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Our March Linen Sale

Is now in full swing. This week you can buy cheaper Table Linens than you could last week, or than you can next week. We are selling every piece of Table Linen this week at very special prices—prices that cannot last because the goods they represent will be all gone. Be amongst the wise and economical housekeepers and lay in your necessary stock of Table Linens this week.

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Sale of Table Linens.

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Sale of Table Cloths.

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We would be glad to show you our stock. The regular prices are lower than in ordinary stocks. This week we devote especially to Linen selling and we want to make it a record. Prices will tell.

THOMAS STONE & SON, Direct Importers of Irish Linens.

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There's nothing that adds more to the appearance of the room than a suitable

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We have a lot of New Suites, Couches and Carpets, and they're the prettiest we've ever seen for the money.

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We have printed an instructive little booklet about Pianos and our 20th Century Method of selling them. The booklet is free to anybody interested in buying a Piano.

If you are about to buy a Piano or if you have been THINKING about buying one, or if you want to exchange an old Piano or Organ in part payment for a new one, our booklet will give you more real information than anything else we know of.

Our 20th Century Method is something new in selling Pianos. You'll like it because it's the fairest, most business-like method there is.

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men of taste and discernment to call on us and become intimate with all that is most stylish and novel in the high art of good dressing.

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THEY BURIED MEN ALIVE

A Secret Society in the Philippines Took a Terrible Revenge.

Natives Accused of Favoring the Americans were Entombed and Left to Die.

Manila, March 12.—The trial of nine natives charged with having murdered Quinsimban, president of Calamba, because he was friendly to the Americans, disclosed how the insurgents terrorized the natives even in territory occupied by the Americans. Members of the secret society known as Mandagucats systematically abducted and killed Filipinos favoring American rule. In two months the Calamba Mandagucats killed 49 natives. The victims are usually buried alive.

Fear kept the people silent. An officer of Gen. Cailles organized and directed the operations of the Mandagucats, in Calamba, Binang and other towns in Laguna province. The ringleaders were arrested and tried, and many suspects were held pending an investigation. The arrests effectively checked the operations of the Mandagucats. The verdict of the military commission which is trying the cases has not been announced.

McKAY'S CORNERS.

Court Harwell, No. 452, C. O. F., held an oyster supper in their hall at McKay's Corners Friday night. Dr. Thornton, of Chatham, occupied the chair, and E. J. MacIntyre also contributed some of his comic songs. The night was a very dark and stormy one, consequently there was a poor attendance. It was not a success financially.

James Ellison, of Kent Bridge, spent Sunday with relatives at the Corners. John D. Clark, Town Line, had a very narrow escape from fire on Sunday. The kitchen chimney caught fire and the strong wind made it difficult to keep it under control. McGregor's Creek is rising fast on account of the late heavy rains. It is feared that the water will be higher this year than ever before.

W. S. Dunes, phrenologist, has been entertaining the people of this district lately by his lectures and mind readings. The Endeavor Society of the village are preparing for a first-class concert to be held in the basement of the church on March 29th. An excellent program is being prepared, and we feel sure that the public will heartily respond and make it a grand success in every way.

There has been much talk lately of holding a new school meeting. No notices were posted for that last annual meeting, consequently it was illegal. At last, the secretary put up notices calling for a new meeting on March 16th, at 10 a. m. This will settle matters amicably and prevent future trouble.

J. Culbert Patrick, the Essex county banker, is again a free man and is now at his mother's home in Detroit. The settlement with W. L. Rumball was made and the warrant was withdrawn by the complainant. Rumball's claim was for \$785 and the amount was paid in full.

What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better.—Wendell Phillips.

BOTHA WILL SURRENDER AND IS TRYING TO INDUCE

Steyn and De Wet to do the Same—Many Boers Now Bear Arms for the British.

London, March 12.—A despatch from Pretoria, dated 9.30 p. m., yesterday, says:—"The result of the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Louis Botha is anxiously but hopefully awaited. The presence of Sir Alfred Milner in Pretoria, to consult with Lord Kitchener, is expected to hasten the change from the military to the civil administration."

A Lorenzo Marquez despatch, dated March 11, says:—"Gen. Botha is willing to surrender. He asked an armistice in order to communicate with Gen. De Wet and Mr. Steyn. Should they decline, it is believed nevertheless that Gen. Botha will surrender. The Boers have no artillery or ammunition, and are burying all their guns. The railway from Lorenzo Marquez is practically clear of Boers."

The Times has received the following from Bloemfontein:—"Boers who have surrendered here say that Mr.

