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January Inventory Sale!

Our Great Annual Sale is in full swing. We are not advertising great big special sales every month or two, so that when we do advertise one you know what to expect. We are bound to clear out every possible indication of winter in our stock before the end of this month. That means big genuine bargains for you. Come and see.

Dress Goods 15 pieces of very desirable dress goods, suitable for suits, skirts, and children's dresses, in tweeds and panamas, in excellent colorings, worth up to 75c a yard, on sale for 39c 35 pieces of dress goods, 54 inches wide, in tweeds, homespun and canvas cloths, in plain shades and mixed colors, worth up to \$1.25 a yard, on sale for 47c Carpets Extra quality 8 wire Tapestry carpets in excellent colorings and designs regular value 60c a yard, on sale for 38c Best 4 frame Brussels in splendid colorings and designs, suitable for any kind of room, border to match, regular value \$1.25 a yard, on sale made and laid for \$1.18	Gloves and Hose Boys' heavy black ribbed worsted hose, pure wool, warranted for wear, regular 35c value, on sale for, per pair 24c Ladies' Golf Gloves in white, black and fancy colors, all sizes, worth up to 35c a pair, on sale for 24c Embroideries and Laces During our great January Sale, we offer our entire stock, without reserve, of Swiss Embroideries and Insertion, also our splendid collection of Real Hand Made Torchon Laces at 25 per cent. Discount Ladies' Skirts An immense assortment of Ladies' ready-to-wear Skirts made of Black cloths and chevrons and tweeds, correct styles, all sizes, worth up to \$7 each, on sale for \$3.48	Sheetings Plain bleached sheeting 2 yards wide, extra quality at 25c a yard, on sale special at 19c Plain unbleached sheeting 2 yards wide, extra quality at 25c a yard, on sale special at 19c Shakers Extra heavy dark shirting shaker flannels, big variety of good styles and checks, regular price 10c a yard, on sale for 7c Shirts Our splendid assortment of Fur Ruffs, Stoles, Collars and Boas is at your disposal for a choice at cost or less. Every piece carries with it our guarantee of good value. Ladies' Suits We place on sale our stock of ladies tailored suits, worth up to \$15, for \$3.75
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Commencing on Saturday, January 6th, a Special Sale of articles for Twenty-five cents. Many of the articles are sold at 50 cents in the regular way.

10 doz. Japanese Cups and Saucers, Kermis shape, latest styles, regular 50c for 25c. Japanese, French and German Plates, regular 40c and 50c for 25c.

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WINDOW, for samples.

No goods sold out of the window until Saturday morning. Stock taking bargains all through the store. Dinner Sets and Lamps on Second Flat. See them. A visit to THE ARK will save money for you. Prompt and careful delivery of goods.

H. MACAULAY, PHON 159

CLIMBING UP

Maple City Young Man Who is Making Rapid Strides in His Business

The current issue of "Packages," a splendid trade journal published in Milwaukee, contains an excellent likeness of W. T. Bray, son of Dr. J. L. Bray, of this city. Accompanying the photo is the following well-deserved congratulatory comment:

The cooperative stock and cooperative trade will doubtless recognize, in the engraving on this page, a good portrait of Mr. W. T. Bray, a gentleman quite well known to both branches of the business.

Mr. Bray has, for a young man, been in the cooperative stock line of business quite a long time, having, about ten years ago, entered the employ of the Sutherland-Innes Co. at Chatham, Ont., his native town, and remained with that company until the spring of 1904, being located at Chatham, New Orleans and, during the last two years, with them at New York, representing them there.

After leaving the Sutherland-Innes Co., Mr. Bray went with the N. Lapham Co., remaining with N. Lapham until March, 1905. At that time he went to Louisville, Ky., with the Kentucky Slave Co. to open up for them a slack cooperative stock department. His health not being the best in Louisville, and being desirous of returning to New York city, he made an agreement in Sept. last with Hiram Blev & Co., of Louisville, to represent them in New York city, and it was Mr. Bray's suggestion that they manufacture and deal in slack cooperative stock of all descriptions. They now are in a position to take care of slack barrel trade in the same efficient manner as their tight business is handled.

All matters pertaining to the buying and selling of slack cooperative stock are handled by the New York office, where Mr. Bray's past experience and efficient methods have proved very effective in exploiting the slack stock and of the business.

Mr. Bray has many friends in the trade and is regarded as an able and rising man in the cooperative stock business.

PROHIBITION HOTELS

Toronto Globe.

One of the things that has brought prohibition into disrepute with the masses of the traveling public in the United States is the utterly villainous hotel accommodation to be found in too many prohibition localities. The so-called hotels are often cheap and nasty, managed without intelligence and furnished after the manner of a third-rate boarding house.

