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## BADLY TORN UP!

The contractors are busy tearing down. The front of the store is, to some extent, blocked with trundle work, etc., but the bargains are so good on the inside that it will pay you to put up with the inconvenience in order to get the goods. This list for Saturday is just an example of the chances there are for saving all over the store.

### Parasols.

All fancy parasols in combination shades of grey, pink, navy, light blue, black and white, worth from \$1 to \$4.50, alteration sale price, your choice at Half-Price.

1 off all Black Parasols during the Alteration Sale.

### Hosiery.

Boys' Ribbed Hosiery, job line, good heavy quality, reg price 25c, your choice while they last at per pair

Sizes 7 to 10.

Ladies Balbriggan Hose, reg price 25c and 40c, alteration sale price per pair

Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose with wool soles, reg 40c quality at

Regular 25c quality at

### Table Linen.

2 pos. Unbleached Table Linen, extra heavy quality, 72 in. wide, warranted pure flax, reg price 60c and 65c, alteration sale price, per yd.

2 pos 60 in. Unbleached Table Linen, warranted pure flax, extra heavy quality and fine design, reg price 50c, alteration sale price,

Bleached Table Linen, 2 pos. 72 inch Bleached Table Linen, warranted pure flax, extra fine finish, daisy and spray patterns, reg. price 75c., sale price,

2 pos 64 in. Bleached Table Linen, extra quality, reg price 50c, sale price,

20 doz. Napkins, 2 size, reg. price, \$1.25, sale price,

10 dozen Napkins, 2 size reg. price \$1.50, sale price,

### Carpets.

4 patterns best English 4-frame Brussels, in splendid designs and colorings, regular price \$1, alteration sale price,

3 patterns extra 5-frame Brussels, regular price \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.40, alteration sale price, your choice at per yd.

2 patterns John Crossley & Son's Orient Velvet Carpet, reg. price \$1.25, alteration sale price,

6 patterns Hemp Carpet at alteration sale prices:—

Regular 12 1/2 quality at

18c and 20c quality at

22c and 25c

5 patterns John Crossley & Son's best C. X. Tapestry Brussels Carpet, with border to match, regular price \$5c., alteration sale price,

15 patterns English Tapestry Carpet, worth reg. 58c., 60c. and 65c., any coloring you want in the lot, alteration sale price at

Union Carpets, best Union Carpets, full yard wide and extra heavy:—

Regular 25c quality at

35c., 38c and 40c. at

All wool carpets, full yard wide, in an elegant range of patterns, warp and filling guaranteed pure wool.

Regular 65c quality at

75c

85c

### Linoleums.

Finest Scotch Linoleum, 2 and 4 yards wide, fine patterns, reg. 65c. at 50c.

### IRISH LAND BILL.

The Lords' Amendment May Pass the Commons.

London, Aug. 12.—Prior to the third reading of the Irish land bill the Duke of Devonshire said that while he was unable to forecast the action of the House of Commons on the landlords' amendments adopted by the House of Lords he was confident that the position of the Government in the lower House would not be altogether irreconcilable.

Lord Abercorn, on behalf of the landlords, thanked the Duke for his courteous reception of the amendments, and said he believed the bill would benefit the whole of Ireland. He trusted that the amendments would be received by the House of Commons in the same spirit as they had been passed by the Lords.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

MR. AND MRS. VOSPER OF HAMILTON THE VICTIMS.

He Shot and Killed His Wife and Then Turned His Revolver Upon Himself.