Steyn, in a recent speech at Philipopolis, admitted that there now was no chance of regaining the country."

THEY ARE NOW BRITISH. Bloemfontein, March 12.—It is impossible not to be struck with the fact that a great proportion of the former enemies of Great Britain in South Africa now frankly throw in their lot with the British. Brandfort, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein companies of ex-burgers are now bearing arms against the Boers. They state their object is not to operate against their former companies, but to defend their homes and property against marauding bands. Every town in the Free State occupied by the British will soon become a centre of British influence, extending a long distance in their vicinity. Over 13,000 refugees are now within the British lines, and many of them demand arms and permission to take the field. If their requests be granted it will be easy to get 2,000 ex-burgers enrolled on the British side.

ALD. MARSHALL SAYS HE IS NO CIVIL ENGINEER

Will Not go on With Important Works Until One is Appointed—The Council Discusses Mr. Shackleton's Case—Other Business Transacted.

"The board of works have no report," said Ald. Marshall, the chairman, as he rose at last evening's City Council session in response to Ald. McCoy's query for the result of their advertisement for the civic supplies. "I repeat, the board of works have no report," continued the chairman, warmly. "We have practically gone out of business. With no engineer and no head I view it as useless to continue. The specifications for the civic supplies were under preparation by the engineer at the time of his dismissal. They should have been out now, but there is now no engineer to complete them."

Ald. Taylor—You're the city engineer now, Ald. Marshall.

Ald. Marshall—Certainly not, and I do not intend to be, either. As far as these board of works matters are concerned, I, at least, decline to proceed with the civic work without the services of an engineer, and I propose to submit a motion to the council relative thereto to-night.

Ald. McCoy asked what the board of works were doing towards naming the streets by signs, as suggested by the Mayor in his inaugural. Labor was cheaper now than it would be later on in the season.

Ald. Marshall—I am simply making the same answer. I was elected as an alderman and not to fill the duties of city engineer, and I certainly will not take upon myself responsibilities which the people I represent have said with unmistakable clearness are to be performed by the city engineer. I have no ambition to have city matters in muddle and confusion, striving to perform duties which are entirely out of my province. I do not intend to attend to these matters until the board of works has an engineer at its head. It is the will of the people voiced by by-law and I propose to respect it.

A STRAIGHT MOTION.

The council business was then proceeded with for another hour and the order of procedure reached the presentation of motions. Here Ald. Marshall made good his expressed intention.

"I move," he said emphatically, "that this council appoint J. W. Shackleton, city engineer at the salary of \$840 per annum as former salary. Just here I desire to say as chairman of the board of works that I consider Mr. Shackleton earned every dollar the city paid him. If the city is prepared to pay \$1,500 for an outsider, it is doubtless their privilege, but I cannot favor such appointment. Mr. Shackleton was born and brought up here and I believe we should favor our own citizens, all things being equal. But how has he been treated? The council heard no complaint until a month ago and then summarily dismissed him without a hearing, without even telling him the cause of his dismissal. I tell you, gentlemen, we must have an engineer at the head of this department. We can't get along without one and the people have said so emphatically."

Ald. Marshall read the long list of signatures attached to the petition for retaining his seat.

Ald. Taylor seconded the motion. Foreman LeBer was heard and spoke strongly in support of the re-engagement of Mr. Shackleton. He said the council would never get a man who knew the city and its systems as well as Mr. Shackleton.

Ald. McCoy—Upon what ground was Mr. Shackleton let go? I was not present at the council session in question and really do not yet know whatever. He was simply dismissed.

Ald. McCoy—It has been said that there have been a number of complaints. I think the board of works

should investigate these and I would vote by their report.

Ald. Mounteer—I think I was the only alderman that had courage to say I did not think Mr. Shackleton was a civil engineer, and I still think so. He is a nice man, but in his public capacity has proved a failure to a large extent.

Ald. Taylor—The people have said we must have an engineer. Mr. Shackleton performed the duties for the past two years and has not been fairly treated. The aldermen who voted for his dismissal brought forward no remedy. Let us have Mr. Shackleton until we secure some one better able to fill the place. There are over 400 names upon that petition, many of them the largest taxpayers in the city. I don't see how the council dare jump in the face of such a petition from the people they are elected to represent.

Ald. Mounteer—Ald. Taylor asks for a remedy. We expect to have an engineer, but why does the chairman of the board of works not take his committee into his confidence? Ald. Pritchard said the committee had not been called together, and he did not understand why not. He believed in looking into the petition and weighing it before acting for he saw names on it of men who had made many complaints against Mr. Shackleton. He instanced Mr. Vaughan.

