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THE LOCAL BUDGET

R. A. Mason, of Merlin, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

C. L. Norton, of Blenheim, spent Saturday in the Maple City.

Herb. McPherson is spending a few holidays at his home here.

Peter Haggart, of Blenheim, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

W. C. Estabrook, of Merlin, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

Wm. Boyd's case came up again this morning and was adjourned for a week.

Ronald McVean and R. L. Mussen, of Dresden, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Geo. Thompson, who has been in the city for a few days, returned yesterday to Detroit.

Miss McGregor, of Wallaceburg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tschirhart, King St.

Chas. Keller, of the Post Office staff, who has been ill for the past week, resumed his duties this morning.

Wall Paper from 20 per roll up, at the Dingman store. Sale commencing today, Jan. 5, and continuing one week.

Mrs. Peter Peterson, Foster street, who fell on the sidewalk some days ago, and injured her right side, is much improved to-day.

E. A. Drake, of Walkerville, travelling freight and passenger agent for the Lake Erie, was in the city Saturday on business.

Chief of Police Holmes has a watch and chain that belong to him.

The articles mentioned were found on King street and the Chief wants an owner for them.

The first meeting in connection with the week of prayer will be held in the Victoria avenue Methodist church this evening. The subject will be Foreign Missions, and will be addressed by Rev. W. E. Knowles and not by Rev. T. Beverley Smith, as previously announced.

A runaway occurred at the Grand Trunk crossing on Queen street Saturday night. A couple of young farmers from Harwich were returning home, when their horse ran away. Both were thrown out, but not hurt. The rig was completely smashed.

A horse belonging to Mr. Bannister escaped from the stable yesterday and ran down Wellington street. When it got near the corner of Princess and Wellington it fell in a hole in the road, where there was a cave-in, and it was found shortly afterwards, dead.

Andrew Ritchie, an aged inmate of the House of Refuge, died this morning in his 74th year. The deceased was sent in to the House of Refuge from Raleigh about three years ago. He has a brother at Pain Court. His wife is living and is in Wallaceburg. The relatives have been notified and will take charge.

A Chamois Vest

Is the best preventative there is from a cold on the lungs, and every person should wear one.

We have them in many different styles and in price from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Or a Chest Protector is also good. These are made of different material, and are lower in price. We have them from 10c. up.

A. I. McCall & Co'y. L't'd.
CHATHAM. Druggists and Opticians. DRESDEN

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Seven Hundred Pupils in Attendance at the Central this Morning—Improvements for the School.

The Central school opened again to-day after the Christmas holidays with a splendid attendance, about 700 pupils being present. Every teacher was on hand and the promotions and changes have all been made.

The school presents a much improved appearance this year. The stairs have all been covered with rubber matting, the total cost of which was about \$100. This was paid out of the proceeds of the recent school concert. Granite has been put on the floors in the upper hall and the kindergarten room, and rugs and additional furniture have been placed in the office and library. The expense in this was also covered by the concert fund.

A much needed improvement has been made in the basement. The fancy marble drinking fountain has been replaced by a more substantial, durable and useful one.

Mr. Plewes, the popular principal, is again at his post managing the affairs of the school. All of these improvements have been made under his guidance. He has now made it one of the best Public Schools in the province, both in appearance and results, and for this he cannot receive too much praise.

It is the intention of the Principal this year to introduce nature study in the school. Professor Dearness, Vice President of the London Normal, will visit the school and has volunteered his hearty assistance in improving this department of Public school work. This scheme on the part of Mr. Plewes is a most laudable one and should receive every encouragement.

MUCH MIXED

Municipal Matters in Raleigh Township are very interesting—Candidates Disqualified.

Raleigh is a township of sensations these days. All along it has been its phenomenal oil strikes which have spread from one end of the continent to the other. The latest sensation, however, is not oil, but election.

The nominations took place between twelve and one o'clock on Monday last and some seven or eight were nominated for the council, but four were induced to drop out or dropped out of their own accord, leaving the election of the four by acclamation. Several of those retiring did so under the pretext that they were disqualified by holding or having held other offices. It now transpires that one at least of the elected council is not qualified. This one is John Stringer, who is pathmaster, and consequently can't legally be a councillor. It is now too late for him to resign as he has already been elected to the council.

Another of the four elected, Ed. Dillon, has been assessor for two years, but had tendered his resignation and it had been accepted before hand. The other two who are elected are Wm. H. Irwin and Mr. Randall, of Merlin.

