very special value at...**\$1.00**
Fine Cambric Gowns with embroidery yokes, handsomely trimmed with fine tuck lace, very special value at...**\$2.00**
Fine Cambric Gowns, trimmed neatly and elaborately with very fine tuck lace and Swiss embroidery, very special at...**\$3.00**



LADIES' WHITE UNDERSKIRTS

White Cambric Skirts trimmed with handsome embroidery frill, special value at...**75c**
Fine White Cambric Skirts with frill tuck founce, trimmed with fine embroidery, very special value at...**\$1.00**
Fine Cambric Skirts, beautifully made, full tuck founce, trimmed with fine embroidery and insertion, very special value at...**\$1.75**
Extra fine White Cambric Skirts, beautifully trimmed with embroidery and insertion, elaborately tuck, very special value at...**\$4.00**



THOMAS STONE & SON

Stock-Taking Sale

THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED IN FOOTWEAR . . .

Our Men's Tan Calf Bals, newest last, Goodyear Welt sole, sizes 6 to 10, regular \$5.00 Shoe for	\$2.50
Men's Tan Calf, newest last, Goodyear Welt sole, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00, sizes 6 to 10, for	\$2.50
Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Bals, high top, M. S., regular \$3.00 Shoe, sizes 3 1/2 to 6, on sale for	\$1.50
Ladies' Kid Button Boot, with toe, M. S., size 3, 4, 6 and 7, regular \$2.00 Shoes on sale for	\$1.00
Children's Rubber Boots, sizes 6 to 10, regular \$1.50 Boots for	\$1.00

Also Many Other Lines at Special Prices. Call and See Them.

TURRILL, THE SHOE MAN

BIG OLD BOYS' REUNION GETS A SPLENDID START

Mass Meeting of Citizens Last Evening—Committees Appointed as Drafted—Chairman Lewis Outlines Program—Will Start Work Immediately.

The success of the Chatham Old Boys' Reunion is assured. This was the sentiment which was clearly evidenced at the mass meeting held in Harrison Hall last evening, at which a goodly number of Chatham residents were present. The meeting was a very representative one, and the men who were present were those who were bound to see the scheme go through successfully. It was called in order to sanction the action of the Executive committee in appointing the several committees to take charge of the different departments of the work.

Among those who were present were O. L. Lewis, J. M. Pike, W. D. Sheldon, Ald. Marshall, Ald. Waddell, J. J. Ross, Dr. Cornell, C. H. Dunn, John McCoig, Fred. Goodland, J. Tilt, Wm. Potter, Gibson, Springer, Morley, Smith, Neahr, McGregor, Nelson and others. Chairman Lewis in opening the meeting made a short breezy speech, stating the object of calling the meeting.

"I regret very much that the Mayor and Mr. Gunn, who is one of the chief promoters of the scheme, are not able to be present with us this evening. I have heard that some of the people of Chatham are not in favor of having fireworks. These are all matters which will be decided upon later. As yet nothing is positively sure. All of these minor details can be settled as we see, but the financial aid we can receive. We can decide after we get the scheme going upon what kind of entertainment we will provide, but just now the main object is to make sure of the reunion."

"In all probability we will give a four days' entertainment. It is intended to have booths erected on King street, and during the whole of the four days keep the teams off the street so as to allow the people to pass along one long pathway in the middle of the street. This will be a new thing for Chatham, but it is thought that it will be a success. By selling from these booths we will be enabled to raise a considerable amount of money to help in defraying

the expenses which will be incurred. It is also intended to have a barbecue, lacrosse games, trials of speed at the Fair grounds, Erieau day, a procession, with a convention on the park, when old residents may be called upon to make speeches, band concerts, cake walks and numerous other attractions. All these means of pleasure will help to make the project a success but in order to carry this out we must have the money. I feel confident that we can make ours a success as well as these other towns have done.

"One thing which should be impressed upon you is that every citizen is individually responsible for the success or failure of the reunion, and it should be your intention to enter enthusiastically into the pushing of the scheme. We have the strongest people of the town with us and there is no reason why we should not come out ahead. I must compliment the committees which have been appointed by the Executive, especially the Finance committee. We have the best men to be had working for us, and we are bound to command the confidence and support of the people. Any scheme for making money in connection with the Old Boys' Reunion should be in the hands of the Executive.

Secretary Pike then read out the list of committees drafted by the Executive which has previously appeared in The Planet, and one more was added, the Executive committee composed of the President, Secretary, and the chairmen of the different committees. They were all adopted by the meeting. Mr. Sheldon then spoke on the scheme. He suggested to prepare a letter showing what the promoters of the scheme propose to do and how much money they need to do it and send one of these letters to every home in the city and thus help the Finance committee in their work in collecting subscriptions.

Mr. Lewis—the suggestion is a good one and will be decided upon by the Executive. The matter of appointing a permanent secretary was left in the hands of the Executive to appoint whom they see fit.

