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Great Comforter Sale

For Two Days Only.

—ON—

Friday and Saturday

next, we will sell all our comforters at wholesale prices. This is the greatest chance of the season to buy Comforters. We have :

2 fancy satin covered Ider Down Comforters, regular \$15.00, sale price	\$10.00
6 extra heavy sateen covered Ider Down Comforters, in green, bronze, pink and terra cotta, regular \$7.50, sale price	5.00
2 fancy sateen covered Ider Down Comforters, in light shades, light blue and fawn, regular \$6.00, sale price	4.00
1 extra heavy sateen covered Ider Down Comforter, green and fawn frilled, regular \$10.00, sale price	7.00
1 fancy Ider Down Comforter, in fancy colored sateen, regular \$6.50, sale price	4.75
1 fancy Ider Down Comforter, in fancy sateen, regular \$5.00, sale price	3.75
1 Turkey Red Ider Down Comforter, in fancy sateen, regular \$4.50, sale price	3.00
3 fancy Silkoline Comforters with pure batting filling, regular \$2.50, sale price	1.75
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3 Silkoline Comforters, in newest colors, warranted filled with pure white batting, regular \$2.00, sale price	1.40
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THOS. STONE & SON, Importers.

Reduction in Gas Coke... FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

To introduce the use of Gas Coke in the home of every fuel user in Chatham, Gas Coke will be Reduced to 10c. per Bushel for Natural Size, and 12 1-2c. Per Bushel for Crushed Size, for orders received in January.

A full cart load of 30 Bushel Natural Size or Crushed Size delivered for \$3.25 or \$3.75 respectively.

Unquestionably the cheapest fuel for Furnaces, Range, Grate or Stove. Try it.

Smaller quantities, from one bushel up, will be sold at the above prices at the Works.

THE CHATHAM GAS CO., Limited.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday, Jan. 25th.

C.C.I. Star and People's Popular Course.

Humorous Impersonations. Old Fashioned Songs. Shadowgraphy. Reading. Bird Warbling and Imitations. Mirth Born of Mystery. Magic. Levitation.

Seats on sale Saturday morning at Brisco's. Prices to non-subscribers—25c., 35c. and 50c.

NO PATIENCE WITH A QUITTER.

Ottawa Journal.

Senator Wark, aged 100, cannot understand why that young fellow, Russell Sage, aged 87, should think of retiring in comparative middle life.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21-22.

MACCABEE MINSTRELS!

Customs and Stage Settings. Grand.

50—People—50

8—End Men—8
6—Up-to-date Specialties—6
Gags All New.

Admission—75, 50, 35, 25c

MADE HIMSELF HEARD.

Windsor Standard.

M. K. Cowan spoke at Ayler on Thursday night and the railways centering in St. Thomas have all abandoned the fog signal as a means of warning approaching trains.

FOR TO-NIGHT

A Genuine Treat in Minstrelsy is on the Boards—Capital Program Prepared.

G-I-N-G-E-R. It's the elogan of Minstrel Shepard, of the Big Macabee Show—his stock-in-trade, the secret of his success.

The result is wonderful, energizing, captivating. Last night a representative of The Planet witnessed the final rehearsal of the brilliant, spectacular production—and the public can jot down in their diaries a genuine treat for to-night and tomorrow.

It is light, activity, bright, flashing humor, clever dances, sparkling songs—all clean and invigorating—from start to finish. "Shep" himself is a King of Comedians, and he has collected around him a company of clever local burnt-cork artists who would do credit to any professional organization.

Burney Weldon, who made his debut in minstrelsy last season, will again deck one of the end seats. His success is a foregone conclusion. All the other end men are well known to Chathamites: Jack Glassford, Geo. Sulman, Dr. Fraser, Ira Burke, Bill Chrysler and the rest of them need no introduction here, but will introduce themselves to-night.