Harvey Jenner, who was also nominated, had tendered his resignation as trustee, but his colleagues on the board refused to accept it and he was thus disqualified.

The members of the council as it now stands have never served before. If no objections are made when the council will stand, but a number of them from Raleigh say that objections will be made, and as far as the council is concerned, there will altogether likely be a new election.

Another curious incident occurred. R. J. Morrison intended entering the contest for reeveship, but was under the impression that the nominations were between one and two o'clock, while in reality they were between twelve and one. Mr. Morrison was consequently cutting his dinner between twelve and one, thinking he had plenty of time. However, he arrived too late for the nominations and is not in the contest.

The contest for the reeveship is between Wm. Clayton, Patrick Doyle, L. A. Purdie and Alex. Dolson.

The Dingman stock of Wall Paper was placed on sale this morning, Jan. 5th, at 8 o'clock; everything at half price. The entire stock must be sold out in one week.

A WISE IDEA

To get your old carpet manufactured into beautiful, durable rugs, at prices that are right. Call and see samples. Factory opposite Piggott & Son's lumber office in J. & J. O'Leary's block.

THE CHATHAM RUG FACTORY.
Phone 55.

The breadth of Christianity depends on its depth.

FOR SALE

Two houses and two lots on Grey street, each house contains a dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen and pantry down stairs, and three bedrooms and hall up-stairs. He will offer these places for one week only at the ridiculously low price of \$550 each.

DUNN & MERRITT,
FIFTH ST. 1st Door from King St.

OLD MEN WHO ARE NOT OLD

Notable Examples to Be Found Both Here and Abroad.

Much has been said during the past few years about the importance of young men as leaders in finance, industry and politics, and the impression has been cultivated that only young men were fitted to do the great work of the world in these progressive days. But when we take a look in the lead to men who are actually in the lead to-day in literature, science, politics, religion and business we find much to disprove this idea that old age is a sign of weakness and inefficiency.

In our own strenuous land we have such men as Edward Everett Hale, Theodore Cuyler and Russell Sage still at the forefront in a multitude of activities, although all three of them have left eighty years behind some time since. In the sphere of national politics we have such commanding figures as Senators Hoar and Hawley, both of whom must plead guilty to the age of seventy-six, while the two illustrious senators from Maine, Messrs. Hale and Frye, are both being sixty-six and the other seventy-one. Our present secretary of state, Mr. Hay, is far from being a youthful person, having sixty-four years to his credit, while Secretary Wilson is older than that by three years and Postmaster General Payne is nearly sixty. Whitelaw Reid of the Tribune is sixty-six, and Dr. James M. Buckley and Lyman Abbott, the veteran religious journalists, are over sixty-six.

If we turn our gaze abroad, we find equally strong testimony. It is Sir John Aird, verging on seventy, who has built the great Nile dam; it is Lord Marnham, verging on ninety, who has just appeared to the fiscal system; Henry Labouchere, "Labby," the brilliant editor of Truth, is a man of seventy; the keenest debater in the house of commons is still Sir William Harcourt, in active opposition at seventy-four; Mr. John Morley is sixty-three, and Joseph Chamberlain is only four years off seventy; Francis Joseph of Austria was seventy-two last August, Oscar of Sweden is seventy-three, Leopold of Belgium is sixty-seven, and King Christian of Denmark is eighty-four. The world's foreign relations are in the hands of men over sixty. Lord Currie is sixty-eight, Sir Edmund Monson is sixty-seven, Sir Charles Scott is sixty-four and Sir Frank Lascelles is sixty. Lord Cromer, young enough to make another Egypt, is sixty also, and at the other end of Africa a man of seventy reigns as prime minister of the Cape—Leslie's Weekly.

Finda Fortune in Elks' Teeth.

Eight hundred elks' teeth in the grave of an Indian chief, all splendid specimens and susceptible of mounting, were the wonderful find by a Philadelphia curio hunter named Zimmerman, who has been gathering relics along the canyon of the tortuous Snake river for several months, says the San Francisco Call. Zimmerman dug into a grave, which was in a wild, barren and remote country along the Snake river, above Lewiston, Ida. Some distance down he encountered several small bones, which on examination proved to be magnificent specimens of elk teeth, and on scooping away the earth with his hands he found that a loose tunic wrapped around the ex-chief's skeleton had been literally crammed with teeth, the best obtainable in the days when elk were plentiful. Zimmerman took his find to Lewiston for shipment to Philadelphia, keeping very quiet about the discovery. One man to whom he confided the secret in Lewiston offered him \$100 piece for the 400 with the red streak.

