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#### \*\*\*\*\* PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—10 a. m.—Unset-ed, with light local rain or snow. riday, northwesterly winds and a ttle colder.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

A. I. McCall is spending the day in

Fred Morley left this afternoon for Windsor.
Mrs. Griffin, of Dresden, is a Maple

G. B. Wescott, of Walkerville, was in the city yesterday.

F. Ostrander, of this city, left for Manitoba last Monday.

J. Wright, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mrs F. C. Powell, of Kincardine, is

a Chatham visitor to-day. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fox, of Arner, were Chatham guests yesterday.

Mr and Mrs. D. Jessurum, of Wallaceburg, were Chatham guests yes-

The pupils of the Canada Business College, will hold a promenade con-cert next Friday night.

Mrs. Geo. Francis, of Dresden, was in the city to-day en route to Windsor to visit her son William. The Victoria Ave. Epworth League will hold a re-union of all its old members to-morrow evening.

Probate in the will of the late Agnes VanDusen, Chatham Tp., has been granted to Henry VanDusen.

Chas Storms, of Flint, Mich., was in the city to-day en route home, after spending a few days with Dresden friends.

A couple of loads of young people drove out to Mr. Brody's, in Chatham Township, last evening and enjoyed a few hours' dancing.

Lost!—On Monday afternoon, after 4 o'clock, a pair of gold-rimmed eye-glasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

Dr. A. W. Thornton has been elected Vice-President of the Ontario Dental Society. The doctor is also President of the Western Dental Association.

James Luce, of the firm of Thomas Stone & Son has received word of his mother's death in England. Mr. Luce's many friends will sympathize with him in his bereavement. W. G. McKendrick, Toronto, and M.

W. G. McKendrick, Toronto, and M. F. Offutt, London, are in the city exhibiting samples of their street pavement. They claim that it is superior to the tar macadam and less noisy than virified bricks. In London, Ontario, a considerable amount of this pavement has been laid.

Mrs. O. S. Sheldon and daughter, Miss Dorothy, are spending the winter at Las Vegas, New Mexico. The weather is beautiful and the atmosphere is so dry that with the thermometer registering 14 degrees below zero, they sleep with their bedroom windows open. windows open.

Miss Buchner, of Tillsonburg, form-erly employed by the firm of Stephens erly employed by the firm of Stephens & Douglas, was yesterday married to Stuart Langford, son of John Langford, of Kent Bridge. The wedding took place at the bridge. The wyoung couple will reside in Detroit. Their many Maple City friends will join in congratulations.

Warden Thomas Robinson, of Rom-Warden Thomas Robinson, of Romney, was in the city to-day. He says that the second Steele-Berringer well on the Boyce property is not as good as was expected, and is not eves as good as the first well. The company has already begun to put down a third well. This hole is being put down on the farm of Mr. Sullivan, 13th Con., Raleigh Tp.

#### OIL NOTES

Master Driller J. Woodward, of Oil Springs, was in the city to-day. He has been drilling on the farm of Ernest Edwards 8th Con., Raleigh, about a half-mile from Stevens' Strike, the well of the Chatham Oil Co. The hole was put down for a company of farmers, but has not proved as successful as was desired. Mr. Woodward stated that another well would be sunk on the same property. The hole already down had been sunk to a depth of 500 feet, but had proved to be a dry hole. Nearly 400 feet of casing was put down. A large flow of salt water had been encountered and shut off.

16 King St., Chatham,

and Dresden, Ont.

Cor. King and Fifth Sts, Chatham,

J. B. Rankin, K. C., was in Enne to-day.
Will Lewis, Dresden, is in the city

J. H. Fleming, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday.

The Pere Marquette pay car passed through Chatham yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLintock, of Flint, Mich., have returned home after visiting Rev. Mr. McLintock, of this city. Mrs. Chas. Willmore, of Detroit, who has been visiting in the city and vicinity for the past two weeks, returned home this afternoon.

The regards to the report in yester-day's Planet of the illness of J. A. Wilson, the reporter was misinformed. While Mr. Wilson was slightly indisposed it was not of as serious a nature and, we are pleased to see, Mr. Wilson is again able to attend to his business to-day.

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The hardware firm of King, Cunningham & Drew, which has been in business in Chatham for a number of years, has dissolver partnership. Peter Cunningham, of the firm, has bought the other two members out and will run the business himself. The store opened for the first time since the stock taking this afternoon.

It was reported that the small-pox in Ridgetown started in the Marks Bros. troupe. It was also reported that a member of this troupe was ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, while the show appeared here. This last, however, is not true. No member of the Marks Bros. troupe was ill in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Joseph's Hospital.