The ballads will all be pretty. "Shep" has paid particular attention to them, with excellent results. The Olio, or second part, will cap all previous productions of a like character.

All local artists are employed and to those who attend to-night it will be a revelation. The Macabees, strongest order in the city, do things right, and this will be no exception to the rule. The Big Show to-night!

"THE INNOCENT MAIDS"

In another column will be found a report of the proceedings at the Opera House last evening on the occasion of the production of a vaudeville performance styling itself, "The Innocent Maids." The report is absolutely correct—it is neither exaggerated, nor is it toned down. It is presented for the consideration of Chatham's citizens precisely for what it is worth in itself as a blunt, plain statement of facts.

There is no good to be gained either by "playing up," advertising and magnifying productions of the kind, in bursts of sensational and exaggerated fanatical fervor; nor is it well—in the interests of morality and public weal—to "hush up," ignore and, by silence, practically condone, scenes and exhibitions not alone injurious to those who participate therein, but also to the good name of the whole community.

Last night's proceedings, taken as a whole, were distinctively discreditable of that there is no doubt. Place the blame where you will, the facts remain. That much responsibility rests with the audience is quite true—unfortunately so for Chatham. It is, in fact, a matter worth the serious consideration of moralists and educators, of pulpits and press, that bill-boarders of the kind indulged in should draw two such large houses to an exhibition utterly devoid of artistic, mystical or histrionic merit. That there was much in the "show" perfectly harmless and unobjectionable is also quite true—but there was absolutely nothing meritorious in the acting or singing, nothing to draw any audience, beyond the vulgar and suggestive innuendoes introduced into the advertising and the performance. And the result was last night's conduct.

It will always be hard to get around the plea of all theatrical managements that these things invariably pay, while so many legitimate and elevating productions meet with financial failure. It is an unfortunate commentary on the public taste and emphasizes the necessity of education. But there must be no more scenes like last night's in Chatham. The Planet has faith enough in the wisdom and common sense of the local manager to believe he will see to that himself. And we believe that instead of standing thoughtlessly aside in idle chancellage or provoking bitterness by now arraigning and denouncing what is past, the city authorities, the clergy and those who are supposed to be especially custodians of the higher welfare of our community, should unite and co-operate in bringing about a better state of affairs.

Make chums of your wife and children and know the whole charm of home.

The best 5 cent Magazine on the Market—New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. On sale at all News stands.

MR. MCCORVIE WILL PRESIDE

Popular Trustee Unanimously Chosen Chairman of Public School Board.

Other Appointments at the Inaugural Meeting—Mr. McCorvie's Strong Address.

The Public School Board held their inaugural meeting last evening, when Mr. McCorvie was unanimously elected chairman for the coming year.

The meeting opened at eight o'clock with Secretary Macnabb in the chair. Mr. McCorvie's name was the only one moved in connection with the chairmanship and in accepting the position he gave an excellent address. In part he said: "Gentlemen, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me by electing me chairman of this honorable Board. I assure you it is an honor that I fully appreciate, and I shall endeavor to perform the several duties that devolve upon me as chairman, so that at the end of my term of office you will have no regrets that you placed me in this position."

Owing to the state of our present finances I trust that each and every member of this Board will be as economical as possible and not spend one dollar more of the city's finances than is absolutely necessary for the proper maintenance of the schools. We have two schools which are second to none in the Province, and while we wish to maintain that proficiency of which we are so justly proud, we must be very careful that no unnecessary expense creeps in that can be possibly avoided.

I think it would be a good idea if our Secretary-Treasurer would from time to time keep the Finance Committee thoroughly posted as to the amount of monies expended from the first of the year up to the date of such statement, and thus I think we would have a better idea of what monies we are expending. The matter of changing the system of heating in both of the schools will have to be attended to in the near future. Wood is getting so scarce and dear that our present system is very expensive. The money saved in fuel would, in a few years, pay for a new heating plant. We have a practical example in Harrison Hall of what can be saved by heating.

