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Don't Risk it

Don't take the risk of delay in putting on winter underwear—delay is dangerous, and this is the worst time of the year to take cold.

Ladies' Underwear

An assortment of Underwear is here from which any taste can be well satisfied. Light, medium and heavy weights, cotton, union, and all wool—here are a few specials:—

Union Ribbed Vests and Drawers, all sizes, fleecy make, very special value at a garment 25c

Heavy Cotton fleecy-lined Vests and Drawers, winter weight, at a garment 50c

Natural Wool, unshrinkable Vests and Drawers, guaranteed pure wool, very special value at \$1.00

Men's Underwear

No better stock to select from anywhere—any weight you want—any quality is here and our rule of "best for the price" applies particularly to our Men's Underwear:—

Men's Heavy Winter Weight, wool fleecy-lined Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, excellent value at 50c

Men's Pure Wool, Unshrinkable Shirts and Drawers, Turnbull's make, winter weight, special at \$1.50

Men's Fine Natural Wool, Imported Shirts and Drawers, medium weight, unshrinkable, very special value at \$1.25

Girls' Underwear

We were never quite so completely stocked with Girls' Underwear—every line in good values—all desirable weights and qualities are here:—

Heavy Winter Weight, fleecy-lined Vests and Drawers, just the thing for cold damp weather, at a garment, according to size, 25c. to 50c

Union Ribbed Vests and Drawers, medium weight, fine quality, at a garment, according to size, 25c. to 40c

Children's Heavy, Warm, fleecy-lined Underwaists, with tape bands and buttons, all sizes, at 25c

Boys' Underwear

The problem of Underwear for the boys is often a hard one to solve. We think we have got just what you want this season and in sizes to fit every boy.

Boys' Heavy Winter Weight, cotton fleecy-lined Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, at a garment, according to size, 18c. to 45c

Boys' Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, unshrinkable, all sizes, pure wool, at a garment, according to size, 70c. to 90c

CARLOAD OF SUGAR.

"I just came in to see what kind of weather you had," was the response of J. S. Fraser when asked what he was doing in the city. The Planet reporter remembered something about "an evasive answer" so started a conversation about sugar beets and Wallaceburg's pride, the sugar beet factory. "A trainload of sugar, consisting of 25 cars left Wallaceburg this morning for Manitoba and the Northwest," said Mr. Fraser. "The best beets received at the factory come from along the Thames River. They are the largest and average a large percentage of sugar. I think that the wet season was responsible in some degree for the superiority of the Thames River beets. The lands along the river are nearly all under-drained and even those that are not have good drainage. Then, too, you have a pretty good class of farmers along the Thames."

NOT OFFICIAL

Sir Richard Cartwright's Secretary Explains Recent Contribution.

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—Undue prominence has been given by the American press to an article on the Alaska boundary written by Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, private secretary to Sir Richard Cartwright. Mr. O'Hara is an old newspaperman, and in his leisure moments does considerable literary work. He states that the article on the subject mentioned appearing over his name in the New York Tribune of the 22nd was not written officially or semi-officially, nor was it intended to be other than a communication from himself as a Canadian and as an ex-newspaperman. It was not written upon official paper nor signed officially, and the heading, as it appeared in the Tribune, as being the semi-official view of the Dominion Government, was, Mr. O'Hara says, wholly and absolutely unwarranted.

Mr. O'Hara is an old Chatham boy. His mother, at present, resides on Victoria avenue.

SOUGHT IN VAIN

Ingersoll, Nov. 26.—On Thursday last several farmers came to town, bringing with them thoroughbred bulls, which they said they had sold to a stranger over a week ago, to be shipped to the States. Thursday was set as delivery day by the "purchaser," but although the farmers were anxious to put in an appearance he did not do so, and they returned home with their animals.

The farmers think they have been victims of a sharper's game, for at the time the stranger drove the bargains with them they were asked to subscribe their names on a slip of paper, which they said, the stranger presented as necessary in order that the cattle be admitted duty free into the States. This they did, and now they believe they have been victimized.

The farmers are also afraid that, if they have been "stuck," the amount is large. If the papers signed are really notes, the stranger had ample time to dispose of them, and put distance between him and the scene of his operations.