Hamilton, Aug. 12.—The sequel to the marriage last winter of Mr. Chas. Vosper, a well-known Central Market meat dealer, and Mrs. William McGee, widow of a horse trader, came at an early hour yesterday morning in shooting and killing of both. It is generally thought the husband was the author of the double tragedy. In any case they were found dead in bed, each with a bullet hole in the head. The affair took place at their residence, 315 Herkimer street, shortly before 5 o'clock. Abraham Hutchinson, a brother of Mrs. Vosper, was stopping with the pair, and he was in the house when the shooting occurred. He was so frightened, he says, when he heard the shots he ran outdoors without waiting to find out what the result was. He had been sleeping on a lounge downstairs, with his clothes on, and Mr. and Mrs. Vosper's bedroom was also downstairs. After he heard the first shot he waited for a while, and then a second shot startled him to such an extent that he broke the hasp off an outside door in his anxiety to get out of the house. He ran to the street car barn, from which place the police were called up. Sergt. Pinch and Constable Moore responded to the call, but some neighbors were there before them. When they arrived at the residence Mrs. Vosper was dead, but warm, and Mr. Vosper was dying. It was at first thought the woman had been poisoned, but shortly after Dr. McNichol, a coroner, reached the scene, he found a bullet hole under her right ear. Vosper had two wounds, one about the middle of his forehead and the other under his right eye. The wound in the forehead was undoubtedly a bullet hole, but there was some doubt as to what had caused the second injury. A bottle of strychnine was found in a drawer in the room, and a heavy mallet was near the bed. A 22-calibre revolver was found on the floor of the room, near the bed, and five of its chambers had been emptied. Mr. and Mrs. Vosper lived very unhappily together, and their frequent quarrels were of common report. It is said she had threatened to shoot her husband. He was regarded as a quiet, sensible, business man, till he became entangled matrimonially with the widow McGee. At that time their love affairs were public property, and Vosper had been out when the wedding day was set. In a week or two afterward, however, amid considerable merriment on the part of his acquaintances, he and the widow were wed. That proved only the beginning of their troubles, which terminated so shockingly this morning. Judging by Mrs. Vosper's appearance she might have been killed while asleep. There was no evidence of a struggle between her and her husband. He had walked about the room after having given himself the fatal wound, and was still conscious when a neighbor, Mr. Rymal, arrived on the scene. He spoke incoherently to Mr. Rymal before he died. Mr. Vosper was three times married. There are three children, a son and two daughters. He was a native of Devonshire, England, and had been in business in this city for many years. His residence was in Barton township, on the mountain, but since his last marriage he had lived at his wife's home, Herkimer street. He was 57 years of age. Mrs. Vosper was 32 years of age, and left a daughter about fourteen years old.

Coroner McNichol and a jury yesterday afternoon visited the house where the shooting occurred, and, after they had inspected the place, they adjourned till Friday night. A new theory as to the death of Mr. Vosper was developed this afternoon, namely, that his death was due to strychnine poisoning, instead of the bullet wounds. The wounds near the eye and in the forehead were found to have been caused by a bullet from the 22-calibre revolver, but the doctors agreed that they were not sufficient to cause death. There was a small bottle full of strychnine in the drawer of the washstand, and bloodstains were on the bottle. It is thought that when Mr. Vosper went to the washstand and allowed the blood

W. S. Stone of Eldon, Iowa, Division No. 13, has been elected to fill the unexpired term as Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers made vacant by the death of F. M. Arthur and A. B. Youngson.

## CITY COUNCIL PASS GRANT TO BIG LABOR CELEBRATION

Unions Purpose Giving Chatham a Big Time on Labor Day—Regiment Calls for Appropriation Passed to it—Other Matters of Importance.

The regular meeting of the City Council, held last evening instead of Monday night, Monday being a holiday, was a busy and long session. The Mayor and five aldermen—Seallard, Piggott, McCoig, Mounter and Martin—were present.

Ald. McCoig asked that ex-Mayor T. A. Smith be heard in behalf of the delegation of union men present in regard to their celebration on Labor Day.

Mr. Smith said it gave him great pleasure indeed to have the privilege of addressing such a fine looking body of aldermen. He represented the labor element of the city in regard to their demonstration to be given here on Labor Day. The Knights of Labor had away back given one of the greatest celebrations the city had ever known, and he had no doubt that the celebration this year would equal, if not beat, all former ones. Everybody indirectly reaps a benefit from a big demonstration. What was wanted was a liberal but not a big grant. The money would be honestly spent. The labor unions of the city deserve credit for the way in which they handled themselves in the past spring, avoiding strikes. In conclusion, Mr. Smith asked the Council for a liberal grant toward the celebration.

The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to address the Council.

Ald. Martin couldn't let the chance go by, so settled away for an enthusiastic address on the labor question. (At the same time the remainder of the Council settled away.) When he had concluded his masterly oration the Mayor said he had not intended that Mr. Martin should speak, but that worthy reminded him as being like "The poor we have always with us."

Wm. Draper, in a few words, said any grant the Council saw fit to give would be put to good use. Every cent obtained would be spent in sports and matters pertaining to the day. The big bills would be out to-day and be distributed in all surrounding towns.

Ald. Seallard moved that a grant of \$100 be given for the demonstration.

Ald. Martin moved that the grant be \$200.

Ald. McCoig seconded Ald. Seallard's motion and it carried unanimously.

