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Corner Sixth and King Street,
Over the Bee Hive.
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TO-NIGHT.

"Caste," Grand Opera House, curtain at 8.30.
The Macaulay Club will meet in the Hall over Gordon's Store at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Miss Ermatinger left for Toronto to-day.

S. P. Sturgis, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

H. M. Carver, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

W. Husband, of Ridley, was registered at the Merrill House yesterday.

A few cars of machinery are being unloaded for the T. H. Taylor Co.'s new mills.

Mrs. George Embrey, who has been in the General Hospital for the past week, is improving nicely.

For Cutters and Harness, go to Quinn & Patterson. They took their first prizes out of a possible five on harness at the Fall Fair.

Rev. Y. Hirawa, a native Japanese will occupy the pulpit of Victoria avenue Methodist church on Sunday morning and Rev. W. E. Kerr, of Blenheim, in the evening.

R. A. Harrington, High Vice Chief Ranger of the I. O. O. F., installed the officers in the Cedar Springs Court last evening. An oyster supper was given after the meeting.

James L. Wilson, architect, has returned from a business trip to Tupperville. The seats have been placed in the new Methodist church in Tupperville and preparations are being made for the opening to-morrow and Monday.

Dr. S. C. Bogart has gone to take a six weeks' post graduate course in Chicago. His many friends think it will be a great improvement in his future practice. He will see some grand operations while attending the Chicago Veterinary College. He will graduate from the college on Feb. 14th and will be back to attend to his large practice on the 16th.

The Maple Leaf Society of Kent Bridge held a very enjoyable oyster supper last night. After the supper an excellent program was given. Miss Florence Stephenson, Miss McCosh and J. W. Wilson, of this city, were present and contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. James McCormick acted as chairman and proved an excellent one.

Elliot Hardy, a young man living in Chatham Township near Kent Bridge, had his left hand cut off in a corn sheller yesterday afternoon. Hardy was working for a neighbor when the accident happened. He was removed to the residence of Mr. Langford, where Drs. Bucke, of Kent Bridge, and Stewart, of Thamesville, amputated the hand at the wrist. He is at present doing as well as can be expected.

A meeting of the reading circle, a branch of the Epworth League work, was held in the Park street Methodist church last evening with a good attendance. Dr. A. A. Hicks occupied the chair. Mr. Simpson gave a short introductory address. Miss Mounteer read a paper on the life of Tenneyson, and Miss Irwin one on the life of Arthur Henry Hall. Miss Pearl White gave a vocal solo and Miss Florence Bogart an instrumental. The next meeting will be held next Friday evening.

NOTICE.

If you have a business, a house, a lot or farm for sale, it will pay you to list same with us, we are continually receiving enquiries from intending purchasers, and can sell your property or business for you.

We want from 8 to 12 acres with house, near Chatham.

25 Men Wanted, cut cordwood at Coatsworth Station.

DUNN & MERRITT,
FIFTH ST. 1st Door from King St.

A Chamois Vest

Is the best preventative there is from a cold on the lungs, and every person should wear one.

We have them in many different styles and in price from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Or a Chest Protector is also good. These are made of different material, and are lower in price. We have them from 10c. up.

A. I. McCall & Co'y. L't'd.
CHATHAM. Druggists and Opticians. DRESDEN

Money Found.

Two purses—one containing over \$35.00 in cash, besides other articles, and the other containing a lesser sum in paper money—were handed to THE PLANET to-day.

They were returned as the result of PLANET ads., wisely inserted in this great home journal by their owners.

On Christmas eve, Mrs. Elizabeth Henry, of Darrell, reported at this office the loss of her purse and contents, including over \$30.00 in cash. Mrs. J. Kennedy, 4th Concession of Chatham Township, found the purse and pursued THE PLANET. As a result the lady left the purse, with all its contents, with THE PLANET to-day for return to the owner.

