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THIS WEEK INFANT'S, CHILDREN'S and LADIES' Whitewear and Embroidery Sale

Infants' Dresses and Slips from 45c to \$5.50 each. Children's Dresses and Slips from 45c to \$5.50 each. Children's Drawers from 25c to 50c. Children's Skirts from 20c to 75c. No room in our space for descriptions or prices of Ladies' Whitewear. Embroideries of fine quality and beautiful patterns from 3c a yard up this week.

Mrs. J. E. Weldon, King Street, East.

GRABBED A LIVE WIRE.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—James Osman, a lineman employed by the Ottawa Electric Company, was electrocuted this afternoon while at work on a pole thirty feet above the ground. The accident happened about four o'clock on Sparks street, and hundreds saw the man hanging on the pole. Osman wore leather-covered mitts, and grabbed a live wire with both hands. Two fingers of each hand were burned off and Osman fell limply over a cross-beam and hung above the street. Firemen lowered him to the ground, and he died a few minutes later. Osman was a prominent member of the Salvation Army and leaves a widow, but no children. He was thirty-seven years old. While Osman's body was in the Y. M. C. A. buildings, his wife came along and asked what the trouble was. She was told that James Osman had been electrocuted. The poor woman was completely overcome, and her grief was heartrending.

ANOTHER \$10,000.

Smith's Falls, Ont., Jan. 30.—The council of the town of Smith's Falls have received an offer of \$10,000 for the erection of a public library, and have conveyed to Mr. Carnegie, their acceptance and thanks for the contribution. The condition that Mr. Carnegie made was that the town should spend \$10,000 a year for the maintenance of the library, and this has been made possible by the generous offer of Messrs. Frost, who have supplemented Mr. Carnegie's gift with another \$10,000 for the maintenance, in twenty annual payments of \$500 each. The offer of Mr. Carnegie came in response to a request made.

PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—10 a. m.—Fresh easterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature. Saturday, a few light local snowfalls.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

The condition of Miss Alice Birch continues to improve.

The civic pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$47.69.

William Douglas, K. C., is expected home from Toronto to-morrow.

T. L. Coghane, of the Wabash Railway, was in the city yesterday.

The Macdonalds request a good attendance at their meeting to-night.

L. C. Johnson, of D. H. Howden & Co., is in the city to-day on business.

Mr. Macdonald has disposed of the Basswood Hotel, Chatham Twp. to Wm. Rose, of Dover.

Willie McKenny, King St., who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is recovering nicely.

Bertha Crow, little daughter of A. R. Crow, is dangerously ill with Bright's disease.

The funeral of the late E. Jones took place this afternoon to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

There will be no drill in "B" company until the 1st of April unless otherwise notified.

R. Coleman, representing the Stevens Manufacturing Co. of London, is in the city to-day.

Jas. Horn, who came home from Dakota suffering with typhoid fever, is rapidly convalescing.

Miss Campbell, Toronto Junction, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Spencer Stone.

John Piggott, Sr., returned this afternoon from attending the opening of the new Windsor armory.

The sergeants of the 24th Regiment will meet next Monday evening, when special business will be transacted.

Five operations for appendicitis have been performed within the last week and all patients are doing well.

Mr. Buchanan, representing the Bowman Hardware Co., London, is calling on the Chatham merchants to-day.

James Moore, engineer at the water works, suffered a paralytic stroke Sunday night. His condition remains unchanged.

The funeral of the late Mrs. St. Amour took place this morning from her late residence, St. Clair street, to St. Joseph's Church.

Mrs. Albert Perry, Lansdowne Ave., who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is gradually recovering, and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

The Lake Erie Railway Co. have a handsome set of pictures in Tilt's art store window, showing the different views of Erie and Port Stanley, which will be placed in the city office of the road in London.

Last evening a number of friends gathered at the residence of J. C. Wanless, Park Ave., in honor of his birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, music, etc.

The party did not break up until early this morning.

Court Chatham, C. O. F., held a well-attended meeting last night when several candidates were initiated. It was decided to hold a joint meeting of Courts Kent and Chatham next Thursday evening in their lodge room over the Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

A number of subpoenas were issued to-day against persons who refused to get vaccinated. When the summons came some of the people were found either to be vaccinated or else provided with doctor's certificates to the effect that they were not in a fit condition to be vaccinated.

To-night, and continuing for eleven days, the West Ontario Soul Saving Troupe will begin a series of special revival meetings in the S. A. Barracks. At the different towns where the troupe have visited, scores of people have been converted to God. The people are invited to attend these special meetings.

J. P. Henry, of Ridgeway, was in the city yesterday.

W. J. Sedge, of Fargo, called upon his Chatham friends yesterday.

Mrs. O. Donald, of Dresden, who has been visiting her daughter, King street, has returned home.

R. P. Jelly, of Windsor, formerly night operator for the C. P. R. here, is spending a few days in town.

Special attention is drawn to the "Red" of Westlake Bros., photographers, which appears in this issue.

Messrs. Westlake Bros. have started up in Butler's old stand.

The literary society of the C. B. C. held a meeting last Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected: President, M. Heaney; Vice President, Miss Dobson; Secretary, Mr. Ansley; Treasurer, Mr. Causgrove; Musical Director, Miss McManus; Asst. Musical Director, Mr. Houston; Literary Director, Mr. Wells; Asst. Literary Director, Mr. McKee; Social Committee, Messrs. Cameron, Houston, Bedford and Misses Dobson, McDermid, and Embury. The first meeting of the society will be held this afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual oyster supper of the Kent Bridge Literary Society was held last evening in the Patron's Hall. There was a very good attendance, including a large number from Chatham. Ald. Arch. McCoig, of this city, acted as chairman.

