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On Sale To-Night
and Monday ...

100

New Felt Ready-to-Wear Hats

JUST taken out of bond, direct from the New York manufacturers, one hundred of the newest and most chic styles for early fall and present wear in Fine Felt Trimmed Ready-to-wear Hats.

Prices are marked consistent with our ruling—Alteration Sale Prices. You will find them on display in our Millinery Department and marked at such quick-selling prices as these:—

\$1.35, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.

ALTERATION SALE PRICES

Clean Sweep in Muslins

Muslins must go and these prices will send them from us to you. 25 pcs. fine dainty American and Scotch Muslins in pretty colorings and designs, reg. prices 10c, 12½c and 15c, clearing to-night and Monday at 8c.

25 pcs. fine Muslins in the neatest possible designs, suitable for waists, wrappers, dresses, etc., reg. prices 15c to 20c, a yard, on sale to-night and Monday at 11c

Ladies' Goggles

Ladies' fine cotton stock collars in new summer shapes, white and colors, regular price 25c, each, on sale to-night and Monday at 15c

Belts

Ladies' White Pique Belts, on sale to-night for 15c, reg. price 25c, on sale to-night for 15c

Handkerchiefs. Ladies' fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, narrow and wide hems, sale to-night, special at 7 for 25c

Men's Shirts. Men's Colored Cambric Shirts, stiff and soft fronts, neat designs and fast colors, all sizes, reg. prices \$1 and \$1.25, on sale to-night for 69c

Lonsdale Cambric. Fine yd wide pure bleached cambric, suitable for ladies' underwear, etc., reg. value 12½c to 14c a yd, on sale very special at 10c

New Wrappettes. 50 pcs new wrappettes in wool, autumn designs and colorings, such goods as you have always paid 10c for, now offered at 8 1-2c

Thos. Stone & Son, IMPORTERS.

SLAUGHTER SALE. . . .

Refrigerators, Oil
Stoves, Hammocks,
Ice Cream Freez-
ers, Gas Stoves,
Screen Doors, etc.

We must clear our floor of summer goods to make room for our big fall display of stoves. Commencing Wednesday, Aug. 12th, we will inaugurate a slaughter sale that will afford buyers an unprecedented opportunity to get much for little. For the next two weeks we will keep open until 9 p. m., to give every one a chance. Note the sacrifice in prices. This sale is a slaughter.

Refrigerators were \$8.50 now \$6.00	Blue Flame Oil Stoves were \$6.50 now \$4.50
" " 10.00 7.00	" " 10.00 8.00
" " 12.00 8.50	" " 12.50 10.00
" " 15.00 11.00	" " 15.00 12.50
" " 20.00 15.00	" " 20.00 17.50
" " 25.00 20.00	" " 25.00 22.50

See the deep cuts in screen doors, hammocks, ice cream freezers, water coolers, water filters.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

WHAT ABOUT

That order for Groceries. We will take it to-day, please. Our goods are fresh. Our prices right.

Good Ginger Snaps, 6 cts. per lb.
Pickles, mixed, 10 cts. per bottle.
1 lb. can Sunlight Baking Powder 10 cts.
Lemon Biscuits, 8 cts. per lb.
6 cans Sardines, 25 cents
Rubbers for fruit jars, 5 cts. per dozen
Fine Flavored Japan Tea, 25c per pound
Fresh ground coffee, 15 cts. per lb.

Crockery.

A quantity of pretty glass water sets, will be sold at a bargain.
China, lots of it, new goods at cut prices.
Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, at prices that make people look pleased to hand over the money for them.

John McConnell,
Park St. East. Phone 190.

Try the PLANET Office
for Wedding Stationery

20 Per Cent. DISCOUNT

If you contemplate travelling and need a good serviceable trunk. Take advantage of our 20 per cent. discount sale.

All trunks now in stock are offered at a big cut price to clear them out as we do not intend to handle any more after those we have are sold.

PEACE & GO.