On the same day a lady, who neglected to leave her name, reported the loss of a purse and small sum of money at this office and a notice of same was inserted in THE PLANET. The purse and money were promptly returned to THE PLANET by the finder, and the lady requested to call at the office and secure her property.

For results there is nothing to equal Planet advertisements.

T. M. Edmondson is confined to his house with la grippe.

The civic pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$57.41.

James Drew, of the firm of O'Keefe & Drew, is rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Rolls J. Coulter, of Comer, was in the city to-day and took home with him one of Park Bros. pocket engines.

Horse Blankets, Fur Coats and Fur Robes in great variety at Quinn & Patterson's, cheapest place in Chatham for these goods.

James McGrath, an old Crimean veteran, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in his 72nd year. Deceased was for many years a drayman, but of late years he has been a resident of the Home of the Friendless.

GOOD CONCERT

The fourth entertainment of the Royal Course being given at St. Joseph's Hall, Cross street, was given by the Ladies Aid of St. Joseph's church last evening under the auspices of the Ladies Aid and Altar Society.

The program was an excellent one and well rendered. A good crowd attended the concert. After the program an hour of progressive pedro was given. The program:

Solo—Miss Belle Riddell.
Recitation—Miss Gertrude Prudhomme.
Solo—Will Miller.
Solo—Mrs. Con. E. Shea.
Violin solo—Ray Peck.
Tableau—Vivants, by the Ladies.

MERRY GATHERING

Miss Dunkley, Queen of the event, gave a very pleasant evening's entertainment to a number of her friends last evening. During the evening a "Bishop of Oxford" puzzle was given the prize winners being Miss Peate and Miss Sandison. The other numbers were: Solo, Mr. Dunkley; instrumental, Miss Bogart; solo, W. Miller; trio, Misses Peate and Sandison and Mr. Miller. This was followed by a musical guessing contest, the prizes of which were won by H. Jordan and Mr. Allen. There were about 30 present and an exceedingly enjoyable time was spent by everyone.

JOYS OF CALIFORNIA.

Lexington, Mich., News.
There is strong talk among a number of Sanilac county farmers—of emigrating to Southern California. When they get there they will find oranges as plentiful as apples in Michigan, and not half as useful. The salty wind that scutes their nostrils carries with it a fine sand that penetrates every nook and corner of one's house, nor can it be kept out. In addition to this they will find the country abounding in rattlesnakes, copper heads, tarantulas, thousand-legged worms a foot long, and a thousand and one other tropical luxuries.

CARD OF THANKS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I wish to convey to those who so kindly gave me their vote and influence for alderman in the recent contest, my sincere thanks, and wish all a prosperous year in 1903.

A. THOMSON, JR.

—Poisons accumulate in the system when the kidneys are sluggish—blotches and bad complexion result—take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

STANDING CIVIC COMMITTEES
SLATED AT COUNCIL CAUCUS

Alderman McCoig Declined to Serve on the Board of Works—
The Draft was Finally Harmoniously Decided Upon.

The aldermen who had the requisite number of votes to qualify for the City Council met in Harrison Hall yesterday afternoon to strike their standing committees. The only matter which caused any discussion was the appointment of the chairman of the Board of Works. It was felt that this committee being the most important and requiring the services of a tried and trustworthy alderman, that it should be given to Archie McCoig. Ald. Martin in moving that Mr. McCoig be chairman of Board of Works, stated that the position which he proposed for Mr. McCoig was the premier chairmanship.

Mr. McCoig, however, refused the honor.

Ald. Edmondson said that for an alderman aspiring to the Mayor's chair, the chairmanship of the Board of Works was but a stepping stone and such a position would suit him better than it would Ald. McCoig.

Ald. McCoig replied that since what Ald. Edmondson had said about the chairmanship of Works was true, that Mr. Edmondson had better just take the office himself.

Ald. McCoig took the ground that

it wasn't fair to compromise his mayoralty chances by putting him on the Board of Works. He (Ald. McCoig) was willing to compromise with Ald. Marshall by giving him the chairmanship of the Finance committee, but that as (Ald. McCoig) was allowed to remain on that committee.

