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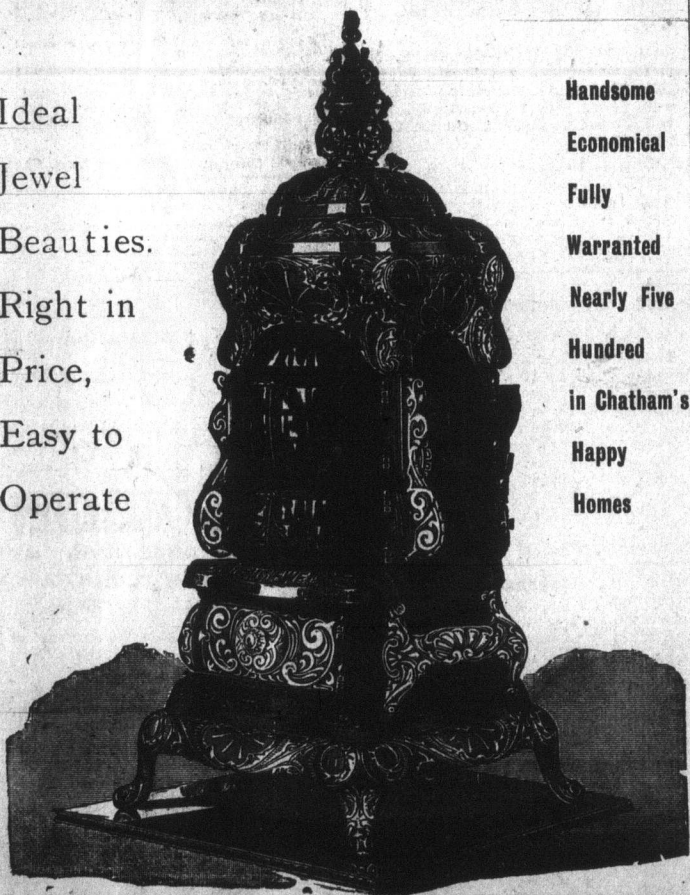
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DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Verdict Of The Jury In The Burning Of George White

WHITE'S MODE OF LIVING

The inquest into the death of the late George White, who was found dead in his bed in his burning house on Friday evening, was held in the Police Court Saturday evening, Coroner J. L. Bray presiding. The coroner's jury was composed of the following: Capt. Boles, foreman, Wm. Gamble, Wm. Remo, Patrick Gorman, Geo. Pimmaridge, James McMan, Wm. Smith, A. T. Fleet, James Northwood, Joseph Northwood, James Hayden, Arthur Fennings and Robert Black.

There was nothing in the evidence brought up at the inquest to substantiate the rumors afloat Saturday to the effect that the deceased had met with foul play. Those persons who had something to say about White having met with foul play, and that he had a large sum of money hoarded up in his house, did not show up to give any such testimony under oath. The evidence, however, brought to light White's rather peculiar manner of living. It was quite obvious that no one seemed to know a great deal about him. No one seemed to know where he came from, or whether he had any relatives living or not.

The gist of the evidence went to show that White was a recluse, who lived alone in the little, one storey, frame dwelling on the corner of Seane and St. Patrick streets. His house was built and barricaded like a small fort. To begin with, it was surrounded by a high board fence, at the top of which the owner had strung barbed wire as a further precaution to keep trespassers from climbing over. The house had only one entrance, which was fitted out with heavy double doors, which were always kept securely locked with strong padlocks. The windows were small, and the wooden doors, locked from the inside, answered the purpose of shutters. These facts would seem to show that he lived in constant dread of intruders.

In his evidence, Officer Dodson of the police force said that he and Officer Desha had made a thorough search of the premises the afternoon after the fire. They raked the ashes over with a hoe and rake. They found three or four guns and a couple of ugly-looking knives. One of these knives was about five inches long and was sharpened like a razor. A large number of cartridges were also found. The deceased was apparently amply prepared for invaders. No trace of any money was found, and it is very probable if there was any in the house, it was destroyed in the flames.

White was unmarried, and some of the witnesses testified that he had made the statement on various occasions that he would never marry unless he could get a white woman. He seldom or never invited anyone to go inside his peculiar domicile.

One of the strangest facts which came to light at the inquest was the evidence given by Fire Chief Richard Pritchard. The Fire Chief testified that he found White reclining on his bed as though asleep. The bed clothes were not burned to any extent, but the remains were literally baked. White was not dressed in his night clothes, but was found with his over-shirt and his collar and tie on. This seems rather peculiar, as it was known that he did not indulge in strong drink, and anyone knows how uncomfortable it is to try to sleep while wearing a collar and tie.

Auctioneer Andrew Thomson testified to the fact that White had approached him on the day previous to the fatal fire, and asked him if he could sell him a stove board. The deceased had explained that the bottom of his stove got so hot at times that he was afraid it would set the house on fire sometimes. It is most likely that it was in this manner that the fire originated.

