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HAND BAGS

—FOR—

FRIDAY--59c. EACH!

Another great big shipment of Hand Bags, and better than ever. Those who were disappointed in not securing one at our last sale have another opportunity.

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19c

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19c

Small Items for Friday

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15c

Tinsel belts in gold and silver effects, special at

25c

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NEW TEACHERS ARE ENGAGED

The Public School Board Held A Special Meeting Last Evening

TENDERS FOR REPAIRS

A number of urgent matters were considered by the Public School trustees at their special meeting in the Central School, last evening.

There were present: Chairman Richard Paxton, Dr. McKeough, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Drader, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McArthur, Mr. Braekin and Inspector Park.

Tenders for tinting the halls of the Central School were opened and read. They were as follows:

Mr. Palmer, \$85.
Mr. Hildreth, \$68.
F. G. Judson, \$72

The tender of Mr. Palmer, being the lowest, was accepted, and the managers of the school were empowered to have the work done on with. The tinting of the halls of the school is a very necessary work, as the walls in that portion of the building are beginning to look quite shabby.

The managers of the Central were also empowered to remove the steam metre from its present position to another portion of the building, in order to secure better ventilation for the building.

Trustee McArthur reported that the managers of McKeough School had had some necessary minor repairs made to the foundation of the building. The action of the managers was ratified by the Board.

Trustee McArthur also drew attention to the fact that the walls of nearly every room in McKeough School needed tinting in order to complete the work of renovation at that school. The cost would amount to about \$235, according to Tilt & Hildreth's figures. These gentlemen were doing the other work at the school, and as they had their apparatus up, would be in a position to do the work at the lowest figure.

Dr. McKeough said that it would be necessary to do the work to complete the renovation of the building. Chairman Paxton agreed with him.

The managers of the school were empowered to go ahead with the work. The action of Mr. Braekin in having the basement of the school whitewashed was ratified by the Board. The basement, it seems, has not been whitewashed in twenty years.

The action of the managers of McKeough School in engaging Miss Paxton as teacher was ratified by the Board, as was also the action of the managers of the Central School in engaging Misses Olive M. Birch and Leah.

There is still another teacher required at the Central School.

HOG PENS AND MR. PRITCHARD

Queen St Ratepayer Makes Answer To Certain Charges

IT IS UP TO SOMEBODY

The following letter is self explanatory:

To the Editor of The Planet, City:

Sir,—The glorious uncertainty of Mr. Pritchard's reply to the Engineer is not becoming Mr. Pritchard or satisfactory to the ratepayers. Mr. Jones' statements in effect are:

1. That when Mr. Pritchard spoke to him about a permit he referred to the drainage of water from the water tanks and not to the filth from the hog pens;

2. That the work of putting in the larger sewer connection was not done under the direction or supervision of Jones and that Jones was not even told when it was being done;

3. That the permit was not signed by Jones;

4. That Jones believes that the connection was made before Pritchard procured the permit from Mr. Weir.

If Mr. Pritchard desires to impute untruthfulness to Mr. Jones he ought to specifically answer the above statements; and if the larger sewer connection to convey the filth from the hog pens was put in without the supervision or direction of the engineer, then the Council ought to cut it off immediately and thereby prevent a repetition of what occurred on Raleigh street through making improper connections. In the meantime, the honor of Mr. Pritchard is at stake and he should reply definitely.

Yours, etc.,
A. McDONNELL,
Queen Street Ratepayer.

The poor excuses we have always with us.

There is such a thing as having your own way to your undoing.

WENT DOWN WITHIN FEW FEET FROM SHORE

Miss Margaret Lapp, Of This City, and Duncan Ferguson, Of Tupperville, Were Drowned At Erieau.

MEN ON BEACH WITNESSED TRAGEDY

Walter Powers And Miss Jessie Ferguson Were Saved—None Of The Party Could Swim—Men Who Could Swim Were Not Notified.

A happier throng of pleasure-seekers, than those who started out yesterday morning on the annual excursion of Union Sunday school of Tupperville, on their way to Erieau, would indeed be hard to find; it would be equally as difficult to imagine a sadder, or more depressed lot of people than this same band of excursionists when on the return trip a few hours later. The reason for this unfortunate turn of circumstances, was a most lamentable drowning accident in which two of the brightest and most light-hearted of the party, lost their lives.

Little did this buoyant and blithesome crowd of picnickers anticipate when they gayly made their arrangements for the day's outing, the melancholy message which was to sadden the homes of two of the most estimable families of this county, at a time when the festivities had but barely commenced.

It is a well known fact throughout the Township of Chatham that the Union Sunday school of Tupperville is more like one huge family, than an ordinary school. Each year they run an excursion to Erieau, and the event is one which is expected and looked forward to by everyone in the section. It seemed as if the excursion this year would have been the most successful one yet held. There was a very large number in attendance, all prepared for a happy time, and they had it during the morning—boating, swimming, wading, sailing, etc. The elements were most favorable for the occasion and a number of athletic games tended to add to the amusement. After lunch, a large number decided to bathe in the lake. Among the number were Miss Jessie Ferguson, and one of her closest friends, Miss Margaret Lapp, of this city, who were going to the lake to bathe. Neither of the girls could swim, but they knew that it was generally understood that there was no danger from wading out some distance in the lake. As the two were leaving the dressing houses they were very cheerful, and Miss Lapp, who was most vivacious among her girl friends, entertained her companions by displaying her ability to turn hand springs on the sand. It seemed as if fate had decreed that she should be the last seen in her most joyous mood.

Upon arriving at the water's edge, the girls contented themselves with paddling around near the shore. They spent fully an hour in amusement in this manner, when Miss Margaret Lapp, who was a very good swimmer, decided that they too should go in for a swim. They soon joined the two girls in the water, and the scene until both had gone down.

