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## TO-NIGHT.

Prayer meetings, city churches, 8 o'clock.  
Divine service, Christ Church, 7:30 o'clock.

Meeting of Directors of Mineral Bath Co., in Victoria Block, at 8.

The final dress rehearsal of "The Little Tycoon" is called for to-night at 7:30, sharp, in the Grand Opera House. Those taking part especially are urged to be on time, as the allotment of the costumes will take place.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

John T. Kersey, of Petrolia, was in the city yesterday.

Blonde Bros. & Co., held their annual meeting last night.

A Ridgeway carriage maker wants an experienced trimmer.

Geo. Gibb, of Walkerville, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

D. R. Menzies, of Staples, is spending the day in the Maple City.

L. E. Tillson, of the L. E. & D. R. R., left last evening for Toronto.

R. A. Hughes, of Windsor, Inspector of Weights and Measures, was in the city yesterday.

One lot sizes 38, 40, 42 and 44 fleece lined shirts, 50c and 60c quality, for 35c. At The 2's.

The Catholic Order of Foresters will meet Thursday night and install their officers. J. P. Dunn, Waterloo, will be present to direct the work.

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## THE CHICAGO MARKET.

Through J. B. McGregor, stock broker, Northwood's Block, Chatham.

Chicago, Jan. 22, 1902

Wheat	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Dec.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Jan.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Feb.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Mar.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Apr.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
May	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
June	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
July	79 1/2	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
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Judge Bell's Strong Response  
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Commission.

Lively Meeting Held This Morning—Ald. Cowan Present—Discusses Charges.

"There has been absolutely no irregularity whatsoever in the conduct of police business, not one tittle. And parties should make some effort to ascertain the facts before they seek eminence by complaining. It is very easy, but not creditable, to create insinuations and innuendoes concerning 'hole and corner methods,' but they are absolute untruths—absolutely and wholly false."

In these strong words His Honor Judge Bell summed up the recent criticism on the police commission and addressed Ald. Cowan at the close of the annual meeting held this morning.

Ald. Cowan attended in response to the invitation of the Commissioners resultant upon his criticisms at the recent meeting of the city council. He also presented the certificate of the Mayor appointing him acting mayor and as such a member of the commission.

His honor, however, pointed out that this was irregular and contrary to statute and that the acting mayor could not transact mayoralty business unless the appointment were confirmed by the City Council.

Ald. Cowan—If that is your ruling I suppose I can take no official part in the meeting.

Chairman Houston—It is not my ruling. I am sorry to ask it. It is the enactment of the statute.

Judge Bell—There is no doubt about it. No acting mayor can be officially appointed and act except by resolution of the council.

After the minutes Judge Bell moved the appointment of the police magistrate to the chairmanship of the commission for the ensuing year.—Approved. The annual report of the Chief of Police was then submitted and ordered entered in the records and an account of \$1.70 for sundries passed.

The chairman said he had invited Ald. Cowan to be present as a result of some published utterances of his at City Council, making serious charges against the handling of the police department. He thought it was strange that members of the council should make such charges when the Mayor was upon the commission and had never offered any objections.

The chairman read The Planet's report of Ald. Cowan's council utterances and said he had invited the presence of the Alderman that he might have opportunity to ventilate his grievances at the commission and have them properly attended to.

Ald. Cowan said he didn't mean to insinuate a thing against the force, beyond he thought they should assume the duties of the humane officer. He said he wasn't correctly reported in The Planet, the Planet representatives who reported the council meeting were biased against him. He had asked the Mayor to use his influence on the commission to see that it became

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part of the police duty to handle the work of the humane officer. He (Ald. Cowan) had not said anything against the police commissioners, but the Mayor had said in an open council that the Police Commission was "the biggest farce in the city." What he (Ald. Cowan) had said was that it was time the city saw that police affairs were properly run. Bill after bill came in and was passed. He did not doubt that the accounts were correct and everything all right, but he thought a board having control of such a large expenditure should meet openly and regularly. Ald. Cowan believed he had said something to the effect that if any other civic body conducted its business in the hole-and-corner way the Police Commissioners did they would be severely criticized by the Press and rightly, too. He reminded the Commissioners again that he only knew what the Mayor had told him about the matter, and the Mayor endorsed him in everything he said.