David Peltier, of Dover Township, appeared before Judge Houston in the County Court charged with cutting a wire fence, the property of Wilson Price. The case was adjourned till next Thursday. Price had Peltier arrested some years ago on the charge of putting poison in his well. The case was dismissed. O. L. Lewis appeared for the defendant and Ward case was dismissed. O. L. Lewis ap-peared for the defendant and Ward Stanworth for Price. Wm. Baby, Jr., son of Wm. Baby, of this air, in the standard of the same standard of t

Wm. Baby, Jr., son of Wm. Baby, of this city, is in the city making preparations for entering the new grocery and meat market in course of construction at the corner of Third and King streets. Mr. Baby learned his trade in groceries with Waddell and also Hugh Malcolmson in Chatham, around the eighties. Since leaving Chatham Mr. Baby has been in different branches of the business in Detroit Chicago and the Pacific Coast. different branches of the business in Detroit, Chicago and the Pacific Coast. He expects to be in the new store about April first. The delivery wagon is being made. Frank Baby, formerly of the Gordon store, now of Buffalo, will be a partner in the

#### A PASTOR'S INTEREST

David A. Green, a farmer from near Shrewsbury, was arrested yes-terday on the charge of stealing coal from the Western Peat Fuel Com-pany. Constable Peters made the ar-

from the Western Peat Fuel Company. Constable Peters made the arrest. Green was arraigned last night, pleaded not guilty and was remended a week for trial.

Rev. Cornelius Thompson, of Shrewsbury, came into the city today to see the member of his flock who was in trouble and dispense spiritual advice. Cornelius will be well remembered by many Chathamites for his interesting mundane discourses delivered Sunday afternoons at Erieau.

#### **NEW INDUSTRY**

Chatham has good Chance of Securing a Large Steel Factory - No Bonus Wanted

Chatham has the best kind of (a Chatham has the best kind of a chance for securing a great industry if proper steps are taken in the matter. A large American firm engaged in the manufacture of steel articles, which has a factory in a large American border city, worth over ten millions, has decided to build a branch in Carnets to compete with the Can millions, has decided to build a branch in Canada to compete with the Canadian goods of the same kind lately put on the market. A representative of this firm was in the city not long since and gave the impression that the decision where they would locate lies between the three cities—Windsor, London and Chatham. It is said that the representative stated they would ask no bonus, but what they wanted was the most suitable place. The matter has since been placed in the hands of the proper authorities and is being looked into.

#### TWO BARGAINS.

Excellent Building Lot, in beautiful and healthful location on Victoria Ave, for sale. No reasonable offer will be refused. sale. No reasonable offer will be refused. Two-Story Frame House, 2½ years old, double parlors, dining room, bedroom, kitchen, pantry, summer kitchen. Upstairs—hall, three bedrooms, storeroom, closets. Woodshed, hard and soft water, city water. **Price \$850.00**.

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Cured in Six Days.

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#### ORGANIZE

Orford Liberal - Conservative Workers Hold Successful Meeting at Highgate

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the Liberal Conservatives of Orford held a splendid organization meeting at Highgate on Wednesday evening. The gathering took place at the Temperance House and vice-president E. Beattie presided, making a vigorous and timely address on or-

After full discussion, in which many

After full discussion, in which many took part, the local officers were all re-elected for another term.

Mayor Willson, R. B. Hunter and P. H. Bowyer were present from Ridgetown, and after a few remarks from them, all adjourned to the dining hall where a most tempting spread had been prepared by the genial landlord, Mr. James Scott. The supper, while a credit to Mr. Scott, was in keeping with the well known, generous and hospitable spirit of the Highgate Conservatives.

After supper a smoking concert was held in the meeting room and a merry evening spent, the program including speeches, music, songs and stories, until shortly before midnight the proceedings closed by the singing ing hall where a most tempting

the proceedings closed by the singing of God Save the King.—Ridgetown

#### THE TRIAL SCENE

The subject of debate at the Macau-The subject of debate at the Macada-ay Club, Saturday evening, is, — Re-olved that it is in the best interests of the Canadian people to eliminate the protective element from the tar-ff. Affirmative, J. G. Kerr; nega-ive, J. M. Pike.

After the debate, the first rehearsal After the debate, the tirst renearsat of the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice will be held. The parts have already been assigned. This was done at the meeting of the special committee held Wednesday afternoon.

#### TO SEND DELEGATES

The Fenian Raid Veterans held meeting in Smith's Hall last evening. The meeting was well attended, about 25 being there. The Veterans were unanimous on deciding Veterans were unanimous on deciding to send representatives out to locate their lands in Nipissing and Temiscaming, New Ontario, and appointed Capt. S. M. Smith, of this city, Wm. Richardson, of Harwich Tp. and Frank Soutar, of Raleigh Tp., as delegates to go in the spring.

The meeting was then adjourned till March 5th, then they will meet in the Old Town Hall for the purpose of finding ways and means of sending the delegates.

AUTHORIZING TEXT BOOKS.

Amendment to Regulation of October Last.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—An order in Council was passed on October Il last in reference to the authorization of text-books, requiring that be-fore application is made for the authori-zation of any text-book the book must have been in circulation for at least six months for examination by teachers, in-spectors and other educationists.

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At the last meeting of the Cabinet
Council this order was amended as follows:—"Subject to the preceding subsection, the Minister of Education may,
when a change in text-books is deemed
desirable, submit to a committee of the
Educational Council for examination and
report any or all books for which such
authorization is sought. In the case of
text-books to be used in the public
schools the hereinbefore mentioned committee shall consist of not more than schools the hereinbefore mentioned committee shall consist of not more than five members, two of whom shall be the public school representatives on the said council, and one a public school inspector. In the case of text-books to be used in high schools and collegiate of not more than five members, of which the high school representatives on the said Educational Council shall be mem-bers."

#### Sudden Death at Woodstock

Woodstock, Feb. 12.-Ex-Ald, Chas. G. fering from a cold and got out of bed some from affer midnight to heat some water. He went to the gas stove, turned on the gas, and was evidently lust about to light it when he fell backwards. Some time afterwards Mrs. Clarke went downstairs and found the kitchen full of gas and her husband's lifeless body on the floor. Death was, it is thought, due to heart weakness, but possibly the escaping gas contributed to it. Mr. Clarke was fifty-seven years old, and had served at different times in the Council, and for one term on the Water and Light Commission. He was up till six years ago a hardware merchant, and before that conducted a grocery. He leaves be sides his wife two daughters, Mrs. C. Harry Beard of Montreal and Miss Verna at home.

#### Announced His Death.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 12.—Charles H. Wattell of this city committed suicide by drinking laudanum. He telegraphed in his wife's name to his sister, Mrs. Louis Wayne of Albany, N. Y., announcing his death six hours before it took place. The sister arrived about midnight, and saw Wattell before he died at the hospital.

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership heretofore existing and carried on in the name of "King, Cunningham & Drew" as "hardware merchants" in Chatham, is dissolved.

All accounts and debts due to the firm will be collected by Mr. Peter Cunningham.

Mr. Peter Cunningham will contin-ue the Hardware Business hereafter in the same place.

Dated this 12th day of February,

JAMES A. KING. PETER CUNNINGHAM. W. P. DREW.

F. G. MORLEY.

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> **PRICES** \$1.50 to \$1.00...

## CHATHAM IP MARAARAAN WAND IN

A WIFE'S CONFESSION.

Killed Husband and Fed Chickens With His Bones.

Monticello, Feb. 12.—At the hearing in the case of Mrs. Lafayette Taylor, charged with the murder of her huscharged with the murder of her husband. Peter Yerkins, an uncle of Mrs. Taylor, testified yesterday that she told him the shocking details of the killing of her husband and the burning of his body as calmiy as though she was speaking of the killing of a chicken. Yerkins said she came to his place at Ulster Heights on February 1 to sell him a horse, as she wanted the money to pay a bill. She said: "I am going to leave Taylor and go to work in a boarding house at Woodbourne. You need not fear Taylor any more, for I have fixed him with the red dog."

Yerkins exclaimed: "You don't mean to say you have murdered him, do you?" to which she replied, "He came if drunk and raising trouble. I shot him again and he fell on the floor. I then burned his clothing and put new paper on the wall. I burned the body and fed the bones to the chickens."

According to Yerkins' testimony, Mrs. Taylor told him that she had read of a family that did not get along very well and that the woman killed her husband. band, Peter Yerkins, an uncle of Mrs.

Taylor told nim that she had read of a family that did not get along very well and that the woman killed her husband and burned the house. She also told Yerkins that she burned the carpet und all of her clothes that were spotted. She also asked Yerkins for some paint

to paint over some stains.

The hearing ended to-night and Mrs.
Taylor was ordered confined in jail to await the action of the Grand Jury at the May term.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in

In The OPERA HOUSE on Thursday Ev. Feb. 19

Under the Auspices of Peninsular Lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W.