The several committees appointed will meet Thursday evening in Harrison Hall to appoint their chairman. Every one who is named in the committees should endeavor to be present, as it is important.

Bargains in Shoes, Rubbers And Trunks

If you are thinking of shoe leather, come in and see the many bargains we are offering. We are clearing a great many lines at cost and under.

Odd lots at very special reductions.

See our line of ladies' warm house slippers from

25c up

We are offering a special line of

Men's Goodyear Welted Box Calf Lace Shoes

well gotten up, extension soles, at a pair

\$3.00

PEACE'S CASH SHOE STORE
4th Door From Market

AN APPALLING GAS EXPLOSION

Building Completely Wrecked and 13 Lives Lost by a Terrible Accident.

Victims Mostly Members of one Family—Some of the Bodies Not Yet Recovered.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—By an explosion of illuminating gas in the basement of a two-story frame building at 376 22nd street this evening a number of people—the total said to be 11—lost their lives, and the building was blown into kindling wood. By 8:45 p. m. five bodies had been recovered from the ruins. They were all of one family. Not a member of the family escaped. The bodies recovered are those of Otto Trostle, proprietor of meat market at 376 22nd street; Mrs. Otto Trostle, Otto Trostle, Jr., Minnie Trostle, Annie Trostle; Persons who claimed to know, assert that there were at least six more people in the Trostle meat market when the explosion occurred. Two other explosions of gas followed so quickly that it was hard to distinguish them.

The first to explode was a main at 22nd street and Archer avenue. Then the mainhole, half a block south of Archer avenue, was thrown into the air by a loud explosion. Flames leaped and roared from the hole. The fire spread below the street and smaller mainholes were blown into the air. The flames from the first gas main reached the Trostle butcher shop. The building was a three-story frame structure, and it had been weakened and nearly wrecked by the shock. It is supposed that the occupants of the building were knocked unconscious or were too panic-stricken to rush from the place. The dry and rotten wood was food for the fire and in an instant the flames had enveloped the structure. With a roar the building collapsed and the occupants, with one exception, were carried with it to the basement. The adjoining buildings also soon caught fire. It seemed that the whole block would be wiped out before the firemen could get the blaze under control. A fire wall of a brick building on one side of the burning structure held the fire in that direction. On the other side were two small one-story cottages, separated by a few feet from the burning buildings, and that gave the firemen an opportunity of heading off the fire. Many persons in building near the explosion.

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A PRO-BOER'S EYES OPENED

Continental Hatred of England is Ungrateful, Declares Count Sternberg.

Until Recently a Strong Anglophobe—The Continent Does not Understand the War.

London, Feb. 5.—The Times prints a letter from Count Aldebert Sternberg, who took part in the Boer campaign, and who declares the treatment he has received from the British press and official and non-official Englishmen leaves him no cause to be an Anglophobe. Sternberg says, while England is hated, the Englishman is respected and loved. Hatred always arises from a sense of moral and mental injury, and to this extent the continent has a right to hate England, because her policy is at all times directed to promoting continental complications. The continent does not understand the Boer war, and attacks England's political morality because it misunderstands the political principle which England represents, the principle which is England's greatness. He says that the English recognize only two factors in the world, namely, God and England.

The economic advantage to be derived from the gold fields, says Sternberg, was merely a contributory cause in the South African war. The real cause making action imperative was the English principle, the essence of which is free trade and straightforward competition. On the continent this feeling is not understood, because the continent does not enjoy the blessings of civilization and government, based on the word "straight." Sternberg says he always thought England was the enemy of the continent until he visited the United States and studied economic conditions there. He now believes that continental hatred of England is ungrateful, and the continent ought to awake and recognize that its true enemy is arising in the West, like a great sun of gold, whose rays have already been projected across the Atlantic. America's only principle, he says, is worship of mammon. Germany and all Europe should join with England.

In an article written before the publication of the Dutch note to Great Britain, and the British reply, the independence of the Boer leaders have no longer the right to sacrifice thousands of lives attempting to get what is unattainable. It is the imperative duty of the Boers to accept such conditions as would secure a certain measure of autonomy where-

GIRL'S FEET

There will be no More Binding of them in China—Many Reforms.

London, Feb. 5.—The Dowager Empress of China has just issued an edict in which she directs all officials, by diplomatic means, to discourage the binding of the feet of Chinese females, saying the custom is barbarous. As a suggestion of this nature is tantamount to a command, the unspeakable cruelties inflicted upon the Chinese women, dwarfing not only their feet, but their intellect, are to cease. She has also issued an edict abolishing the prohibition of inter-marriage between Manchus and Chinese, a rule that has been enforced with the utmost rigidity ever since the beginning of the dynasty. To realize the tremendous effect and importance of these reforms one must remember that each of them does away with some feature which heretofore has stood between China and the civilized world. They show that the Imperial court means to get in closest communication with the outside world, learn the best it has to offer. At the same time, China is casting off customs and rules which have hampered her for centuries.

