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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.

THE OLD BOYS' REUNION.

The Planet is much pleased to see that the citizens are about to take up energetically and thoroughly the suggestion, submitted in these columns, to institute immediate preparations for the holding of a Chatham Old Boys' Reunion next summer.

There was undoubtedly some force in the contention advanced when the project was previously considered, that the time was then so short as to cripple, to a certain extent, the necessary preparations. But sufficient evidence was exhibited to prove the popularity of the undertaking and the unmistakable advantages which must accrue from it.

Now the citizens are starting aright. They have lots of time before them, but it can all be utilized. An Old Boys' Reunion is a big undertaking, but it is well worth all that is expended upon it.

We trust there will be a royal gathering of representative citizens at the public meeting on Friday evening. Make it a point to be there.

CIVIC PROGRESS.

It was pointed out yesterday that six of the city's new aldermen are residents of Ward 2.

And it was noted for the first time then.

This state of affairs is very satisfactory. It goes to show that the ratepayers, regardless of the narrow lines of ward limitations, are entering thoroughly into the cause of liberal and extensive civic advancement—it demonstrates the wisdom of the new and improved system of choosing of our councillors.

That the citizens went to the polls with a view to supporting those they deemed best qualified to represent them, regardless of the pecuniary considerations of residential influence and ward wire-pulling, was evidenced by the fact that it was only upon casual post election calculations that the matter of the location of the candidates was noted.

And this is a good sign. It goes to show that in the Maple City men are dismissing petty internal jealousies and uniting in the true spirit of civic patriotism.

"SAID PASHA."

Most heartily does The Planet congratulate the ladies and gentlemen who were instrumental in presenting the opera, "Said Pasha," at the Grand last evening. That the Maple City possesses a coterie of amateur musicians capable of contributing such a pleasing performance must be a source of much satisfaction and pleasure.

The Chatham Amateur Opera Co. by whom it was produced, under the direction of Mr. R. Victor Carter, were greeted with a crowded house—and they deserved it. The entire presentation was worthy of the hearty appreciation exhibited. The stage setting, while not elaborate, was graceful and appropriate; the costumes were both rich and elegant; the music was delightful and marked with pleasing expression; the libretto and dramatic effects carefully studied and well rendered—in its entirety "Said Pasha" was worthily done.

The Planet most heartily pays tribute to the young citizens who did so well last evening, and congratulates Chatham on possessing amateurs of such musical and histrionic accomplishment and ability.

AN ERA OF TRUSTS.

The census report on trusts shows that there is not so very much exaggeration in the popular estimate of those big corporations, comments the St. Thomas Times. While there is no billion-dollar trust, the capital invested in iron and steel is reckoned at \$541,779,954, and the value of the product is placed at \$508,029,480. The authorized capitalization of 183 com-

cerns is given as \$3,607,539,200. On an even division this would give twenty millions apiece. Such figures have been possible only in recent years and under the trust system. They tell of such a control of enormous industrial interests by a few hands as never was known before in the history of the world. Moreover, it is apparent that the promoting and exploiting business must have been very alluring, for once it had fairly set in it went forward with a rush. Fifty per cent of the combinations were effected between January 1, 1899, and June 30, 1900.

The labor side of the account has its large figures also. Under the corporations which are considered in the report there were 399,192 wage-earners who received \$194,534,715, and 24,583 salaried employees who received \$32,653,628. How many of the latter enjoyed salaries with fancy salaries attached is not stated, though it would let in considerable light on the distribution of the thirty-two millions. Of course the labor would be employed just the same if there were no trusts, and the question of vital interest is how far do these combinations go towards enhancing the power of individuals to the danger point and towards piling up immense individual fortunes? The question is a most important one socially, industrially and politically, and it is bound to be the subject of more serious consideration.

BUT NOT AN EXPLOSIVE BULLET

A Mississippi magistrate held that a negro's head is a deadly weapon. Of course it was a bullet head.

FEMINE DEDUCTIONS.

