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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, homespuns 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 Insertions, 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, heavy round even thread, on sale very special at 22c 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 20c a yard, on sale for 7c Guns 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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THOMAS STONE & SON

Carpets and Wall Paper.

Our Christmas Sale IS NOW ON

All Christmas Goods at 20 per cent. off. Call and see the bargains we are offering.

Westman Bros.

RUBBERS

If you care to save your shoes, and to keep them in good condition, you'll protect them with rubbers on a sloppy day.

AGAIN

If you care for your health you'll protect your feet with a pair of good rubbers. Rubbers are prudent at this season. OUR RUBBERS are durable and of the best make. Storm Rubbers, high or low cut, self-acting, at the very lowest prices.

T-U-R-R-I-L-L THE SHOE MAN

Repairing Done at Store

CARPET BALL

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

WON	LOST	TO PLAY	PER CT.
S.O.E.	3	0	100
A.O.U.W.	3	2	60
A.O.F.	3	3	50
I.O.F.	1	1	50
S.O.S.	0	1	0
C.O.F.	0	2	0

Mrs. J. F. Glover and daughter, Evelyn and Irene, returned home yesterday from Rock Island, Ill., where they have been visiting Mr. Glover.

Many people are like coupons—cut off in their prime.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

3 NIGHTS—commencing on THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
Special Family Matinee, Saturday 2.30

Prof. E. K. Crocker's Famous

30- EDUCATED HORSES -30
PONIES, DONKEYS, MULES

They do everything but talk. Incomparable, interesting and instructive. Mule Comedians make merriment.

PRICES—Evenings, 15c, 25c, 35c; Matinee, Children, 10c, adults, 15c, 25c. Seat sale open at 10c.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY, JAN. 8

First time in Chatham. J. W. Coffroth will offer the Original (copyrighted)

Motion Pictures

OF THE

BRITT-NELSON

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

taken at the ring of the Colma, Cal., Sept. 9, 1905. The best film ever secured by camera, absolutely without flatter, spots or vibration.

182,479 Pictures.

5,642 feet of film of the most riveting contest of modern times.

NEW OFFICERS

Harwich Literary and Debating Society Pass Another Milestone in Successful History

No. 1, Harwich, Schoolhouse was filled to the doo-doo Tuesday evening, at the election of officers of the Literary and Debating Society of that section. The meeting was presided over by the retiring president, Lindsay Parrott, while Messrs. Thompson and Innis acted as scrutineers for the evening. After a very interesting and exciting election the result was as follows:

Pres.—W. A. McGeechay. Vice-Pres.—Percy Parrott. Sec.—Treas.—J. M. Smith. Executive Com.—Messrs. A. Houston, N. Field and Mr. Duffus. Program Com.—Miss B. Cameron, W. W. Merritt, Lindsay Parrott. Heat and Light Com.—Mr. Stanley Turner.

Critics.—Mr. W. D. A. Ross and Mr. Duffus. After a few words from the retiring president, thanking the Society for the noble way they had done their work during the past two years, that he held office, the new president was escorted to the chair. He made a very brilliant address and then called on the other new officers, who in turn addressed the meeting.

The meeting was then taken charge of by the ladies, when a very social time was spent in honor of Mr. Duffus, the new treasurer, who has already become a favorite in the section. After an hour of social enjoyment, in which coffee and cake was served, the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

APPRECIATES HOME

American Consul at This City Writes That He Does Not Feel Alone

George Nicholas Pitt, the new American consul at Chatham, is one of the principal contributors in a creditable Christmas number of the Pocatello (Idaho) Tribune, in which he formerly was interested. His poem, "A Christmas Thought," is a high tribute to his intelligence and power of expression.

In an article, "A Christmas Greeting," he speaks as follows:— "This is a goodly land and Godly—this peninsula of Ontario in which I am sojourning, and where I sit under the Stars and Stripes to do Uncle Sam's business. It is a far land—the Garden of Canada—but the line that separates it from the United States is a purely imaginary one. Sprung from the same sturdy stock, speaking a common language, thinking similar thoughts and with a culture that is identical on either side of the border, we are, after all, one people. Nor does our mission to the world differ in any particular. Neither am I alone here, when with the approach of Christmas, my heart goes out across the border and across the great plains and over the mountains to find its home in Idaho of the United States of America.