Ald. Edmondson said there were many complaints about Mr. Shackleton. He thought the city should have an engineer who was competent and able.

WILLING TO JANGLE.

Ald. Marshall—My colleagues complain that I did not ask them to come to a meeting of the board of works, but I have no objection to that. I did not. The board of works have not met, and I tendered no report. The board of works brought in a report on 2 complaints against Mr. Shackleton, referred to them. The council went right on and dismissed him. Now, I've been on the board of works for two years, and we've never had a jangle, why, wrangle it will be. If we can't get along well, we can get along the other way.

Ald. Pritchard—It's easy to understand why there was no wrangling before. All these complaints against the engineer are from last year. Now, I understand, when a member of the board of works was spoken to about J. Fielder, G. E. Schofield, G. S. Heyward, R. G. Hoig, J. W. Dyer, John E. Johnston, J. W. McLaren, G. W. Cornell, Jas. Mitchell, Geo. McGavin, John Sowerby, J. Innes, Jno. McCorsie, Jno. Dillon, Jno. Duff, Robt. Cucksey, H. G. Reed, J. C. Wainess, H. A. Robert, E. J. MacIntyre, Edwin Bell, Robert Soutar, Wm. Potter, L. A. Tobey, H. G. Reed, J. C. Wainess, H. A. Robert, Isaac Smith, Geo. G. Martin, James Cornhill, W. B. Wells, Jas. Dillon, J. D. Lamont, W. H. Robinson, S. C. Bogart, D. Jordan, Wm. Douglas, S. C. Walker, Fred. Goodland, Andrew Thomson, Jr., Henry Stephens, Jas. Taff, E. P. Langford, Chas. Dingman, Albert P. Stephens, C. C. Greening, D. A. Hutchison, Jacob Sparks, Thomas Wainess, S. Stephenson, F. A. Robert, W. N. Morley, A. M. Lafferty, Con. E. Shaw, Jas. McMahon.

Ald. Marshall, rising quickly—Name, please.

Ald. Pritchard did not answer.

Ald. Marshall—Name, I say.

The Mayor—Order, please, gentlemen.

Ald. Marshall—No, I want the name for I'll deny it point blank.

The Mayor suggested that Ald. Marshall withdraw his motion, and that the petition and whole matter be referred to the board of works to report thereon.

Ald. Marshall acquiesced and the reference was so made.

Ald. Scane was the only absentee at the session.

Requests to cut trees from W. E. Crow and W. E. Risip were referred to the Chief of Police.

Boat of Health estimates were referred to Finance.

J. W. McAllum asked remission of dog tax. Court of Revision.

Mayor Knolly asked concerning his duties as bridge tender. Board of Works.

Newton Everitt asked release from contract with city to supply acreage for securing earth. Board of Works.

Canada General Electric Co. wrote quoting prices. Property.

Fire Chief Pritchard recommended appointment of Homer Wilson to fill Chas. Ryall's place and the putting in of tappers at homes of Jos. Side, R. Brown and Geo. DeLine. Property.

National Carbon Co. wrote quoting prices. Property. Jas. LeBer reported on tree trimming, estimating 1,875. Property. Mother M. Baptiste, superior at Ursuline Academy, wrote, asking election. Continued on Eighth Page.

MANY SIGN THE PETITION

Praying For the Reinstatement of Engineer Shackleton.

The Citizens Generally Certify That His Work Was Given Good Satisfaction.

The following is the petition presented to the city council last night praying for the reinstatement of J. W. Shackleton as city engineer:

Gentlemen,—The petition of the undersigned ratepayers of the City of Chatham humbly sheweth—

Whereas we understand it to be the intention of your honorable body to appoint a duly qualified engineer to perform the duties of city engineer according to the by-law of the city in that behalf.

Your petitioners therefore having regard to the manner in which engineering work of the city has been done by J. W. Shackleton, C. E., for the past two years, and believing he had both well and faithfully served the city's interests in the performance of his duties as such engineer, deeply regret the action of the council in dismissing him from his services, respectfully take this means of requesting your honorable body to reconsider their action regarding same.

They therefore pray that your honorable body will reconsider your action regarding the dismissal of the said engineer and take such steps as may be necessary at your earliest convenience to re-instate and re-appoint the said J. W. Shackleton as city engineer for the ensuing year.

And your petition will ever pray.

