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Great Clearing Sale —OF— MILLINERY.

Trimmed and Untrimmed and Ready-to-Wear
Hats at Half-Price.

Men's Underwear at 1-2 Price.

13 dozen men's all wool union and fleece-lined shirts and drawers, regular price 50c, January sale price 25c.
Also a lot of odd shirts and drawers, some of the very finest quality at 1/2 price.

Men's Shirts

One dozen men's white dress shirts, reg. price \$1.25 and \$1.50, January sale price 75c & 1.00.
Also men's neckties, four-in-hand and make-up, reg. price 25c, sale price 15c.

Great Clearing-up Sale of Furs.

Space will not permit quoting prices. We ask you to come and see for yourself. You can buy furs very cheap.

175 Ladies' and Misses' Jackets

-ranging in price from \$2.75 to \$20.00, your choice while they last at 1/2 price, all this season's goods and elegant styles, better make your choice early.

Ladies' Belts

A fine range of elegant silk belts in the very newest designs, regular \$1.00 quality at 75c, regular 75c quality at 50c, regular 50c quality at 35c.

Ladies' Winter Underwear

Ladies' heavy all wool vests and drawers, regular price 75c, January sale price 50c.
Ladies' all wool vests, fine quality, regular price 50c, January sale price 35c.
Ladies' union vests, good quality and nicely finished, reg. price 25c, January sale price 15c.
Ladies' open drawers, extra heavy quality, very special, regular price 25c, January sale price 15c.
Children's union vests and drawers, in sizes 17, 23, 25 and 28, reg. 20c quality at 15c; reg. 30c quality at 25c; reg. 40c quality at 35c.
A large range of cambric embroideries at 1/2 price.
Yak insertions and lace for dress trimmings, blues, greys and browns at 1/2 price.
Ladies' Flannel Waists, regular price \$1.00, January sale price 50c.

THOS. STONE & SON.

Reduction in Gas Coke... FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

To introduce the use of Gas Coke in the home of every fuel user in Chatham, Gas Coke will be Reduced to 10c per Bushel for Natural Size, and 12 1/2c per Bushel for Crushed Size, for orders received in January.

A full cart load of 30 Bushel Natural Size or Crushed Size delivered for \$3.25 or \$3.75 respectively.

Unquestionably the cheapest fuel for Furnaces, Range, Grate or Stove.

Try it.

Smaller quantities, from one bushel up, will be sold at the above prices at the Works.

THE CHATHAM GAS CO., Limited.

HOW LONG DOES YOUR GRANITEWARE AND TINWARE LAST YOU?

Are you getting value for your money? Do you get the cheapest grade and pay a medium price for it? Or do you get a medium grade and pay a high price? Come to us and get the best goods, from imported tea plates made up by hand, not by machines, made up for our own customers, whose interests are ours.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO

COUNCIL CAUCUS ON COMMITTEES MAKES PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Ald. McCoig Dodging the Board of Works—Ald. Marshall Re-appointed Chairman of Finance—The Complete Schedule.

The newly elected aldermen held a caucus last night and drafted their slate. It is said that the draft was pretty strong when Archie McCoig declined the chairmanship of the Board of Works. Ald. McCoig had the refusal of this position—and he certainly refused it. All the other heavyweights in the Council, including Mayor McKeough, Ald. Marshall and Ald. Mounter have accepted this position and have discharged the duties of this office with credit to themselves and to the city. Archie McCoig, however, was satisfied to continue as chairman of the Parks and Cemetery committee, which position is looked upon as one of the less important and arduous.

THEY ELOPED

Outwitted Angry Parent and Escaped to Canada and Billed—An Over-the-Border Romance.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—Undaunted by an angry, unsentimental father's threats, and heeding only the pleadings of an ardent lover, Florence Taylor, of Sherwood, Mich., yesterday eloped with the wings of romance and fled with her admirer, Clyde Wilcox, to Windsor, To-day, by the ecclesiastical aid of Rev. D. Hind, they were made one.

The elopement, as nearly as can be ascertained, was the result of the action of the father of the girl, Frank Taylor, forbidding the youthful Adam is the pleasures of his daughter's company. Deprived of this, the wain soon fashioned a plan of escape, and yesterday morning, while the day was still unborn, he called for his youthful lady love and together they stole away from the forbidding parent's home.

But as the youthful couple, happy in the fact that they had outwitted their unsentimental parents, sped merrily on toward Detroit, a message to Detroit and Windsor outran them. Even Chief Wilcox and his troop of Windsor police were scouting in an endeavor to intercept them when they arrived. The message from Frank Taylor, the girl's father, stated that his daughter was but 15 years of age and that her marriage with Wilcox, who is but 21, must be prevented at all hazards.

Unable to locate them, the police at once communicated with the local issuers of marriage licenses, and laid the matter before them, requesting that they notify the police department if the couple should appear in quest of the necessary matrimonial papers. At the same time, the run-aways were at the International Hotel, Windsor, where they put up for the night. This morning they appeared before James Oliver, the champion marriage broker, but instead of a 15-year-old girl he found one who appeared to be on the shady side of 21. The young gentleman did not hesitate in making an affidavit that the girl was of age, and on these grounds the sanction of the law was obtained.

"Indeed, I am of age," the little bride-to-be declared. "My father did not want me to get married, but I am my own boss and decided that matrimony was all right, especially as I had found the man I love. We will go right back to our home and show my father that he cannot domineer over us."

Chief Willis is quite indignant that the license was issued. "Why, we had orders to prevent the marriage," said he, "and should at least have been consulted in the matter." "I am sure it is all bosh about the young lady being only 15," said Rev. D. Hind, at whose office the conjugal knot was tied. "Why, I am sure she is at least 20 years of age, or looks don't count for anything. If the fellow ran away with a 15-year-old child he certainly found another one on the way, for there is not the slightest possibility of the young lady whom I married being under age."

As soon as the two were wed they left for Detroit, announcing their intention of returning to Sherwood this evening. The Windsor police telegraphed the girl's father of the wedding.

NEW MEMBERS

Marks Bros. Co., who have been playing at the Grand the past week, and remain until January 16, have strengthened their company by the addition of three new members, Beaumont Claxton, Miss Agnes Archer, of Chicago, and Frank V. French, of New York. They have been engaged to play leading roles and will appear in "His Mother's Vindication," on Monday night, a strong domestic comedy drama. Prices will remain the same—10c, 15c, and 25c; seats on sale at Brisco's.

STRONG STUFF

Yankee Speaker Writes Some Language on Cheque to Book Agent who "Worked" Him

Washington, Jan. 8.—He said "damn!"

Who? Why, your "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, sage of Danville, Ill., pillar of the church and erstwhile "good thing" in the eyes and for the well-being of that oft-petitioned individual, the book agent. "Uncle Joe" said "damn" in plain, unvarnished, unmistakable, strenuous, unfaceable way. He wrote it with a big pen on the back of a check he split it D-A-M-N, and he underscored the word, showing that he meant it. It may not have been the first time Speaker Cannon used as strong language, but probably he was never more in earnest. Here is the story:

The Danville statesman has been an "easy mark" for the vendors of books and other publications. It was with little difficulty that they obtained subscriptions from him for anything from an eight-page pamphlet on fleas to a one-hundred-volume set of writings on psychology.

Not long ago one of these glib-tongued individuals approached "Uncle Joe" with a proposition to purchase a set of books of a historical work. The speaker gave careful attention, and ended the interview by giving the desired order. The books were delivered, and Mr. Cannon sat down in his library to feast his mind with the recital of the deeds of those who have been prominent in the world's history. He had not read long before he discovered that the books were not what he expected them to be. He drew his check for the amount of the contract, however, and upon the back of it wrote the following:

"This check is in full payment, both legal and moral, for sixty volumes of books called in the contract with the speaker. There appears the name of the publication. 'The books are not worth a damn,' and are high at that. 'We are never too old to learn,' but the way the gentlemanly agent came it over your 'Uncle Joe' is worth the check."

AOT OF DESPONDENCY

The inquest into the death of John Dewar, who was found dead in his house on the second concession of Chatham township, was held in Harrison Hill last night, but nothing was brought out more than is already known by the public through the press.

William Draper, Geo. Duff and Thomas J. Ford, gave evidence as to finding Dewar lying across his bed with a razor in his hand and his throat cut. Dr. J. P. Rutherford gave evidence as to the wounds inflicted.

In summing up the evidence Dr. Dr. Bray said: "There is no doubt that this is suicide. He had bladder trouble, his eyesight was bad and he was melancholy and had nothing to live for. He died quickly after the wound had been inflicted, as from the position in which he was found it is plainly evident that there were no death struggles."

The jury brought in the following verdict: "That John Dewar came to his death by his own hand, by cutting his throat with a razor, on or about the 6th of January, 1904, while living on the 2nd concession of Chatham township, while suffering from despondency owing to ill health."

AFTER A TIME

J. W. Aitken, of this city, is in Ottawa attending the convention of the agents of the Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Co. Mr. Aitken was yesterday presented by the company with a handsome gold watch for being the best all around agent in the company. Mr. Aitken is a popular young man and his many friends in the city are pleased to learn of the honor that has been conferred upon him.

NEWS LESS WARLIKE.

RUSSIA REPORTED TO HAVE MADE CONCESSIONS.

Naval Battle Story Not Credited in London—Japan Said to be Willing to Continue the Negotiations.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Tageblatt's Paris correspondent learns that the French Government has been informed that Russia's answer to Japan makes far-reaching concessions respecting Corea, and that these concessions are equivalent to permitting the occupation of Corea by Japan on lines somewhat similar to the position of Great Britain in Egypt, but that Russia rejects any right of Japan to mingle in affairs in Manchuria.

Rumored Naval Engagement.
London, Jan. 9.—The correspondent of The Daily Express at Kobe sends a scare-rumor to the effect that a collision between the Russian and the Japanese fleets has taken place near the islands of Tsushima, in the Strait of Corea (about midway between Corea and Kiushu). This rumor is not mentioned from any other source, and in



ADMIRAL SAITO.
The Nelson of Japan.

view of the fact that the Japanese Government is exercising a censorship over all news concerning naval matters it may safely be disregarded.

Will Continue Negotiations.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—The Japanese Government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in issuing an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations, and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force. It is anticipated that the discussion will consume a few weeks, during



VICE-ADMIRAL TYRTOFF.
Russian Minister of Marine, under whose direction the Czar's fleets are steadily gathering in Eastern waters.

which interim a breach of the peace is very improbable.

Unfounded Reports.
Paris, Jan. 9.—The Japanese Legation says the report that Japan has sent, or is about to send, troops to Corea are wholly unfounded, and that the Japanese Government continues to do its utmost for the maintenance of peace.

REVOLUTION IN URUGUAY.

Troops Mutiny and Join Revolutionists—One Government Victory.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 9.—Advices from Montevideo say that the Uruguayan troops in the Department of Artigas have mutinied and are marching on Melo, and that the nationalists in the Department of Treinta y Tres have declared in favor of the revolutionists. A detachment of Uruguayan troops routed a revolutionary force in the Department of Maldonado on January 4th.

Sir William Mulock, addressing the Toronto Reform Association, pointed out the benefits to Toronto of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. W. H. McWilliams says the Canada Elevator Company of Winnipeg will build one of the largest elevators in the world at Port Arthur.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature will be moved by Mr. C. N. Smith, M.P.P., Sault Ste. Marie, and seconded by Dr. Currie, M.P.P., Prince Edward.

IT COSTS TO POKE FUN

Emperor William Resents any Freedom with Jest at his Expense

Chamberlain Revises the Schedule of Punishments—New Scheme to Raise Money

Berlin, January 8.—Because Herr Zietach, who edited a Socialist paper in Charlottenburg, said that Emperor William's only function was to get \$10,000 every time he signed a Government document, the editor has been sentenced to prison for three months.

By Wireless Photograph to The Chatham Planet:
Berlin, Saturday, Jan. 9.—The scale of prices for offenses against his August Majesty is gradually changing. It is reported here that his Majesty's Chamberlain is revising the old lists, and your correspondent has reason to believe the schedule will be approximately as follows:

Calling William a "shine" or veneer—2,000 marks.

Saying William doesn't earn his salary—six months in the local Ludlow.

Referring to William without the "Emperor" prefix—one reproof.

Referring to William in flippant way—one censure.

Unkind criticism of William's music—life imprisonment.

Adverse comment on William's literary ability—solitary confinement for three weeks.

Mentioning William as "among those present"—decapitation.

Mentioning William as "an also ran"—decapitation and quartering.

There is a rumor that as funds are needed by the Royal Treasury, several new offenses—each punishable at 5,000 marks—have been devised by the Chamberlain, who is determined that so long as funds cannot be obtained by levying taxes upon Canadian imports, Germany's prosperity shall be maintained by domestic industry.

The Chamberlain is an industrious person. With the exception of Herr Zietach, no editors were compelled to contribute to the collection box today, as the Press Censor had a bad cold and could not attend to business.

ON HONEYMOON

New York, Jan. 8.—Paul H. Denz, manager of the eastern branch of the White Sewing Machine Co. will sail from Boston on the steamship Roonvavia on Jan. 16, for an automobile tour of Europe. The trip is to be his honeymoon, as next week Mr. Denz is to marry Miss Helen Smith, a well-known society girl of Detroit.

Mr. Denz will use the car that he piloted through the recent endurance run. The boat will land the tourists somewhere a tour of about two months at Genoa, Italy, and then will come through the principal countries of Europe. It is not likely that Mr. Denz will compete in any automobile races after his marriage.

NEEDED MONEY

Bay City, Michigan, Jan. 8.—Thirty persons were more or less injured early this morning on a sleigh ride party from here to Auburn, nine miles distant. They were thrown out and Mrs. C. Ryan's left arm was broken. Mrs. LeFay received an ugly cut over her eye. Mrs. F. P. Jones sustained injuries about her head and face. Miss Foss had her mouth lacerated. Vena Turmelie suffered two badly sprained ankles, and the rest of the party came out of the wreck with minor bruises and cuts. Two small children were in the sleigh and when the latter capsized they were in the human mass, piled into a ditch, but fortunately escaped injury.

A rural doctor was sent for to attend the injured at a near-by farm house, but he refused to come unless assured of his pay. No one was able to do this under the circumstances, and it was necessary to leave the injured without medical attention until doctors could be called from Bay City.

LADIES' AID

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church, was held in the ladies' parlor last Monday afternoon, with a goodly number of the ladies present. The reports for the past year were read and were very satisfactory. The treasurer's report showed that \$717.57 had been collected during the year and quite a sum paid off the debt of the new organ.

The officers for 1904 were elected as follows:—

President—Mrs. Manson Campbell.
First Vice-President—Mrs. (Dr.) Duncan.
Second Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Samuel Trotter.
Secretary—Miss Battisby.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Crumb.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. A. Hadley.
Asst. Treas.—Mrs. (Dr.) Charteris.



JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR

Stationery

Is there anything so annoying as to find bad materials when you start to write a letter. In order to write a letter with comfort and express your thoughts in a happy vein to your correspondent you should have good pens and good ink and good paper.

These are our specialties, and you might as well have a good supply on hand, as the cost is so small when purchased from us.

We have pens to suit every hand. We have good ink of every color. We have a variety of paper and envelopes second to none in Ontario.

We make special mention of "Dimity" paper and envelopes in all colors. There is nothing nicer for ladies.

"ASK FOR DIMITY."

15c per quire, or two quires 25c.

Envelopes to match, 15c package.

two packages for 25c.

Sent by mail on receipt of price.

Sulman's Beehive

King and Sixth Streets,
Opp. Garner House.

LOCAL LEGAL

The case of Schmidt & O'Toole against The Kelly Manufacturing Co. of Cleveland and The Wallaceburg Sugar Co. is now being heard at Harrison Hall by Judge Bell.

It is an action to recover balance claimed for extras and to enforce a mechanic's lien against the building and plant of the Wallaceburg Sugar Company for whatever judgment may be recovered.

The defendants the Kelly Company, were the contractors with the Wallaceburg Sugar Co. for the whole of the buildings and machinery at about \$700,000. The plaintiffs are sub-contractors under the Kelly Company for the construction of the foundations and brick and cement portions of the factory, for \$102,500, and they claim for extras, including the construction of the main office, about \$27,000.

The Wallaceburg Sugar Co. is practically not interested in the result of the litigation, because it has retained out of the \$700,000 payable to the Kelly Company, on the completion of the work, sufficient to satisfy the plaintiffs' claim if they succeed in getting a judgment. The plaintiffs' claim is made up of a great many items, varying from \$20 to \$4,400 and over, probably thirty of these items there is a contest on. Besides this the Kelly company claim for reductions on account of variation from the specifications and plans permitted by the contract, and these deductions amounting to several thousand dollars, are contested by the plaintiffs so that the trial of this action is equivalent to the trial of several actions in one.

The trial commenced on Monday morning last and by Friday noon the examination in chief of the first witness had not been finished.

A peculiar feature of legal procedure is illustrated by this action. A county court judge in an action for an unliquidated account, or for breach of contract has jurisdiction to the extent of \$200.00 only. When, however, a mechanics' lien is claimed his jurisdiction is unlimited and before him an action for a million dollars can be tried. In either case, of course, there is the right of appeal.

Mr. Wilson, K. C., and J. G. Kerr appear for the plaintiffs. John S. Fraser and Ward Stanworth appear for the defendants.

The Wallaceburg Sugar Company is in no way responsible for this action as they are merely the owners of the property.

A COFFEE DEMONSTRATION.

An interesting demonstration of Eby-Blain's Gold Medal Coffee, as made in their celebrated Quick Coffee Pots, will be given at the store of Mr. John McCorvie, commencing on Monday, January 11th, and continuing throughout next week. The ladies of Chatham and vicinity are cordially invited to call and witness the operation of making coffee by this new and improved method and also to test the quality of this well-known brand.