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## Births, Marriages and Deaths

**HEYWARD**—At his residence, Queen street, Chatham, Sunday, April 6, 1902, Andrew Heyward.  
Funeral from the residence at 2 p. m. Tuesday, April 8, 1902, to Maple Leaf Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

### TO-NIGHT.

Opening Mineral Bath House. The public cordially invited.  
Western City Lodge, I. O. O. F., Odd-fellow's Temple to-night.  
Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7.30.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Dillon, James St., is quite ill. C. C. I. Concert, Friday, April 18th. A. Monteth, of Thamesville, was in the city to-day.

John Middleton, of Wallaceburg, is in the city to-day.

Old Pipe or Tea Lead wanted at The Planet immediately! If

Mr. Hall, of Thamesville, is in the city on business to-day.

Park Bros. made a shipment of shafting pulleys to the Wallaceburg Co.

Before buying your next pair of Corsets, have a look through Mrs. Weldon's stock.

Quinn & Patterson are sole agents in Chatham for the famous Woodstock wagons. Easiest running and most durable wagon made. Get their prices and terms.

Any person wishing to practice economy should secure their Spring Wallpaper at Sulman's Beehive during the removal sale. It will only last a few days longer.

Michael McGarvin, of this city, received word this morning from his son Harry in Detroit, announcing the sad news that the latter's wife was dying.

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St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles in the store lately occupied by W. N. Morley, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12. On the last two days marmalade and other cookery will be for sale.

Are you going to buy a buggy? Quinn & Patterson are sole agents in Chatham for the Canada Carriage Co.'s make. There is no better buggy made, get their prices and terms.

C. Austin is putting in a metallic ceiling on the ground floor of his store, King street. Enclosed are electric lighting is also being installed. Quinn & Patterson have the contract for the ceiling.

That the editor of the Carleton Place Herald is not a married man is proved by the following item from his columns:—"A sewing circle is composed of a lot of ladies who dress the heathen up, and their neighbors down." No married man would dare make such a statement as that.

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## ABOUT GAS METERS.

WHY THESE ERRATIC INSTRUMENTS DO NOT EXPLODE.

Such an Accident is No More Likely to Happen to Them Than to Milk Bottles or Salt Bags—What Does Happen in Case of Fire.

The proneness of the average newspaper reporter to attribute cellar conflagrations to the explosion of gas meters represents what appears to be an ineradicable race trait. No amount of contradiction and no accumulation of proof that such an accident is an impossibility seems to reach the newspaper writers, who go on reporting the explosion of gas meters, doubtless because the firemen have a tradition that meters are explosive and give this explanation of every fire which they cannot otherwise account for.

For the reassurance of nervous people it gives us pleasure to say that no gas meter ever exploded since the world began, and until they are made on very different plans and contain gas of very different composition from that now used for illuminating purposes such an accident is no more likely to happen to them than to milk bottles or salt bags.

The domestic gas meter has a more or less well deserved reputation for habitual mendacity, though as likely to lie against the gas company as for it; but it has never done anything to warrant the suspicion that it is liable to go off with a bang. It is a tin box of a little less than one cubic foot capacity, put together with soldered seams and japanned.

Into and through it passes the gas, which enters through the service pipe connecting the main with the house, usually of half an inch diameter. It has very little capacity for gas storage, and is not strong enough to carry gas under a greater compression than, say, half a pound per square inch. More than this would bulge its sides. In point of fact the pressure of gas in meters is rarely more than enough to balance a column of water two or three inches high.

If a gas meter is exposed to great heat from external fire, nothing very serious happens. The soldered seams will probably melt, allowing the gas to escape. This gas is not explosive, however. It becomes so only when mixed with air in certain definite proportions.

Should this admixture exist in a meter, which is almost impossible, its shell is not strong enough to offer any great resistance, and should an explosion occur by reason of fire reaching this admixture of gas and air the meter would be wrecked, but it is doubtful if any other damage would result. None has been wrecked from this cause.

