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## MILLINERY. CARPETS

### STYLISH COATS!

Our purchase of Ladies' Coats is pretty well all to hand and we are ready with a collection, which for style, variety and value has never been equalled in this store.

Our new Cloak and Fur Department affords ample room to show you our selection in comfort.

Black Coats are as popular as ever, but "the thing" of the season is the Overcheck Tweed. The styles are quite distinct from last year. The lengths are from 42 to 46 in., and made extremely full. We would be very pleased to show you our selection.

Prices Run From \$8.50 to \$25.00

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#### Third Floor Bargain Sale

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Ladies' Jackets \$1.39

Fascinators 29c

Ribbons 10 to 7c

Ladies' Felt Hats 25c

Feathers and Ospreys 10c.

Bargain Tables 1c., 3c., 5c.

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Two Important Kitchen Necessities—a good chef and a good range.

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We also have GARLAND and SOUVENIR STOVES, and the best quality of GRANITE WARE in the city at low prices.

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## A PLEASANT VISIT

St. Thomas Times Pays A Glowing Tribute To The Central School Teachers

The Central School teachers recently visited the Made-in-St. Thomas Exhibition. This is what the St. Thomas Times says of the visit: Principal J. W. Plewes headed the deputation from Chatham, and made himself popular with all with whom he came in contact. He had no less than thirteen pretty school teachers with him, the pick of the Maple City's supply, and when the thirteen sat down to dinner at one table at the Grand Central Hotel last evening, he became the fourteenth and prevented disaster. The ladies from Chatham included Misses L. M. Hillman, A. J. Birch, L. Ryan, E. M. Tackaberry, S. Barassin, A. F. Monteer, A. Hall, M. Turner, I. M. Tobey, E. McKinnon, M. McCormick, E. Ryeffer, O. Birch, N. Leake, L. Gordon, E. Park, A. B. Angus.

The pupils who in June last had reached an interesting epoch in their lives by passing the entrance examination from the public schools to the Collegiate Institute, were called to the platform and presented with their certificates by Principal Plewes, of the Chatham Public Schools. Mr. Plewes prefaced this action with a neat address, paying a decided compliment to the St. Thomas schools for their interesting exhibit. "I visited the Detroit exhibit just recently," said Mr. Plewes, "but I consider the St. Thomas exhibit far ahead of it." Mr. Plewes made a few humorous remarks, which delighted the scholars immensely.

## THE COUNTY WILL PAY UP

Warden Sturgis Says There Will Be No Trouble Over Improvements

## HARRISON HALL MATTER

"There is no need for the city to get after the county, to make them pay for part of the expense of improving Harrison Hall and the surroundings," was Warden Sturgis' comment to a Planet representative. "The county is willing to pay their part of the cost of this work, although rightly they have no right whatever to pay a cent towards fixing up the boulevards around the building."

At the present time according to the arrangements the county owns two-thirds of the building and has to pay for three-fourths of the maintenance. The county's interests go only to the limits of the building. When these improvements were talked over with Mr. Clinch, he promised to pay half the cost, and owing to that agreement the county is now willing to stand by the promise and will pay half the cost of the work.

"So when the aldermen talk of getting after the county, they can tell them that it is not necessary. As soon as the work is paid for and a bill for half the amount is presented to the county, it will be paid and that will be all there will be to it. Some of the members of the Council knew this when the matter came up at their last meeting."

## STRUCK GAS

The well being drilled by Jas. Peat & Son on lot 18, concession 13, Range 18, near Gurd Gusher, for the Lowery, Fraser & Johnstone syndicate, created a big excitement in the neighborhood a few days ago by the striking of a large supply of gas in the soap stone. It blew top off derrick and threw stuff out of the hole three hundred feet in the air, and the uproar was so great that a farmer's team on the roadway nearby got frightened and ran away, smashing wagon and everything to pieces. In a short time the derrick outfit was covered with debris. Of course this is only a top show, but it may be a forerunner of bigger things lower down. The drillers have the flow sufficiently shut off now to proceed with their work.

## OIL PROSPECTS BRIGHT

The Tilbury oil fields are full of activity these days, and several new wells are being drilled in. Two new wells are being drilled in on the Stevenson farm, and both are showing up very satisfactorily. Gas has been found in both these wells.

The drilling of new wells has been started on both the Cooper farms, and other new wells have been started on the Matt. Campbell and Sinclair farms.

A well was shot on the William Barry farm, Saturday, by the Eagan-Patterson Co. This well is reported to be showing up very satisfactorily. Mr. Eagan, who returned from the oil fields this morning, says that the prospects now look brighter than ever.

