

## The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY  
Chatham, Ont.

## MUNICIPAL PAWN SHOPS.

After six months of trial, says Public Opinion, the municipal pawnshop in Chicago, is pronounced a success by its advocates. Not only does it yield a fair return upon the investment, but it is reaching exactly the class of persons it was intended to benefit as shown by the fact that a large number of the loans are for small amounts. The results have surpassed the expectations of the State Pawnshop Society, and its members are doubling the capital put into the business, while plans are being made to secure legislative sanction for the establishment of like institutions in other Illinois cities. A question which arises is whether the state, in assuming the functions of the "uncle" is guilty of paternalism. The pawnshop business hardly comes within the scope of legislative action, as the finance committee of Chatham would hold, but it is all the more satisfactory to see a scheme successful where the promoters have had to break through the humbug red tape legendary ideas with which public bodies are in the habit of hedging themselves in.

## THEY USED TO MASSACRE THE WOUNDED.

How was it formerly, when armies fought with swords, spears and battle-axes? The attack was in the open, and usually on level ground. It was not then infrequent that half the numbers engaged were killed. One hundred thousand Persians fell in a day before Alexander. Hannibal slew at Cannae (B. C. 216) 49,000 Romans out of 60,000. In the great battle in the Valley of the Marne, in October, A. D. 451, between the combined Romans and the Goths, and the Huns under Attila, the allies slew the invading barbarians at the rate of 100,000 a day for three days. That was the bloodiest battle in history. It is estimated that Caesar's wars cost more than 2,000,000 lives. His war bulletins did not report a long list of wounded and a short list of slain. They were death lists—so many killed. The number of wounded was insignificant. Why was it that such large numbers were slain, and with such primitive weapons? It was for the very reason that the weapons were primitive, and required the combatants to come to close quarters, and to fight practically hand-to-hand. To be defeated then was to be annihilated. There was no means for covering retreat. When the battle began to turn, the enemy was already at the heels of the vanquished, and in a position to cut them down without mercy, while yet frenzied in the fury of the fight.

## SMITH VS. KRUGER.

Biblical students, and we trust all Planet readers are much more or less, will find much interest in tracing out a discussion which has been going on between President Kruger and a Mr. Smyth, of Chicago. Mr. Smyth believed that Great Britain was fighting for the right in South Africa; but concluded that if anyone could convince him that the Boers were right that person was Mr. Kruger. Accordingly, he sent a letter to the President of the South African republic, asking for the position taken by the republic against England. The correspondence thus begun was carried on by telegraph and post until a few days ago.

Mr. Smyth's original letter was as follows:

Chicago, U. S. A., Oct. 10, 1899.  
My Dear Sir,—As an American, a resident of Chicago, a lover of justice and fair play, I solicit from you a justification of your present attitude toward England and the outlanders of your nation. You must have out of resistance and oppression, and if you are in the right I would be pleased to know it from your own pen. I am yours, very sincerely,

JONAS A. SMYTH.  
Mr. Smyth received from President Kruger the following answer by telegraph:

Pretoria, S. A., March 7, 1899.  
Honorable Sir,—Please 35, verses 11 and 12 and 19 and 20. Respectfully,  
KRUGER, President.

Mr. Smyth telegraphed back:  
I, Timothy, 6, verses 1 and 2.  
President Kruger then telegraphed as follows:

Zacheriah, 9:8.  
To this Mr. Smyth replied by quoting Ezekiel 22:26.

By return Mr. Kruger sent a reference to St. Matthew 6:34.

Mr. Smyth telegraphed back "Hosea 10:13." Up to this time the president and Mr. Smyth had each prepaid their own messages. Now Mr. Kruger's reply was sent "collect," and Mr. Smyth was referred to Jeremiah 18:20-22.

Mr. Smyth replied by referring to Isaiah 51:19.

President Kruger by telegraph referred Mr. Smyth to Job 39:1-2.

Mr. Smyth telegraphed back Psalm 21.

The next message of Mr. Kruger referred to Psalm 69:1-3.

Mr. Smyth's reply was Job 15:31.

The president next called his correspondent's attention to Ecclesiastes 2:1-8.

To this Mr. Smyth replied by quot-

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ing Ecclesiastes 4:6.

Mr. Kruger sent another message marked "collect" and referred Mr. Smyth to Nahum 1:15.

Mr. Smyth's answer, which elicited no reply, brought the correspondence to a close.