Chairman Houston said he thought Ald. Cowan's remarks were uncalled for and conveyed a false impression. He confessed that he knew specifically nothing about it and had made no effort to get at the facts, but placed the onus on the Mayor. If he was right Mr. Houston thought the Mayor had placed himself in an unfortunate and unfavorable light, for Mr. Sulman was as much a portion of public expenditure as other mayors had done. Mr. Manson Campbell, when mayor, was a regular attendant at commission meetings and often visited the Police Station and went carefully over the books and workings of the department. Mr. Henry Smyth and Captain Paterson had also entered into the work, while Mr. T. A. Smith had taken a keen interest in every step taken on and in the books and records kept. Mr. Sulman unfortunately seemed to have neglected to some extent this important portion of his duties.

As to Ald. Cowan's insinuation concerning hole and corner meetings Mr. Houston rebuffed it in toto. Meetings were always called in the regular way and the Mayor notified in the same way as were the Judge and himself, nor was anything done outside the meetings without the concurrence of the Mayor. The only act done without meeting was the purchase of 12 tons of coal which, by being done immediately, saved the city 25 cents per ton. Before the purchase was made, however, he consulted Mayor Sulman in his store and got his full endorsement.

Ald. Cowan said he only knew what the Mayor had told him and the Mayor was not satisfied with the workings of the commissioners.

Judge Bell—Then it is deplorable that he had not mentioned the fact at the Board. It is so much more convenient to say such things when the other members are not present. Mr. Sulman knows that there is no hole and corner about our methods of doing business.

Ald. Cowan—I never said anything was wrong. All I hinted was that the procedure was not right.

Chairman Houston—In what way was it wrong? Well, you have a large expenditure to handle.

Chairman Houston—When the salaries are paid—and they are just the same now as when the Council controlled the police—the fuel, light and uniforms bills paid there is less than \$100 other expenditure for the department for the year. These accounts all come before the Council in the same way as an account from the department and it is for the Council's privilege to pass or reject them as they find right.

Ald. Cowan—I was not aware of that before.

Judge Bell—It seems not convenient to have ascertained the facts before a speech to the Council.

Ald. Cowan—Well, I know Mayor Sulman called the commission the biggest farce in the city. He is not a member of the Council. He is, of course, is then one of the members participating in the farce. For myself I think it is a complaint to the system that many meetings are not necessary. However, Mr. Sulman can always have one any day he wishes and he has always been the case. For myself I did not see the position on the Board, nor did I desire it, but I certainly shall not shrink it. It is not a matter of choice, it is a matter of duty.

Chief of Police Young pointed out, in answer to enquiry, that last year there were three convictions for cruelty to animals, two by the police and one by the humane society. He said the police were always energetic in this matter, he believed. Such were their instructions and he thought they were carried out.

Judge Bell—It is the duty of the police commissioners and police to see that the city's by-laws are enforced. This, I think, is done. The town has a reasonably efficient service and if Mr. Cowan has any suggestions to offer let us have them at the commissioners' meeting where they can hear fruit. Is he not satisfied that every dollar spent has been perfectly and properly authorized, if not we would like to hear from him.

Ald. Cowan did not answer.

"Then," continued his honor, "I trust before making any further remarks against the police commissioners again he will ascertain the facts."

Judge Bell—And I would like to point out to Ald. Cowan that the Council have the same control over the accounts which come from the police department as over their own. And more, they can examine every account as their own. There has been absolutely no irregularity about the police department, not a tittle of foundation for the insinuations of Ald. Cowan. It is very easy to make insinuations for which there is no foundation, which are absolutely untrue and false. Mr. Cowan must remember that every account passed by this Board has the approval of the Mayor and Council.

Ald. Cowan—But you don't hold meetings when you should.

Judge Bell—Kindly tell us where and when we should have met last year, and didn't.

Ald. Cowan—Well, I cannot just say. The Mayor told me what facts

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Judge Bell—I asked when should we have met and didn't.

Ald. Cowan—Well, the truth of it is you are too busy. I suppose, to attend to everything, with court and other things on hand.

Judge Bell—Not at all. I trust I am able to attend to every public duty devolving upon me. I certainly see to it that I do.

Secretary Merritt—The Judge is always present. He has missed but one meeting in five years.

Judge Bell—Let it be known that I have absolutely abundance of time to attend to all my public duties and intend to do so to the best of my ability. When anyone has complaints to make, the facts should be first ascertained. All the books and records of the department are public property and accessible at any time. If there are just complaints—and none of us are infallible—if they are brought before the Board they will receive prompt and public attention. But I have nothing but contempt for outside insinuations, which are absolutely without truth and where no effort has apparently been made to get at the facts.

Ald. Cowan withdrew and, after ordering the Chief's annual report to be placed on public file, the meeting adjourned.

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