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SALE

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SALE CLOSES  
OCTOBER 19th

## SALE CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT

We are into the last week of our great sale. Success has attended our efforts most bountifully. If you have been satisfied with what you have got during the previous days of this sale, much more will you be satisfied with what we have to offer you this week. Here is a partial list of our many money saving chances.

### Cashmere Hose, 23c.

All Wool Cashmere Hose for ladies and children, a complete range of all sizes, from size 5 in. children to size 10 in. ladies. We place the entire range on sale for this week only, at per pair, 23c.

### Ladies' Vests, 18c.

Ladies' Elastic Ribbed Union Vests, heavy lined, long sleeves, natural color, on sale for this week only, at each 18c.

### Lace Curtains, \$1.48

8-12 yards long, 54 in. wide, Fine White Nottingham Lace Curtains, overlooking edge, handsome floral design, borders with neat small centre design, on sale this week very special at per pair, \$1.48.

### Black Dress Goods, 63c.

10 Pieces Black Dress Goods, including such popular weaves as satin cloth, Venetian, armure, chevron, etc., all pure wool, reg. price up to \$1.00 a yard, on sale this week only at 63c.

### Ladies' Coats

Made of Fine Quality Heavy Black Kersey Cloth, 48 in. long, body lined, handsomely trimmed with velvet, strapping and silk braid, on sale this week only \$12.50. (C.)

### Bleached Tabling, 42c.

Pure Bleached Table Linen, 86 in. wide, in handsome floral designs, fine bright finish, reg. price 50c, and extra good value at that, on sale this week only at 42c.

### Wall Papers at 5c.

12 Excellent Designs in Wall Papers, with ceiling and borders to match, in good light and dry colors, suitable for any style of room, reg. price up to 12-15c, a roll, on sale this week only at 5c.

### Napkins at 23c. each

Large Dinner Size, Double Damask Pure Linen, Bleached, very slightly damaged, reg. value \$5 per dozen, on sale very special this week at each, 23c.

### Yard-wide Shakers, 10c.

Yard-Wide Flannelette, in excellent finish and blue stripes, good weight, serviceable finish, good 12-15c. value, on sale this week, 10c.

### 3-1-2 inch Ribbon, 10c.

Silk Taffeta Ribbon, 3-1-2 inches wide, in white, pink, sky, navy and brown, extra 12-15c. value, on sale this week only at 10c.

### Yard Wide Taffeta, \$1.00

Extra quality fine bright finish Black Taffeta Silks, full yard wide, on sale very special this week at a yard, \$1.00.

### Fancy Nets, 75c.

Nets, suitable for Waists and Dresses, in spots and small figures, in shades Paris, cream and white, 42 in. wide, reg. price \$1.00, on sale this week at 75c.

### 4 yard wide Linoleum

Good Black and Floral Designs in good heavy English Linoleums, new patterns, 4 yards wide, reg. value 60c. per square yard, on sale this week only at 48c.

### Bath Towels, 2 for 25c.

Size 18 x 38 inches Brown Bath Towels, with red stripes, a good heavy towel and serviceable, on sale special this week only, 2 for 25c.

### Ladies' Jumpers

New Black Taffeta Silk Jumpers made of extra quality silk, neatly trimmed with silk trimming, regular price \$2.75, on sale this week only at \$2.50.

### Fur Throws

Fur Throws, 60 in. long, made of extra quality brown Isabella Ooon, each end finished with three tails, on sale this week only at \$9.50.

## PRANKS OF ELECTRICITY

Breaks in St. Clair Street  
Mains Caused by Escap-  
ing Fluid

Water Board Discuss Sub-  
ject at an Emergency  
Meeting

The scene presented on Sixth street this morning a short distance from Chairman W. D. Sheldon's fine new business block indicated that there was an emergency meeting of the Water Board in session on the sidewalk. Those present were the genial chairman—with his inevitable unlighted cigar—Commissioner G. W. Cornell, Superintendent E. B. Jones and City Foreman R. M. Paxton.

The matter under discussion was the bursting of the water mains on St. Clair street, which was mentioned in last evening's Planet. These mains are bursting through the action of electricity on them, which through inadequate bonding on the Aberdeen bridge, escapes from the rails to the mains beneath. The water in the mains proves a good conductor and the fluid in this way finds its return to the power house.

Superintendent Jones says that if the railway company would install an automatic switch between the disconnected rails on the bridge, and suspend another cable across the river, the difficulty would be overcome. He has drawn a pattern for this switch at the request of President Kipp, of the C. W. & L. E., and has left it at the company's office.

"This is the fifth break our mains have suffered through the escaping electricity," said Chairman Sheldon, "and it is about time the railway people were taking some action to prevent the electricity from escaping this way. I think it is up to them to employ a competent engineer to go over the ground and suggest what should be done to remedy the defect."

"We will have to notify the company that they will not foot the bill for any damages of this kind resulting in future."

## CONDITION UNCHANGED

It is reported that Mr. S. T. Martin's condition is unchanged to-day. His physicians cannot notice any change from yesterday. Mr. Martin's many friends will be sorry to learn that he is still very seriously ill.

## A LITTLE IMPROVED

Mrs. E. B. Northwood, who has been seriously ill, is reported somewhat improved to-day. It is understood that she passed a very good night, and her friends while they realize that she is still very seriously ill, look now for a steady improvement in her condition.

## MEDALS AWARDED

A very pleasant and interesting event took place at the Collegiate Institute at noon on Monday, when the medals and prizes won at the recent Field Day of Sports, were awarded to the successful students. The honours were awarded by the Principal of the school, W. J. Twomey. The boys and girls interested in the events gathered in the open air and the presentations were made from the steps of the teachers' entrance. Owing to the fact that the Senior medal contest ended in a draw, it was found necessary to present two medals. The extra medal thus awarded was presented to the committee by Alex. VonGutten, whose kindness and generosity in this respect was the subject of much favorable comment from the principal and the committee in charge of the games.

## PLEASANT FUNCTION

Hon. Adam Beck, who addressed the Board of Trade in this city on Monday evening, was the guest of President Robert Gray during his stay in the city. When he arrived in the city, Mr. Beck was met at the station by a committee from the Board and City Council, and was driven around the city in the afternoon by Mr. Gray's fine automobile. The drive was a very pleasant one for Mr. Beck, whose gratefulness for the splendid entertainment provided for him was heartily expressed at the meeting on Monday evening. Mr. Beck was greatly pleased to find Chatham such an up-to-date city in the present with the beauty everywhere in evidence. After the evening meeting, Mr. Beck was entertained at the residence of Mr. Gray on William street. At this function the chairman of the different committees of the Board of Trade were included among the guests. The affair passed off very pleasantly, Mr. Gray proving an ideal host.

## A VESTRY MEETING

Special Session Held at Holy Trinity—Miss Ruby Maggs Appointed New Choir Leader

A meeting of the Holy Trinity Vestry was held last evening in the Sunday school room. Those who were present were Messrs. Shannon, Thomas, Scullard, Dr. R. V. Bray, C. D. Williamson, N. H. Stevens, Gen. Sayer, W. J. Moore, A. E. Lenfestey, W. R. Baxter, C. E. Beeston, Sam Horn and Wm. Cockrane. As the rector was unable to be present, Mr. Shannon was moved to the chair.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements from June 30 to September 30, was read by the Vestry Clerk.

Some time ago the managers of the church complained to Clare Bros. that the furnace was not working properly. A letter has been received from the company and it was read at the meeting last evening. The company promises to have a representative in Chatham, in the near future, and he would be instructed to look over the furnace and place them in first class shape.

It was moved by Mr. Beeston, seconded by Mr. Moore, that the appointment of Miss Ruby Maggs as choir leader be confirmed.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Beeston, seconded by Mr. Baxter, that the church Warden and the Rector be authorized to appoint an organist at a salary not exceeding \$4 per Sunday.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Beeston, that a suitable door spring be purchased and placed on the front door of the church.—Carried.

The church Warden were authorized to purchase the fuel for the coming winter. The meeting then adjourned at 10.30.

## MARRIAGE IS NOT A FAILURE

The third of a series of debates was held at No. 1, Harwich, last night. The debate, was Resolved that Marriage is a Failure. The speakers of the affirmative were L. S. Parrott, F. Zink and H. Cameron. The negative side was taken by H. English, M. Smith and W. Parrott.

After considerable discussion the judges decided the debate in favor of the negative, by one motion. Everett made a very acceptable chairman for the evening.

## ONTARIO CURLERS

At a meeting of the Ontario Curlers' Association, held in Toronto, the clubs in the different cities were divided off in groups for the Ontario Tankard competition. Chatham was placed in group six, as follows:

Group No. 6.—Glencoe, Detroit, Chatham, Grand Rapids, Sarnia, Windsor, Petrolia, Thamesville, Toledo, Fort Wayne, Play at Windsor. Umpire, Mr. J. G. Kerr.

In the district grouping for the district cup competitions, Chatham was placed in district 8, as follows: District No. 8, Section A.—Fort Wayne, Windsor, Toledo, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Sarnia, Petrolia, Chatham. Play at Detroit. Winners to play off.

## A TALL ONE

Richard Slagg, cake baker at Lam-on Bros., St. Clair street, says that while he was leaning over the railing of the foot bridge at Tecumseh Park this morning at five o'clock, a large carp, which was evidently having a prize fight with another of its kind, flopped up out of the wet, and Mr. Slagg says that the spray it brought up with it so thoroughly drenched him that he has since been afflicted with a bad cold.

Slagg says that his first thought was that a water main had burst, and he had visions of messenger boys, Chairman Sheldon and Foreman Joe Tucker rushing to and from the scene.

Mr. Slagg says that the tarp was as big as an ordinary pig.

## FONTANET

### WIPED OUT

Fifty Killed and Six Hundred Injured in Awful Explosion

Town Practically Annihilated—40,000 Kegs of Powder Blew up

Fontanet, Ind., Oct. 15.—Fontanet was practically destroyed yesterday by the explosion of the plant of the Dupont Powder Co. The dead number from 25 to 50. More than 600 persons were injured, and every building in the town was wholly or partially leveled to the ground.

Where stood a thriving and busy town of 1,000 people, last night there was ruin and scattered wreckage. The dead and more seriously injured have been taken away. Five hundred inhabitants, all more or less injured, remain to gather their scattered household goods, and sleep under tents and on cots, guarded by soldiers of the state.

40,000 Kegs of Powder. Without warning, the powder mills, seven in number, blew up at 9.15 yesterday morning. They employed 300 men, and of these, 75 were at work when the first explosion occurred in the press mill. In quick succession, the grating mill, the two coining mills and the powder magazine blew up, followed by the cap mill. In the magazine, situated several hundred yards from the mills, were stored 40,000 kegs of powder. When it blew up, the concussion was felt nearly 200 miles away.

Farmhouses two miles away and schoolhouses equally distant were torn to pieces and their occupants injured. A passenger train on the Big Four Railroad, four miles away, had every coach window broken, and several passengers were injured by flying glass.

Wreckage in Flames. The mills went up with three distinct explosions, following 90 minutes later by a fourth, even more serious than the others, when the magazine went up. Immediately following the explosion the wreckage caught fire, and the inhabitants of the town, who rushed to the rescue of the mill employees, were powerless to do anything in the ruins. They worked frantically in constant danger from possible succeeding explosions, unmindful of their ruined homes. Dead and dying were consumed. Eighteen bodies, burned and mangled, were carried to a protected spot to await identification, while the badly injured, numbering upward of 50, were put on a special train and were taken to Terre Haute.

The mills were located one mile south of the town. With the first explosion the employees ran for safety, but most of them were killed or wounded by the quick following explosions in the other mills. When the heat from the burning mills exploded the giant powder magazine, practically destroying the town by the concussion, many of those engaged in rescue work were badly injured and several killed.

Churches in Ruin. Among the buildings totally destroyed in the town were the Methodist and Christian churches, the depot, all business blocks including a large block just completed, a large warehouse and 500 homes. In many of them the fronts were blown away, while in others the roofs were torn off, the side blown out or they were left a confused mass of collapsed wreckage.

School Buildings Destroyed. Three school buildings were destroyed, two at Fontanet, and one at Coalbluff, two miles away. All were filled with school children, and every one of them were more or less injured by the collapse of the buildings.

A four-room schoolhouse was torn to pieces and not one of the two hundred children escaped unhurt. None were fatally hurt. The school building at Coalbluff was turned over and collapsed. The teacher and 90 pupils were more or less injured.

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Governor Hanly at Indianapolis ordered the Indiana National Guard here to patrol the ruined district, and protect life and property. The governor arrived last evening about the time the soldiers reached here. He brought with him seven hundred tents and cots for the use of the homeless.

Generosity has a way of making its influence felt without much pushing.

## NEW BOOKS

The new Fall books are now in, and this list represents the best efforts of modern authors for the season.

### THE WEAVERS

By Sir Gilbert Parker

### THE YOUNGER SET

By R. W. Chambers

### THE SHUTTLE

By F. H. Burnett

### SATAN SANDERSON

By H. E. Rivers

### SONGS OF A SOURDOUGH

By R. W. Service

### GAFF LINKUM

By A. P. McKisshie

### OZMA OF OZ

By Frank Baum

### THE TRAMPLED CROSS

By Joseph Hooking

### HAUNTERS OF THE SILENCES

By Chas. G. Roberts

### CANADA

By Backus Wilson

This list will be added to as fast as the new books come out.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE,

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