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THE RELIABLE STORE Thomas Stone & Son THE RELIABLE STORE

Special Sale of LACES AND INSERTIONS

4500 Yards to go on Sale Saturday at

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Months ago we placed an order with a manufacturer in Nottingham, England, for this choice lot of Laces. They came to hand to-day, and on Saturday we place them on Sale. You remember the

Big Lace Sale

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Thomas Stone & Son

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A splendid line of boys' box calf, leather lined school shoes, reg. \$2, value \$1.50

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SAD BEREAVEMENT

Ex-Ald. John Watt this morning received a telegram from his brother Thomas Watt, recently of this city, now of Spokane, announcing the death of the latter's fourteen-year old son, Chas. W. Watt, who died at 8:30 yesterday morning. The cause was meningitis.

The death is all the more sad in view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watt and family had just moved out to Spokane. The sympathy of their many friends here will be extended to the bereaved family.

COUNTY POLICE COURT

A young man named Roy Davis, of Dover, was up in County Police Court this morning on a charge of theft. His employer, Nicholas Toulouse, of Dover, laid the information. Toulouse claims that twenty-five dollars which he had in his trousers pocket disappeared, and he blames Davis. Officer Rankin, of Dover, arrested the young man at the light-house yesterday.

The case was adjourned till this afternoon in order to give Davis a chance to get bail. The trial will come on later.

GIVING UP THEIR AUTOS

New York, Aug. 12.—More than 2,000 New Yorkers, some of them ranking as millionaires, are giving up their autos, and the world-to-day, have sold their automobiles within the last few weeks. Almost as many more, it is estimated by the trade, have cancelled orders for new machines. These automobiles represent a total cost of over \$15,000,000. They are now worth, probably \$7,000,000.

"The rich man's panic" in Wall street has made all the trouble," said an automobile dealer, as he exhibited several letters. The average rich New Yorker has an expensive family, and his expenditures are on a large scale. Any curtailment of income cuts off the luxuries, because he lives up to his income. So the automobile has to be sacrificed.

WANTS AN INSPECTOR

"We would advocate the appointment of a plumbing inspector, as Dr. Hodgetts suggested in the Planet the other evening," said a prominent master plumber this morning, "but I don't see that there is any great need for one in this city. The plumbing done here is just as good as it is anywhere. I may say that we smoke test all our work now. The job completed at the Bank of Montreal, and another at the General Hospital, have both been put to the test, as it is to our interests that the work should all be satisfactory."

"I would like Dr. Hodgetts to specify where he found the defective plumbing," he speaks of. Unless it was some old job I don't know where he would find it. The plumbing in town, as far as the appointment of a plumbing inspector is concerned, however, we would be quite willing that such a man should inspect all our work."

A HAY RACK PARTY

The first hay rack party of the season was enjoyed yesterday afternoon by a number of Chatham's young people.

At 4:30 the party left the market square, all attired in rainy day outfits and wearing large straw hats. They proceeded down the River Road to Mr. Johnston's, where a good time was spent on the bank of the river. Luncheon was provided by the ladies and a bonfire was built and a corn roast was enjoyed. After the corn had disappeared a large box of marshmallows was brought forward and roasting was again resumed.

Games were played on the bank along the river and at about nine o'clock preparations for the return trip were made. The ride there and back was somewhat shaky, but, nevertheless, all seemed to enjoy it. The hay which was in the bottom of the rack was well threshed, and everyone received their share of the seed.

Some men complain of hard times if every day doesn't bring a soft snap.

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The Water Commissioners and Company Representatives Discuss Gas Situation

Two Hours Spent in Cross-Firing But Nothing is Done—Matter Remains as it was—Considerable Feeling was Exhibited at Times—How it Now Stands.

A meeting of the Water Commissioners was held in the City Clerk's office, Harrison Hall, yesterday afternoon. It was evidently called for the purpose of allowing the Commissioners to explain their position in reference to the contract for gas for the water station, which action was the subject of an article in The Planet the day before.

The cause of the dispute seemed to be that the Commissioners had hurriedly accepted a tender for 12 cent gas from the Chatham Gas Company when they had an offer pending from Mr. S. Stone for 10 cent gas. Previously Mr. Sheldon had caused a letter to be written to Mr. Stone saying that the Commissioners, as far as he was concerned, would be willing to accept his gas. At the meeting when the tender of the Chatham Gas Company was accepted, Mr. Stone was not present, nor had he been notified that such a meeting would take place, and so he took it that he was not fairly treated in the transaction. The people wanted to know why the Commissioners accepted this high tender so hurriedly, when they had a lower tender before them.

Mr. Sheldon, the chairman of the Board, explained that Mr. Spencer Stone had asked him to call a meeting to consider the advantages to be gained from taking his gas instead of the gas from the Chatham Gas Company. He told Mr. Stone that he would call the meeting. As far as he (Sheldon) was concerned, he wanted to get the gas through the best method possible. The Commissioners want it because they have to reduce the cost of the production of water.

"I had a talk with Mr. Stone some months ago," said Mr. Sheldon, "in reference to taking his gas, and I said that if it were brought in, we would take it at his price. Owing to the wastage of water we had to get cheaper fuel. After wards Mr. Coate wrote me a letter, and we both thought it was a good proposition for gas, and I asked Dr. Cornell to look it over carefully. Mr. Weir then said that he was going away on his holidays and he wanted all the unfinished business done. The gas matter was among these. Dr. Cornell was sick at the time, and was not present at the meeting. After reading over Coate's letter, we came to the conclusion that it was the only way to get gas at once. We took precautions, and bound Mr. Coate to furnish the gas as cheaply as any other company would that came into the city, and it is much cheaper than the present fuel. We then accepted his contract. Coate has since purchased pipe and is prepared to put it in. I had a talk with Chaplin, of the Maple City Oil and Gas Company, and he said that he would like us to wait, but it we couldn't wait, and that was all. Mr. S. Stone told me that he had men looking over his proposition, and that the contract was almost ready to be signed, and so I called this meeting to see what the Commissioners could do."

Mr. Coate—The line is laid now and is ready to be installed.

Mr. Sheldon—You told me that you had several contracts along the line of the one you made with us.

Mr. Coate—Yes we have. We have the Wagon Works, but it would not pay us to go to the Wagon Works alone. If we have yours and the Wagon Works, it would pay us. We have already invested in the pipe.

Mr. Sheldon—The Mayor then made a motion and it was carried, and the contract with Mr. Coate was accepted. Dr. Cornell knew the whole transaction, and sanctioned it, didn't you doctor?

Dr. Cornell—Well, yes, certainly.

Mr. Sheldon—We want to do everything in the best interests of the city, and as far as I am personally concerned, I try to act that way.

Dr. Cornell—As far as the other company is concerned, I thought that proposition had fallen through. I saw the agreement that Mr. Stone handed to Mr. Sheldon, and I could not sign that. It was too binding. I found out that through purchasing 12 cent gas we would make a saving, and under those conditions, I was ready to try it.

Mr. Sheldon—I saw Mr. Kizer and he told me that after the tittings were properly adjusted, there was a saving in his gas bill at the power house, with gas at 12 cents. Coal costs us much more than it does the power house, so that there would be even a greater saving, in our fuel bill through using gas.

Dr. Cornell—We will also have to fix up our smoke stack if we don't get gas right away. That will mean more expense.

Mr. Coate—Through using gas at

12 cents, there will be a saving of about two-thirds in the fuel bill.

The Mayor—By virtue of my office I am a member of this Board. I thought Mr. Coate's proposition was a good one, and that is why I voted for it. I didn't know anything at all about this other proposition. The hurried action was taken as Mr. Weir was going away. It wasn't a hole and corner meeting.

Mr. S. Stone—There has been nothing said about a hole and corner meeting, as far as I was concerned.

The Mayor—I am referring to an article I saw in the press last night. I acted, as I thought, was conscientious and right. I knew we would be saving money, and I did not know of any other agreement with any other company.

Mr. Stevens—What action would you have taken, had you known of the previous contract between Mr. S. Stone and Mr. Sheldon?

The Mayor—I would have wanted both companies represented.

Mr. Sheldon—There was no contract with Mr. S. Stone.

Mr. Stevens—It was not signed, but you mentioned it as a contract in your letter written to Mr. S. Stone afterwards.

Mr. Coate—At the time that the contract was made with S. Stone, the Chatham Gas Company was not notified, nor were they given a chance to tender for the gas.

Mr. Sheldon—Mr. S. Stone came around with a contract, but I did not sign it.

Mr. Stevens—No, but you wrote a letter.

Mr. Sheldon—I said that as far as I was personally concerned I would favor his offer, but I could not sign his contract.

Mr. S. Stone—There is no difference between my contract and the one you signed with Mr. Coate. You told me that you could not give a contract extending over the time of your election.

Mr. Sheldon—If I did, I was wrong. We are giving contracts here all the time. I can't see why I should make a statement like that. I told you that I couldn't sign. I understand that Wallaceburg hasn't signed yet.

Mr. S. Stone—Wallaceburg has nothing to do with this matter.

Mr. Sheldon—If I had known that you were getting gas in, we would not have done what we did do.

The Mayor—Mr. Coate, or the other gas company did not speak to me. I knew nothing about it.

Mr. Stevens—Your action means that the city will lose a great deal of money, and you may kill the new line from coming into the city, and thus render a loss to many private citizens.

Mr. Sheldon—My letter to Mr. Stone was written months ago.

Mr. Stevens—It is a funny thing that after writing such a letter, you should spring such a meeting and accept another tender, without giving any notice of such meeting.

Mr. Sheldon—In the letter I said what I would do personally. That was months ago. The contract with the capitalists, who are behind Mr. S. Stone's proposition, has not yet been signed.

Mr. Stevens—You saw Mr. S. Stone.

Mr. Sheldon—I might have done that, but no harm has been done by accepting the Gas Company's tender. You know we all err at times. Mr. Coate's contract will be knocked out if cheaper gas is brought in to the city.

Mr. S. Stone—There is no danger of the price being reduced unless a competitive line is brought in. The city should be the first to encourage the bringing in of this line, and instead of this, they are the first to throw it down.

Dr. Cornell—The Chatham Gas Company have other contracts for supplying gas for boilers.

Mr. Coate—If it is necessary, I can name them.

Mr. S. Stone—Those are all for smaller consumers.

Mr. Sheldon—What is the use of getting contracts when you haven't got the gas. You have not laid one pipe yet.

Mr. S. Stone—You are taking a good way to keep us out.

Mr. Stevens—You will have a small saving in coal unless you get gas at 10 cents.

Mr. Sheldon—The Gas Company has a right to be considered, the same as you.

Mr. Stevens—Through your action, the Maple City Oil and Gas Company may be shut out, and the stockholders are all residents of this city, while the stock of the Chatham Gas Company is mostly held outside of the city.

Mr. Coate—There is not much outside.

Mr. Sheldon—One of the Maple City Oil and Gas Company's biggest

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RIDLEY—MARTIN

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Martin, Lorne Ave., last evening, when their daughter Jessie was united in marriage to Mr. Fred Ridley, of Red Deer, Saskatchewan. The ceremony was performed at 4 p.m., by Rev. Dr. Daniels, of Park Street Methodist Church.

Both bride and groom were unattended, and only the immediate friends were present. The happy couple left on the six o'clock train for Sarnia, and from there will go to Duluth by boat. They will make their home in Red Deer.

ASSAULT CASE

Quite an interesting assault case will come up in County Police Court next Thursday morning. The information was laid yesterday before Judge Houston, by Ellen Milne, of Raleigh, who charges Edmond Shreve, of the same township, with striking her with a small stick, bruising her arm.

It seems that the assault arose out of a small family feud, which first originated among the children. Miss Milne went over to Shreve's place, where the young man's father keeps a postoffice, and some words arose. Miss Milne claims that Shreve was encouraged by his mother to strike her. She showed black and blue marks on her arm, which she says are the result of the blows struck by Shreve.

MR. MARTIN PROMOTED

Gurney Martin, son of J. R. Martin, Hincks street, who has had the position of accountant at the local offices of the G.T.R.-Wabash, has received a distinct promotion in the appointment to the responsible position of travelling auditor of expenditures for the entire Grand Trunk system. His headquarters will be at Montreal and he will assume his new duties on Sept. 1. Mr. Martin is a St. Thomas young man who has forged his way rapidly to the front. After graduating from the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, he entered the service of the G. T. R.-Wabash in 1899, being connected with the freight office department at Chatham, and afterwards at St. Thomas, until June, 1905, when he was appointed accountant. His work has been so satisfactory as to merit his promotion, and while regretting his departure from the city, his friends will wish him success in his new field.

His successor here has not yet been named.—St. Thomas Times.

A man who cannot mind his own business is not to be trusted with that of the king.

Some people never know when they have enough, but they always know when they haven't.

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BRADLEY'S TO-MORROW

Saturday, the greatest shopping day of the week, is a good day to try Bradley's. For years we have made Saturday Grocery Sales a special feature.

Each sale is composed of five or six well-known grocery lines offered at prices that show the greatest possible economy—prices that are possible only at stores such as Bradley's.

Have you noticed our list of offerings from week to week. Such values were never before offered in this city. Many have realized this, and are taking advantage of these special offerings.

If our specials don't happen to interest you bring your want list here and let us tell you our regular prices. You'll be surprised at the savings possible.

Prompt service whether your purchases are few or many.

Shredded Coconut

Long featherstrip, finest quality, fresh shipment, usually sold at 25c, or 30c, Saturday sale price, per lb., 16c.

Icing Sugar

Finest quality, usually sold at 3 lbs. for 25c, Saturday sale price per lb., 5c.

Wallaceburg Granulated Sugar

Good quality, Saturday sale price, 23 lbs. for \$1.00.

Cowan's Cocoa

In 1-2 lb. tins. None better. Regular 25c, Saturday sale price per tin, 21c.

Davies' Corned Beef

Fine quality, excellent for luncheon or sandwiches, 1 lb. tins, reg. 15c, Saturday sale price per tin, 11c.

Cassed Fish Sardines

The finest brand of Norwegian Sardines, small fish, very choice, regular 15c, Saturday sale price per tin, 11c.

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