PASTORS DENY STRIKE STORY

Blenheim Ministers Say Facts Were Misrepresented

Blame the Liquor Interests for the Trouble—Further Ventilation of an Unfortunate Affair

The Planet is this morning in receipt of the following communication from Rev. Geo. Gilmore, of Blenheim, with postscript by Rev. Mr. Holmes. The communications perhaps speak best for themselves:

Blenheim, Ont., Jan. 5, '06.

To the Editor of The Planet:

A despatch attributed to some Blenheim correspondent appeared under sensational headlines, on the front page of your paper yesterday, which as far as I am concerned is false and libelous. The whole thing is manifestly set forth to injure me as I was not the most prominent figure in the case. Wherever you got your information, sir, it smells of the bar-room, and as such it is received by the sensible people of Blenheim. I ask you, in all justice, to give space in as conspicuous a part of your paper as the scurrilous fabrication was accorded, to the truth in the matter.

The deceased person was a mere boy in whom I had taken a particular and practical interest for some time; whose father, who is now making such a furor, was so careless about the last sad rites of the departed, when afflicted with a dread disease, that the mother and I worked together to get him the treatment he so much needed. You can find out from one of Blenheim's doctors what practical interest I took in him then, and you can gather from the mother how my substance was ready to minister to their needs. You can also ascertain that when the boy wished to see me I put aside other duties to be at his bedside in a few minutes. The boy died, and the father, who sees the hotels often, turned the interior of a church, and caused the funeral service at two o'clock on Sunday. I said I would be pleased to be at their service any hour on Saturday or Monday, but I do not undertake funeral services on Sunday as that time of that day is entirely taken up, and because I consider it wrong to hold funerals on Sunday except in case of necessity. Before I had clearly given my reasons, he had taken me to task for calling things back at me, until I shut the door. He went to Rev. Mr. McQuillan, of the Anglican church, and behaved in an even more unbecoming manner. This clergyman refused for the same reason. He then went to Rev. J. H. Holmes, of the Methodist church, and misrepresented the facts. Mr. Holmes stated that he, the father, represented to him that I would have taken the service but for a cold and my afternoon appointment. Mr. Holmes, although against Sunday funerals, thought it was doing me a good turn to consent to take the service and so let his name go on the funeral cards. He learned the facts afterwards as above, and moreover, that either Mr. McQuillan or I, like himself, offered to take the funeral on Saturday or Monday. He asked me if he should withdraw when I told him that I would give no advice whatever in the matter, that he might do as he pleased. He went and withdrew because of the misrepresentations under which he allowed his name to go on the cards.

Further, Mr. Editor, the nearest relatives of the deceased saw for me not to take the funeral on Sunday as it was entirely unnecessary, and as it was only the well-known disposition of the father that insisted on whatever he wanted regardless of others. Moreover, sir, I have been refusing to conduct funerals on Sunday for the past two years, and intend to continue to do so. It is a well known fact that non-church-goers in this community, especially those who display at funerals and, of course, Sunday is the best day for it. Sunday funerals, as a rule, have been looked on as a public scandal for some time, in this vicinity, and the ministers individually think the Christian part is to have the dead laid away with becoming simplicity and decorum.

Mr. Editor, we do not need to be in closer proximity to Chatham to gain other ideas. Our connection with Chatham is our case, as your prostitutes and your "drunk spongers" are among the degrading factors working in Blenheim.

I again ask you, sir, to give these facts space where they will be seen by all who read your paper, so that the libelous article in question may be offset. Surely, sir, you are not party to such scurrilous attacks. I would suggest that henceforth when you receive information from any of the liquor friends of Blenheim or their companions you wait to verify it else libel suits will disturb your dreams.

Yours as ever for truth,

GEO. GILMORE.

P. S.—Editor of Planet: Dear Sir—The above, as far as I am concerned in relation to the general referred to, is absolutely correct.

J. H. HOLMES.

MR. SHELDON IS CHAIRMAN

Mayor Marshall's Casting Vote Ends Inaugural Alphonse and Gaston Stunt

New Board of Water Commissioners Organized—Mr. O'Mara Recognized

With the most polite and complimentary reproduction of the typical Alphonse and Gaston, stunt the new Board of Water Commissioners inaugurated their regime most happily last evening.

Dr. Cornell moved that Mr. Sheldon be elected chairman for the year, and the motion was seconded. Mr. Sheldon moved that the honor go to Dr. Cornell. Both gentlemen withdrew, each in favor of the other, and each in duet words of eulogy extolled the peculiar fitness of the other. Finally the Mayor came to the rescue and seconded Dr. Cornell's motion, Mr. Sheldon thereby being elected.

Mr. Sheldon briefly thanked the Board for the honor, although he still declared he "would have preferred to see Dr. Cornell accept."

The usual certified accounts were duly passed.

On motion of the Mayor, seconded by Dr. Cornell, it was decided, in order to lessen the work of the secretary, that all accounts be submitted in cubic feet in place of gallons as heretofore, there being 61-4 gallons to the cubic foot.