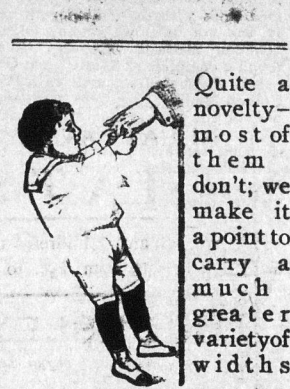
Wages on American Ships.

Beyond the larger first cost of American built ships another weighty factor in the question of how to revive the American merchant marine is the wide difference in shipboard wages between this country and its European competitors. This difference in wages is not characteristic of the high speed mail steamers alone. In the report of the commissioner of navigation for 1900 there is a comparison of the pay rolls of the American cargo steamer Fleander and the British cargo steamer Lady Raleigh and Mascamomo, all of about 3,500 tons. The twenty-six officers and men of the American ship receive \$1,215 a month, or \$14,590 a year, in wages. The thirty officers and men of one British ship receive \$601 a month, or \$7,212 a year, and the thirty-two officers and men of the other British ship receive \$979 a month, or \$11,751 a year. Practically the same difference will be found in the wages on board American and British sailing vessels.—Winthrop L. Marvin in Scribner's.

A Blackboard Newspaper.

Perhaps the only city school to have a daily paper is the New York Technical High School for Girls. This paper is called the World's News. Each morning it has a new editor, who makes a digest of the important news of the day to have ready at the assembling of the school at 9 o'clock. The news is written in large letters on the blackboard. The principal's directions are that matters of national or international importance are to be treated and preferably those touching on commercial affairs. His surprise was great, therefore, when he saw the other morning in large type the statement that two young women had danced themselves sick. To that editor that was the most important item of the day. The news is not yet illustrated except with maps, but a stereoscopic is to be placed in the assembly room, and a friend of the principal has promised to keep him supplied with slides for the "articles."—New York Post.

Children's Shoes THAT FIT.



Quite a novelty—most of them don't, we make it a point to carry a much greater variety of widths

and styles and sizes that can be found in most stores. Consequently we are sure of being able to fit perfectly any child's foot; besides having special shoes for children who "toe in" or have weak ankles or flat feet. Also shoes built on a foundation that keep the feet warm and dry. If you investigate you'll find prices are no higher than are asked elsewhere for poorer shoes—and less kinds to choose from.

Rubbers, Plain or warm wool lined to fit all the different shaped shoes.

Geo. W. Cowan
Chatham.

Canute in England.

The first of our foreign masters was the Dane. It was the aim of Sweyn to form a great Scandinavian Empire, of which England should be the head, and after his death the contest was resumed with greater vigor by his son Canute. Fear of the Dane was great in the land, and Canute had no sooner appeared off the coast than the chiefs of Wessex, Mercia, and Northumberland joined in owning him for their lord, and in discarding the rule of Ethelred. With the support of London and a part of Wessex, Edmund Ironside struggled for a few months against the Danish forces; but, on the King's death in 1016, Canute became master of the realm. Conqueror as he was the Dane was no stranger, his language differed little, and he brought in no new system of tenure or government. His aim during twenty years seems to have been to obliterate from men's minds the foreign character of his rule and the bloodshed in which it had begun. The change in himself was as startling as the change in his policy. When he first appeared in England it was as the more Northman, passionate, revengeful, uniting the guile of the savage with his thirst for blood. His first acts of government were a series of murders. Eric of Mercia, whose aid had given him the crown, was no sooner useless than at a sign from Canute he was felled by an axe blow in the King's presence. The King's noblest gift to his people was that of peace. In later life Canute, who married the widow of King Ethelred II., became very religious, making a pilgrimage to Rome and building monastic establishments. He died Nov. 12, 1035.

Notable Sayings of a Week.

These are some of the noteworthy sayings of prominent men one week recently in London:

I look forward to a great federation of the Anglo-Saxon elements, which shall include the British Empire, the United States and even Germany.—Sir Harry Johnson.

Freedom of speech must have some limit.—Earl Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

I am convinced that we are on the eve of a settlement of the Irish land question.—John Redmond, Nationalist M. P.