His message was:

Malachi 2:8, 9.

It will be profitable recreation for our readers to hunt up and verify in their bibles the above cited passages of scripture.

There is one consolation, the Stratford council is said to have acted just as small in the matter of a fire grant as our own.

Over one sinner there is more joy in Heaven than there is ever ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.—Windsor Record.

There's your chance, old man, to cause joy in Heaven. Repent!

The Detroit Tribune says that "all American visitors to the Canadian shore of St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair should bar clay pipes in order not to be taken for Fenians."

Nearly 60,000 acres of land were disposed of by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company last month. Every acre sold, besides yielding a fair price, will in a short time be a source of revenue to the road, by producing freight in the way of grain.

When Mrs. Thomas, of Ottawa, was told of the death of her son, C. T. Thomas, in South Africa, she remarked proudly through her tears, "Well, I have six sons, and surely can spare one for the Queen." It was spoken like an old Roman mother.

Every cloud has its silver lining. That Wetland canal scare will form good excuse for giving many a worthy voter Government employment from now until after the general election.

It is to be hoped the sympathy of the citizens for the Hull-Ottawa fire sufferers will not be measured abroad by the parsimony of the city council. On every hand the citizens have nothing but condemnation for the corporations failure to freely extend a helping hand in time of need.

In Canada there has been outrage (due to war feeling), but on a comparatively limited scale, the worst of it being the attack of some hot-headed students on the French newspaper offices and the Catholic University at Montreal.—Toronto Sun.

Thus Thumessville's own John Coultis seems to have suffered in vain. Why satisfaction is there in being pitched into a snow drift if the press of the country will persist in refusing to recognize it as a diabolical outrage?

## WILLIE'S OPPORTUNITY.

Toronto Telegram.

This dynamite scare ought to turn all the unemployed constituents of William Gibson, M. P., into salaried protectors of the Welland Canal.

## DRIVEN TO IT.

Chicago Record.

The Kentucky man who was arrested for kissing his wife should not be judged too harshly. Perhaps there was no other girl handy.

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## EARLY WORK IN GARDEN.

A Matter of Site—Glass Sash and Early Cords.

There are so many things pressing for attention at the same time when the spring arrives, that it will generally be found an advantage to have the mowing ready on the plots for spreading. Some people spread it in winter, but I think that this is done at a loss to the crops to be afterward grown. It is certain that the sun and air evaporate a considerable part of the substance of the manure from the exposed surface.

In open, light soils there is a danger of the winter rains carrying the strength down to the subsoil and away from the roots of the plants. But, while very little can be done in the open air at present, we may at least give some thought to the placing of the crops the coming season. Every thoughtful cultivator will observe that there are parts of every garden, no matter how small, where some kinds will do better than in other portions. By selecting that part best sheltered from cold winds, but well exposed to the sun on the south, you may sometimes have your first pickings of peas, beans, radishes, etc., a week ahead of your less careful neighbor.

It will greatly help the progress of early crops if the ground is of a light character. Where necessary, an addition of sand, ashes, or light soil may be made and thoroughly mixed up in preparing the ground.

Celery planted where the soil is heaviest and dampest will generally give the best results; better and more satisfactory returns will be had if we select that part of the garden best suited to the nature of the crops.

A supply of glass sash will be found very useful at this season to those who are prepared to go to a little expense and trouble to get a supply of extra early and tender vegetables.

Spinach is easily forced with their aid, and of a much superior quality to that grown in the open. Place the lights closely above the crowns of four or five inches above the crowns of the plants. The crop can be gathered without difficulty by tilting the lights from one end with a piece of wood four feet in length.

Dwarf peas like American Wonder, beans, radishes, etc., can be brought forward quickly in this way. When no longer needed the sash can be stored away until autumn, when they will again be found very useful. With a little care they will last for years.

Liquid manure and light and frequent top dressings have a magical effect on tomatoes, cucumbers and beans, carrying heavy crops under glass. For the first named two parts turfy loam, mixed with two parts old cow manure, and for the other two, two parts loam, one part old manure, and one part liquid manure, are a suitable compost. Cucumbers are very particular to test mould. Many of the best school of gardeners use mould in their culture, and I have seen very fine crops produced in this way.

Done floor is also very useful, but surfaces coated with it must be frequently cultivated, because it cakes and glazes the top of the soil, preventing aeration. JOHN HOBSON, Pa.