The following program was given: Song—Miss B. Baxter.

Recitation—Miss Hicklin.

Song—W. Chrysler.

Address—John McCormick.

Song—Alf. Wrigley.

Recitation—Miss B. Baxter.

Song—J. Primeau.

Recitation—Miss Broad.

Song—Miss B. Baxter.

Selection—Orchestra.

Recitation—Miss Hicklin.

Song—W. Chrysler.

Address—P. McGarvin.

Song—Alf. Wrigley.

Recitation—Miss B. Baxter.

Song—J. Primeau.

Song—Miss B. Baxter.

Frank Phelps acted as accompanist.

After the program dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

DISSENSION

Ross and His Colleagues Said to Disagree on the Prohibition Question.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Rev. S. D. Chown, one of the leading Methodist clergymen, speaking at a prohibition rally to-night, said that it was rumored that Premier Ross was being opposed in his attitude on the prohibition question by two of his ministers, and might not be able to carry his views in the Legislature.

Dr. Chown said it might be a question yet as to whether Mr. Ross should call on these ministers to resign their portfolios. A resolution was adopted strongly urging the Government to bring in a direct prohibitory bill and against a referendum, but providing that if one were required a majority vote should be sufficient to secure enforcement of prohibition.

TILBURY.

Jan. 31.—Miss Elizabeth Bartley is visiting relatives in Detroit.

W. C. T. U. meets to-morrow afternoon at the home of M. Stewart.

A. H. Graves, night operator, Michigan Central, has been appointed agent at Inwood, and left for that place on Monday.

The proceeds of the supper served by the ladies of the Methodist Church at the home of Hampton Cowan, on Tuesday evening, amounted to \$11.

Miss Mary Adair visited friends in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cartier attended the funeral, in Chatham, yesterday, of the late sister, Mrs. St. Amour, who has been ill for some time past with lung trouble.

F. Cartier is seriously ill in Thamesville, with pneumonia.

Rev. A. Kennedy, of Woodstock, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage this week.

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The Letter-Box

THE MAYOR HAS HIS SAY.

To the Editor of The Planet:
Dear Sir,—The events of the past week have forced me, for three sufficient and distinct reasons, to submit to your readers, the following letter.

First—To explain to the people of Chatham my opinion of the police commission as formed.

Second—To explain to the people the alleged management of the commission.

Third—To resent the insult offered to the city representatives, by the Judge and Police Magistrate, on the occasion of their last meeting during my absence from the city.

The police commission consists of Judge Bell, appointed by the Dominion government, who draws a salary of \$2,000 per annum and fees, which will make the position worth at least \$4,000, a part of which is paid by people residing in the city of Chatham.

The Police Magistrate, M. Houston, appointed by the Ontario government, salary, \$1,400 per annum, which is all paid by the citizens of Chatham.

The Mayor of the city, by virtue of his office, without salary, but elected by the people.

The city council have to pay the commissioners' orders and the expenses they control, represent nearly \$5,000 per annum, while the city has only one representative on the board.

I stated at a council meeting, and I say again, that a commission constituted as above, from a good municipal government standpoint, is a farce, as the ruling forces upon the board are responsible to no one for their actions, and have life appointment.

I believe the people should be supreme and the police department of the city should be handled by the city council, or by a commission elected by the people for that purpose (similar to the water commissioners) so that they could be removed or changed by the ratepayers, if found desirable.

In reading your report referring to meeting of the above, I was very much surprised to see some of the statements made by the commissioners present. Mr. Houston is reported as saying, that the salaries of the department were the same as when the council had control. This is not the fact, as the commissioners raised the chief's salary from \$650 to \$750 per annum, although they left men on the force as before. He is also reported as saying that I do not

take as much interest in the police department as did former Mayor's; this is also not a fact, as, if it were true, I would not be trying to have police matters taken up with a view to the people being properly represented on a Board, the expenses of which are borne by them. I attended every meeting held last year, one only being regularly called, and one other by telephone, the business of which was concluded before I could arrive, as the minutes will show. The two meetings occupied say ten minutes of time. Surely an expenditure of \$4,500 in our city should receive more careful consideration.

Judge Bell is reported as saying, that if I said the commission was a farce I was one of the principals in the farce; those who know the Judge can understand how much chance there is for another principal in any business where he is concerned.

I am sorry to think that these gentlemen should so far forget themselves as to insult Alderman Cowan, after inviting him to be present at their meeting. He went there on the invitation of the chairman, and also as a representative of the city, only to be abused in a shameful manner by the aforesaid appointees of the Government. No person elected to an office, would dare to invite a ratepayer to a meeting, and then insult him in this manner.

The criticisms Alderman Cowan made in the council, concerning commissioners' methods of doing public business, was perfectly correct, and as an Alderman was quite within his rights.

It is arbitrary actions and official churlishness that is hastening the day when the people who pay the salaries of officers shall, by their votes, say who should hold the public positions.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have every confidence in the integrity of the commissioners. No sinister motives were ever imputed to them, as I respect them both very highly, but I do claim that as a body to transact public business, the police commission is a farce, pure and simple.

Yours respectfully,
G. W. SULMAN,
Mayor.

GERMANY'S EYES OPENED.

London, Jan. 30.—Some German journals, says the Berlin correspondent of the Times, mistakenly suggest that Great Britain is so tired of the South African war that she is willing to offer terms of peace to the Boers which hitherto have been repudiated. However, it is beginning to be recognized that the British Empire will come out of the war stronger than before, and that after the restoration of peace of England will be able to exert influence corresponding to the increased resources of the empire.

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