An enthusiasm for university teaching, which has slumbered for a good many centuries, is now waking up in London.—E. S. Selborne.

Coughs, colds, soreness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Gresoline tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOY WANTED.—In The Planet Printing Department. If

BOY WANTED.—Good, strong boy, in The Planet Bindery, who wants to learn the trade. If

TO RENT.—A nice flat with all modern conveniences except bath room; six rooms; rent \$8.00 per month, with water rate paid. Apply to D. McLachlan, C. B. College.

The Strictly One Price Store | C. AUSTIN & CO | Chatham's Greatest Store.

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DRESS GOODS

Stock-taking bargains in odd lots of every description.

LOT NO. 1—Good shades of whicords, serges, plaids and fancy dress goods, 40 to 44 inches wide, your choice for per yard 12 1/2-2c.
LOT NO. 2—All shades of all wool serge, Henrietta and some fancy effects, 44 inch goods, worth up to 40c. yard, your choice per yard 30c.
LOT NO. 3—10 pieces of Bengalines, Hopsackings and Coatings Serge, black, navy and colors, 44 inches wide, at per yard 25c.
LOT NO. 4—14 pieces of Amaranth Suting, Vigoreux, Serge and Cheviots, in good shades of grey, castor and green, regular 75c, 90c and \$1.00, all at per yard 60c.

ODDLETS IN UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Corset Covers in White Ribbed Cotton, heavy weight, worth 35c. for 25c. 25c
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, Lace and Ribbon Trimmed, size 4, also Drawers to match in sizes 3 and 4, price 50c, to clear at 40c
Six Children's Combination Suits, worth 58 cents, to clear at 40c
Five Ladies' Combination Suits worth \$1.15 and \$1.25, to clear at 75c

Odd Lines of Ladies' and Children's Hose to clear at Big Reductions.

FURS—Special cut prices on all Capelines, Boas and Storm Collars.

Ladies' white hemstitched Handkerchiefs, size 12 in. square, price 5c. or 6 for 25c.

2 dozen children's black Tights in small sizes, worth 25c. to clear at 2 pr. for 25c.

JANUARY OFFERINGS IN COTTON AND SHEETINGS

Buy your Cottons, Sheetings and Pillow Coverings now. They're still marked at old prices.

Special 36 inch heavy factory Sheetings, even soft yarns, worth 6c. a yard January Sale price, 50 a yard
Best quality Pillow Cotton, soft makes, even threads, 48 inch Plain, 15c yd. 44 inch Plain, 15c yd. 48 inch Circular, 16c yd. 44 inch Circular, 20c yd. 48 inch Circular, 20c yd.
Special Lonsdale Cambric, for easy to wash, even yarns, regular 25c, dies' fine undergarments, soft, kid finish, 36 inches wide, at per yard 10c, 12 1/2-2c.
Regular 20c plain or twilled unbleached sheeting, best quality, full 2 yards wide, January sale price, per yard 17c.
Special 88 inch, best quality, twilled bleached sheeting, regular 35c, January sale price, per yard, 28c.

AN EARLY CLEAN UP OF WOMEN'S COATS

It isn't usual for radical clearances to be made in stocks of women's Winter Coats until January is well under way. Hence an announcement at this time concerning practically our entire stock of Winter Wraps will come as a pleasant and gratifying surprise to those women who have been expecting it several weeks later.

This Clearance Sale includes every Wrap, Cloth or Fur. Here's but a hint of price ranges.

AT \$8.00 WORTH \$10.00—Three-quarter and full length coats, fur, tan or black, tight or semi-fitting. Bell sleeve, with or without cuff.
AT \$12.50 WORTH \$15.00—Ladies' Newmarket, with velvet collar, turn-back cuff, body lined, special value at its first price.
AT \$3.98—A special line of ladies' fur capes, with high storm collar and well lined.
AT \$5.00 WORTH \$7.50—Jackets of heavy weight black cheviot, three-quarter length, coatman's back, lined, Bell sleeve, pearl buttons.
AT \$5.00 WORTH UP TO \$7.50—Ladies' jackets, 26, 36 and 42 inches long, with turn down or storm collar, nicely lined, trimmed with straps of satin or taffeta.
AT \$15.00—Our three best numbers in As-truchian capes, fine glossy coat, full size capes, special clearing price \$15.

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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers