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YOU TAKE YOUR CHOICE at ONE-HALF PRICE

"You might as well be out of the world as out of fashion" is an old saying, and in this day there is not any excuse for you being out of fashion when you can take your choice of the many elegant jackets in our stock at ONE-HALF PRICE charged at first of season. Winter is not over yet, most of the cold weather is to come. Better get a stylish garment to keep you warm. Bring your fifty cent pieces—they do the work of dollars at this sale.

Regular \$5.00 Quality for - - - - - \$2.50
Regular \$8.00 Quality for - - - - - \$4.00
Regular \$10.00 Quality for - - - - - \$5.00
Regular \$15.00 Quality for - - - - - \$7.50

Furs at Less Than Wholesale Cost

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Regular \$10.00 Quality Selling at - - - - - \$7.50
Regular \$12.00 Quality Selling at - - - - - \$9.00
Regular \$20.00 Quality Selling at - - - - - \$15.00

And all the other prices at a corresponding reduction. Some as low as \$3.00 and up to \$50.00.

....Thomas Stone & Son....

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WE HAVE some lines of SHOES which we wish to clear out, therefore offer you the special bargains.

Men's Tan Calf Bals, newest last, sizes 6 to 10, \$5.00 reduced to.....	\$2.50
Men's Tan Calf Bals, newest last, sizes 6 to 10, \$4.00 reduced to.....	\$2.50
Men's Tan Calf Bals, newest last, sizes 6 to 10, \$3.50 reduced to.....	\$2.50
Men's B. Calf Bals, coin toe, sizes 9 to 10, \$2.50 for.....	\$1.00
Men's B. Calf Bals, coin toe, sizes 6 to 10, \$1.50 for.....	\$1.00
Women's Tan Vici Kid Bals, all sizes 3 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$3.50 for.....	\$1.50
Women's Tan Vici Kid Bals, all sizes 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, \$3.00 for.....	\$1.50
Women's Tan Vici Kid Bals, all sizes 3 to 6, \$3.00 for.....	\$1.50
Women's Black Button, sizes 3, 3 1/2, 4, 6 and 7, \$2.00 and \$2.50 for.....	\$1.00
Children's Black Bals and Button, sizes 8, 9 and 10, \$1.00 and \$1.25 for.....	75c

We have many other lines greatly reduced. Call early and secure a bargain.

TURRILL, SHOE MAN
PHONE 248.

THE SAUGEN MINERAL WATER

IS ON SALE AT:
CENTRAL DRUG STORE and
F. A. ROBERT'S LIQUOR STORE
Saugen Mineral Water blends
beautifully with new milk, wines
and liquors. Try it.

PEOPLE WHO WANT

to INSURE their property, to RENT a house, to
SELL a farm or BORROW money on notes, chat-
ter, farm or city property, call on PETERLY &
BRISCO, 113 King St. Phone 297.
Persons who have houses to sell or rent should
leave particulars with us. No fee charges if no
sale is made.

Desirable Property for Sale in the City of Chatham.

The Late William Oldershaw
Estate.

Parcel No. 1—Brick Store on north
side of King St., opposite Geo. Ste-
phens & Co.'s hardware store.
Parcel No. 2—Two-story Brick Ten-
ement Dwelling, on corner of Elizabeth
Head Streets, North Chatham.
Parcel No. 3—Two-story brick
dwelling on east side of William
street, north of Stanley avenue.
For full particulars apply to James
L. Oldershaw, 68 Head street, or to
Geo. A. Sayer, Barrister, Eberle Block
Minard's Liniment Cures LaGrippe.

MISS S. HAYNE

Pupil W. H. Hewlett, Organist of
Christ Church,
Teacher in
Pipe Organ, Piano and
Vocal Training.
33 GRANT ST., Chatham North.

Money to Loan

—ON MORTGAGES—
4-1-2 and 5 per cent.
Liberal Terms and privileges to borrowers
Apply to
LEWIS & RICHARDS

CHILDREN ELOPE.

Special to The Planet.
Carson City, Mich., Feb. 1.—Great
excitement was caused in school this
morning by the elopement of Charles
Blakeslee, an eighth-grader, aged
about 17, and Addie Baker, a ninth-
grade girl, fourteen years old. Sept.
Lull became aware of the fact and
telephoned the county clerk of Gratiot
county, to refuse a license. He
then sent word to the parents of
both youngsters. The boy is a im-
mature young fellow, but the girl is
pretty and smart, and would easily
pass for eighteen. Both live in the
country and have been driving in to-
gether to attend school.

ADVISE BOERS TO SURRENDER

Such is the Desire of Dutch
Government in the Pro-
posed Commission.

Would Consist of Boer Deleg-
ates Now in Europe, Wessels,
Wolmarans and Fischer.

London, Jan. 31.—The British reply to
the Dutch note in regard to the
bringing about of peace in South Af-
rica, was despatched yesterday to The
Hague. Consequently, the meeting of
the British cabinet to-day had nothing
to do with the terms of the note, the
contents of which are kept strictly
secret, as the first publication of the
text is intended to be made in par-
liament on Monday, Feb. 3.—

The Associated Press has reason to
believe, however, that its original sum-
mary of the Dutch communication was
correct with this addition, that the
Dutch suggestion that Wessels,
Wolmarans, and Fischer, the Boer dele-
gates now in Europe, be permitted to
go to South Africa in an endeavor to
persuade the burghers in the field to
surrender.

Great Britain's reply is not in the
nature of a direct negative, though it
is not unlikely that it will have that
effect, for while Lord Lansdowne, the
Foreign Secretary, probably leaves a
 loophole for further suggestions, he
doubts the ability of the Boer dele-
gates to control their fellow country-
men, and there seems little likelihood
that the Dutch government can secure
guarantees in regard to the powers
of the Boer delegates, satisfactory
enough to induce Great Britain to ac-
cede to the original request.

IN SERVICE

Lieut. Dunn Passed Away in
South Africa—His Wife a
Former Chatham
Girl.

Lieutenant Joseph E. Dunn, of the
1st Scottish Horse, died at Pretoria on
the 13th inst., from abscess of the
liver, after a lingering illness. At the
outbreak of the war Mr. Dunn, who
was a journalist of much experience
in this country and in South Africa,
was appointed one of the special cor-
respondents of the Central News, and
in that capacity rendered conspicuous
service. He was present at all the
fiercer engagements in Natal, including
the battle outside Dundee, when Gen.
Symons was mortally wounded. He
was twice captured by Boers, but es-
caped on each occasion. He took part
in Brigadier Buller's famous retreat to
Ladysmith, and served in that town
throughout the siege, repeatedly get-
ting long and graphic dispatches
through the Boer lines. After the re-
lief of Ladysmith, Mr. Dunn accom-
panied General Buller on the march into
the Transvaal, and was present at every
engagement. On reaching Standerton
he made his way at much personal
risk across country to Pretoria. On
the formation of the Scottish Horse,
Mr. Dunn accepted a commission in
that crack corps, and he served with
distinction until prostrated by illness.
—Yorkshire, England, Daily Post, Jan.
16.

The deceased was a son-in-law of
Rev. John Rennie, formerly of this
city. He married Rosina Rennie, who
was born here and left Chatham when
ten years of age. On December 15
last she left Aberdeen for Pretoria,
but it has not been learned whether
she reached the bedside of her hus-
band or his demise. She is a niece
of John Rennie, City Collector.

A NEW FIRM

We notice that the new firm of
Westlake Bros., Photographers, who
have just recently purchased the But-
ler Studio, have on exhibition in their
show case some exceedingly beautiful
specimens of portraiture. Their work
speaks for itself and all who intend
to have their portraits taken should
examine the work of Westlake Bros.
They have studied in the leading stud-
ios of Buffalo, Toronto, and London,
and they invite inspection of their
work.

BAD BIDDLES BROTHERS FELL IN FIERCE FIGHT

Both Mortally Wounded While Mrs. Soffel Shoots Herself After
Men Fell—An Exciting Chase—Its Fatal Columination.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—A telegram
from Butler at 9:30 p. m. says:—
"Edward Biddle, in jail dying; John
Biddle, ridden with buckshot and in a
precarious condition. And Mrs. Peter
K. Soffel, lying in the hospital with a
self-inflicted bullet wound in the
breast, is the sequel of the sensational
escape of the Biddle brothers from the
Allegheny county jail, aided by Mrs.
Soffel, the wife of the jail warden, on
Thursday morning.

The story of the close of the Biddle
tragedy, which came at 5:45 this af-
ternoon, is a thrilling one. The scene
was a snow-covered road, two miles
east of Prospect, Butler county, near
Mount Chestnut, and the exact place
was at McClure's barn where two
double-team sleighs filled with eight
officers, three of them Pittsburg de-
tectives—John Roach, Albert Swin-
hart and Chas. McGovern—met the
two Biddles and Mrs. Soffel in a one-
horse sleigh, stolen at Perryville, and
at once opened fire on the trio. The
Biddles returned the fire, after jump-
ing out of the sleigh. Edward Biddle
was shot in the left arm, in the breast
and in one leg. John Biddle was rid-
den with buckshot in the breast and
head.

