The Planet

& STEPHENSON, - Proprietor

THAT SCRAP-IRON ASSESSMENT. It is gratifying to learn that the report against the system of "scrap iron" assessment and that the local legislature will be asked to change the law. Under what was known as the "junk" or "scrap iron" system of assessment large corporation. plants were not assessed by municipalities with any regard to the earning power of the plant, but, at its actual value as "scrap." . For instance, a telephone company's poles and wires could not be assessed as part of an expensive operating plant earning dividends for its shareholders, but as so many yards of wire and so much timber represented by the poles. The principle was decidedly unjust to munici palities. It applied equally to the plant of gas companies, street railways, telegraph and electric light companies. Efforts have been made previously to have the act changed, but without success. The theory, of course, was that a company might be doing business in several munici-palities and it was claimed that they should not be assessed as a going concern in several different places at once. The result was that they escaped assessment as "going concerns" in all municipalities and their plant was assessed only as "junk" irrespective of its value as an earning power.

HARD ON THE ORATORS.

The Duke of Argyll, formerly Marquis of Lorne and Governor-General of Canada, is not a believer in oratory. He appears to believe that the man who can talk "like a streak of greased lightning," as the boys used to say, is not much good for anything else. In an article in the North Amer ican Review he declures:

"Indeed, too great eloquence in any

responsible statesman in a perilous luxury. It delights the audience thrills for the moment the public, and then, like even the best whiskey, is apt to be succeeded by a chill which is the penance for the passing exhiliaration. The greatest orators are usually the worst political guides. Judgment is necessary for affairs. A man who has enough imagination to be supremely eloquent is not in a condition to have his judgment firmly seated. His own phrases, struck from burning imagination or its imitation have too extended a reach. If taken seriously, the praise or dispraise exalts or abases in a degree which becomes in practice outrageous The majesty of perspective is lost in the intoxication of phrase and pas sion." The one-time Canadian Governor-General proceeds to wind up the "The vacalist in public life thus: speaker who sways a crowd with the ody of his sentences is too apt to equal scales of justice. Hs burning words may be good to incite to war, or during a contest, but are not of the essence of that economy in all things which is desired by good Liberals. Luckily, we have now scarcely any rhetoricians. We may have busimeas men on both sides, especially if lawyers may be considered men of business. Our orators are laudably duil. Our good talkers are in the ascendant."

And still we have no effective sno shovelling by-law.

If some alderman would only prepare a snow-cleaning by-law in July or August it might be ready for use by the time the blizgards of winter arrived.

No one can deny, on this Sabbatarian Saturday, that Hamilton is a loyal town.—Hamilton Herald.

That extract is from the Saturday Evening Herald. Where did its Sab batarian Saturday come in?

The Hamilton Herald points out that the Hamilton jail is no joint stock affair; that city owns the whole institution. We know of no city that requires to own a whole jail more than Hamilton.

A famous occulist who has made close study of the visual organs of his patients has come to the conclusion that most people are right or left sighted, as they are right or left handed. Possibly that is the reason they often take a one-sided view, of

We potice that a minority of the vening papers throughout Ontario so far forgot themselves as to publish on Saturday. Can they give any good reason why a bank, a store, or a factory should close out of respect to Her late Majesty, while a newspa per can go on doing business as

well-known citizen who apprec ates the humane work done by Henry has handed \$5 into Th office which he wishes to be made the nucleus of a fund to pay that officer. Two other citizens have also stated that if the fund goes ahead they will subscribe \$5 each. The mat-ter rests with the people. If they some forward it will not take long to

"Want of Watchfulness

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Many cases of poor health come from want of watchfulness. But if you keep your blood pure no thief can steal your health.

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with pain and distress from an affection of the throat-caused by impure blood. She was almost in despair when she turned to Hood's Barsaparilla. Six bottles of this medicine completely cured her." John Weckmar, Galt, Ont.

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Never Disappoints

Presbyterians more than raised the million dollar fund the Montreal Gazette says :- "Amid all the questioning about the steadfastness of the people in the old faith, religion still has power to touch the Scotchman in the place which is proverbially hardest to get at."

Hysterical American papers are talking overtime about Great Britain wanting to form alliances. Herein they show their ignorance of foreign politics. Realizing years ago her position of "splendid isolation" Great Britain has since avoided all formal alliances as entangling. What she seeks and offers is friendship, not east iron agreements.

GET READY FOR THIS COLD WAVE Ottawa Citizen.

Prof. See, the astronomer in charge of the telescope at the Naval academy in Washington, calculates that in 3,-000,000 years the sun will have burned out, the solar system will be in darkness, and all life will be frozen to death. Wouldn't that chill you!