Another matter that possibly will be brought forward again this year is the abolishing of the ward system in the election of this Board. I personally favor that idea, but whether it will be wise for this Board to take the initiative and thus incur the expense of the required legislation is a matter that will require future consideration. I think it will be only a few years before the one Educational Board elected by the vote of the city will look after the Public Schools, Library and Collegiate.

The choice of Mr. McCorvie as chairman is generally looked upon as a good one. During the time he has served on the Board he has proven himself a capable trustee. Mr. McCorvie has been a resident of Chatham for the past 30 years, and this is his sixth term on the Public School Board. Each time he was elected by acclamation, which is a strong evidence of the confidence of his electors.

The following committees were struck for the year:

Finance—Messrs. Morley, Dr. McCorvie and Benson.
Paxton—Messrs. Benson, Bray and Paxton.
Kindergarten—Messrs. Hayward, Cornish and Robertson.

Supply—Messrs. Paxton, Bray, Morley, Clements and Hayward.
McKeough School Managers—Messrs. Hayward, Dr. McCorvie, McCorvie and Morley.

Central School Managers—Messrs. Robertson, Dr. Bray, Clements, Paxton, Cornish and Benson.

The following representatives were elected:

Representative to the Public Library Board—Dr. Charteris.
Representative to the Collegiate Institute Board—W. G. Richards.
Delegate to the Ontario Educational Association, which meets in Toronto next May—Dr. McCorvie.
Representative to the County Board of Examiners—Miss Marion McColl.

Dr. McCorvie moved that an order be made on the City Treasurer for \$400 for 100 cords of wood from Thomas Robinson, and also for \$1,700 to meet the demand on a note for the bank deficit. "This deficit," explained the doctor, "is easily accounted for. We have, during the past year, increased the salaries \$600, and we have put in new seats in McCorvie school and made several other necessary improvements."

Moved by Benson, seconded by Paxton, that the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer, T. O. Macnabb, be increased from \$200 a year to \$250. Mr. Read, representing the E. N. Moyer School Supplying Company, of Toronto, then addressed the Board and exhibited his goods.

DENTAL CHANGE

Two Popular Maple City Professionals Form Partnership—Offices Are Re-Modelled.

Dr. G. W. Cornell, the well-known and popular dentist, has announced an important business change. Dr. E. S. Fisher, who has been associated with him for a number of years, has taken an interest in the business, and the firm will henceforth be known as Cornell & Fisher.

These gentlemen have developed a large and ever-increasing dental practice in this city and district. Dr. Cornell has been established in Chatham for 18 or 20 years, while Dr. Fisher has been associated with him for over 12 years. Their professional reputation is a proud one and their practice one of the most extensive in the province.

Recently their offices and parlors in the Cornell block have been completely remodelled and re-equipped, and to-day their establishment is one of the most perfect and handsome in existence. Drs. Cornell & Fisher are both specialists and the new firm will further extend the already large practice which has been enjoyed.

LAST NIGHT'S "PRODUCTION"

Some Discreditable Scenes at the "Innocent Maids" Performance at the Grand.

The show as it was and how it appealed to the Looker-on—Responsibility of the Audience.

The different lodges of the city have, for the past two nights, held joint emergent meetings in the Grand Opera House.

The meetings have been very successful as regards attendance. There will be no more meetings for some time.

The "Innocent Maids" entertained during the meetings. It was a burlesque show and Chatham seldom sees one—and probably just as well, too. The effect is not an elevating one to say the least. The show last night in some parts was fairly clever—and in several parts was far from clever, being very crude.

The opening chorus saw all the girls in tight, but, outside of the dress, there was nothing particularly objectionable throughout the play with the exception of a few unnecessary cuss words and an occasional vein of the suggestive innuendo.

There was not as large a crowd last night as on Tuesday night, notwithstanding the fact that the manager of the show announced Tuesday night that the bill would be changed and something would be shown that had not been seen here before. There was no change in the program from the night before.