TRAINS OFF TRACK.
St. Thomas, Feb. 4.—The railway had a very tough experience yesterday. The C. P. R. noon train was three hours late and on the Wabash, like the other roads, the trains were away late owing to the snow drifts.

As stated in yesterday's issue, No. 17, M. C. R. express, due here at 6:10 a. m., met with a mishap at Springfield, particulars of which are given elsewhere in this issue. The L. E. & D. R. R. had a similar unfortunate experience. The train leaving here at 1:55 p. m. got into a snow drift about a mile north of the city and was derailed. The M. C. R. mail west and the L. E. & D. R. R. were in consequence tied up at Glanworth and did not arrive until 7:30 p. m.

SUDDEN DEATH

Railroad Conductor Instantly Killed at St. Thomas Early This Morning.

Special to The Planet.
St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—A sad accident occurred here early this morning, by which David Allen, conductor on the C. P. R., running between St. Thomas and Toronto, lost his life. While checking his train in the M. C. R. yards, he was struck by an M. C. R. fast express, going at a rate of 55 miles per hour, and was instantly killed. Deceased resided in London, where he leaves a widow.

TWO PREMIERS

Laurier and Barton Will Discuss Canadian-Australian Affairs in London.

Melbourne, Feb. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, has written to the Right Hon. E. Barton, prime minister of the commonwealth of Australia, suggesting the discussion of the following four subjects at the colonial conference to be held in London next June.
Trade relations between Canada and Australia, a fast mail service and a better steamer service between Australia and Vancouver, the establishment of a line of steamers from Australia to a Canadian Atlantic port, via South Africa, and the effect on the Pacific cable project of the concessions granted to the Eastern Extension Telephone Co., by the Australian states.
Premier Barton says he will be delighted to discuss these subjects with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but that the Federal Government will not delay the settlement of the cable question until after the colonial conference.

Mignard's Linctum Cures Colds, etc.

DAY'S DESPATCHES

BURIAL OF THE BIDDLES.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—The remains of Edward and John Biddle were interred in a single grave at Calvary cemetery this morning. There were not more than twenty-five persons present. At the cemetery Rev. Father Sweeney read the burial service of the Roman Catholic church.

SALISBURY IS WELL.

London, Feb. 5.—There is no confirmation of the report that Lord Salisbury is to retire. The truth of the matter is that Lord Salisbury is in excellent health. It was generally remarked how well he looked on Monday, his seventy-second birthday.

MILLS FOR THE BENCH.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—In the course of a few days it is understood Hon. David Mills will be appointed to the Supreme Court in place of the late Justice Gwynne. Just who will become Minister of Justice has not yet been settled, but it is most likely that the position will go to Mr. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General.

GOT ITS SECOND READING.

London, Feb. 5.—The perennial Deceased Wife's Sister Bill reappeared in the House of Commons to-day in a form identical with that of last year. After some discussion, the House voted in favor of the second reading of the bill, 249 ayes and 124 noes.

Lord Hugh Cecil and Eweyn Cecil (Conservatives), who opposed the bill, used every parliamentary trick to delay reaching a vote within the time limits of Wednesday, and when they returned to the House from the lobbies, both of Lord Salisbury's relatives were greeted with angry cries of "Shame," "Churchill" and similar epithets.

Miss Gwendoline Ermatinger, of Chatham, is visiting in the city.—St. Thomas Times.

FIREMEN KILLED

And Several Others Injured by the Collapse of the Burning Building at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5.—Six firemen were killed, six badly injured and a number of others sustained minor injuries in the fire which last night destroyed the five-story building at 311 and 314 Chestnut street occupied by the American Tent and Awning Co. The total financial loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$75,000; covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The night was the coldest so far recorded this winter. About eight o'clock fire was discovered on the top floor of the building. Several fire companies responded to the alarm, and soon had the flames practically under control. Suddenly, without warning, the front wall fell forward and the entire building collapsed. Spectators, policemen and firemen on the street saw the wall totter, and escaped injury, but the firemen in the building, were buried beneath the ruins. Firemen immediately sprang to the rescue of their imprisoned comrades. Several were taken out within a few minutes, placed in ambulances, and hurried away for medical assistance. From under the pile of debris came groans and cries of distress. The firemen frantically tore away the burning timbers, the smoke and heat adding to their agony. Their heroic endeavors to reach their imprisoned comrades, whose cries were gradually growing less audible. Finally they ceased. Three bodies were taken out after several hours' labor, and workmen are searching the ruins for the remaining three.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

Clarksville, Ark., Feb. 5.—Robbers early to-day blew the safe of the Bank of Clarksville with dynamite, secured a sum estimated at \$6,000, killed John Powers, sheriff of Johnson county, who attempted to capture them, and escaped before the citizens were aware of their presence.