> NOT A PLEASING PICTURE. Lady's Pictorial.

Gambling, intrigue, extravagance, selfish luxury, vulgar ambition, were just as rampant among women a hundred years ago, as they are to-day, with the deplorable addition that in

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left by the grippe is dangerous; it irritates and weakens the throat and lungs. It opens the door for consumption, SCOTT'S EMULSION inflammation; the strengthens the lungs and the whole body. Every doctor

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swore like troopers, and women of ng as to who knew, of their am We have at least improved upon this to the extent of cultivating hypocrisy.

LET'S BE TWENTIETH CENTURY Montreal Gazette.

Hamilton merchants have starte petition asking the Government to call in all mutilated coins. Merchants inmany other places will unite in wishing success to the idea. Canadian not only accept their own mutilated and defaced coinage, but a share of that of their neighbors. The people have not gotten over the habits learned when coins were scarce.

> FREE MAIL DELIVERY. Syracuse Post-Standard.

The day of mail delivery for every opulous area in the United States is ming. There is really no distinction between the idea underlying city delivery and rural delivery; and when the limits of the two systems have been so modified that their present boundary lines come together, then national delivery will have been eslished.

BAWBEES ON THE SABBATH. Exchange.

A good Scotch Sabbath story is told by a correspondent to the London Chronicle: One Sunday, says the narrator, I called at a cottage in the south of Midlothian and requested a measure of milk, which was promptly handed to me. I offered the woman a few coppers, but she curtly responded, "I can-na tak siller on a Sambath!" I thanked her, and was turning away, when she whispered, "Mon, ye can drap the bambess in that tub wi' the graith (soap-suds) in't. I'll get them oot the

> HAD PROVED IT. Scottish American.

A good story was told at an election meeting the other night. An Irishman obtained permission from his employer to attend at a wedding. He turned up the next day with his arm in a sling and a black eye.

"Hello, what's the matter," said his

"Well, you see, said the wedding guest,, "we were very merry yesterlay, and I saw a fellow strutting about with a swallow-tailed coat and white waistcoat. 'And who might you be,' sez I. 'I'm the best man,' sez he, and begorra he was, too."

JUST A FEW OF US. John Oviatt of Smithport, Pa., claims

to have killed 21 bears this season, one of them weighing 300 pounds. The Rev. Daniel Hauer, a southern

clergyman, of Lebanon, Pa., is 95 years old and has been preaching for 75 years. The king of Italy has granted pe nission to Captain Bresci, brother of

the murderer of King Humbert, to assume his mother's maiden name. Arthur Reamy Joyce, grandson of Bishop Joyce of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been appointed to a West Point cadetship from Minneapo-

Sir Arthur Sullivan's mother was as Italian. His father was pure Irish, and his grandfather was an impoverished country squire who served under Wel-

Don Nicholas Rivera, editor of El Diario of Havana, is an ardent Carlist, but a warm admirer of American institutions. His children are being educated in Washington. General Harrison Grey Otis is again

engaged in conducting his Los Angeles newspaper and says that, so far as leave that for any other kind of work. William McKinley was elected prose cuting attorney of Stark county, O., in 1865 and was in congress from 1869 till 1888, when he was defeated for re

election. He was twice governor of his The late Mrs. Gailpean, who died in Northampton, Mass., was accounted the oldest woman in the Bay State. She was born in Montreal in 1795. Her father lived to be 101, her mother 100 and her grandfather 99.

Senator Baker of Kansas carries an odd pocket piece. This is a small crystalline cube about an inch square and as transparent as glass. It is a piece of the huge salt bed that underlies Kansas where it is supposed the ocean once was.

Rifaat Bey, the Turkish minister a Athens, and the secretaries of the Turkish and Austrian legations there have been bitten by a mad dog belonging to Rifaat Bey's wife. They have gone to Paris in order to be treated at the

Thomas H. Norton, the United States onsul at Karput, is 49 years old and a graduate of Hamilton college, class of '73. He studied at Heldelberg and other European universities and was

for 17 years professor of chemistry in the University of Cincinnati.
Colonel Charles W. Miller of the Sixth United States infantry, whom General MacArthur has just made military governor of the Island of Negros, has been in command of the Sixth ever since the battle of San Juan Hill, except just before the regi-ment sailed for the orient.

William Scott spent Sunday in Pe

R. P. Wright, of Dresden,

E. R. Young, Ridgetown, was in the Ed. Donegan spent Sunday with his nother in London. Hugh Macaulay is laid up with an

attack of la grappe. Geo. A. Willey, of Ridgetown, was in the city on Saturday.