CRUEL BUNCO OF CHAMPION

Great Fat Man's Race at Eri-
cau a Fiasco—Scheme to
Defeat White Discarded.

The Champion Left Frantic
at the Starting Point—An In-
trigue by Musson's Men
—Opinions much Divided.

"Who in the world is that strange looking individual in tight pants prancing up and down the platform there with the hobbles, interfering straps and braces?" queried a lady rather excitedly.

"Why, that's the Champion J. W. White getting a little work-out before the great fat man's race. He's Chatham's favorite heavy weight sprinter," came an enthusiastic answer from the crowd.

This great event of all the sports was the next up. There were three entries—Mr. White, Engineer Flowers and "Dick" Skirving. The start—Mr. Jones, called the anxious sprinters to the scratch. It was to be a 75 yard dash, but Mr. White protested that it should be only 50 yards. His protest was over-ruled, however, and the course was made 75 yards. All the time the starter was instructing the runners they were having little prancing matches out a few feet and back.

Mr. White was the most alert one of the bunch. This "scoring," however, kept up for quite a few minutes, and Mr. White seemed to get rather languid.

At last Mr. Jones says,—"Now, gentlemen, you must stop this and wait for me to say ready, go."

"Now, then! Are you ready? Go!" Flowers and Skirving got off with a will, Skirving winning out. Mean-while, everyone wondered where Mr. White was. As soon as the dust had cleared away, he could be seen still prancing at the scratch.

"He went to sleep at the post," ventured a by-stander.

"Nothing of the sort," a train man butted in. "He was simply scared. He was going to lose when up against a man like Flowers, and wanted an excuse to back down."

Mr. White's protests were vociferous when he woke up to the fact that he was beaten, but the judges could not be persuaded that it was other than a sleeping match on Mr. White's part.

Mr. White visited The Planet this morning about nine o'clock and furnished this journal with a full expose of the scheme by which he was beaten out of the race and the tactics adopted to accomplish this nefarious end. Mr. White felt deeply aggrieved over the affair and had not yet recovered his customary urbane equanimity. He said he went to the Eau for no other purpose than to win that fat man's race, sacrificing an immense amount of legal business for the good of the cause and securing the services of a competent attorney to guard the interests of his clients during his absence. He says the whole thing looked very much like a put-up-job and that the railroad should come in for most severe roasting for permitting and encouraging such a degradation.

"I told them it was my definite intention to expose the whole thing in the newspapers," said Mr. White indignantly. "and I want the thing made public. I can't say for sure that Dr. Musson was at the bottom of it—but I can tell you I felt hurt at the treatment I received."

"It was this way: I was there in a great big crowd of knockers, bluffers and bullies. When the race was called there were three entries, myself and Engineer Flowers or Bloomer—I don't know which—and young Skirving. The latter I protested because he doesn't weigh over 175 lbs., although he said he did with a smirk which I could see through. However, I knew I could beat them both so badly that they'd never know they were in the race, so I let that go."

"We lined up on the scratch and did considerable scoring," continued Mr. White, illustrating by statuesque Delaware evolutions. "After we had warmed up and scored up a few times, the starter, Mr. H. B. A. Jones—who was the only gentleman in the crowd—said he would shout 'ready and go' before we started. When he said 'ready' Skirving and Bloomer—I mean Flowers—shot away before he said 'go.' I remained on the scratch as instructed, never dreaming but that they would be called back."

"Jones threw up his hand and shook his head and said they'd have to run again, but a great crowd of bluffers came back with Skirving at its head and bluffed him out. It was very exasperating after my sacrifices. There was an awful crowd of rowdies there."

"Then this fellow Flow—that is,

Bloomer—came up and shook a hundred dollars in my face and said he'd run me for any part of it. I could have beaten him on one leg, but I told him I came out for sport and not to be insulted. He's a big knocker is this man Bloom—I mean Flowers—and I think he wanted a regular nasty prize fight."