The stranger is said to have been a man close on fifty years of age, and did not look unlike a cautious bull dealer in cattle. He was "all business" and was looking for nothing but thoroughbred stock and was willing to pay prices accordingly.

BINDER TWINE CO.

"The Binder Twine Company is progressing very favorably," said secretary-treasurer and Manager J. J. Ross this morning. "Subscriptions for preference stock are coming in quite freely and there is no doubt that we will be running by the first of January. A man from Toronto called on me yesterday and was surprised to find that the preference stock was not all sold. He offered to sell for us \$10,000 worth of stock in Toronto. The stock, however, is going far more rapidly than we had hoped for."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, of the I. O. O. F., met Tuesday night and the following officers were elected for a term of six months, starting January, 1903. The officers are:—

N. G.—A. W. Gould.
V. G.—Harry Smith.
Rec. Sec'y—A. Heath.
Per. Sec'y—Fred Thompson.
Treas.—H. W. Smith.
Physician—Dr. G. T. McKeough.
Trustee—Wm. Sprenhall.

The Ontario and California Oil Co. has some property in the vicinity of the great Gurd Gusher. They have two rigs here which they expect to have in operation in less than ten days on properties within a mile and east of the Gusher. They say the surface indications are just about the same as where the Gusher was struck and that they expect to make a very rich strike. In sixty days' time they will have two more rigs in operation in the field.

MANY WELL-KEPT SECRETS IN RALEIGH OIL FIELDS

Has the Second Well been Plugged, or is it a Dry Hole? Experts Smile and Make Goo-gos When Asked Questions.—Various Companies now Operating in District.

Special Planet Correspondence.

Scene of Operations, Raleigh, Nov. 27.—All this week rumors have been rife in regard to another great strike in Raleigh but, as announced in last evening's issue of The Planet, there is nothing in it. So far Gurd, Kittermaster & Co.'s well, No. 2, has shown no sign of oil beyond a slight smell of gas. The well is now about 360 feet deep. Early Monday morning it was down 317 feet, which was the depth at which Gurd's Gusher was struck. Work was continued up till yesterday, when work was stopped. Bad weather was blamed for the cessation of work, but knowing the cause and that the bad weather was welcome as an excuse for quitting work it is evident that the intention of announcing the result but, in a few days, it is rumored, the hole will be abandoned and other territory prospected. Oil men don't take any into their confidences but the public will find that this information is about correct. Unless the company decides to continue boring and make a thorough test, this spot will be abandoned after Friday. Had they, however, intended to do this, they would not have lost yesterday, as their option on the farm just across the road expires Friday. It was rumored that a showing of oil had been struck and shut off with a casing, but little attention is paid to the rumor by those who are present to know anything about drilling for oil. What the company thinks of their hole on the Jenner sidereal well is evident from what they do with their option on the Butterford farm, which expires today.

One of the places where there is no oil in Raleigh Township has been discovered. That is the rumor that all week has travelled through the oil territory. The second well of Gurd, Kittermaster & Co. was the only one that was anywhere near the requisite depth. So to the spot were evidently working away, while it was known that the well should have been down to the oil strata last Monday morning but there was neither a show of oil or a cessation in operations. The whole thing was a mystery and left room for two theories. One that an oil well was being drilled, and the other that a dry hole had been discovered. The first surmise would have had some foundation but there been any show of oil around the well, but there was none. Everything pointed to the correctness of the second conjecture.

The Gurd, Kittermaster Co. is evidently keeping the fact secret, but the fact cannot be suppressed much longer and the drilling outfit will be moved in a few days to try for oil on some of the other properties in the district. Last Wednesday the drilling outfit of Gurd, Kittermaster, Woodward and Fairbanks was moved from the scene of successful labor. Gurd's Gusher, 18th concession line, was struck at a depth of 317 feet. The drilling rig was taken north about a mile from Gurd's Gusher and the sod was turned for a new well on the farm of William Jenner, 18th concession line, Middle road. The Jenner side road runs along the east side of it. It is adjacent to the farm of Elias Scamman, where the gusher is. The spot leased by Gurd & Co. for the sinking of their second well was just at the foot in the Jenner side road. This was the mecca where every visitor to the oil fields yesterday came to see. They knew that the well was down the deepest of all the wells which have so far been started but how deep nobody knew. Experienced oil men who visited it yesterday and watched operations smiled. The Planet representative, not being an oil expert, saw nothing to smile at. He didn't see any cause of humor when experienced drillers were apparently working so laboriously for oil. To all intents and purposes, the men were going through the details of drilling and The Planet's representative thought they were also doing the work. He, however, noticed the sly smiles of the experts from the Petroleum field who were fortunate enough not to own a dry hole. They were observant men and canny. They saw that drilling operations were being continued in appearance only and as there was no show of oil, they knew that the fact was being kept secret. The drilling apparatus was being lowered less than 300 feet, and although the drillers, to all appearances, worked hard, they never got any deeper. There were no indications of oil. These facts were gathered by observation.