A Planet representative arrived on the spot from Chatham in less than three hours after the accident happened, and the saddened faces, and the hushed and awed accents of those who were discussing the affair in groups along the shore, created an impression long to be remembered. A decided gloom had spread over the entire Eau. There was more than one tear-dimmed eye as the shrouded corpses were tenderly borne from the bungalow on their crudely constructed stretchers, and placed in the baggage car of the homeward bound train. In the coach adjoining the baggage car were the four sisters of the deceased young man, and the close companions of the unfortunate young girl, surrounded by pitying friends who, notwithstanding their sympathetic words and actions, could offer no comfort. It was learned that the three sisters who did not go in bathing were enjoying a pleasant row together, even while the men were probing in the water for the body of their brother. They did not learn of the drowning until some time after the body was found, and when the train was almost about to start out on the homeward trip.

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people on the shore who witnessed the whole tragedy without offering any assistance in any way—possibly through excitement, or ignorance as to what could be done. Powers struggled in the water long enough to reach the shore, and then he seized a wooden bench which was near by, and pushed it out in the water. The other three were still making frantic but fruitless efforts to keep themselves above the water.

The bench found its way to Duncan Ferguson, who promptly grabbed it, and could very easily have saved himself, but when he turned, and saw his sister holding her clutched hands above the water in silent supplication for aid, he quickly displayed his extraordinary courage and his true and noble instincts by unhesitatingly pushing the bench out to his sister while he himself sank, exhausted, to the death which awaited him as a reward for his unselfish and honorable action. After going down this time he made no further struggle. Miss Jessie Ferguson had almost given up in vain when the bench reached her, but she was able to cling to it long enough to reach the shore.

Miss Ferguson did not see the action of her brother, and when she did not see him struggling in the water while she was clinging to the bench, she concluded that her brother was still in the water, she made a dash for the water, intending to go to his assistance. She was held back by two men, with whom she pleaded brokenheartedly to be allowed to go to the assistance of her favorite brother. When she found that the men would not release their hold she sank away in a dead faint. She floated several times before she could be rescued.

In the meantime Miss Lapp was still struggling in the water, and the crowd from the shore was still looking on. Another bench was shoved out, but it drifted the wrong way and Miss Lapp missed it. She rose to the surface fully six or seven times, while Ferguson came up but three times. The last that the watchers on the shore saw of Miss Lapp were her two hands held above the water as she went down for the last time. It was stated that the men on the shore who saw the whole accident could not swim.

As Miss Lapp's hands disappeared in the water, Thomas Neil, the fireman on Conductor McGarvey's Pere Marquette train which runs between Chatham and Erieau, arrived at the beach, being attracted by the cries of the onlookers. Without wasting time to take off any of his clothes he jumped in the water and swam out to the spot where he last saw the hands. He dove several times, but he was hampered by his clothes, and was unable to find the body. He is the one man who deserves credit for his heroic action, and had he been notified sooner he could undoubtedly have saved both Miss Lapp and young Ferguson. Ackley Tompkins, of Tupperville, was the first man to give the alarm, and he did not arrive on the scene until both had gone down.

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CIRCUS HERE TO-MORROW

Barnum & Bailey's Big Show Will Exhibit Twice In This City

MINUS STREET PARADE

The much exploited Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth exhibits here to-morrow, and that means a lively day, not only for the army of circus men, but also for the curious thousands who always find enjoyment in watching the interesting sight, incident to the arrival of the big show. Even the small boy, who couldn't be hired to remain away from the performance, realizes that there are a thousand and one things of interest to be seen on the show grounds during the early hours of preparation, and he will undoubtedly be out in force to do honor to the occasion.

The show comes from London, and will reach Chatham at an early hour. There will be no delay in unloading the five long trains of cars used for transporting the paraphernalia, and as rapidly as possible the impedimenta will be conveyed to the exhibition grounds, the tents erected and the circus city placed in readiness for the inaugural free show and the performances that are to follow. This outside show will be in the front of the main exhibition tent between 10.30 and 11 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be entirely free to the public, and will be so new and novel as to constitute one of the most pleasing features of circus day. Instead of waiting on the streets for the conventional and usually long-delayed parades, the public will be entertained, without charge, on the show grounds.

The two performances which are to be given in this city will be complete in every way. The first is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the final one at 8 p. m. The program is an exceptionally varied one. Particular attention has been given to aerial displays.

The display of high-school horses is also exceptional this year. The comedy part of the performance is given under the direction of the famous clown, Spader Johnson, Steve Maceo, the Brothers Kennard, Kennedy and Quatelli, the Lucifers and Dan Marville, and these Merry Andlers, with thirty-five other tumblers, keep the rings and hippodrome track very much alive during the time they are "on." And they utilize a great deal of ingenious and interesting paraphernalia in their acts.

The menagerie is notable this year from the fact that it presents three herds of big and little elephants, four towering, giant giraffes, a recently acquired specimen of the rare b-horned rhinoceros, twenty camels and dromedaries, and fifty dens of rare caged animals.

The aquatic performance is preceded by a splendidly costumed spectacle based on the Russo-Japanese war. This gorgeous display is entitled "Peace," and it serves to introduce hundreds of soldiers of all nations and mythological characters, and scores of horses, elephants, dromedaries and other animals in one of the most picturesque pageants of modern times.

Owing to the great amount of paraphernalia required by the big sensational acts they will be given early in the program at the night show. Reserved and box seats will be on sale on the exhibition grounds at the opening hours, and down town, on show day, without any advance in price, at the Central Drug Store, Cor. King and Fifth streets. The show will exhibit on Queen St.

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