## PRIZE FIGHT

### CALLED OFF

"Kid" Mitchell Says Local Man Completely Lost His Nerve

### MITCHELL'S HARD LUCK

The Planet editorial rooms had quite an important visitor yesterday afternoon, who announced himself as "Kid" Mitchell, of Detroit, prize-fighter and all-around sport. The "Kid" had a grievance and he wanted it published. He was quite disappointed with the treatment he had received at the hands of the Chatham sporting element.

"You know, I suppose, that a prize fight was to have been pulled off in this town," was the way he broke the ice. "Well, I am Van Valkenberg's trainer, and Valkenberg was the man who was to fight Woods of this city, if Woods hadn't got scared and refused to do the stunt. The arrangements for the fight were made about three weeks ago, and the understanding was that the stakes were to be \$100 a side, and both parties were to be trained down to 125 pounds. The fight money was to be \$100 if either failed to weigh in. There were no articles signed, but it was understood that the fight was to come off here to-night, and the location at which it was to be held was to be decided on after Valkenberg arrived. The fight was to be pulled off according to the Marquis of Queensbury rules, and the hitting must be done with one hand free. I understood that everything was all O. K. for the fight over here until I came over then I found that the Woods party wasn't game. He only thought he wanted to fight, and I found after my arrival that he had drawn his money in."

"After I got here I was told that the authorities were 'on' and that there was a heavy penalty for prize-fighting in this country, so I went up to your Crown Attorney. He is quite a decent chap, but he told me that if a prize-fight were put here, he would prosecute me, and that the penalty was a heavy one. I then asked him if I couldn't get a permit to have a friendly bout between Woods and Valkenberg in the Opera House after the show was over, but he told me that he had no power to give me a permit, and if he had he wouldn't give me one anyway."

"Then I went down and seen Chief of Police John Holmes. He was right on the job. Do you know what he wanted to do? Why as soon as I announced myself, he says, 'Why sure, you're the very man we have been looking for.' He wanted to pinch me, as he had been told that we had pulled off the fight on Sunday. But he said that he was right. If those tin horns among the Woods backers had been half the sport that he is, we would have got along nicely. He told me that he couldn't give me a permit to fight either. He said that there was nothing he would enjoy more than to see a nice friendly boxing match, but he said he wouldn't stand for anyone being hurt. He said that he liked boxing, but he had no use for prize-fighting, and that if he was in charge of any fight of that kind in the city, he would have to pinch us."

"Well, after putting in several weeks training my man down to the limit, not to speak of the expenses, etc., that was pretty hard luck to land into. I went around then to see the Woods party to see if we couldn't have the fight pulled off in the country some place, but they wouldn't agree to anything of that kind. Then I tried to arrange to have the fight pulled off in Detroit, giving them the option of choosing their referee, who in compliance to their request was also to be stakeholder. They also had the option of having eight men there with me, but to only have six. But it was no go. "From all this I came to the conclusion that the Woods party was all bluff and that he didn't really want to fight at all."

I had my man skinned down so that he just balanced the beam at exactly the 122 limit, stripped. The fight is all off now, but it was no fault of ours. We were right here with the goods on the appointed time, and we were going to pull off the fight under any reasonable conditions the other party would name. I don't care what you say about it in your paper as long as you give us a fair shake. We didn't know that the laws against prize-fighting were so strict over here, but that wouldn't have cut any ice with us—we were game anyway, even if it had cost us something."

"Kid" Mitchell says that he has won 43 battles himself in the lightweight class, and that he is billed to fight a bout with Battling Nelson as an exhibition in one of the Detroit theatres this week.

## AUTO ACCIDENT

An auto collided with a horse and buggy in front of Dr. McKeough's residence on Head street about 9.30 Sunday evening. The horse ran away and the buggy was badly smashed. The two young ladies who were in the buggy had a narrow escape from serious injury, but fortunately were not hurt beyond a bad scare and a shaking up.

The auto stopped his machine for about a minute, and then made off without further inquiries as to what damage he had done.

## LAKE EXTENSION

It Is Announced To Come Up At The Adjourned Meeting Of The Railway Shareholders

The adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Electric Railway Company will be held in the course of a couple of weeks, when the matter of the extension to Lake Erie will come up for definite consideration. Mr. Kizer, the General Manager of the road, in a conversation with a Planet representative this morning, said that Mr. Kipp, president of the company, would arrive in the city soon and the matter would be immediately taken up.

The question of a level crossing at the Grand Trunk has been the chief drawback, and now that this has been settled there is nothing to prevent the company from going on with the extension.