The balance of the evidence was much along the line of the facts previously outlined in The Planet. A witness called were Richard Jordan, night watchman at the Dowsley Works, Fire Chief Richard Pritchard, Officers Dodson and Darr, Fireman George Pritchard, Fireman Robert Potter, Andrew Thomson and Herman Schumler.

The jury brought in a verdict that White came to his death by burning through accidental causes.

RICHEST IN COUNTRY

"I consider the new oil discoveries in Kent County to be the richest in the country," said Senator Lew V. Ulrey, of Indiana, when seen by a London press representative Wednesday. Senator Ulrey has been in the western part of the peninsula for the last week looking after leases of large pieces of property in which he has every reason to believe there are located rich oil wells. The Senator was very optimistic as to the future of the oil industry in Western Ontario, so much so that he has personally leased thousands of acres of valuable land in Kent County with a view to developing it at once. Many tests have been made, and invariably good signs of oil have been discovered.

SPRAYING IN THE FALL

Gordon Boles Claims This Will Exterminate San Jose Scale

VALUABLE INFORMATION

The following letter is self-explanatory:

To the Editor of The Planet:

Sir,—You will see by the enclosed clipping from the Detroit Free Press of yesterday's date—Nov. 23rd—that I am not by any means the only advocate of attacking the San Jose Scale, and other pests, in the late fall, winter and early spring.

The Park Commissioners in Detroit realize, the same as I do, that it is impossible to destroy any scale with a contact spray, except when vegetation is dormant, without injuring the tree or shrub, for if it is not applied of sufficient strength it is useless as a destructive remedy for scale, and this same strength will injure the tree if vegetation is not dormant.

I remain,
Yours truly,
GORDON BOLES,
Chatham, Nov. 24th, 1906.

INSECT PESTS.

The park commission is about to start a winter campaign against the insect destroyers of trees and shrubs in the parks and on the boulevards. The winter and early spring are propitious times for such campaigns, the destructive solutions that are sprayed over the trees doing no harm. But it is not a promising effort even so far as the shrubbery in the parks is concerned. Experience has taught that the results are far from satisfying when the work is not general. Trees infested with San Jose Scale, for instance—which is the worst pest in the most careless observer can be freed from infection, but it can be only temporary when the trees and shrubs in a very much larger area are uncleaned for. The ravages of insect pests of various kinds, notably the San Jose Scale and the tussock moth, were apparent to the most careless observer last summer, and more than once attention was called to the fact that the finest shade trees of the city seemed doomed. The simple remedy is the enlarging of the authority of the commissioner of parks. There is a competent and industrious forester attached to the park commission. At a very small expense and one certainly very light when compared to the certain results, the city could be freed from the insects that have been working havoc for some time. Individual effort cannot be depended on. It must be a public undertaking and the sooner this fact is recognized the greater will be the chances of saving the trees.

TENDERS FOR BELL

Will be received by the undersigned, up to the hour of 4 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, December 6th, 1906, at the Chatham, Ont., for a bell weighing about 2,300 pounds, same being in first class condition in every respect, and of superior tone. Tenderers may state a price per pound, or a lump sum.

W. G. MERRITT,
City Clerk.

10 Cents
13 Cents
18 Cents
25 Cents
30 Cents

These five prices are on a new lot of jugs from England. Clean nice goods at very close prices. Five different decorations and sizes. Have you enough milk or hot water jugs? These will hold from one pint to two quarts.

Did you ever see a woman who had too many jugs around? Don't miss getting a supply when you.

Walk in and look around

GRAY'S CHINA HALL

THEY WILL BE MISSED

Mr. And Mrs. Hoyt Bid Farewell To Their Many Chatham Friends

THE FAREWELL SERMON

Yesterday was Rev. J. W. Hoyt's last Sunday as pastor of the William street Baptist church in this city. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt leave for St. Thomas, where Mr. Hoyt is to become the pastor of the Centre street Baptist church. Since coming here from Hamilton nearly three years ago, Rev. Mr. Hoyt has made many warm friends and his departure from this city means a decided loss to the church of which he was pastor, and also to the community at large. He is a man who has interested himself in the welfare of the general public and all moral questions for the betterment of mankind have found in him a staunch supporter. His ready wit, genial affability and devoted Christian spirit have won for him many warm friends both in his own congregation and from the ranks of the citizens in general, all of whom will be sorry to see him go. Large audiences gathered at the farewell services yesterday, which were very impressive, although one could note a touch of sadness throughout.

Mr. Hoyt took his text in the morning from John 15: 11, and vividly portrayed the march of Jesus and His disciples from the last supper to Gethsemane. The theme of the discourse was "the Christian's joy," and the preacher pointed out by the use of scripture that joy can be obtained by abiding in the truth, by obedience to God's commands, and by active service in the kingdom of Christ.

