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APPOINTED

John R. Gemmill is Sheriff.

Notified of His Good Fortune by Premier Hardy.

Brief Sketch of his Career—Over Thirty Years a Respected Resident of Chatham.

Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy, has complied with the wishes of this entire community, and acceded to the request of the Planet. He has appointed John R. Gemmill, editor-in-chief of the Banner, sheriff of the county of Kent. Mr. Gemmill ought to feel proud. It is not once in twenty years a position of this description is pressed at the unanimous wish of the people and of the press, on a man who does not push himself for it. The appointment is a personal tribute to Mr. Gemmill's popularity, as well as a recognition by his own party of past political services. The telegram notifying him of his good fortune was received this morning and was as follows:

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 23, 1897.
J. R. Gemmill,
Chatham.

I have pleasure in informing you that you have been appointed sheriff of the fine county of Kent.

A. S. HARDY.

HIS PAST CAREER.

Journalism in the West will suffer from Mr. Gemmill's loss.

While the appointment is a subject for general congratulation, journalism in the west will suffer a distinct and irreparable loss in the withdrawal of Mr. Gemmill from its ranks. From his boyhood the new sheriff has been an ardent newspaperman. For the past thirty-two years he has occupied the editorial chair of our contemporary. During that time Mr. Gemmill has earned the admiration and esteem of every member of the community. For many years, though the ardent supporter of journalism in the west, he has enjoyed the regard of all his political opponents for his integrity, manliness, courtesy and enthusiasm. Our country's loss is the loss of journalism throughout the whole of Western Ontario.

J. R. Gemmill was born at Lanark, Ont., on Aug. 1, 1841. When but nine years of age he entered the office of his father, at that time the publisher of the Lanark Observer at Perth, and has been steadily engaged in newspaper work ever since.

In 1853, the family moved to Sarnia, where Mr. Gemmill, sr., took control of the Observer. His son, who, despite his youth, was already making his mark in the journalistic ranks, soon had control of the editorial work of the paper, which steadily increased in popularity and largely extended a growing circulation.

In 1861 Mr. Gemmill came to Chatham and purchased the Western Reformer from Robert Cumming.

He was the first issue of the Banner was published. Always an energetic and skilful journalist, Mr. Gemmill continued proprietor and editor of the newspaper until 1881, when the Banner Company was formed. Since that time he has been its managing editor's chair with credit alike to himself and his journal.

It is understood Mr. Gemmill will be succeeded in his duties by Mr. J. W. Peart, the present city editor of the Banner.

TILBURY IN TROUBLE

Has to Answer a Charge of Fraud at the Spring Assizes in London.

London, Feb. 24.—Colin A. Powell, of Tilbury, was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of fraud, in which

Mr. J. Thompson, carriage manufacturer, of this city, is the complainant. Thompson alleges that Powell secured three buggies, valued at \$150, on representing that he owned a warehouse and dwelling in Tilbury, valued at \$3,000, and encumbered for only \$500. The sale was made on March 31 of last year, and Thompson later made the discovery that Powell had placed a mortgage for \$500 on the property just two weeks prior to the bogus deal. Four days before Powell's sale to Thompson fell due the warehouse and dwelling were sold. The defence admits the existence of the \$500 mortgage and Powell will have to stand his trial at the spring assizes, which open March 15.

Powell was admitted to bail in \$200—himself in \$300 and two sureties of \$150 each.

A GREAT BOOK FREE!

When Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., publishes the first edition of his great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, he announced that after 600,000 copies had been sold, the regular price, \$1.50 per copy, the profit on which would repay him for great amount of labor and money expended in producing it, he would distribute the next half million free. As this number of copies has already been sold, he is now giving away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of his most complete, interesting and valuable common sense medical work ever published—the recipient only being required to mail to him, at above address, 31 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent post-paid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. Contains 1008 pages, profusely illustrated. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50 except only that the books are in strong manilla paper covers instead of cloth. Send now before all are given away.

The thermometer fell to 15 above zero last night, showing 17 degrees of frost.

WEDDING AT BLENHEIM.