If the seams of the meter are opened by the melting of the solder or by fracture from accident, the gas within it would escape, and, if it had the chance, burn. Outside the meter it might have opportunity to form the explosive mixture with air and do some damage.

What actually happens in the case of fires attributed to the explosion of gas meters is usually this: Gas which has leaked from defective pipes or worked into the cellar from broken or defective street mains accumulates in pockets formed by rafters and elsewhere, and remains there until it comes in contact with an accidental fire of some sort. A fire starts in the cellar and the temperature gradually rises until the smoldering rubbish bursts into flame. This reaches the mixture of gas and air along the ceiling and an explosion follows.

The meter, naturally enough, is thrown down and probably torn from its connections, and the conclusion is reached that, instead of being the cause of the accident, the ineffective meter is the cause of all the trouble and has indulged its inherent propensity to set the house afire after lifting it from its foundations.

It is a perfectly safe generalization that the gas which makes trouble in cellars is wholly outside the meter and never inside of it. Grindstones sometimes explode with fatal results in saw factories, but the excellent old lady who, after reading of such an accident and recalling that there was an old grindstone in one corner of the cellar which had been there twenty years, hired a couple of tramps to carry it to the street and set it on fire, and then, while giving thanks that it had not blown herself and family into eternity "unknown to any of us," was of the type of those who, through fear of gas meter explosions, are all their lifetime subject to nervous chills.

There is not a gas meter in use under which it would not be perfectly safe to build a bonfire, provided, of course, there was not a quantity of gas outside of it which the same fire could reach.

**Why Snow is Not Black or Red.**  
Why is the snow white? Is a question frequently asked. Because black snow would be dangerous; so would red or yellow. These are "warning up colors," and they change the sun's rays to heat. Such snow would soon melt again and prove a very poor protection. But white snow throws back the sunlight in just the form in which it receives it, and thus the snow can be long on the ground. Throw dirt on the snow and its dark color quickly makes it eat its way in whenever the sun shines on it. After a snowstorm, one let the horses' feet mingle the dirt of the road with the snow and sleighing will soon be over.—Professor R. O. Schmecker in Ladies' Home Journal.

To be sure, faint heart never won fair lady, but on the other hand, discretion is seldom asked for breach of promise.

## The Gordon Store Lace Curtains

It is not what we have done in the past, but what we can and will do for you in the present that counts. Read our Curtain cross cut catalogue of prices arranged by a Curtain expert to start the season of 1902.

### Nottingham Lace Curtains

Two tint and other styles of nice new patterns in lace curtains, 90c value per pair..... 67c  
75c Fine Nottingham, new styles, 6 yards in each pair, per pair..... 50c  
6 different designs in Lace Curtains, beauties, per pair..... \$1.00  
10 different styles of pattern, 3½ yards long, unequalled at the price in this or any other city, per pair..... \$1.20, \$1.25 and \$1.50  
15 choice assorted patterns, some of the most dainty designs ever shown, at per pair \$1.50 to..... \$2.50  
15 variations of designs, in fine Lace Curtains, at per pair..... \$2.50 to \$3.50  
10 assorted patterns, reproductions in style of the most expensive goods of the trade, per pair \$3.50 to..... \$5.00

### Curtain Poles, oak finish, ornament complete 15c.

**Bobbinet Curtains**  
High grade, wide frill, insertion and lace trimmed, per pair..... \$2.25  
Stronger bobbinet, better lace, nicer trimming, per pair..... \$2.50  
4 lines of Curtains, wide frill, dotted or plain, lace and heading trimming, per pair..... \$2.75  
Dotted Bobbinet and plain, wide frilling, torchon lace, extra dainty trimming, per pair..... \$3.50  
54 in. wide Curtains, very wide frilling, nothing more tasty or modern, per pair \$4.50 to..... \$5.00  
Bobbinet bonne femme style dotted Curtains, very heavy frilling at both ends, per pair..... \$4.50  
These are novel and up-to-date productions.

