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SILK WAIST SPECIALS For Friday

These sale waists for Friday are taken from broken assortments and odd lines and are representative of some of the greatest selling designs we had this season. We give colors and sizes below. The styles are correct and the prices speak for themselves.

- 1 only, Silk Waist made of superior quality taffeta silk, in exquisite shades of sky blue, size 34, regular price \$8.00, on sale Friday for **4.75**
- 1 only, Silk Waist made of Cardinal Pongee silk with white vest and trimmed with white, size 36, regular price \$8.00, on sale Friday for **3.65**
- 6 only, Taffeta Silk waists, made in the Gibson style, beautifully tucked and stitched, in shades black and white, black is only in size 36 in., white we have in sizes 32, 35, 36 and 38 in., regular price is \$6.00, on sale Friday, special at **4.25**
- 1 only, Taffeta Silk Waist in handsome shade of old rose, size 36 in., regular price \$5.00, on sale Friday **2.85**
- 1 only, Silk Waist, made of pretty shade of pink Pongee, tucked and hemstitched, size 34 in., regular \$5.00, Thursday for **2.90**

Sale of Muslins for Evening Wear

Sale of colored Muslins with satin cross bar check and dimity cord, in plain shades of pink, sky, yellow and helio, regular price 20c. a yard, on sale Friday for

8c.

Continued Sale, Ladies' Ready-to-wear Hats

Ladies' Ready-to-wear Hats in plain felt and camels hair effects, in every desirable shade of brown, castor, navy, etc., regular prices \$1.25 up to 2.75 each, on sale for

50c.

Thomas Stone & Son.

SWEEPING Bargain SALE

At WESTMAN BROS.

20 per cent.
Discount

Off all JEWEL BASE BURNERS
AIR TIGHT and other
HEATERS.
Also off HORSE BLANKETS of
all kinds, ROBES, GRAIN BAGS,
STOVE BOARDS, LANTERNS.
Don't forget the place for Bargains.

WESTMAN BROS.

Big Hardware and Implement House, CHATHAM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, JAN'Y. 22.

GUS BOTHNER

PRESENTS THE POPULAR COMEDIAN

GEO. F. HALL

IN HIS LATEST LAUGHING SUCCESS, A

NEW WESTERN COMEDY

DRAMA, ENTITLED

...AN...

American Hustler.

Beautiful Scenery, Excellent Cast,

New Specialties, Dances, etc.

Seats on sale Wednesday.

PRICES—25c., 35c., 50c. and 75c.

Invitation Cards, Pro-

grammes, Pencils, etc.,

can always be obtained

at THE PLANET Office.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

The BIG EVENT OF YEARS

Monday, Jan. 26

First appearance in Chatham of

the most famous

GRAUS' OPERA

CO...

Presenting

Sousa's

Wonderful

Comic

Opera

EL

CAPITAN

THREE YEARS IN NEW YORK

ONE YEAR IN LONDON...

Large Chorus of Pretty Girls

Carloads of Scenery. Finest

organization ever seen

in New York.

PRICES \$1.50, 1.00, 75c. 50c. and 25c.

Were it not for love, many a girl

would be unable to make herself mis-

erable.

WERE WEDDED

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Samuel Glenn, Park street, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Glenn's sister, Nellie Taylor, was united in marriage to J. A. Chipperfield, of Woodstock.

Only the immediate relatives of the bride witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. C. Farthing, English Church minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipperfield left on the five o'clock G. T. R. express for Toronto and Montreal. On their return they will reside at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyde, Woodstock, were present at the wedding. Mrs. Hyde is a sister of the bride.

SWINGING AWAY TO SUCCESS

West Kent Agricultural Society Now Making Splendid Headway Financially

Officers Re-elected and another Successful Year Looked for—Dates of Fairs Set.

On resuming yesterday afternoon, at the meeting of the West Kent Agricultural Society, the annual cash statement was taken up and found to be the best yet. It was as follows:—Statement of the receipts and disbursements of the West Kent Agricultural Society for 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last annual meeting, \$148.89.