Another deputation, was waiting, consisting of a number of the officers of the regiment.

When the military deputation, consisting of Col. Rankin, Maj. Schofield, Capt. Cornell, Capt. Black, and Lieut. Turner and Jewett, was called the Mayor said he hoped they were not there for a grant.

Col. Rankin replied, "I am not here for the purpose of asking a grant, but I beg to say for money. I am here only for the purpose of calling upon the council or the city to pay up its just and lawful debts. A resolution was passed by the council of 1899, on the 26th of June, ex-Mayor Sulman being the mover, and the second was Ald. Seallard. Before reaching the resolution, I may call the council's attention to the fact that the government desired the establishment of four companies in Chatham and its vicinity to be attached to the 21st Essex Fusiliers, as the left half of the regiment. This proposition was opposed by me and also the city and county councils, because it would make Kent subordinate to Essex, and Chatham subordinate to Windsor. The headquarters of the regiment would be at Windsor, and the four companies would perform their duty there. I was expressed by one of the county council, Chatham would play second fiddle to Windsor. I now read the resolution of the city council in combat the suggestion of the government:—

Moved by Geo. W. Sulman, seconded by E. W. Seane, That this council is in favor of granting 25 cents each per day to the volunteers, while at drill, who enlist in the Kent Battalion from the City of Chatham, provided that the headquarters of said battalion be in Chatham, and the annual drill be held in Chatham.—Carried unanimously.

On the faith of this resolution the regiment was reorganized and is now on a good and satisfactory financial basis. I want no money for the officers. I want not one cent for the regiment outside of the terms of the resolution which I have read. No officer, non-com. or man has received any pay since the regiment was reorganized. Last year's pay we only received a short time ago, and I am here, and the other officers are here with me solely and only for the purpose of getting extra pay, according to the terms of the resolution for the men who are from the city of Chatham, and have performed their annual drill at headquarters. In the regiment there are 180 men from the city; the balance from the county. These latter will be provided with the extra pay by the county council.

I may further advise the council that the promise of the Minister of Public Works has been given to the effect that a sufficient sum of money

will be placed in the supplementary estimates to enable the government to let the contract for the erection of armories upon the park and this will give to the workmen of Chatham occupation for many months in the year during which the armories are in course of erection.

The regiment was never in better condition than at present. Ten officers qualified at the military school two years ago, and ten more leave on Monday next for a special course. So that when drill is resumed every officer belonging to the corps will be fully qualified and at his own expense.

My great desire is as I believe is also the desire of the rest of the officers, to give the men each a check for the amount coming to them from the government and for the 25c per man given by the council, so that from my explanation to the men they may know clearly the sum received from the government, also the sum from the city council promised before organization and now paid in good faith to the men who have performed the three year's annual drill, as well as to the men who are now in the regiment.

The regiment has performed its part of the resolution, the headquarters being at Chatham, and the annual drills have been performed here, and we now call upon the council to do its part, not for the benefit of the officers or regiment, but for the men from the city, according to the terms of the resolution.

The men entitled to the 25 cents per day will number 130, at \$3 each per year. This totals \$390 per year for 1901, '02, and '03.

The Mayor said it was a matter to be considered, and it was referred to the Finance committee.

Ald. McCoig objected to the passing of the account of the Dominion Paving Co., as complaint had been made that the gutters were not in proper working order.

Ald. Mounter replied that it had been fixed to satisfy the City Engineer.

Ald. Piggott reported receiving a communication from Mr. Woollett, of the Pere Marquette, in reference to the repair of Head St., stating that 25 or 30 cars of gravel would be placed for that purpose, the city to fill up the deepest holes with brick-bats, etc.

Mr. Seallard said he was informed that it would take 100 cars at least. Ald. Piggott thought it best to take the 25 or 30 cars and if that wasn't enough to ask for more after.

Ald. Mounter had a petition asking that James Taft be appointed inspector of the Wellington St. paving. Referred to Board of Works.

A petition from residents on West street, between Cross and Wellington, for vitrified brick, was sufficiently signed and referred to the City Engineer to report on.

County Clerk Gosnell wrote, stating that a meeting would be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, in reference to the proposed steam heating of Harrison Hall. Referred to Property committee.

I. L. Davis, secretary of the Library Board, wrote asking that a telephone be put in the new library when the new arrangements are made with the Telephone Co.

Foreman Jacques, of the Fire Department, was granted a month's leave of absence, with pay, to recuperate his health.