The Pittsburg officers were met at
Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sher-
iffs Rainey and Hoon, and Officers
Frank Holliday and Aaron Thompson,
the latter under command of Chief
of Police Robert Ray, of Butler. The
officers were certain that they were
on the right trail. It was only a ques-
tion of time when they would catch
up to the escaping condemned murder-
ers and their guilty companion. The
Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at
J. J. Stephens, at Mount Chestnut,
five miles east of Butler. They had
half an hour after the town of Butler
and after going several miles east
turned north and then west. The
Pittsburg officers, only a few miles in
the rear, took the wrong road for
about eight miles, but when they
found their mistake they made up for
lost time by telephoning and tele-
graphing ahead for fresh horses. They
reached Mount Chestnut at 1:30 p. m.
and half an hour after the Biddles and
Mrs. Soffel.

At this point, Wm. Watson, a store-
keeper, and fresh horses awaiting
them, and the chase began anew. The
two sleighs with the eight officers
boarded started westward, and met the
Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's
barn, two miles from Mount Pros-
pect, the Biddles having learned that
they were almost overtaken, and tak-
ing what they considered the only
chance they had, drove eastward and
met their doom. (The Pittsburg and
other officers were armed with large
calibre. They shot to kill and their
aim was perfect. The Biddles tried
to kill to the last of their strength, but
not one of the eight officers has a
wound as the result of the battle.

When the detectives got within 60
yards of the fugitives, they opened
fire. The Biddles promptly answered
with shot gun and revolvers. Mrs.
Soffel, who was in the sleigh with a
revolver in each hand and blazed
away at her pursuers. When Ed Bid-
dle fell, and she was about to be cap-
tured, she fired a bullet into her breast.
An examination by physicians shows
that she will recover, as the bullet
was deflected by her corset, and the
wound is comparatively slight. Ed
Biddle got a bullet in the breast, which
penetrated his right lung and will
probably end his life before morning.
John Biddle may recover his wounds,
though numerous, failing to reach a
vital spot.

The escape of the officers is miracu-
lous. The Biddles have demonstrated
on several occasions that they are good
marksmen, and why they should have
failed to-day to bring down their men
is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-
covered ground the officers picked up
the apparently lifeless body of Mrs.
Soffel and the Biddles and came back
to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh,
pitched-up harness and worn-out
horses that the trio had tried strenu-
ously to get away with toward Can-
ada and liberty.

At the jail to-night, Ed Biddle
called for a priest and made the fol-
lowing statement:—"I have been ac-
cused of a great many serious crimes,
many, the opportunities for them have
presented themselves. I want to
say now that I did not kill Detective
Fitzgerald, nor did I shoot Thomas
Kahney, nor was my brother implic-
ated in the latter affair. Mrs. Soffel
aided us in getting out of the county
jail, and had it not been for her we
would have made our escape to-day.
She gave up everything for us, and I
was bound to back her. I did not
shoot her. She shot herself. Although
I have been pictured to you as a de-
perate man, I still have some heart
and gratitude for the woman who
helped us to escape. She merely did
it out of good sympathy for us. I
persuaded her to do it. I told her I
was guiltless of the crime for which
I was about to be executed, and she
was impressed and yielded to my sug-
gestion. I planned it all."

Looking up he saw several reporters

and recognized them, the men who had
reported all his nefarious crimes for
which he was tried. He said:—"You
blackguards! You are the cause of
the bitter feeling that has been an-
tagonized against us. You created the
public sentiment against us. Are you
sorry? You are not. You are too
heartless."

At this point Biddle showed signs of
collapse, and made a feeble effort to
signal the priest. Father Walsh ad-
ministered the solemn last rites of the
dying and Biddle rolled over on his
face and sighed.

A Blenheim woman sat up till one
o'clock the other morning waiting for
her husband to come home. At last,
worn out with her lonely vigil, she
went up stairs to retire, only to
discover the missing husband there,
fast asleep. Instead of going up town
he had stolen up stairs and crawled
into bed, and it made his wife so mad
that she would not speak to him for
a week.

THE MARKETS.

There was a slight improvement in
the market this morning. There was
a fair supply offered for sale, although
the Square was not crowded. The
prices, however, remain about the
same. Celery seems to be about the
chief vegetable offered. A number
of turkeys were sold at advanced
prices. A few geese were also offered.