"All this time the crowd and even the judges were acting in a most disgraceful manner. Why, one of the judges himself came up to me and wanted to bet. I was simply disgusted with the whole thing and thought it should be properly exposed."

The race fiasco occasioned much interest all over the Eau and the excursionists and cottagers discussed the circumstances far into the night. Opinion seemed much divided over the outcome, and while many sympathized with Mr. White, there were others who professed to think that the fault was his own. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that a match race should be arranged to follow the Musson-White competition and have the matter settled, with Colonel Rankin, Dr. Cornell and Judge Houston as judges.

Captain F. B. Stevens is a profound admirer of Mr. White. He can beat them all a mile," the Captain declared. "I haven't the slightest doubt that a lot of these guys put up a job on J. W. They know they can't beat him on the level and doubtless forced him in a pocket."

The general Walter W. smiled ironically. Wait, and Cap. always take opposite sides on principle. "Forced him into a pocket, indeed!" he declared. "It's all rot to hear White kick about being in a pocket. Why, that's where he shines. Did you ever hear of him trying to get out of a pocket as long as there was something left in it?"

Commodore W. H. Harper had methodically raised the matter out. "It does look a bit shady," he confessed. "I'm afraid White ran into a hole in the wind and his boat keeled over."

"Moral—never trust railroad men," put in Archie Park slyly.

"I heard a report that White broke one of his hobbles," quoth Archie Skirving, "and after that his feet didn't track."

"That's all right," declared Fritz Falls. "I haven't the slightest doubt, apart from all joking, that White was robbed of the race. White is a magnificent runner with a splendid reserve burst of speed, and I would like to see him get a fair show at these games."

"I'll tell you something about that," put in a railroad man. "White is reported to have tried to fix Flowers. He offered to buy him a drink to let him win, and Flowers told him that only \$15 would make it worth while. White said he wanted to keep up his Chatham reputation, as he had Musson scared to death."

A PRISONER'S REQUEST.

Wanted to go to the Penitentiary to
Learn a Trade.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Yesterday Art McHaud, nineteen years of age, pleaded guilty of petty theft and was sentenced to serve three months in jail. As he was about to leave the court room, accompanied by an officer, he stopped and addressed the Judge. His plea was that he was young, but never seemed able to pursue a right course, having no trade nor anything by which he could ever hope to gain an honest livelihood, so he asked to be sent to the penitentiary where he would be confined long enough to enable him to learn a trade, after which he hoped to be able to face the world and live by honest endeavor. Judge Lafontaine hesitated, and then asked for the prisoner's record. The record was sufficiently bad to permit of a term in the penitentiary, so the sentence of three months was changed to two years and six months. The youth then thanked the Judge and remarked, as he left the court, that at the expiration of the term he would come out a full-fledged tailor.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

Result of the Foundering of the
Mersey.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Word was received yesterday from Quebec to the effect that the steamer Mersey, from Quebec, with a cargo for Seven Islands, foundered a little below Point Oulard, about 2 p. m. yesterday. Capt. Gagnon, the mate, and another man succeeded in reaching shore after much hardship, at 8 o'clock last night. Five of the crew were drowned. The Mersey was built at Point Lewis in 1871, and was owned by Mr. Robt. W. Bates of Quebec. She was a wooden vessel, 72 feet long, 15 feet beam, with a depth of eight feet. She was built for the coasting trade 32 years ago, and had been constantly in the Gulf coasting trade.

Shaving of Dead Men.

Topeka, Aug. 12.—The State Barber Board to-day served notice on the Kansas Undertakers' Association to cease shaving the faces of dead men. The Legislature passed a law requiring all barbers in towns of 3,000 inhabitants and over to undergo an examination before they are permitted to follow the trade. Heretofore Kansas undertakers have been shaving the faces of dead men and charging a uniform fee of \$5 for the service. The registered barbers declare that they will stop this extortion. A test case in the Supreme Court will follow.