County Clerk wrote regarding arrangement of administration of justice account. Referred to Finance committee.

A communication from ex-Mayor Hugh Macdonald was read regarding bad condition of sidewalk near cannery factory. The sidewalk had just been put down and was bad in spots.

A. McArthur, Chatham township, wrote regarding the deposit of night-soil on Jackson property. Referred to Garbage committee.

Ald. McCoig drew the attention of the Board of Works to dangerous holes on Princess street. He also thought the testing of cements should be more careful.

Ald. McCoig also asked about the earshops.

This brought up a heated argument from Ald. Martin. He said the officials of the road had told him there was not the remotest chance of the establishment of the earshops here.

Ald. McCoig thought something should be done, either have the earshops or the cash remuneration. He moved that the Industrial committee bring in a report at the next meeting. Ald. Mounter seconded the motion, which carried.

Ald. Mounter asked what the Garbage committee was doing, as this was the time of year they should be doing.

Ald. Martin said he had been given a committee that had on no occasion shown up until bedtime, but he had secured a garbage plot and done all he could. He was nearly disgusted with the business, as he could get no aid whatever from his committee.

The Mayor and Clerk were given power to sign the contracts for the Wellington and Thames St. pavements on behalf of the city.

Ald. Piggott said he had found a mistake of \$6 in one of the accounts certified to by the Engineer, and if he couldn't look into the accounts prop-

erly someone should be appointed who could.

City Treasurer Fleming wrote regarding the debentures which F. Marx had been unable to take up but had kept promising every day. The matter was referred to the Mayor and Finance committee.

The by-laws resultant upon the Engineer's report on pavement and the sprinkling by-law were passed.

The following letter of condolence was submitted and adopted a copy to be sent to Ald. Taylor. The letter reads:—

During the past three or four meetings of the Council the place of our colleague, Alderman Geo. G. Taylor, has been vacant, and it was with great regret that we learned that domestic affliction was the cause of his absence. Last week Mrs. Taylor passed away, after a painful illness. Be it therefore resolved:

That the members of this Council hereby express their sincere and heartfelt sympathy with Alderman Taylor and family in their sorrow and bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Alderman Taylor.

Accounts passed:—  
Shea, printer, \$77.08.  
Miss Tissiman, \$6.  
W. M. Drader, \$150; referred to Finance.

City Treasurer, \$3.  
C. R. Hancock, \$2.75.  
H. Ball, \$5.  
Registrar of Kent, \$44.50.  
Geo. Stephens & Co., \$3.20; referred to Parks & Cemetery.

Geo. Thomas, \$9.  
H. Rodger, \$9.  
Geo. Thomas, \$8.25.  
A. Herbert, \$3.  
McKeough & Trotter, 75c.  
H. Hall, \$102.79; referred to Finance.

Justice, \$615.71; referred to Finance.  
Entertainment Port Huron guests, \$13.50.  
John Oldershaw, \$144.70.  
Dominion Paving Co., \$781.  
Miss Tissiman, \$3.  
James Taft, \$117.50.  
McKeough & Trotter, \$409.17.  
Bell Telephone Co., \$4.  
Blonde Co., \$378.29.

C. P. B. Telegraph, \$2.46.  
Dominion Paving Co., \$1110.10.  
Geo. Stephens & Co., \$38.92.  
City Treas., Fire Dept., \$56.75.  
G. T. Guttridge, \$4.70.  
Geo. Stephens & Co., \$4.44.  
Blonde Co., 60c.  
Diamond Glass Co. account referred to Property.

Bon Marche account referred to Property.  
Bligh & Fielder, \$2.50.  
W. M. Drader, \$3; referred to Property.

Pell Telephone Co., \$6.25; referred to Property.  
Waterworks, \$144.  
Jos. Tucker, \$1.  
Blonde Co., \$12.40.

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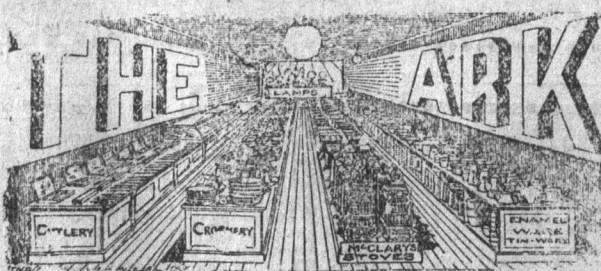
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