## Dairy Notes.

When we have but little of anything to sell we do not care to spend much time in finding a market for it, especially if we are not sure it is as good as or a little better than anything of the sort. Our neighbors have to sell.

When we have a few pounds of butter a week more than we needed for home use, we either found a private customer for it or sold it at the corner store and accepted their price. But when we had a hundred pounds a week to dispose of we took some pains to find a better market, and then to convince the buyers that we had a product that would be worth more the season through, because of the good stock and good feed from which it was made, and its uniform quality every week.

Now the corner store is not a better market, even if they are willing to exchange other groceries for it, and the sooner those who can make a good article stop offering it there for sale in competition with anything and everything that can be churned out of cream, the better it will be for them and for all others who can produce good butter.

Naturally the country storekeeper feels that he must buy of every butter maker at one price, as he sells to each one his other goods at the same price, but it is discouraging to those who make a prime article to find that their extra care and pains do not yield adequate return. It is really offering a premium for careless and slovenly methods.

## Fix the Fences.

During the many bright open days that occur in the winter months it is an excellent scheme to put a few spare minutes you may have cleaning up the scrub brush around the fences and getting the land so you can plow just as close up to your fences as the horse can walk.

Fences overgrown with brush not only destroy the looks of your farm, but the tap roots from the weeds and brush reach well out into the fields and take up much valuable nourishment that belongs to the crops. Clean up your fences.

Now is also a good time to go over the fences and find out where the boards are off and nail the loose ones on and replace the lost ones. Of course if the ground is frozen you can not set new posts, but you can find out how many new posts you need and get them cut and ready to set early next spring when the ground is too wet to begin plowing. Another thing that will add to the good looks of the farm will be to set only posts that are peeled. Do not set old scraggy posts all covered with bark.

## LITTLE CLASSICS

Be willing to pity the misery of the stranger. Then give to-day thy bread to the poor; to-morrow the poor may give it to thee.—Michaelis.

Few men in public affairs act from a mere view of the good of their country, whatever they may pretend.—Franklin.

Whatever can be known of the heart of man can be found in Shakespeare's plays.—Gothie.

There exists no cure for a heart wounded with a sword of separation.—Hippodamia.

Heaven should be kind to stupid people, for no one else can be consistently.—Balzac.

Eminent station makes great men more great, and little ones less.—Bryere.

It is the sin which we have not committed which seems most monstrous.—Boileau.

Some men weave their sophistry until their own reason is in danger.—Doctor Johnson.

It is with sorrows as with countries each man has his own.—Chateaubriand.

They that stand high have many blots to shake them.—Shakespeare.

Let us respect gray hairs, but, above all, our own.—Pett-Senn.

A falling drop at last will cave a stone.—Lucretius.

## FINE BITS

Thackeray said: "I go to what I don't know, but to God's next world, which is His, and He made it. One places up and down the shore yet while and looks toward the unknown ocean, and thinks of the traveler who sailed yesterday. Those we love can't walk down to the pier with us; the voyage we must make alone. Except for the very young or very happy, I can't say I am sorry for any one who dies."

Never speculate. Never buy stocks or grain on margin.

Not to enjoy life, but to employ life, ought to be our aim and aspiration.—Macduff.

Refinement is more a spirit than an accomplishment. All the books of etiquette that have been written cannot make a person refined. True refinement springs from a gentle, unselfish heart. Without a refined spirit a refined life is impossible.—Hazard.

The drying up of a single tear has more of honest fame, than shedding seas of gore.—Byron.

No accident is so unlucky but that the prudent man draw some advantage from them.—Rochefoucauld.

Never indorse. When you enter on business for yourself never indorse for others. It is dishonest. All your resources and all your credit are the credit property of the men who have trusted you. If you wish to help another give him all the cash you can spare; never indorse. It is dishonest.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN

Do not use tobacco.

Never enter a barroom, nor let the contents of a barroom enter you.

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April 26th, 1900.

NICOL KINGSMILL, Secretary.

## AUCTION SALE.

Auction sale of a Brick Schoolhouse, with slate roof and stone foundation, on Lot 4, Con. 4, Harwich, on Tuesday, May 8, at the hour of four o'clock, on the premises.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 18th day of April A. D. 1900.

W. F. SMITH, Solicitor for Mrs. Annie Simpson, the administratrix of the estate of the said deceased.

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