Elias Young and Miss Jane Meredith the Contracting Parties.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Feb. 24.—Miss Jane Meredith and Elias Young were yesterday afternoon joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. R. J. Freeborn performed the marriage ceremony in Trinity church. The church was nearly filled with spectators, most of them being women, with a fair sprinkling of young men. At exactly three o'clock the groom followed the rector to the altar, and was accompanied by Messrs. Samuel Blouin and Gen. Henry Lane. A few minutes later the bride entered the church leaning upon the arm of her uncle. The bridesmaids were Misses Annie Meredith and Eva Blouin. The bride was attired in a brown travelling dress, and looked charming.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served at the residence of Mrs. Harry Wallender, sister of the bride, which was enjoyed by many relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The many handsome presents received testified to the popularity of the happy young couple. They will spend a short time in eastern points before settling down.

THROUGH HIS HAT

The County Clerk says Ald. Smith is Talking.

Ald. Lewis is Just About as Bad—The County is Seeking no Advantage Over the City.

"Judging from the proceedings and the speeches at the last meeting of the city council," said County Clerk Fleming this morning, "I have arrived at the conclusion that Ald. T. A. Smith doesn't at all times quite know what he is talking about. He talked right straight through his hat and no mistake. That may sound like slang; but it is good, expressive newspaper English."

"And I was very greatly surprised to see that a man of Ald. Lewis' ability should jump at the conclusions he does. The sayings of these two aldermen as reported in the Planet were a revelation to me."

"If the aldermen who compose the city council had taken the right view of the county's request for legislation, the \$150 that their trip to Toronto would cost might have done more good if applied on the India famine fund."

"Will the expedition cost that amount?" the reporter asked.

"Few of us are appointed to go," replied Mr. Fleming, "and you can form your own estimate of the expenses. The railroad fare alone, will be nearly \$45."

"The county is not seeking to get any advantage of the city, and if the aldermen who had so much to say had enquired a little more fully they would have so learned."

ONE CENT ON THE DOLLAR

A Blenheim Business Man Offers That Sum and his Creditors Accept It.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the creditors of Robert Cumming held yesterday afternoon it was decided to accept an offer of one cent on the dollar. Mr. Cumming will thus wipe out his liabilities and start afresh.

CHATHAM'S CHANCES GOOD

For the C. W. A. Meet—So a Prominent King-ton Wheelman Says.

R. J. Wilson, a prominent member of the Kingston cycle club, chairman of the racing board for district No. 5 and a member of the C. W. A. transportation committee was in the city this week. He will represent his club at the annual meeting and is very favorable to the meet coming to Chatham.

"I have seen your track," he said, "and as far as I can see it is all right. You seem to have good hotel accommodation and plenty of it. I know no reason why Chatham should not secure the meet."

When the great one-hundred-Kingston Mr. Wilson says that no less than 15,000 wheelmen rode into that city on their wheels besides all the visitors that came by train.

A MATINEE MUSICAL.

Pupils of Mrs. Thompson will Participate in one—The Program.

A matinee musicale will be given by the pupils of Mrs. J. J. Thompson at 144 King street west, on Saturday at 3.30 o'clock. The following program will be presented:

Swedish Wedding march—Soderman
—2 pianos, 8 hands; Misses Hattie Northwood, Marion McCall, Lela Douglas and Grace Pierce.
Bobin's Morning song—Hennings—Miss Margaret Bell.
Post Horn tones—Behr—Miss Ethel Burris.
Duet—Misses Edith Hall and Ethel Burris.
Fantasie—Opus 101, Moelling—Miss Nellie Fraser, Wallaceburg.
Polonaise—Besumont—Miss Jessie Patterson.
Fourth Finger Etude—Lynne—Miss Grace Pierce.
Young Bugler's Galop—Carl Merz—Misses H. Northwood, Marie Northwood, H. Morris and Lela Cruck-shank.
Ballad music—Bohm—Miss Annie Miller.
Valse Brillante—Durand—Miss Helen Adams.
Selection—Miss Carrie Thompson.
Gypsy Dance—Lichner—Miss Mamie Northwood.
Arabesque—T. Lack—Miss Marion McCall.
High School March—Julian Polzer—Miss Eva Degge.
Valse in a flat—Moskowski—2 pianos, 8 hands; Misses Hattie Northwood, Hester Morris, Ada Rose and Mrs. J. J. Thompson.

BIG BLUFF!

The Single Men are Making It.

Want to Curl Three Rinks of the Benedicts.