The real farewell sermon was preached in the evening, when Mr. Hoyt spoke to an audience that filled every available space in the church auditorium, on the first verse of the 33rd chapter of Isaiah, "Who hath believed our report?" After thanking the members of the church and friends, also the men in the factories, for their extreme kindness during his brief stay in the city, Mr. Hoyt proceeded to address himself particularly to the young converts who had united with the church during his pastorate. The instruction and advice given was very helpful to all classes of Christians and should have a tendency to produce a stronger Christian life in any membership of any church.

The choir reserved some of their best music for the farewell services and in the evening a splendid anthem was beautifully rendered. A male quartette was present, and a solo was rendered by Miss Helen Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt will be greatly missed in the Young Peoples Society and in the Sunday school, where both have been enthusiastic workers. Tonight a farewell reception is to be held in the church, when the members and friends will have the opportunity of meeting and saying goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt. The best wishes of a host of friends follow them to their new home in St. Thomas.

AN ANCIENT WEAPON

A rather ancient weapon of defence and offence will be put on exhibition in the window of E. J. MacIntyre's jewelry store this week. It is a Japanese dagger, over 200 years old, and is the property of Mr. Pellette.

The sheath for this curious side-arm is made of wood, encased in ivory and every about one-quarter inch thick. The carving depicts Japanese scenes. At the time the weapon was made, the Japs apparently were not science in the tempering of steel, as the blade is made of cast iron. The dagger was probably at one time the property of some very important Japanese personage.

A SINGER OF NOTE

Mr. Wm. Dyer, of London, favored with solos at both morning and evening services in Park street Methodist church Sunday. His renditions on both occasions were more than appreciated by the large congregations present. Mr. Dyer is possessed of a splendid presence, and his enunciation and expression all bear the hall-marks of a professional vocalist. He has a sweet tenor voice clear and strong, and he reaches the highest notes with apparent ease. At the morning service he rendered "The Babe of Bethlehem," a piece composed by his father. Mr. Dyer is an old Chatham boy, and while in the city yesterday he was the guest of Mrs. C. Fleming, Adelaide street.

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100 acres in Harwich Township, house, barns, etc., 11.2 miles from city.
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Arthur J. Dunn,
Fifth Street, Next Harrison Hall.
Phone 209.

IT SHOULD BE STOPPED

Rev. J. W. Hodgins Deals With a Matter Which Has Annoyed Chathamites

THE WORK OF A FREAK

The following letter from Rev. J. W. Hodgins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, bears upon a subject to which previous reference has been made in this journal. The advice offered by Mr. Hodgins is well worthy of consideration:

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Several parties in and around Chatham have been receiving a chain letter lately, containing a prayer which they are ordered to repeat every morning and to send copies of it to nine of their friends. They are threatened with dire misfortunes if they should fail to do this. The letter is signed "Bishop Lawrence," and some who have received it have accused members of the Church of England in this city as being the senders. Needless to say, church members have nothing to do with it, and many of them—myself included—have received one of these silly missives.

The letters have been circulated all over the United States and Canada, and many timid people have been very much affected by them. The only Bishop Lawrence in the Episcopal Church is the Bishop of Massachusetts, and he has repeatedly denied through the public press that he is the author, and has asked all who receive one to throw it in the waste basket. It is evidently the work of some crank, like the one who has been distributing prophetic literature from door to door during the past week in this city. It is a pity that the money thus wasted could not be spent in some good cause, and that those engaged in such work could not be better employed.

By at once burning such trash when you discover its nature you break the chain and certainly prevent it from working further harm.

Yours,
J. W. HODGINS,
Holy Trinity Rectory, Chatham,
Nov. 24th, 1906.

SEE THIS ONE

The attraction "Painting The Town," which plays the Brisco on Wednesday next, is a big musical hurrah, carrying a large cast and special scenery. The company closed a week's engagement in Toronto Saturday night, receiving the best press notices, and did the largest business of any attraction at the Toronto Grand this season.

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DOLLS!

JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR DOLLS.....

We have now a complete stock of every kind and grade, and we would like to have you make your selection this week in order to avoid the rush later on. We will keep any doll you select till Christmas week, and save you the worry of late buying. We have beautiful kid dolls of all sizes and make, from

25c Each to \$7.
Jointed Dolls from 15c to \$7.00.
Dressed Dolls from 25c to \$7.00.
Rag Dolls from 5c to 75c
China Dolls 5c to 25c.

Everything you can think of. Come and see them, anyway. It is worth while to see our little Beauties.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and Sixth Streets...
PHONE 96

DISAGREED.

Oh, yes; the jury that tried Bill had disagreed. I thought they convicted him! Yes; but they disagreed awfully with Bill and his lawyer.