LAKE ERIE EMPLOYEES HELD SUCCESSFUL OUTING

Immense Throng Visited Erieau Yesterday and Participated in
Splendid Program—Winners of Athletic and Aquatic
Sports—The Day's Doings.

About 5,000 people—railroad employes, their families and friends and others—spent a most enjoyable day at Chatham's popular summer resort yesterday, the occasion being that of the first annual excursion of the employees of the Lake Erie division of the Erie Railroad.

Excursionists were arriving at the Eau all morning, afternoon and night, the Chatham and Blenheim band concert train arriving at 10:20 p. m., having had orders to go into the petite fuel siding to allow a train to go out. The siding is down grade and the train couldn't get up again. After a good deal of bunting and jarring of the 500 passengers aboard for about an hour or so, the difficulty was overcome. The "Winnona" brought a large excursion down from Port Stanley, and after arrival, carried excursions out into the lake with the ex-regimental band on board.

The sports were all carried out as per program and were most successful. The events were all well entered and most were closely competed.

"Chuck" Madsen, of the ex-Regimental Band, won the men's hundred yard swimming race in easy style, beating the second man 25 yards. "Chuck" is a splendid swimmer.

"Dick" Skirving jumped from the top of the lighthouse into the channel, a distance of about 75 feet, amid the great applause and trembling of the multitude on the piers. "Dick" did the diving act in 31-2 seconds and came up after many thought he would never appear, feet first and a smile on his face.

The tug of war competition between the track department and the Walkerville machine shop, evidenced a great deal of interest among the railroaders. The machine shop won out in short time, but the trackmen say they were skinned out of it, and aver that their opponents had nine men against their seven. The judges, however, couldn't see things that way, and the protest wasn't allowed.

The boat races were fine. The Windsor and Walkerville boat clubs were represented; and races were good between these rival clubs. During the latter part of the afternoon the band played an excellent dance music. They also played in the evening and the dancers were many.

The managers of the day's games deserve the greatest credit for the able manner in which they handled the many events. It was a great task, but ably performed. Those to whom the greatest credit is due are: H. Morris, S. Austin, W. Hall, H. H. A. Jones, Henry Mann, Capt. E. Dunn, P. Walsh, D. H. Dow, Referee W. Chester and Secretary D. Bethemer.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Boys' Swimming Race—1 N. Pearson, 2 H. Cole, 3 H. Campbell.
Three-legged Race—1 Tom Baxter and Jim Boyd, 2 R. Wanless and J. Flowers.
Boys' Race, under 14 years—1 R. Austin, 2 O. Gurney, 3 F. Morris.

Boat and Shoe race—Chas. Skafe, 2 J. Kimmery.
Married Men's Race (employees)—1 R. K. Wanless, 3 D. Balantyne.
Single Men's Race—1 W. Fleming-ton, 3 J. Campbell.
Boys under eight years—2 Harry Horsend, 3 H. Coleman.
Fat Man's Race—1 D. Skirving, 2 J. Flowers.

Girls, under eight years—H. Colman, 2 F. Bell, 3 W. Martin.
Employee open race—2 W. Fleming-ton.

Single Women's Race—1 E. dith Bell, 3 A. Holter.

Four oar, won by Tecumseh Boat Club, of Walkerville, by half a length. The winners were, E. Luxford, captain; F. Walker, coxswain, L. Chilners, G. D. Wicket, C. Isaacs. The Windsor club, consisted of A. Wilson, captain, A. McDowell, coxswain, F. Kerr, A. Reynolds and W. Daniels.

Men's hundred yard swimming race—1 T. Madsen, 2 E. Luxford, 3 E. Wilson.

Single sculls—1 E. Luxford, 2 E. Wilson.

Double sculls—1 Luxford and Wicket, 2 Wilson and Chilner.

Tug of war—Capt. J. Mannix, Mer-lin, side won against Capt. A. Chapman, of Walkerville.