THE CHATHAM RINKS SETTLE A QUESTION OF SUPERIORITY WHICH ORIGINATED IN TORONTO.

There are eighty members in the Chatham curling club. Of these only fourteen are said to be single, but they believe they are all stars. Hence they have issued a challenge to the married men to play for an oyster supper, three rinks aside on Thursday night.

"Any of the married men specially preferred?" Dr. Cornell was asked.

"No; let them pick out anyone they want to. They have sixty-six to choose from; we have only fourteen. They'll want their best men, though."

The single men have selected the following rinks:

Rink No. 1—A. McCoig, J. McCoig, J. Dunlop, Dr. Cornell, skip.
Rink No. 2—Dr. Musson, J. Taylor, W. T. Bray, W. P. Scollfield, skip.
Rink No. 3—Wm. Holman, Geo. G. Fielder, H. M. Richardson, J. C. Lamont, skip.

A DISPUTE SETTLED.

Everyone has heard how G. P. Schollfield's rink had to pull Dr. Bray's rink out of an awful hole in a recent curling contest in Toronto. Then the rescuers fell down in the tankard competition and were distinctly out of it. Since those two events, everyone has been telling everyone else how little they knew about the game. There has been a lot of talk about the respective merits of the two rinks, and last evening they got together to settle their disputes in a game for goods.

The rinks were: J. McCoig, W. D. Sheldon, W. T. Bray, Dr. Bray, skip; and R. E. Johnson, J. D. Lamont, G. P. Schollfield, skip.

The game was a good one and well contested. Thirteen ends were played. At the close of the twelfth end only thirteen points had been secured. But the unlucky thirteen, the hoodoo number, was too much for Dr. Bray and the opposition scored four. This was the wind-up, the scores standing, Bray 5, Schollfield 12.

Dr. Cornell's silent (9) partner in the oil magnate business has a chance to crowd over the doctor.

CURLING NOTES.

Local curlers are playing off the inter-rink matches this afternoon and evening.

The city curlers did not go to Thamesville this afternoon as planned, having received a telegram that the local players were not prepared for the match.

Ald. E. A. Mounteer was in Wallaceburg yesterday on business. He made time for an hour at the curling rink and had a pleasant time with a number of Wallaceburg bonspielers, whom he characterizes as grand, good fellows. It is understood that he practiced on them some of the fancy shots that are always so effective in his games with D. J. McDonald.

FIRE NEAR TECUMSEH.

The Laffer Hotel Burned—A Suspected Case of Incendiarism.

(Special to The Planet.)

Tecumseh, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Laffer hotel, situated about a mile west of Tecumseh, on the Windsor Road, and owned and operated by Fred Laffer, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with the barns and other buildings. The horses and other stock were saved, but all the household goods were destroyed. Incendiarism is suspected.

TURKEY YIELDS TO GREECE.

Will Consent to the Annexation of Crete—Announcement Causes a Sensation.

Cannes, Feb. 24.—The foreign vice consuls at Retino announced to-day that the Turkish government have declared they would accept the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The announcement has caused a great sensation.

VOTING A MONTH HENCE.

The freeholders of the city will vote on a by-law to raise \$10,000 for a new market house on March 25. There will be one polling booth in each ward as follows—Ward 1, Waterhouse's; 2, Hamilton's; 3, Town hall; 4, Dale's; 5, Police station.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Polly Thomas, at her home on Adelaide street. The deceased lady, who was in her seventy-seventh year, was born in Wentworth county, and moved to Chatham about twelve years ago. Mrs. Thomas was formerly a resident upon Talbot street in the township of Oxford. She has been lying ill for the past 22 months, her long period of confinement to the invalid's bed beginning with the breaking of her hip. Two sons and five daughters survive her: John, on Wilson avenue, North Chatham; Walter, on Adelaide street; Mrs. Gossell, of Northwood, Mrs. Hall, of Redford, Mich.; Misses Isabel and Caroline Jackson, Mich.; and Miss Annie, living with her brother on Adelaide street. Funeral services will be conducted at the house on Friday at 2 p. m. by Rev. Rural Dean McRobb, rector of Christ church. The remains will be interred in Maple Leaf cemetery.

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8 in. Footed Fruit Dish; 12 and 15
6 in. Footed Table Dish 50c to 75c
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