Ald. Marshall said that he did expect to have the chairmanship of Finance this year, and that was what he was looking for.

Archie pleaded so hard and made out so skillfully that he was being treated unfairly that the other members of the committee accepted his plea and made Ald. Mounteer chairman of the Board of Works.

The full draft was as follows: Finance—Ald. Marshall, McCoig and Scullard.

Board of Works—Ald. Mounteer, Piggott and Robinson.

Property—Ald. Taylor, Edmondson and Martin.

Parks and Cemetery—Ald. McCoig, Marshall and Scullard.

Industrial—Ald. Piggott, Scullard, Robinson, Edmondson and Martin.

The Mayor is a number ex-officio of all the committees.

GROSS CARELESSNESS

"It is a regular disgrace the way that some contractors perform public contracts," said Dr. A. W. Thornton to THE PLANET this morning.

"One instance of this has just come to light, since the laboratories at the High school have been overhauled. It was found that there were thirteen taps to waste pipes in that room without a single trap and the pipes were not put in so that they would clean themselves.

There was not even a trap at the final exit of these pipes. I do not know who did this work, but it was a faulty piece of workmanship. The architects ought surely to be more careful in overseeing such jobs. The sewer gas which must come from these pipes is certainly endangering the lives of the teachers and pupils in the school. This matter should be called to the attention of the College Institute Board.

SOME CHARACTERS IN "CASTE."

Just that touch of human nature and that still more delightful theme of faithfulness to the abode, undoubtedly makes T. W. Robert on his famous comedy, "Caste," as popular as it is with the theatre patrons.

This classic, among comedies, will be presented with what is practically an all star cast under the direction of George H. Brennan at the Grand Opera House on Saturday, January 10th, 1903.

MUNICIPALITY OF RALEIGH

The council elect of the Township of Raleigh will meet in the Town Hall on Monday, the 12th day of January, 1903, at 11 a. m. for general business.

Per statute.

A. E. ROBINSON, Clerk.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Raleigh Agricultural Society for the election of officers for the current year will take place at the Township Hall on Wednesday, 14th inst., at one o'clock p. m.

A. H. WHITE, Secretary.

BOYS WANTED.

Boys of spirit, boys of will.

Boys of muscle, brain and power.

Fit to cope with anything—These are wanted every hour.

Not the weak, whining drones—Who all trouble magnify—Not the watchword of "I can't"—But the nobler "I'll try."

Do whatever you have to do, With the earnest zeal; Bend your efforts to the task—"Put your shoulder to the wheel."

Though your duty may be hard, Look not on it as an ill; If it be an honest task, Do it with an honest will.

In the workshop, on the farm, Or whatever you may be, From your earnest efforts, boys, Comes the Nation's destiny.

Wedding Cake Boxes always in stock at THE PLANET Office.

LATE HARVEST

Albert Britton, of the 10th concession, Chatham township, was in the city to-day. Mr. Britton, in conversation with THE PLANET, said he finished cutting his wheat on the 19th of December and got about 150 bushels of 12 acres. Considering the extreme lateness of the season this was a good crop. It was impossible to get at the wheat earlier owing to the water in the fields. The wheat is very light and only good for feed.

THE UNION INVOLVED.

HOPE THAT MINERS MAY CLEAR THEIR SKIRTS.

More Evidence of Violence Against Non-union Men Offered Before Strike Commission.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The principal feature of the proceedings before the Coal Strike Commission was the exception taken by President Mitchell to a remark made by Chairman Gray that he would "like to see the miners' union come up out of the mire that is around the baser parts of it into the sunlight."

Outside of this incident the entire day was taken up in hearing the stories of the non-union men and their relatives on alleged persecutions. The Mitchell incident was brought about by Commissioner Parker, Chairman Gray, of Mahanoy City, outside foreman at the North Mahanoy colliery, testified that he was beaten while on his way to work; that he recognized two of his assailants as union men, and that they were prosecuted and convicted. Mr. Parker asked the witnesses if the men were expelled from the union for what they had done, but the foreman did not know, nor did Terrence Glinley, a member of the Executive of the union in the district where the assault was committed.

Chairman Gray said: "So you wait for conviction by the civil authorities before disciplining your men? Do you think you can have effective discipline unless you make investigations yourself and bring the men up and punish them in some way? I ask you as a member of the order, and as a man who would be glad to see your order come up out of the mire and the clouds that are around the baser parts of it, into the sunlight, and into the air of free government and a free country."

"If it is proven that our men have committed acts of violence there is no question about our disciplining them," replied the witness.

Then followed a discussion over the Shenandoah riot and the killing of a man, and in reply to Mr. Mitchell's remark that it was not the miners who did it, Chairman Gray said: "But there was a crowd, and as yet I have heard no evidence of a disciplining voice in that mob. No man there said: 'Shame on the cowards.'"

The witness said the union would prove that union men tried to prevent the riots, to which Judge Gray replied he hoped so.

Mr. Mitchell said he did not know that any member of the union had been expelled, and added that unless they were convicted of violation of law the organization had no right to expel them and thus prejudice their case before the trial court. Chairman Gray said that Mr. Mitchell's point was well taken so far as concerns those under indictment, but what he wanted to know was whether any of those men were ever called up who had been notoriously engaged in illegal acts, and whether they were subjected to discipline by the organization. This ended the incident.

The first witness called was Mrs. Lily Stevenson of Schuylkill County, whose husband worked during the strike in the Silverbrook colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co. She was an eyewitness to an assault made upon her husband by strikers. She said after her husband had been knocked down twice she picked up a stone and threw it at the men committing the assault. She was then seized and held, while the beating continued. Her husband was internally injured. Several other witnesses testified as to being attacked, beaten or boycotted.

WORLD OF SPORT

CURLING

Curling is an old game in Chatham. Capt. S. M. Smith says the first club was formed in Chatham by Hon. Walter McCrae, Chas. E. Pegley, Editor Ellison, of The Planet, David Walker, Sheriff Mercer, Captain Glendinning and himself, about the time of the American civil war.

Captain Smith and David Walker are the only two alive. "Mr. Walker," says Mr. Smith, "was a great curler. He had been a locomotive driver on the G. T. R., but came to Chatham and kept a tavern on William St., near the Grand Trunk tracks. He afterwards kept the Rankin House, and now owns the Walker House, Toronto.

"In the early days of the club we used cast iron, kettle shaped 'stones.' Mr. Walker and I were sent to Burlington Bay by the local club to play in the international match there between Canada and the States, shortly after the war. The Canadians won, by a fine margin. There was a fine medal put up for the rink making the largest score. We won it. The medal was a gold seven-cornered one, valued at \$50.

"The river is the place the curlers should use," continued the Captain, "and in its natural condition. The knock in curling is giving the stone a twist that will make it curve round the holes and lumps and land in the right spot."

THE MARKETS

The market this morning was very small. Apples, however, were very plentiful at from \$1.50 to \$1.70 per barrel. Other prices remain the same.

Following is the price list:

IN THE SHEEDS.
Eggs, per dozen, 18c to 20c.
Butter, per pound, 18c to 20c.
Chickens, each, 20c to 25c.
Ducks, each, 20c to 45c.
Turkeys, \$1.00 to \$2.00.
Geese, 65c to \$1.00.
Lard, per lb., 12c.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.
Sage, per bunch, 5c.
Carrots, per peck, 10c.
Onions, per peck, 20c.
Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00 to \$1.20.
Cabbage, per head, 3c to 5c.
Celery, 10c per bunch.
Cauliflower, per head, 5c.
Apples, per barrel, \$1.50 to \$1.75.
Honey, per rack, 15c.
Pumpkins, each, 10c to 15c.

FISH.
White fish, 15c per lb., dressed.
Lake Huron trout, 10c per lb. dressed.
Yellow pickerel, 10c per lb., dressed.
Sturgeon, 10c lb., dressed.
Perch, 25c a dozen.

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Men's Wool-Lined
Arctics, 50 pairs \$1
in sizes 6 and 7, \$1



Ladies' High But-
toned Overshoes \$1
in sizes 2 1/2, 3 \$1

Ladies
Warm Lined
House Shoes from
25c. up.

GEO. Cowan
w. Cowan
CHATHAM.

2 Dressmakers
Apprentices—Apply
to Miss Morrison.

C AUSTIN & CO

Chatham's
Greatest
Store.

...January Sale of...

Shaker Flannels and
Cottons On Sale To-night and
All Next Week

400 yards 32 inch heavy twilled plain blue Flannellette soft wool finish, suitable for ladies' and children's undergarments, etc. Our regular 10c. quality. To clear this lot we are offering 12 yards for

\$1.00
50c

14 pieces, very choice colored Shaker Flannels, good colorings, extra heavy quality, good washing colors, regular 12 1/2c. value, January sale price per yard

10c

Special 36 inch Lonsdale Cambric, for ladies' and children's undergarments, regular 12 1/2c value at per yd.

10c

Regular 14c value at per yard

12 1/2-2c

Extra value, yard wide, bleached Cotton, heavy make, fine weave, soft, ready for the needle, at per yard

10c

Special English bleached Cotton, linen finish, 10c value at per yard

9c

SPECIAL—LA VICTORIA Bleached Cotton, English manufacture, soft make, ready for the needle, fine even yarns, suitable for undershirts, etc. This cotton is put up in 20 yards to the piece, folded and double. Our regular 12 1/2c value clearing at per yard

10c

or for the piece

\$2.00

The Most Remarkable Offering of
WOMEN'S COATS
Ever Made

We announce to-day what many women have been waiting for—have deferred their purchasing of a winter coat in order to benefit by. February and March are the snowiest and most blustering months of the year, yet here are exactly such coats as the weather demands at prices that might well create an excitement later on.



A group at \$11.00

Worth up to \$18.00. Women's long coats in Castor, Black, Grey and Navy with new flat curved collar, also coats with velvet or storm collar, tight or half fitted back, finely tailored and nicely lined, with or without flounce.

At \$5.00

Worth up to \$7.50. Women's jackets 36, 42 and 45 inches long, with turn down collar stitched or storm collar, and lapels trimmed with fold of Satin or taffeta, stitched seams and lined.

At \$18.00

Full length coats of Broadcloth, with circular flounce, stitched collar, and lapels, tight fitting back with stitched seams, lined throughout with Satin. Our special leader this season at \$25.00, to be cleared now at \$18.00

At \$8.00

A group of full length and three-quarter finely tailored, stylish coats in Black, Oxford and Fawn. Bell sleeves with or without cuffs. All reduced to \$8.00.

January Sale of Rockers

To create big buying we have made a DEEP CUT IN PRICES and this in the face of a rising market. If you contemplate the purchase of a rocker, now is the time to buy. All the best styles and most reliable makes are open for your selection at a saving that will not be possible at any other time this year as every rocker has a new price, and that lower than our former low prices.



Very handsome rocker in selected quarter cut oak, seat double stuffed and covered with best satin tapestry. For price \$10.00.

January Sale Price \$8.00

Imitation mahogany or genuine quarter cut oak rocker, cobbler seat, a good seller at \$3.00 but they go in our

January Sale at \$2.50

3 only, large comfortable rockers, elm, golden finish, gloss,

January Sale Price \$1.50

ROCKERS ARE ALWAYS USEFUL. Before you buy anywhere look ours over.

FURNITURE DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR

C. Austin & Co.
The Leading and Reliable Clothiers