Some evening Messrs. Woodward and Kittermaster hurried out to this well. It was rumored around the city that another gusher had been struck and the report gained ground. Then it was said that a gusher had been struck but had been immediately plugged. It looks, however, to-day as if the opposite were true and that the second well in the Raleigh oil fields has proved to be a dry hole. The drillers had worked night and day from Wednesday till Saturday night. Sunday at midnight

interesting to note the working of a cable drill. The driller stands with a stick twisted in the cable and as the machinery elevates or drops the drill the man at the stick keeps turning the drill around. It is monotonous, but a certain anxious expectation of results gives the business a delightful interest, an interest, however, that is eventually mixed with hope and fear.

At the well the Imperial Oil Co. has a force of men engaged putting in a pump, reservoir tank, and making connections so as to take care of the oil supply from Gurd's Gusher. The preparations so far made are temporary and on a small scale, but if the field warrants it a receiving station will be erected on a large scale, a 300-barrel receiving tank has been put in close to the well and a pump on the ground and is being put in place for use in sending the oil to Sarnia and a half distant. A loading rack has already been built at the station and a 2-inch pipe line has been laid for three-quarters of a mile. The pipe necessary to complete the line to the other three-quarters of a mile to the well has been shipped, but get astray and is expected any day. The pipe is being laid along the top of the ground. The pipe line is much preferable to the teaming of oil. The incessant traffic rendered necessary by the latter method destroys the road and the spilled oil spoils the atmosphere. Both methods were tried at Petrolia and the pipe line was found to be by far the best for everybody. Matthew Smith, Petrolia, has charge of the Imperial Oil Co.'s transportation gang.

"If we had the pipe," said Mr. Smith, "we would have the pipe line completed and be ready in two days to take the oil from the well as fast as we could get it. Of course, this outfit is only temporary. If lots of oil is secured you will see some fine rigs here."

"We have been trying to get men, but they are hard to get. I am glad to see that men are scarce. It shows that they are all working, and that means that times are good, and that there is no need to secure around here, too. We have to board two miles from our work. I have seen a good many wells, but I never saw anything like this. The Petrolia wells are all small producers. I couldn't say just what their capacity is, but their number is so great that altogether they produce quite a large quantity of oil. Everybody is excited around here," concluded Mr. Smith. "Why, I am a little excited myself."

Master Driller Fred Tiebhorne, of Petrolia, was at Gurd's Gusher Tuesday day. The Imperial Oil Co. has two drilling outfits on the ground and he will have charge of them. The company's superintendent, Mr. Brewer, has charge of the district.

Although it now seems probable that to-morrow's big exhibition football match with the champion Galt will be fought out upon a snow-clad field, interest continues unabated. Hundreds of enthusiasts—including many of the fair sex—will don cloaks and mufflers and turn out to see the fast struggle.

Captain Handsmarsh, of the Galt champions, writes: "We will play our strongest and best team against Chatham, and if we can beat them, Maple City team ten to nothing, why, we'll do it, that's all. A wet field and snow will not hurt our players as they are in perfect condition. Captain F. D. Cairns, of the Chatham club, when interviewed by The Planet this morning said, "Yes, it looks as though we might have to play in the snow, but it will be a good game. I don't think Galt can beat us ten to zero by any means, and the exhibition should be an excellent one. I don't underestimate Galt's strength, but I believe Chatham will put up a vigorous game."

The match will be called on Tecumseh Park at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Wm. H. Brackin has been appointed to referee the game by mutual consent of both clubs and the rules will be strictly interpreted and lived-up-to. The Chatham team will be chosen to-night.