Donations, \$80.49.

Spring Fair, \$72.75.

Rebate of interest on note, \$2.18.

Rents, \$95.

Grants, city, government and townships, \$1,010.

Memberships, 1902, \$168.

Gate and grand-stand receipts, \$1,420.05.

Privileges, \$159.

Stands and sheds, 59.75.

Entries and stalls, \$11.35.

Total, \$3,227.46.

EXPENDITURES.

Prizes paid, \$648.40.

Taxes on drain, \$8.76.

Printing and bill posting, \$280.60.

Telegrams, \$1.19.

Meals, \$23.05.

Band and salaries, \$205.

Painting and decorating, \$213.40.

Stationery and postage, \$30.

Electric light and labor, \$121.75.

Note discounts and interest, \$1,420.05.

Judges' expenses, \$54.70.

Repairs, \$160.

Trials of speed, \$275.

Summaries, \$96.

Cash on hand, \$62.01.

Total, \$3,227.46.

Prizes to pay, \$36.60.

R. G. FLEMING,

Treasurer.

The election of officers for 1903 was the next important matter up, and all the old officers went in without opposition.

For President, Jas. C. Chinnick, moved by C. Austin, seconded by J. Dowling.

For Vice-President, John Dowling, moved by Messrs. Clements and Edwards.

For Second Vice-President, S. Stone, nominated by J. Dowling, seconded by John Mount.

DIRECTORS.

For city directors, C. Austin and W. W. Scane.

Harwich.

John Houston and N. A. McGeachy.

Raleigh.

Anthony Edwards and A. J. Dolsen.

Dover.

John Clements and William Newkirk.

Chatham.

John Sattou.

Auditors—W. A. Hadley and George Gray.

A number of poultrymen present asked that Mr. Austin be the chairman of that committee.

D. A. Hutchison was appointed canvasser to sell membership tickets throughout the county on commission of 25 per cent.

Messrs. Edwards and Clements moved a vote of thanks to the retiring directors for their services.

Chas. Austin said the success of the last fair was largely due to the presence of the Hon. J. I. Tarte, and he moved that the secretary and Messrs. Stone and Scane be a committee to draft a letter of thanks to that gentleman. Carried.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the speed secretary and auditors.

At a meeting of the directors after the regular meeting the dates of the fairs were decided upon. The Spring Fair will be the last Saturday in April, and the Fall Fair on the 6th, 7th and 8th of October.

Meeting adjourned.

It is to be hoped that the theatregoers of Chatham realize the importance of the engagement at the Grand on Monday night when Jules Graus' Opera Company presents

Sousa's wonderful comic opera, "El Capitán."

The spelling contest between the doctors and lawyers will be an interesting feature in Friday night's program in the Grand Opera House.

CONSPIRACY NOW CHARGED AGAINST COAL DEALERS' ASSN.

Brantford Takes First Definite Legal Action in the Matter—London Paper Makes Charges.

THIRTEEN CARS LADEN WITH COAL SIDETRACKED AT THAMESVILLE.

Have been Lying There for Over a Week—Over 350 Tons of Anthracite Thus Tied Up—A Vigorous Investigation to be Made by the Press.

Ugly rumors concerning the action of the coal dealers throughout this district have been rife for some time and are now being consummated by investigations generally by the press in the western part of the Province. In this city complaints, involving very serious charges, have been lodged with The Planet by many highly respected and reputable citizens, with a result that this journal is uniting with several western contemporaries in instituting a searching investigation.

Chatham has suffered most severely from the shortage of coal and the increasing prices prevailing. If this is caused by a combine of the coal dealers for bigger profits an exposure of the facts should be made in the public interests. If, on the other hand, there is no help for the situation existing at the present time, then the erroneous and damaging reports should be set at rest.

The London News charges openly that the dealers are endeavoring to fleece the public. In that city the price has been boosted to \$12 per ton for hard coal and the News publishes special reports concerning the dealers and prices in Exeter, St. Thomas, Strathroy, Stratford, Woodstock and Chatham. It quotes J. L. Scott, of Chatham, as predicting that the price here will take a jump at any time. In Woodstock the price has gone from \$8 to \$10.50 within a week and other places are anticipating similar jumps.