W. S. Tefft, of the Banner-News, is laid up with the grip.

W. S. McRener, of Detroit, spent
Sunday with his mother.

M. Martin, of Tibury, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday.

J. G. Weldon, Murray St., is laid up with an attack of la grippe. J. A. Graham, of Tilbury. Chatham visitor on Saturday

Miss M. Todd spent' Saturday and Sunday at her home Barrister John S. Fraser, Wallace burg, is in the city tiliay
Dr. Rutherford was in Blenheim
Saturday on professional business.

'Arthur Paggott, o. Windsor, is home suffering from an attack of la grippe The many friends of Wm. Mackison will be glad to learn that he is much better.

Wm. Patterson, of Glenn's Cartage Co., spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit. County Treasurer Shambleau is en-gaged closing up his books for the

uarter. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sulman have re turned from visiting relatives in Strathroy.

H. Eldridge, painter, who has been very sick for some time past, remains bout the same. The Thames river is said to be one

foot and a half lower than it has been for over 32 years. Bert Riddell, Park St., who was laid

up with an attack of la grippe, is able to be around again.

Miss Elsie Drader, of Alma College, St. Thomas, spent Sunday with her parents, Dufferin Ave.

Nelson Gilbeil, foreman in the wood-working department of Wm. Gray & Sms, spent Saturday in Detroit.

A Dressy Couple —A pair of \$3.50
Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Barrington
Hat. The 2 T's.

John Flook, of this city, has received
te contract for the government wharf
at Leamington, which will cost \$30,-

(Wm. Carswell, contractor, of this (Wm. Carswell, contractor, of this city, has completed the House of Refuge at Leamington, and has returned home.

John Marshall, Rodney, formerly of this city, who has been visiting friends here for the past week, returned home this morning.

Amassa Kelly, who has been in Win-nipeg for the past year, has returned to his home here. Mr. Kelly intends moving his family to Winnipeg in the

Henderson & Cumming, promoters for the binder twine industry express themselves as being fully satisfied with the progress being made in the formation of the company notwithstanding the adverse reports that are circulated by persons whose profits

circulated by persons whose profits will be affected. Already over ten thousand dollars has been subscribed and by the end of the week they expect to reach \$25,000 when the charter will be applied for. Messrs. Hen-derson & Cummings will not receive derson & Cummings will not receive ion with the factory until the chinery has been in operation and s fully approved.

A NEW YACHT.

The syndicate of enthusiastic Maple City yachtsmen who have pur city yachtsmen who have purchased a thirty foot yacht in Toronto, will sail their craft to Chatham, leaving Toronto on July 1st. It is the present intention to step for a few days at Buffalo and take in the exposition. The syndicate has been dubbed the Flancel Ruminants and the members a bearing their names secret. It is are keeping their names secret. It is rumored that Captain Beeston will be the skipper when the Winona starts on her western cruise to the Maple City via the Welland Canal and Lake

FOR THE DONEGAN MONUMENT.

The concert to be given by the Independent Order of Foresters on Thursday evening next, in aid of the Donegan monument fund, promises to be one of the best held in the city for some time. The feature of the affairwill, of course, be the speech by Hon. Dr. Montague. Dr. Montague is one of the ablest and most fluent speakers in Canada and it is a pleasure to listen to him. Both on the merits of the concert and because of the object for which it is being held the attendance should be large. nce should be large.

DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 4.-Hugh Kerr the father of Geo. A. Kerr, one of the convicted men in the Boschieter murler case, who was taken to the state prison at Trenton, died yesterday as the result of the shame and disgrace brought upon him.

JUST ENOUGH.

He goes the farthest who goes far enough, And all that's beyond is ju No vain man matures-he makes too His blooms are too thick for the fruit

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A SOLDCER'S DREAM.

The thick, low beat of distant drums Thro' clouds of dust, falls on my As bravely on the long line comes, Chaseeur, dragoon and grenadier.
With swing and toss of plumed bead
Mid sloping rows of shining steel
They pass, and he who boldly led
Them long ago, for woe or weal

Rides on before; and in that face

more Him who abhorred defeat, disgrace, Leading victorious as of yore. glance of those gray eyes, and lot With cracked voice calling, silly hand Outstretched in greeting as they go

I rise to follow, his command. And waking, find it but a dream,
That flash of scarlet, blue and gold,
How strangely real it all doth seem,
To me, gray-haired and bent and

-Harriet R. Goff. MILLONS OF WOMEN IN TEL WORLD ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT ADVANTAGES AND SUPERIORITY OF

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