BURGLARS AT PRESTON.

Blew Open the Safe in Ballantine
Co.'s Foundry.

Preston, Aug. 15.—The safe at J. Ballantine & Co.'s foundry was blown open by burglars about 2 a. m. yesterday, but only a small amount of change and stamps was obtained. The noise of the explosion, which was terrific, was heard nearly all over the town, and citizens quickly hastened to the scene. The door of the safe was blown clear up through the ceiling, in which it made a big hole, and even broke the scantling overhead. The combination of the safe was written on a card, which hung on the knob of the safe, but no attention was paid to it.

Late yesterday afternoon three suspicious strangers were seen about town. About 9 p. m. one of them visited Davey's grocery store, and purchased some candies. Then the trio went into the Central Hotel, and the proprietor sent for the Chief of Police, but by the time he had arrived the men could not be found. The Chief notified all safe-owners in town to be wary of burglars, and many of them, heavily armed, watched their strong-boxes until the sound of the explosion was heard. The three men seen about town are without a doubt the perpetrators of the series of safe burglaries which have taken place with alarming regularity in this section of late.

J. H. Woolner, G.T.R. agent and L. Thompson, who lives near the scene of the burglary, ran to the spot and fired a number of shots in the direction of the building. One shot was fired at them by the burglars, who made good their escape. No one was hurt.

BEST THINGS FOR TODAY'S SHOPPING

Monday is usually wash day and H. Malcolmon is to-day offering a variety of soaps and starches at specially low prices.

Westman Bros. have made a reduction of twenty per cent. on refrigerators, oil stoves, and all summer goods.

Peace & Co., shoe dealers, are selling their summer stock at a discount, and bargains await their customers.

A. A. Jordan, Jeweler, is selling a line of watches that are guaranteed proper time-keepers, and that are being offered at lowest prices.

A steady demand is made from The T. H. Taylor Co.'s clothes for fall wear.

A. I. McCall & Co. are selling Pocket Poo Cameras with five extra plate holders, for a short time for seven dollars.

W. W. Turner's store, where pure drugs can be obtained at all times, will in future be known as The Red Cross Drug Store.

J. C. Wanless, hardware merchant, is offering summer goods at the large reduction of 25 and 30 per cent., while they last.

Morley & Co. are making a clearance of summer suitings, made to order for fourteen dollars.

J. E. Gray advertises to-day toilet sets of extra large size at \$2.00 and \$2.25.

F. A. Robert handles the celebrated Walkerville liquor. The advertisement tells you how it is made.

Look at the prices Geo. Stephens & Co. are advertising their refrigerators, oil stoves and lawn mowers for. Now is the time to buy.

Thibodeau & Jacques are holding a lace hosiery sale. These articles are being sold at close one half the usual prices.

The shirt waist sale at Wm. Foreman & Co.'s will be continued as advertised. See their reduced prices.

J. L. Campbell, of the Boston Shoe Store, can shoe your boy at a great saving upon former cost.

Gordon's White Waist Sale starts to-day. See advertising prices.

To-night and Monday Thos. Stone & Son will offer for sale one hundred pretty felt hats at from \$1.35 to \$3.00. See what they say about them.

Unlined Suits are the specialty at Thornton & Douglas are advertising. This up-to-date firm gives prices for these goods in to-day's issue.

Austin's specials for to-day and Monday are ladies' shirt waists and men's shirts for 85 cents. This firm carries a large assortment of carpets and furniture.

H. McDonald & Co. have some special lines in bed room suits from \$11 to \$19.50. These prices will only be continued during August.

Northway & Co. have a wash goods bargain sale just now, and in their window they are showing 25 cent dress muslins at 7½ cents per yard.

Ladies' handsome patent leather Oxfords for \$2.49 and Kid Oxfords for \$1.98 are Geo. W. Cowan's prices for this week and next.

Westlake, the up-to-date photographer, is showing a large number of handsome proofs in Tilt's window.