The Chatham situation must demand attention in view of the fact that the shortage of fuel strikes so many homes, and also in view of the fact that the people have evidently reached the conclusion that they are being unfairly dealt with in some way. Despite the fact that the coal dealers stated that they could not secure coal, it has been reported to The Planet that cars of anthracite are being held sidetracked at depots throughout the vicinity. This will be investigated.

Yesterday a very prominent citizen—an ex-Mayor of our town—reported that seven cars were sidetracked at Thamesville. The Planet immediately despatched the information to its Thamesville correspondent and asked investigation. This morning the following special was received from The Planet correspondent there:

Chatham, Ont.:
Replying to yours of yesterday would say that I at once investigated

ed the report and ascertained the following facts.

Thirteen cars of anthracite coal have been lying on the G. T. R. siding here since Thursday of last week. Seven are box cars billed from Black Rock, N. Y., presumably to Chicago, and six are flat cars billed from the same place presumably to Detroit.

Could not find out to whom they were really going. The agent said they were being held here owing to the jam of ice in the Detroit River.

If that is the real reason for their detention here, they will probably remain until the ice breaks up.

They are being shipped via Wabash railway.

Thamesville, Jan. 22.

Communication to Windsor discloses the fact that there is no ice blockade of freight traffic over the river there, while it is scarcely reasonable to suppose cars waiting to cross the river would be sidetracked at Thamesville, some 80 odd miles away, instead of at the Windsor yards.

Each of these 13 cars contains 28 to 30 tons of coal, which is being held sidetracked and idle all this time. In Brantford conspiracy is openly and definitely charged and an associated press despatch to The Planet reads as follows:

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 21.—Legal action is being commenced against the Ontario Coal Dealers' Association, of which Thomas Elliott, Brantford, is president, and George Hatley, Brantford, secretary, charging it with conspiracy against the public.

The association, in which all the coal companies in Brantford, with one exception, are members, have recently taken steps, it is claimed, to prevent any one in Brantford but members of the association from buying coal from the operators.

At the time of the strike in the coal region there was a great scarcity of fuel in this city and local manufacturers came to the aid of their employees. They bought large quantities of coal from operators and sold it to the men at the market price. The dealers resented this interference with their business and prepared a black list containing the names of most of the prominent manufacturers who supplied coal to employees. The association was formed some time ago, and includes in its membership nearly all the retail dealers in the Province. The purpose of the association was to protect the dealers against operators who sold direct to consumers, and all such operators were black-listed.

CONDITION OF LOCAL POLICE CELLS UNFAIR, UNJUST AND BARBAROUS

Judge Bell's Strong Comment on Present Arrangements—Mayor McKeough's Practical Suggestions will be Considered and Something Promptly Done.

The City Police Commissioners made a business-like start on the work of the new year by definitely undertaking the project of securing a new or improved central police station, as outlined by Mayor McKeough in his inaugural address.

"The condition of the present police cells is deplorable," said Judge Bell, commenting upon the Mayor's suggestion. "It is really unfair, unjust and almost barbarous to be compelled to treat persons under arrest and even criminals as they are at present. It is not really the fault of the officials, who, perhaps, cannot help themselves. The responsibility must lie with ourselves and with the Council, and I am glad Mr. McKeough has taken up the matter. Something, evidently, must be done forthwith."

Chairman Houston said that what the Judge had pointed out was too true. He was glad to see attention drawn to the matter, and urged that prompt attention be given the practical suggestion submitted.

The clerk was asked to notify Ald. Taylor, chairman of the civic property committee, who had expressed his readiness to co-operate, to call his committee together to hold a joint meeting with the commissioners Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

There were present at the meeting this morning his honor Judge Bell, his honor Police Magistrate Houston, his worship Mayor McKeough, Chief of Police Holmes and Secretary Merritt.