There is scarcely a home, with grown sons and daughters, in good old Kip's old province of Ontario that has not one or more members in the United States, and there are not a few Canadian homes that are presided over by American mothers. Every mail sack and every express car that crosses the border these days bears messages and tokens of love and Christmas cheer. Mothers and fathers send messages of love to sons and daughters in the cities by the great rivers or on the coasts of the two oceans; to the farm homes of the great plains and to the mining camps hidden away in the mountains, and from every state in the great union of states, Christmas gifts, overflowing with love, for grandparents and for brothers and sisters, and for sweethearts, come to the old home in Canada.

Even Uncle Sam himself makes his contributions to the Christmas cheer on this side of the border, and his hordes of old soldiers, and their widows, in Ontario, will this week receive their pension checks just in time for Christmas. In this little city of Chatham, a city of 12,000 people, there are more than fifty United States pensioners.

CARD OF THANKS

The staff of the Public General Hospital wish to extend their hearty thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly remembered them during the holiday season:

Mrs. J. Piggett, five jars fruit. Mrs. Ripin, chocolate cake. Mrs. Cornell, turkey. Miss McKeough, coconut cake. Mrs. Rodley, dried fruit and pickles. Mr. Macdonald, holly, wine, grapes, biscuits, candy. Mr. Bellamy, basket of apples. Mrs. Dunlop, six jars of pickles. Mrs. McKeough, six dozen oranges. Mrs. C. Rodley, oranges, grapes. Dr. Holmes, oranges, grapes, raisins, bananas. Mr. J. A. Thompson, two dozen of oranges. Mrs. Greening, three dozen oranges and three dozen cakes. Mrs. Drader, three dozen oranges. Miss Ruthford, two pillows, six pillow cases. Central Drug Store, games. Mrs. F. Wilkie, two dozen oranges. Mr. Geo. Young, five lbs. raisins, calendar.

B. E. KENNEDY.

COMPLETED

GOOD YEAR

Public Library Board Successfully Wind up For 1905

Board is in Good Financial Condition—Members Who Retire This Year

There is no board in the city which exercises more economy, or exhibits more sound business ability in the management of its affairs, than does the Public Library Board. This Board held its final meeting last evening, when the business for the year 1905 was successfully brought to a close.

It was shown by the report of the Treasurer, Dr. Charteris, that in spite of the fact that a considerable amount of money had been paid on repairs to the Library this Board will be able to start the new year on a good financial basis.

Messrs. Anderson, Humphrey and Twohey are the retiring members this year. These gentlemen have made good representatives. Mr. Anderson was appointed by the City Council, Mr. Humphrey by the School Board, and Mr. Twohey by the Separate School Board.

There were present at the meeting Chairman J. W. Humphrey and Messrs. Dr. Charteris, Twohey, F. Stone, Smith, Sheldrick and Anderson.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Gas Co., \$20.00. Mr. Kevinsky, \$12.46. W. M. Drader, \$15.58. The following was the Librarian's report, which was adopted:— New borrowers, 38. Books given out, 2,060.

The books from the Central School for this month have not yet been returned. The circulation for last month was 75.

Cash Received.

For fines, \$51.10.

For cards, \$1.80.

Renewals, 10.

Book deposits, \$1.80.

Total, \$54.80.

Books asked for by the public—

Givers, by Wilkins.

Forest, by Lovers.

Margaret Shepherd.

Kitty of the Roses.

Also, by Broughton.

Monitors of a Great Detective.

The new books, numbering twenty, were put into circulation and lists published in the daily papers.

EDITH M. BARRETT, Librarian.

Miss Jennie Reid, assistant Librarian, asked for an increase of salary. Miss Reid was pronounced a very efficient assistant by every member of the Board, and the application was laid over until the meeting when the estimates will be struck.

The salaries were ordered paid and an order will be drawn on the City Treasurer for \$150.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Sheldrick and Twohey, was appointed to draft a number of questions to be sent to the Library Boards of other cities. These questions will bear on subjects calculated to increase the efficiency of the Library.

The Board then adjourned.

HIS ONE REGRET

Under the present game law of Kansas, the idea became prevalent at the opening of the hunting season that a man applying for a hunter's license must give a minute description of himself, and Fred, Haugbawout of Onaga, that state, who wished a license to hunt, is said to have furnished the county clerk with the following: "I am 49 years old past and old enough to know beer; am 5 feet 11 inches tall; weigh 200 pounds; dark hair; blue-gray eyes; two white hind-feet. Am also a male of American birth and Dutch descent. General health good; don't drink whiskey; chew Hornsabee tobacco and smoke Old Style. Serviceable, sound in mind and limb; have never been in the penitentiary or jail and don't want to be if I can avoid it. Am not a politician, orator or office-seeker, and the only thing that could in any way mitigate against granting of said license is, that I was a newspaper man for many years, but I have reformed, and if God and the enemies I made will forgive me I'll never do it again, so help me God." The license was granted forthwith. —American Field, Dec. 30.