Mr. Kizer announces that the special Saturday schedule will be put on between Wallaceburg and Chatham during the fair days, Wednesday and Thursday, single fare for return trip to all points along the line.

## VENUS AND ITS BRILLIANCY

Expert Information On Strange Light In The Sky

## TO CEASE NOVEMBER 27

The Stratford Herald, on the 10th of September, at the time when discussion was rife as to whether the planet Venus might be an airship sent up from Detroit, wrote Director R. F. Stupart, of the Meteorological Service, Toronto, on the subject and also enquiring as to the cause of the great brilliancy of the planet. A letter has been received from Mr. Stupart, dated Sept. 20, in which he says:

"Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter on the 10th instant, I would say that the planet Venus has been shining in the western sky during August and September. It is very brilliant just now but sets soon after the sun. On Sept. 26th it reaches its greatest brilliancy and sets about 1 hr. 26 min. after the sun. There is no doubt that it has been mistaken for an airship, but a little thought would show the absurdity of it as an airship would not remain as steadily in the sky even if anchored. Being rather low down naturally show larger by refraction and more red on account of the smoky horizon. Venus will remain an evening star until November 27, when it afterwards for a time rises before the sun."

"Any popular elementary work on astronomy will explain the motions of Venus and Mercury as morning and evening stars."

## A CHURCH SOCIAL

Methodists Hold One In Blenheim—Special Religious Services Are Many

From Our Own Correspondent.

Blenheim, Sept. 25.—A social time was held in the Methodist church Sunday school room, when a large number of the members of the church and Sunday school were present.

At the rally service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening a solo was sung by J. J. Copsdon.

Mrs. Scott Thornton and children, of Essex, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teetbaum.

Mrs. G. Gilmore and two children are visiting the former's parents at London, Ont.

Rally Sunday will be held by the Religious Society of Latter Day Saints in their church next Sunday, 30th.

Mr. John R. Clarke will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday, 30th inst. On Monday evening, Oct. 1st, he will lecture under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church.

Delbert Peters left on Saturday for Port Huron with L. H. Edmonds' horses to take part in the horse races in that city this week.

Word has been received from Stratford that Charles Reynolds is sick. Typhoid fever is feared.

A. C. Robinson, of West Lorne, a former resident of this place, has sold his business to Mr. Gardner, of Thamesville. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Harris will move to London.

## NASTY RUMORS

ARE AFLOAT

It Is Hinted That There May Be Reasons For Rushing Gas Matters

## MORE TIME IS NEEDED

There was a report on the streets this morning that an attempt may be made at the Council meeting to-night to rush through the acceptance of a franchise from one of the natural gas companies applying to pipe the city.

If any such action is taken it will be strongly resented, as public opinion favors thorough consideration of the matter before any of the franchises are accepted. It is understood that one of the companies whose capital is believed to be supplied by the Standard Oil Company has been working the wires to have their franchise rushed through at to-night's meeting.

Some nasty rumors are afloat to the effect that this company has offered free gas to certain parties if their franchise is put through immediately. Such action would be highly unfair to the other companies applying for a franchise, and who have been given to understand that the Council were not going to accept any tender until a later date.

Mr. Seaward, chairman of the special committee on franchises, has announced himself as strongly against accepting any franchise till the matter is thoroughly considered, and the Council has some knowledge of what price will be charged by the various companies applying.

Though there may or may not be great grounds for the rumors in circulation, to-night's meeting of the Council will be watched with interest, as will also the votes of the various aldermen when the matter comes up to be passed upon.

## PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Mary Vanetten, wife of O. A. Vanetten, Lorne avenue, passed away at the General Hospital Sunday. She is survived by a husband but no children.

The deceased has been a resident of Chatham for the past 14 or 15 years, and her husband who is at present engaged in the carpentering trade, was formerly a traveller for the Gray Carriage Co.

She was a good Christian woman, highly esteemed by all who knew her, and her death will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

## THE ASSIZES

The date for the Fall Assizes has been fixed for Oct. 12. There are only two cases coming up as far as is at present known. There are two criminal cases against Sam Kovinski and Futural for receiving stolen goods. This is an echo of the famous fur stealing case.

There are no civil cases so far, but some may be entered before the assizes come on.

Hume Elliott, of London, has been officially appointed crown prosecutor.

## The Great Wall Paper Sale!

at Sulman's Beehive will be over Oct. 1st. This just leaves you the current week to get more wall paper for less money than was ever offered before in Canada.

Hundreds have had bargains and are delighted. Why not you? It will pay to buy paper now and save it till Spring.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

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