On motion of Judge Bell and Mayor McKeough, Mr. Houston was re-elected chairman.

Tenders were opened for supplying trousers to the police officers, and that of the T. H. Taylor Co. accepted at \$7 per pair, certain conditions being imposed.

Two certified accounts were passed for payment, viz., H. McDonald, repairing chair, 75c., and C. P. R. telegraph, message to Winnipeg in Boyd case, 90c.

The commissioners discussed generally the proposal of the Mayor to have a new central police station built in connection with the market building, but nothing definite was done pending the consultation with the Property committee.

ANOTHER GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE BY MINERAL WATER COMPANY

Decision to Spend Some \$40,000 in the Erection of Needed Extensions—Old Directors Unanimously Re-elected—A Splendid Profit Shown.

So successful and encouraging have been the first year's operations of the Chatham Mineral Water Company's baths and sanitarium that it was decided at the annual meeting of the shareholders held yesterday to provide an extension, either by the erection of a large hotel or a material addition to the sanitarium. It

was roughly estimated that the new enterprise would cost \$40,000.

The text of the motion adopted was—

Moved by O. L. Lewis, seconded by F. F. Quinn, that the directors be instructed to secure plans, specifications and estimates for an extension to the present building either as hotel or sanitarium to be of such capacity as the size of the institution

and its future growth may warrant, the same to be submitted at an adjourned meeting some sixty days hence.

The meeting was a most encouraging and harmonious one. The President, Dr. W. R. Hall, was in the chair and reports were submitted and adopted, the text of which appears in another column of to-day's Planet. The net profits of the eight months' business were reported at \$966.27.

A. F. Falls was paid \$100 for his services in preparing the books and auditing during the past year and was engaged at \$50 as auditor during the coming year.

On motion of William Ball, seconded by Francis Rankin, of Dover, the old directors were unanimously re-elected. They are Dr. W. R. Hall, G. A. Witherspoon, W. W. Scane, Chas. Hadley and W. D. Shilton.

The meeting will convene again in sixty days to deal with the proposed extensions.

SCHOOL BOARD HOLD INAUGURAL

Trustee Wm. Robertson Elected Chairman and Committee Formally Struck

Retirement of Mr. Bell from C. I. Board—Mr. Richards Named as his Successor—Other Appointment.

The new Public School Board made an auspicious start on the new year last evening. The members and Inspector Robert Park were all present and in their places early and the inaugural proceedings were most harmonious. H. S. Clements, the new trustee, takes the seat vacated by W. E. Campbell, his predecessor, and the other members settled back in their old places. A few cordial words of congratulation fell to the men who earned their places this January at the polls and good-fellowship reigned.

Secretary Macnab presided while, on motion of Trustees McCorvie and Bray, Wm. Robertson was unanimously elected chairman amid applause.

Chairman-elect Robertson briefly addressed the Board, thanking the trustees for the honor done him. Mr. Robertson in seniority ranks third at the Board, Dr. Geo. T. McKeough holding the premier position by many years of valued service, and Dr. R. V. Bray preceded Mr. Robertson by a year. This is the chairman's sixth year as one of Chatham's educational representatives.

The chairman announced that the meeting was one for organization only and Trustee Bray moved the following committee to draft standing committees—Trustees Heyward, Cornish, Morley, Paxton and Bray. This committee retired from the room and, after deliberation in caucus, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Central school managers—Trustees Bray, Paxton, Cornish, Bensen and Clements.

McKeough school managers—Trustees McKeough, McCorvie, Heyward and Morley.

Finance committee—Trustees McKeough (convener), Morley and McCorvie.

Kindergarten committee—Trustees Cornish (convener), Heyward and Bensen.

Model school committee—Trustees Bray (convener), Paxton and Clements.

Supply committee—Trustees Bensen (convener), Paxton, Clements, McKeough and McCorvie.

The appointments were then taken up.

Dr. McKeough said he regretted very much to learn that Mr. Edwin Bell, the Board's present representative on the Collegiate Institute Board, had expressed the wish to retire. He (Dr. McKeough) desired to voice the

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