Philadelphia Record. "When a man has a birthday," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "he takes a day off. When a woman has one she takes a couple of years off."

DEAR VIOLETS.

St. John Globe. That request that the ladies of Canada keep in memory Queen Victoria's death by wearing violets on Jan. 22 will no doubt be heartily observed—by all who can get the violets.

GREAT RUSH FOR DIVORCE IN WASHINGTON.

Washington Evening Times. Forty-seven petitions for divorce were filed yesterday in the district of Columbia, the last day before the new code becomes effective. The world's record, made on Monday, when thirty-seven were placed on record, was smashed, and a new mark established.

A WAKING-UP PROD.

Montreal Star. The London Morning Post is amazed at the evidences of Canada's wealth which the banking returns furnish. It looks forward to the time when the Dominion will solve the problem of British food supply. If Britain would take the Post's advice and send here her surplus men and millions, the problem would very soon be solved. So long as Britain devotes the greater proportion of her superfluous sinew and sterling to the development of foreign countries in preference to the upbuilding of her own possessions, she is deferring the solution of it.

How Russian Peasants Live.

Most of the Russian peasants pass a great deal of their life in workshops where they work, eat and sleep, the same room sheltering a number and probably a pig into the bargain. There are few beds. Instead, all around the four walls of the room is fixed what may be literally described as a bench. It is made of wood, and at this works the peasant by day and on it he sleeps by night, each man at his own spot. The conditions of the Russian prison and military barracks, so far as interior arrangements are concerned, are akin. Chairs there will also be and tables, rudely fashioned, as a rule, by the men themselves.

Clear Case.

Again Sherlock was equal to the emergency. "Don't tell me that you are married," he hissed. "I see that you are only engaged." "How do you know?" faltered the young man. "Because every cigar you offered me from your vest pocket had been broken. If you were married, it would not have been the case."

His Scheme.

"So you want a general redistribution of wealth?" "I do," answered the man with schemes for reorganizing society. "On what plan?" "On a plan that would enable me to get rid of a lot of things I don't want and to get possession of a number that I have taken a fancy to."

Self Consciousness.

The older philosophers were right in regarding self consciousness as the peculiarly significant mark of humanity. To come to consciousness of oneself and of one's relation to the spiritual universe is to become alive in the truest sense.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Looking Forward.

Miss Gotox—I feel sure you could not support me without assistance. Cholly—Well, I hope your father will keep on feeling that way after we are married.—Judge.

Logic is what you, yourself, talk; twaddle is the other fellow's argument.

Every Exertion a Task

There is failure of the strength to do and the power to endure; a feeling of weakness all over the body.

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When Cats Were Worshipped.

A mummy cat is a very curious thing. Tons of these embalmed creatures were brought to England a few years ago to be ground into bone manure. What an unromantic ending after 4,000 years' mummification. Some of these cats were bound with the ears standing erect, others laid flat. The claws were adhering to the mummies, though in one ship load, supposed to contain 180,000 cats, very few complete specimens could be found. It is supposed that the cats were of the species known as Felis maniculata, a kind formerly found in North Africa, and trained by the ancient Egyptians, from which we get our domesticated pussy. As early as 1600 B. C. tablets record that cats were kept in the Egyptian temples as objects of worship. Hence their conversion into mummies.

YOUR FOOTSTEPS

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We Needed a Bath.

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CAUSE TO REJOICE.

The earth was not made in a day, neither is rheumatism cured in a day. Mrs. Jacob DeMast, Black River Bridge, Prince Edward County, Ont., suffered intense pain in both limbs for a year and a half, and two physicians were unable to give her relief. Half a bottle of Dr. Hall's Rheumatic Cure gave her case and five bottles, with the Climax Iron Tonic Pills, effected a permanent cure. Her many friends are rejoiced at her recovery. This great blood purifier is put up in bottles containing ten days treatment. Price 50 cents at all drug stores or The Dr. Hall Medicine Co., Kingston, Ont.

A Reminder.

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