The following is the price list:—
Parsnips, per peck, 15c.
Hickory nuts, per quart, 5c.
Sage, a bunch, 5c.
Grease, each, 30c. to 75c.
Turkeys, each, \$1 to \$1.75.
Ducks, 35c. to 40c. each.
Chickens, each, 20 to 35c.
Butter, 18 to 20c. per lb.
Eggs, 20c. per doz.
Honey per rack, 13c.
Apples, 20c. to 50c. a peck.
Cauliflower, 10c. head.
Beets, 15c. peck.
Vegetable oysters per bunch, 5c.
Carrots, 10c. peck.
Onions, 30c. to 40c. per peck.
Cabbage, 3c. to 10c. per head.
Potatoes, per bag, 90c. to \$1.00.
Tobacco, 10c. per lb.
Winter squash, 25c. to 50c. each.
Summer savory, 5c.
Peppers, 10c. dozen.
Wood, hard, per cord, \$5.00.
Wood, soft, per cord, \$3.00.
Dressed hogs, per cwt., \$7.25.
Live hogs, per cwt., \$6.00.

THE PAST

John Brady Contrasts Present
Atmospheric Conditions
with Those That Have
Been.

"You may think this weather cold,
and perhaps it is for this season,"
said John Brady as he warmed him-
self at the radiator in Dr. Hall's of-
fice. "Why 37 years ago, in January
and February, Ned Fountain, James
Fountain and myself were playing
baseball barefooted on the commons,
where Drader's cooper shop on Queen
street now stands. There was no frost
and it was a warm summer's
day."

"In the year 1869 we had no winter
until March 22nd, and there wasn't
a leaf on the soft maple trees on May
24th. That was the day that Old
Reoker and Brown Kate trotted a
great race at the Mineral Spring's
track down the river."

"That year Peter Miller, John Flook
and myself were running logs for Van
Allen all winter. On the 17th of
March we drove up the river and it
was so warm that we sat in the rig
with our coats off."

"On the 22nd of March we got a
blizzard and the river froze up in the
night so we could walk across on the
ice. Then we had cold nasty weather
up to the 24th of May."

THE OHIOAGO MARKET.

Through J. B. McGregor, stock bro-
ker, Northwood's Block, Chatham.

Chicago, Feb. 1, 1902

	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Wheat				
Dec....	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
May....	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
July....	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
Corn				
May....	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63
July....	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63
Oats				
May....	44 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
July....	38 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
Pork				
May....	15 85	15 87	15 75	15 77
July....	15 85	15 85	15 85	15 87
Lard				
May....	9 40	9 40	9 37	9 40
July....	9 47	9 47	9 47	9 47
Ribs				
May....	9 42	9 42	9 37	9 40
July....

KNOCKED DOWN.

Special to The Planet.

Windsor, Feb. 1.—A number not
down on the program at the opening
of the Windsor armory Thursday eve-
ning was a severe drubbing adminis-
tered to some unknown young man by
a returned South African soldier. The
unknown, accompanied by two ladies,
was inspecting the armory and, while
halted near a group of soldiers in uni-
form, made some slighting remarks
about the Canadian soldiers and their
conduct in South Africa. A young
man, not in uniform, knocked him
down. He sprang to his feet, but
again got a knockdown blow. He
cried for quarter and slunk away, fol-
lowed by the jeers of those who wit-
nessed the affair and understood the
situation.

PAY PENALTY WITH LIVES

Two Men Who Murdered An-
other for the Sum of
25 Cents.

Both Hanged at Portland—Pre-
served Their Nerve but
Were Not Happy.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.— Joseph
Wade and B. H. Dalton were hanged
in the county jail to-day for the
murder of James B. Morrow, on
November 14 last. Both men retain-
ed their nerve, and just before the
rope was put around Wade's neck he
said:—"You may think I am happy
but I am not."

Wade and Dalton murdered James
B. Morrow for 25 cents. Morrow had
been calling on a young lady friend,
and was on his way home about mid-
night on Nov. 14, when Wade and
Dalton stepped in front of him, and
ordered him to throw up his hands.
Morrow made a movement towards
grasping his hand in his pocket, when
Wade fired the fatal shot. When ar-
rested each man accused the other of
being the murderer, but after a few
weeks Wade confessed that he him-
self fired the shot. Wade was born
near Pittsburg, Pa., and Dalton at
Atlanta, Ga. Wade and his victim
were both under 21 years of age, while
Dalton was 23.

Bargains in

Shoes, Rubbers And Trunks

If you are thinking
of shoe leather, come
in and see the many
bargains we are of-
fering. We are
clearing a great
many lines at cost
and under.

Odd lots at very
special reductions.

See our line of lad-
ies' warm house slip-
pers from

25c up

We are offering a
special line of

Men's Goodyear Welted
Box Calf-Lace Shoes

well gotten up, exten-
sion soles, at a pair
\$3.00

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SHOE
STORE

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