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J. WALTER MORAYE, Impersonator of Dr. Drummond's ant" Characters.

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There are so many particulars about the suits, and they're all so important, that we're not inclined to risk selecting what we think would be best to tell you about them, for we're sure to leave out some attractive item. The suits are made of Homespuns, Cheviots, Venetians, Zebline and Broadcloths, elegantly failored. The coats are lined, some with mercerized materials, others are silk lined. Skirts are 7 gore cut with flare and graduating flounce, finished with stitchings, strappings and braids, unlined and lined.

Nearly every size, but not in every style. Little lots from 1 to 5 of a style.

Descriptions of three important groups of tailored skirts.

At \$3.25—Ladies' 5 gore walking skirts of fine Grey Frieze, well tailored, seams nicely stitched, inverted pleat back, stitched facing.

At \$4.25—Skirt of Black or Oxford Cheviot, 7 gore flare with seams strapped and trimmed with Black Broadcloth or made with one pleat at each seam.

At \$5.00-(1.) Black or Grey Frieze Skirts, made with yoke and flounce, trimmed with stitching and buttons. (2.) Black Skirts, 7 gore, with graduating flounce, trimmed with cording and satin folds.

7 gore flare skirt with panel front, finished on each side with 3 pleats, rows of stiching to form yoke, and trimmed with small buttons.

## Underwear.

Don't be deceived, there is plenty of solid winter weather shead of you yet, in which this Underwear will be very welcome.

dozen of ladies' white heavy ribbed. Vests in sizes 30, 32, 34. Price each 25c

dozen of ladies' white ribbed Vests, are extra heavy lace and ribbon trimmed. Truce each

Ladies' heavy ribbed Drawers, ankle length, worth 50c. and 65c, special price to clear

Special price on a few odd lines of ladies' heavy union Vests, worth 75c. and 85c, to clear at 50c. and 60c

Ladies all wool Vests, heavy ribbed lace and ribbon trimmed. Drawers to match. Price each 40c

Ladies' heavy fleece lined Vests in sizes 32 and 34. Price each 50c

OHATELAINE BAGS—Just received a new stock of Chatelaine Bags and Wrist Purses. Prices—35c., 50c. 75c,

FURS—We have a very nice assortment of Boss, Storm Collars and Caperines left, which we are making big reductions. A great chance to save money.

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# New Spring Staples.

16 inch bleached twilled cotton towelling, blue border, soft make, at per yard

18 inch heavy cotton bag towelling, at per yard

Extra bright mercerised satana, black and colors, fast dyes, heavy quality, special per yard 12 1-2c.

New fancy dress ginghams, big assortment of stripes, checks and plaids, choice colorings, fast dyes, special finished cloth, at per yard 10e and 12 1-20.

30 pieces choice quality costume ducks, in navy, black and cadet blue grounds, with spots, stripes and fancy designs, perfectly fast colors, at per

Genuine Oxford Shirtings, for men' and boys' shirts, in fancy checks and stripes, perfectly fast colors, heavy or fine makes, per yard 12 1-2c,

Heavy Canadian Shirtings, guaranteed perfectly fast colors, in checks, plaids and stripes, heavy, firm cloth, special per yard 10c,

New Halifax Tweeds, for boys and men's garments, in light or dark grey, browns, green and fawn shades extra good cloth, pure wool, at per yard New Feather Tickings just in, best

qualities, 20c, 22c, Special sateen finished ticking, suit-

able for wash underskirts, regular 15c value for per yard 12 1-20. New wrapper prints, a big assortment of patterns and colorings, wide widths, soft finish, heavy quality, spewidths, spewidths, soft finish, heavy quality, spewidths, soft finish, heavy quality, spewidths, spew

# GRAND Stylish New Waists'

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AT \$2.75—Waists of cream or black Washing Silks, made with yoke and box pleated from the yoke down.

AT \$2.75—Of cream brilliantine with large box pleats running down. Each pleat trimmed with silk braid. AT \$4.00—Waists of washing silk, light colors, cream, pink, blue. Front allover tucking and insertion, back and sleeves finished with cluster tucking and

AT \$1.00—A very special sateen Shirt Waist trimmed with stitching, cording and satin folds. AT \$4.50—White silk waists, front trimmed with tucking and large silk medallions. Tucked sleeve with large puff from the elbow.

AT \$6.00 — Unlined taffetta Waists, blue, and reseda, trimmed with rows of wide lace insertion and briar stitching.

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