GOOD SUGGESTION

"I am glad to see the suggestion of the Great Home Journal relative to the handles on the post office storm doors has been acted upon," said Dr. Munson smilingly this morning. "But I think it would be even better to go one step further. Why not have the word 'In' in large letters upon the right-hand door and the word 'Out' upon the other? I saw a man nearly tearing out his finger nails yesterday, trying to get the wrong door open."

When the joke is on you it pays to pretend you enjoy it.

AN OLD BOY

Robert Stewart of Moosemin, Sask., Pays a Visit to His Old Home in This City

Robert Stewart, of Moosemin, Sask., is spending a few weeks with his brother, County Commissioner Arthur Stewart, of Chatham Township.

It is 24 years since Mr. Stewart left Chatham, and this is his first visit home during that very long period. He is counted one of the pioneers of Saskatchewan. He is engaged in the butcher business in that province and has the most extensive trade there in that line. He does on an average \$35,000 worth of business every year.

Chatham has certainly made rapid advancement in 24 years," he told The Planet. "I would hardly know it as the same place where I used to live. It is one of the most up-to-date cities I have ever visited. We have nothing in the west to compare with it."

Mr. Stewart is an influential man in his western home. He holds a government position as Inspector of Meats, and is an alderman of Moosemin, having been elected to that position three years ago. He will visit in Kent County for a month before returning home.

PRESIDENT STONE

Elected to Preside Over the Kent Law Association for the Coming Year

At the annual meeting of the Kent Law Association yesterday afternoon officers for the ensuing year were duly elected as follows:—

President—Fred Stone.

Vice-President—H. D. Smith.

Secretary—S. H. Arnold.

Treasurer—W. E. Gundy.

The Law Association of this county is rapidly developing and another successful year is looked for. The retiring president, J. G. Kerr, was very heartily congratulated on the good work of the past year.

IN PLANET

Missing Package at Vancouver was Wrapped in This G. H. J.—Looking for Owner

Many good things are contained in The Planet—so that it is not an unusual occurrence that confronts the Dominion Express Co. officials away out at Vancouver on the Pacific Coast, where they have found several good things wrapped in The Chatham Planet of Nov. 7. This parcel is without address, and the company desires to find out to whom it belongs.

Any information concerning the missing package should be reported to W. H. Harper, the local agent of the company.

Excelsior Paint will give you what you desire—a nice, glossy finish. Try it. Drew & McCallum.

Good deeds grow in places where they are looked for the least.

Nothing is gained by blaming your failures on another's interference.

Start 1906 Right

By keeping a proper record of all your transactions in business and incidentally buy your requirements from the store with the stock. We have everything you can ask for in OFFICE SUPPLIES

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BILLS PAYABLE
INDEXES
DIARIES
SHANNON FILES
CLIPS AND STICK FILES
INK
MUTILAGE
PASTE
PAPER FASTENERS
BLOTTING PAPER
TYPE WRITING PAPER
AND RIBBONS
LETTER BOOKS
RULERS
ERASERS
INKWELLS, &c.

It is a pleasure to keep books and accounts if you use our stationery. We keep a good variety and we want your trade at

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King and Sixth Streets

IT'S ALL OFF. The Profits

On Dishes, Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, China, Lamps, and Glassware will be sold at cost, with 10 per cent. added for freight and packages. The invoice prices will be shown to all wishing to see them. We have a large stock to choose from. This great clearing sale of Dishes at cost will be for cash only; for credit the usual prices will be charged. The greatest opportunity given the people of Chatham for New Year's Gifts.

GROCERIES

20 lbs. Granulated Sugar \$1.00
22 lbs. Bright Sugar for \$1.00
8 bars of Soap for 25c.
Clothes Pins, 10 per dozen.
7 lbs. best Rolled Oats, 25c
Ginger Snaps, 5c per lb.
2 cans Salmon, 25c
Pickles, 10c per bottle.
Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c per lb)
3 lbs. Mixed Biscuits, 25c.
3 cans Vegetables, 25c.
Maple Syrup, 25c per quart.

John McConnell,
Park St. Phone 180

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.

Wet feet carry off more people than old age and war combined, with earthquakes and railway accidents thrown in.

We make it easy to avoid wet by carrying a splendid line of

Up-to-Date Rubbers Overshoes

The right fitting, good wearing sort, and only first quality goods.

GEO. W. COWAN