The company plays in Ridgeway House Friday and Saturday. It must be confessed that the conduct, character and comment of the audience generally was much more objectionable than anything said or done by the performers. Scores of cuss words and lads-and-even business men who should have known better—look liberties in the house which they must blush to think of to-day. Offensive comments were made concerning certain performers, suggestive remarks made and "cuss" words indulged in. The show was apparently "not warm enough for this bunch," as one expressed it. Three young men were removed from the house in an intoxicated condition and others should have followed them.

It must be said, in justice to the company, that with one or two shameful exceptions, no efforts were made to encourage this conduct and it was received with marked disfavor by the management. On one occasion last night a representative of the company came before the curtain and requested a discontinuance of all offensive sound and comment. While the methods of advertising were distinctly responsible to a large extent for the conduct and character of the house, and the nature of some of the "jests" and comments of the performers not to be condoned, it must be confessed that the responsibility for the discreditable and distinctly disgraceful features of last night's house must be laid at the door of the audience. Why is it that, in supposedly Christian Chatham, hundreds of individuals have laid themselves open to this just comment?

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is especially requested. Samuel I. Slade and Miss Grey, of Detroit, will be present at this rehearsal.

BETTING AND BOOK-MAKING

These Gaming Devices Fall Under the Ban of the West Kent Agricultural Soc'y.

Satisfactory Reports for the Past Year—Election of Officers and Other Business.

The annual meeting of the West Kent Agricultural Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Old Town Hall, with a fair attendance.

Probably the most important business of the meeting was the adoption of the motion of C. Austin, of C. Austin & Co., a director of the society. The motion was to the effect that at all of the Kent Agricultural Society fairs, bookmaking and betting will be allowed in connection with the horse races. In making the motion, Mr. Austin said there was no one wished to see better horse-racing or athletic sports than he did but the practice which had in past years been allowed was no benefit to the society or any except the bookmakers themselves. They don't come down to the fairs for their health.

Wm. Newkirk, Dover, seconded the motion, which carried without dissent.

The reports of the officers were first read.

PRESIDENT JAMES CHINNICK'S REPORT.

For the fourth time it is my pleasant duty to report the success of the West Kent Agricultural Society. The weather which previous to the fair had been wet and disagreeable, cleared up and the success of our fair was assured. When the gates were opened to the exhibitors things were put in order with despatch and a better display of machinery and implements was given before the fair than in the past. Inside, the main hall was well filled, as was the carriage shed. In the poultry, farm produce and stock departments the display was deficient. The entries in the trials of speed were not so large as in former years, on account of the early date of the fair, and the other large fairs coming off so close together.

The football game between Darrell and Chatham teams proved one of the greatest attractions of the fair. Considering the busy times among the farmers, the fair was a grand success. The gate receipts were larger than in former years. To the directors who worked so hard and long, the result was very gratifying.

I desire to thank the citizens of Chatham for their liberal donations and all those who in any way helped to make the fair a success.

I regret the absence of the cabinet minister who was to open the fair, but feel thankful to our worthy M. P., Geo. Stephens, for filling his place. Four years ago, when most of the present board was elected to office there was a note of \$1800 in the bank against the society. In that time we paid off the \$1800 also a note of \$200 to Mr. George McGorvie; spent \$500 in improving the grounds, and paid \$500 on the mortgage, besides running expenses of the fair, and have about \$400 in the treasury.

Secretary, E. A. H. Henry Robinson said the merchants and manufacturers of the city were responsible in a great measure for the success of the fairs during the past few years, as the prizes donated by them saved the society giving cash prizes. The donated prizes seemed to please the prize winners better than cash. It was now up to the society to put on a good show, while there was money on hand.

TREASURER R. G. FLEMING'S REPORT.

Receipts, \$3,173.91.
Disbursements, \$2,700.94.
Cash balance in bank, \$382.97.
Balance of Mortgage, \$5,494.