To-morrow evening the Chatham club will banquet their visitors at the Hotel Garner. An excellent menu, toast list and musical program has been prepared. Tickets for the banquet run be secured from any member of the Match committee or at the office of Secretary P. G. Pigott.

OIL PROMOTER

Geo. McGillivray, probably the largest individual oil producer in Canada, from Petrolia, arrived in the city yesterday and went out to the Raleigh oil fields to-day. Mr. McGillivray is a former Chathamian. When in Chatham about 20 years ago he was a clerk for J. and J. Scott and will be remembered by many.

Since leaving Chatham he has made rapid strides and at present has more oil wells than any man in Canada. In the past six months he has formed several very successful oil companies whose stock has sold very readily.

Mr. McGillivray will probably be in Chatham and vicinity for some days.

Supt. Arnold, of the House of Refuge, states that they husked 2,670 bushels of corn from 21 1-2 acres and one acre of mangolds yielded 1,250 bushels.

SAD SUMMONS

The sad and untimely death occurred yesterday morning about three o'clock after an illness of about eight months from tuberculosis, of Leonard Jenner, son of Mrs. Thomas Jenner, Charing Cross, at the age of 36 years and 24 days. Deceased was taken ill about eight months ago and spent five months in the North-west at Calgary but did not seem to improve. He returned home in September and has been gradually growing weaker until yesterday, when death ended his suffering.

Leonard was a member of the Methodist church at Charing Cross and an active worker in the Epworth League and Sunday school.

Besides an aged mother he leaves several brothers and sisters to mourn his loss. The rest of the family are Mrs. Paul Russell, Harvey Jenner, Mrs. Geo. Bennett, Mrs. Herb. Sullivan, Fred Jenner, Mrs. Richard Cruckel, Geo. Jenner, Herman Jenner and John Jenner.

The funeral will take place from the home at one o'clock to-morrow afternoon to Middle Road cemetery.

LOOKS BAD

No Reservation by the Government on Raleigh Oil Fields—Farmers May Lose.

Ottawa, Ont., November 26.—The southeast half of lot 18 range 12, Raleigh township, Kent county, Ontario, on which the great flowing oil well near Chatham was struck, was granted to The Canada Land Co. Oct. 26, 1846. There was no reservation by the government for oil in it. There was no reservation for gold and silver and some 94,000 acres were granted in the deed of which the above forms a part. I cannot find other reference to the above lot and in none of the deeds that have been searched is there any reservation by the government except gold and silver.

This would indicate that the farmers who bought of the Canada Land Co. did not buy the oil rights if these rights were expressly reserved by the company.

MOON FEAST.

By Hebdomee No. 7, Sahara of Ontario, Oasis of Chatham Last Night—Many Pilgrims

The pilgrimage was a large one. Twenty pilgrims crossed the desert to reach the tent of the Grand Hyattist and upon arrival at that place received a glorious and hearty welcome.

The ceremony was performed by the degree staff in their new outfit and its work was considered fine. The Pilgrims particularly enjoyed the trip through the burning sands of the desert.

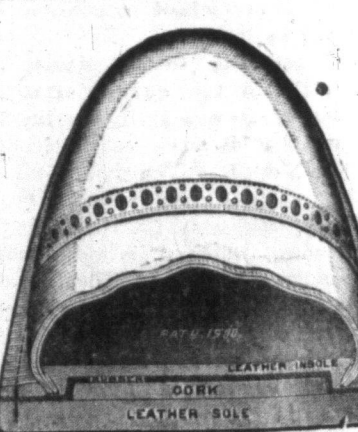
The music rendered by the triffles of Hebdomee Sanctorem was all that could be desired and was very oriental.

After the journey through the desert adjournment was made to the Auditorium where the caterer, Trebbman Thompson, supplied the inner wants of the Pilgrims after their hot and dusty pilgrimage through the Sahara.

Many from outside tents were present, Petrolia, Rodney and Blenheim being represented.

About 100 in all sat down to the bountiful moon feast and a splendid time was spent, breaking 'up about one o'clock this morning.

Dr. A. W. Thornton will talk on the liquor men's manifesto in the Dresden Opera House next Friday evening. He will also deliver an address in Tilbury next Tuesday.



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WEDDING OUTFITS A SPECIALTY

The 2 T's Slater Shoe Agents