Wm. Ball, Douglas Glass, Manson Campbell, George T. McKee, T. K. Holmes, Fred Quinn, James H. Duncan, R. Vassallo, Bray, D. W. Crow, F. W. Kogelschaz, W. H. Harper, W. Baby, S. B. Arnold, Chas. H. Atkinson, C. R. Atkinson, Jr., James S. Gray, Alex. McDougall, John E. Snel, W. J. Martin, W. J. Moore, James Glen, John L. Bray, S. Barfoot, C. Keller, Herb S. Clements, Arch. Park, J. H. Verrall, John A. Hoan, W. F. Smith, Wm. M. Drayder, John Turner, James L. Wilson, R. Cooper, A. J. Barassin, W. K. Merrifield, Jas. Watt & Sons, John Hales, J. F. McKee, Samuel Trotter, Jas. W. Dege, O. B. Hulm, Jas. L. Oldershaw, T. A. Smith, F. Wood, Wm. Sharp, J. J. Miller, R. O. Knight, Jacob Bloude, George Bloude, A. B. Crow, J. W. Knight, W. Foreman, Edwin Radley, D. K. VanAllen, Robert Miller, Alister McKay, A. Lamont, W. H. G. Colles, J. M. Park, George Park, Robert Gray, Richard Lowe, J. Wilson, W. Lambert, J. M. Gardiner, Wm. R. Hall, J. L. Weir, Wm. R. Baxter, John D. Thompson, N. H. Ruinvin, A. J. Wilson, F. Hallinan, G. A. McCubbin, W. Ramo, Thomas He, C. Tickner, Thomas Moore, Richard Haskell, J. S. McKay, James Paul, E. J. Auvache, G. D. Ross, J. R. R. Cuthbert, Wm. Bunning, Silas Knott, A. C. Trudell, J. B. Stringer, Geo. Massey, Edmond Eddington, Reg. S. Miller, Jas. S. Wainess, S. Backus, W. Waddell, G. Garnet W. Holmes, David Brennan, D. Williamson, R. S. Dunlop, Jas. J. Couzens, C. E. Lister, Thos. M. Tennant, John A. Morton, Jas. Richardson, W. G. Richards, D. Westman, Jas. C. Hendershott, Ward Stanworth, John Ferguson, W. J. Bennett, H. K. Ridley, Rev. J. J. Ross, J. C. Pritchard, O. L. Lewis, C. J. Dunlop, Fr. Solanus, O. S. M., Robert McCosh, W. G. Terry, J. U. Parkin, W. S. Richards, G. W. Kelly, A. H. VonGuenten, J. Ritchie, J. J. Ross, Thos. Scullard, J. B. Rankin, H. Macaulay, C. R. Charles, C. Smith, J. E. Thomas, J. M. Taylor, D. Pringle, J. West, Geo. A. Sayer, J. W. White, Ira S. Burke, J. U. Thibodeau, William -Bright, W. Clements, John A. Tilt, F. Marx, G. W. Witherspoon, J. C. Fleming, J. L. Nichols, E. Smith, Wilson Taylor, Thos. B. Farley, Jas. W. Massey, J. W. Carpenter, D. R. McGavin, R. Wm. J. P. Taylor, Jos. Carswell, W. D. Tristram, T. W. Smythe, R. A. Hughes, Chas. Simmons, A. W. Merrill, Wm. Wilson, A. R. Coltart, K. Schwimmer, Jas. N. Merriam, R. C. Burt, A. Jahn, W. F. Cornish, F. W. Cornish, Geo. J. Fielder, G. E. Schofield, G. S. Heyward, R. G. Hoig, J. W. Dyer, John E. Johnston, J. W. McLaren, G. W. Cornell, Jas. Mitchell, Geo. McGavin, John Sowerby, J. Innes, Jno. McCorsie, Jno. Dillon, Jno. Duff, Robt. Cucksey, H. G. Reed, J. C. Wainess, H. A. Robert, E. J. MacIntyre, Edwin Bell, Robert Soutar, Wm. Potter, L. A. Tobey, H. G. Reed, J. C. Wainess, H. A. Robert, Isaac Smith, Geo. G. Martin, James Cornhill, W. B. Wells, Jas. Dillon, J. D. Lamont, W. H. Robinson, S. C. Bogart, D. Jordan, Wm. Douglas, S. C. Walker, Fred. Goodland, Andrew Thomson, Jr., Henry Stephens, Jas. Taff, E. P. Langford, Chas. Dingman, Albert P. Stephens, C. C. Greening, D. A. Hutchison, Jacob Sparks, Thomas Wainess, S. Stephenson, F. A. Robert, W. N. Morley, A. M. Lafferty, Con. E. Shaw, Jas. McMahon.

The discussion on this petition will be found in the regular council report.