TAPESTRY CURTAINS, from \$2.00 to \$16.00, no better assortment to be found. Sample ends in pairs, extra value, very fine, 7½c to \$1.25 per pair. Traveler's samples of Lace Curtains (single) from 15c to \$1.25. Art Muslins, Art Denims, Satens, Cretonnes, in great variety.

## WILLIAM GORDON

### HONORS ABROAD FINE BATHS NOW OPEN

#### An Old Chatham Boy Who Has Attained Honor and Distinction.

The Victoria Daily Times is publishing an illustrated series of sketches of British Columbia legislators. A recent issue contains an excellent likeness of Attorney-General D. M. Eberts, an old Chatham boy.

Of him the Times says:— Although by no means the oldest member on the government side of the House, the present Attorney-General may properly be regarded as the veteran of the ministerial forces, for he is their ablest debater, and by virtue of his long occupancy of his present portfolio the ripest parliamentarian of those who sit to the right of the Speaker. He is, in fact, the only minister who can properly be described as experienced, for the remainder are more or less tyros in the art of government. This fact has thrown a great deal of responsibility on his shoulders, and he is, therefore, seldom absent from his seat at the right of the Premier. Thus it was that the procrastination and executive inaction which is so often associated with Mr. Eberts was noticeably absent last session and this, so far at least as the actual sittings of the House were concerned, and visitors who noted his almost ceaseless activity could not understand how such a charge could ever have been laid against him. The enormous capacity for work of the Attorney-General is undoubted; his disposition to exert it is not so generally conceded.

Hon. David McEwen Eberts, K. C., is the son of the late W. D. Eberts, of Chatham, Ont., where he was born in 1850. His education was received at Chatham Grammar School and at Hellmuth College, London. He was called to the B. C. bar in 1882 and created a Q. C. in 1892. He married in 1884 Mabel Hope, eldest daughter of William Charles, late inspecting chief clerk of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was elected to the legislature of British Columbia at the general elections of 1890, 1894, 1898 and 1900, was Attorney-General in Hon. Mr. Turner's government from 1893 to 1896, when the Turner government was dismissed, and re-appointed in 1900 to that portfolio on Mr. Dunsford being called on to form a government. He is a Conservative.

Personally the Attorney-General is one of the most companionable of men, witty and vivacious, tells a story in capital form and is the life of any dinner party which he is present. In the House he is very impatient of criticism, but only the greatest pressure brings him to his feet, although he is a past master at interjecting sarcasm in an opponent's remarks. Frequently he will half rise to his feet, stung by the attacks of members opposite, only to sink back again into his place after the first impulse to reply has passed. When in form he is a most aggressive speaker, of almost inexhaustible resource and a swinging alderman style which makes him invaluable in a political campaign. His greatest efforts have been on the platform rather than in the House.

### THE ARMY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Trodinick, Duloe, Cornwall.  
Gentlemen:— While stationed at Orange River Station, I was suffering from a very bad throat, and unable to take any solid food for about three days. On retiring to rest at night I used to put my socks around my neck in order to obtain relief. It suddenly dawned upon me that I had in my haversack a small pot of Kellogg's, and this I took out and saw on the label "swollen glands." I applied the ointment immediately, rubbing it well in for about 20 minutes. I then retired to rest and was able to get up next morning and do full justice to a good breakfast. The lightning results were beyond my comprehension. (Signed) G. C. Tunbridge, C. Sgt. N. Co. 1589, C.I.V. All druggists 25c.

### Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene, ten cents per box. All druggists.

Baby's cold may be cured in a night by using Vapo-Cresolene, which has been extensively in use for twenty-four years. All druggists.

### Money to Loan

At Lowest Current Rates, on easy terms, by S. B. ARNOLD, Barrister, Etc., who is continuing the business of the old office of Treasurer & Arnold.

### Muslin Curtains