A communication was received from Michael O'Mara, asking an increase of \$5 per month in his salary. Chairman Sheldon said O'Mara was well deserving of the recognition and on motion of his colleagues the increase was granted.

The Superintendent was authorized to make arrangements with Geo. Lowrie to raise the piping in Raleigh township at 15c per foot.

The Secretary's cash statement showed a balance of \$2,045.57 on hand, after having turned over \$5,000 to the city.

It was decided to interview the County Council relative to the additional water used by the new sanitary arrangements in Harrison Hall.

MUST HURRY

New Justices of the Peace Must be Sworn in Before Jan. 11 in Order to Act

Those who have recently received Government appointments to act as Justices of the Peace in Kent County must see to it that they are sworn in before the 11th inst., as upon that date returns must be made to the Provincial Secretary.

All who have not yet qualified will kindly do so at once, as otherwise they will be unable to act.

A GOOD TIME

Annual Christmas Entertainment Given by Latter Day Saints—Good Program Provided

A very successful and enjoyable entertainment was given last evening by the children of the Latter Day Saints church, Head street. The entertainment was managed along the lines of a Christmas concert and every number on the program was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

The hall was packed to the doors and the proceeds were far larger than was anticipated. The program consisted of dialogues, songs and recitations from different children belonging to the church and a special feature was a much enjoyed dialogue by a number of young people from Blenheim.

The choruses by the children were especially good and reflected much credit upon their able instructors. A large Christmas tree was erected and on it were presents for every one—young and old—and the distribution of these presents was the cause of much fun and merriment. The affairs in this church are all admirably well patronized and the entertainment last evening was by no means an exception.

CARPET BALL

Last evening, in the Workmen Hall, the C. O. F. and A. O. F. (Court Hope) played a game of carpet ball in the trophy series, resulting in a win for A. O. F. Score: A. O. F. 25, C. O. F. 28.

The standing of the Carpet Ball League is as follows, including last night's game:

	WON	LOST	TO PLAY	PER CT.
S.O.E.	3	0	17	1000
A.O.U.W.	3	2	15	600
A.O.F.	4	3	13	572
I.O.F.	1	1	18	500
S.O.S.	0	1	19	400
C.O.F.	0	3	17	400

EDUCATED ANIMALS

Prof. Crocker Comes to Chatham With an Excellent Production

His Trained Horses Can do Almost Anything But Talk—Surprising Feats Executed By Ponies

Everyone concedes that the horse is one of the most intelligent of animals, but no one, outside of those who attended the show at the Grand last evening would ever believe that even horses could ever be capable of the wonderful intelligence displayed by Prof. E. K. Crocker's educated horses, ponies, mules and donkeys. The show is without doubt the greatest of its kind ever presented on a stage, and no one in Chatham who is a lover of animals should fail to see this production during Prof. Crocker's stay here.

One particularly noticeable feature of the production was the entire absence of anything in the nature of harsh treatment or even rough speech on the part of their trainer. During the whole performance Prof. Crocker did not have occasion to even speak louder than if he were instructing human beings, and every animal on the stage troicked around and performed his part of the entertainment promptly and willingly. It seemed as if the animals enjoyed the fun and entered into the spirit of the occasion as much as did the audience. Among the various tricks were ringing bells, dancing, waltzes and quadrilles, playing soldiers, skipping ropes, erasing wrong figures from a blackboard, opening doors and bringing note paper and envelopes to the trainer, rolling a barrel, jumping hurdles, playing rocking horse, distinguishing the colors red, white and blue, and many others. In fact it seems that Prof. Crocker's horses can do almost anything but speak.

One of the most amusing features of the show was the trial scene with the sheriff, counsel, jury, all present and the donkey on the bench. The jury retire, bring in a verdict of not guilty, and the sheriff releases the prisoner, who returns his thanks to the jury.

The finale consisted of a war scene where the horses defended a fort, which is finally captured by the donkey.

It would be impossible to give a full and fair description of these horses' work. It is amazing to think of the untiring patience which must have been exhibited by the trainer in instructing his wonderful animals. While the house was well filled last evening the performance was really deserving of a packed house. Prof. Crocker will be here for three nights, commencing last night with matinee this afternoon, and Saturday afternoon, and no doubt he will receive the unlimited patronage he deserves during the rest of his stay here.

During the performance animated pictures are introduced, adding greatly to the entertainment of the evening.

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7 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c
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Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c per lb.
3 lbs. Mixed Biscuits, 25c
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THE WORST THING IN WINTER IS

WET FEET!

There are all kinds of "paths" in the world—Allopaths, Homeopaths, Osteopaths and 900 other kinds, but they all agree on this—that if you are tired of living and want to see what comes next, you've only to cultivate wet feet.

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