The election of officers was the next business. Chas. Austin was the first nominee for president, nominated by John Dowling and John Clements. Mr. Austin nominated the present president, James Chinnick. Mr. Chinnick, however, declined, saying he had served as president for four years and as director for ten years, and thought it was time to give someone else a chance. He would always have the interest of the society at heart.

Mr. Austin, was consequently elected without opposition. In assuming the chair, he said the society was doing very well, the city was doing its share, but the co-operation of the farmers was somewhat lacking. He hoped the farmers would show a more active interest this year.

The other officers were elected as follows:

First Vice-President—John Dowling.

Second Vice-President—Spencer Stone.

Directors—Geo. Cowan, Jas. Chinnick, John Hales, John Clements, Wm. Dusen, John Houston, N. J. McGeech, Fred. Dolsen, Alex. J. Dolsen, W. W. Scane, A. D. Westman, John Cotton, W. W. Everett, Geo. McGorvie, A. Edwards, and Wm. Newkirk. Auditors—W. A. Hadley and George Gray.

President C. Austin was appointed delegate to the annual convention in Toronto.

N. Wilson applied for prize won by him which had not been given him yet. The prize was awarded. A committee consisting of Messrs. Chinnick, Everett and Dowling was appointed to draft the standing committee for the year.

Sulman's Yarns

are known in all sections of Essex, Kent and Lambton, as being the very best.

If you are a customer it is useless to tell you of their quality, but to those who have not been buying at this store, just a word. Why pay just as much or more for ordinary yarns when we can sell you something superior at the same price. We only buy (and we control the brands we do buy) the best makes in the world, whether from Scotland, England or Germany, and we sell at the same or less price than others.

Berlins 70 oz. Saxony, 150 and 250 per bunch. Beehive 3 Ply 80, 4 Ply 100.

Scotch Fingering 600 and 800. Shield Shetland Floss 60 Skein.

We have 30 kinds of wool. Buy from us once and you will continue to do so. All yarns sent by mail on receipt of price.

SULMAN'S Beehive, King and 6th Sts., Opp. The Gainer House.

The dates for the Spring and Fall fairs were set.

Spring Fair—Saturday, April 30.

Fall Fair—September 27, 28, and 29.

MARRIED IN OHIO

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., in Chicago, Albert Schwemler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Schwemler, of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Reta Mullen, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Schwemler is an old Chatham boy, well and popularly known by a large circle of friends in this city. He has been in business in Chicago for the past five years and by energy and industry has rapidly forged to the front. His many Chatham friends unite in good wishes and congratulations.

R. T. OF T.

Kent District Council, R. T. of T., met in annual session in the Methodist church, Glenwood, on the 20th, D. C. G. M. Baird, of Blenheim, in the chair. Although the day was wet still there was a good attendance, and a large amount of business was transacted.

Bro. W. Mulholland, of Toronto, chief agent agent for Ontario, was present and gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the work of the order in this province.

The order, he said, was never in a more healthy condition than at the present time. The surplus, after paying all claims on the order, is steadily growing.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

G. M. Baird, Blenheim, Dist. Com. Geo. Morris, Chatham, Dist. Sec. Mrs. A. Gilbert, Glenwood, Dist. Vice-Com.

T. J. Shaver, Blenheim, Dist. Chap. J. H. Coffell, Glenwood, Dist. Treas. Thos. Chester, Glenwood, Dist. Guard.

H. W. Smith, Chatham, Dist. Herald. Meeting adjourned to meet in Blenheim, in September.

Dwight-Edwards Concert

Dwight-Edwards, the famous baritone; Thos. Martin, the well-known pianist, and Chas. E. Wheeler, accompanist, will give a high class musicale in the Auditorium to-night. This concert will be a treat to all lovers of music, and those at least who profess to appreciate good music, should make it a duty, to say nothing about the pleasure, to patronize such concerts.