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Great January Sale

COMMENCING

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1904,

\$10,000 Worth of Goods on Sale at and Below Cost of Manufacture.

This is the greatest bargain opportunity of the year—the season's most elegant goods at less than cost of manufacture, is a chance that should not be missed. All through the store in every department, January sale prices prevail.

ALL AT REDUCED PRICES

Furs and Jackets, Silks and Dress Goods, Hosiery and Gloves, Men's and Ladies' Underwear, Linens and Sheetings, Towelling and Flannelettes, Carpets and Linoleums, Millinery

Staple Department

15 pos extra heavy shaker flannels, shirtings, assorted patterns, in checks and stripes, regular price 10c, our great January sale price 8c.
4 pos striped wool shirtings, in dark colors for a good heavy winter shirt, reg. price 50c, January sale price 25c.
4 pos Moreen for fancy skirts, 40 ins wide, reg. price 75c, January sale price 40c.
10 pos best English Print, in dark and light colors, all new goods, regular value 12c, sale price 10c.
15 pos heavy Canadian Print, in dark and light colors, new goods, regular price 10c, sale price 8c.

Towels and Towelings

5 pos 19 in fine Crash Towelling with wide borders, regular price 12c, January sale price 10 cents a yard.
10 pos 14 inch pure linen crash towelling, reg. price 5c, January sale 4c.
2 pos 30 inch heavy crash towelling, red borders, reg. price 10c, sale price 8c.
5 pos glass towelling, red check, reg. price 5c, sale price 4c.
10 doz huck towels, extra large size, 21x28 in, plain, white and red borders, extra value at 15c, January sale price 12c.
20 doz huck towels, in plain white and red borders, both fringed and hemstitched, regular price 30c, sale price 25c.
6 doz pure linen huck towels, hemstitched fancy borders, very special at 30c, January sale price 25c.
One doz only bath mats, very choice goods, reg. price \$1, sale price 75c.

Pillow Cottons

2 pos 44 inch circular pillow cotton, linen finish, reg. price 18c, January sale price 15c.
2 pos 42 inch circular pillow cotton, linen finish, reg. price 18c, January sale price 15c.
5 pos 40 inch circular pillow cotton, linen finish, reg. price 15c, January sale price 12c.

Sheeting and Pillow Cotton

2 pos 80 inch plain English Sheeting, extra heavy fine linen finish, regular price 30c, January sale price 27c.
2 pos 78 inch plain bleached sheeting, reg. price 30c, January sale price 25c.
2 pos 72 inch twill bleached English sheeting, reg. price 30c, January sale price 25c.
2 pos 50 inch plain bleached sheeting, reg. price 35c, January sale price 20c.
2 pos 90 inch bleached sheeting, twill, reg. price 40c, January sale price 35c.
One pos each twill and plain bleached sheeting, 3 yds wide, reg. price 18c, January sale price 15c.
One pos each 8 1/2 and 9 1/4 bleached sheetings, reg. price 28c, January sale price 20c.
One piece 8 1/2 heavy twill bleached sheeting, extra heavy, reg. price 28c, sale price 20c.
One piece 9 1/4 extra heavy twill bleached sheeting, reg. price 30c, January sale price 25c.

Linens

Mill Seconds, slightly imperfect. We place on sale 20 pieces, and napkins just received from a mill in Belfast, Ireland, these are in many instances the finest goods manufactured. This is the greatest chance the people of this vicinity have ever had buying such elegant linens at almost one-half the regular retail prices. Tabling by the piece, separate cloths and napkins.

CARPETS AND CURTAINS.

2-pattern fine English Velvet Carpet, with border to match, regular price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price, made, laid and lined, 98c.
One pattern John Crosby & Son's Orient Velvet, regular price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price 98c.
One pattern John Crosby & Son's best fine frame Brussels, reg. price \$1.40, Jan'y sale price \$1.18.
Two pattern best 4-frame English Brussels with border to match, reg. price \$1, Jan'y sale price 78c.
One piece Wilton with border to match, reg. price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price 98c.
Three patterns best 4-frame Brussels, reg. price \$1, Jan'y sale price 75c.
Three patterns English Tapestry Carpet, reg. price 88c, sale price 58c.
Three patterns English Tapestry, reg. price 88c, Jan'y sale price 49c.

Dress Goods

6 pos 42 inch Bumbag Tweeds, 42 ins wide, in a variety of choice shades, regular price 25c and 30c, January sale price 19c.
2 pos Kilmainham Tweeds, 48 inches wide, in a variety of choice shades, regular price 35c, January sale price 26c.
6 pos Homespun, 54 inch wide, all the leading shades for suits, regular price 50c, January sale price 38c.
4 pos Homespun, 50 inch wide, in shades dark grey, mid grey, light grey and fawn, regular price 75c, January sale price 53c.
Blair Athole Suiting, 56 inch wide, very fine range, regular price \$1.00, January sale price 73c.
Gibeline Cloth in handsome patterns, 50 inch wide, one of the prettiest cloths of the season, reg. price \$1.25, January sale price 98c.
4 pos navy serge, 44 in wide, regular price 50c, January sale price 43c.

Men's Underwear at 1-2 Price.

13 dozen men's all wool union and fleece-lined shirts and drawers, regular price 50c, January sale price 25c.
Also a lot of odd shirts and drawers, some of the very finest quality at 1/2 price.

Men's Shirts

One dozen men's white dress shirts, reg. price \$1.25 and \$1.50, January sale price 75c.
5 doz men's socks, four-in-hand and make-up, reg. price 25c, sale price 15c.

Great Clearing-up Sale of Furs.

Space will not permit quoting prices. We ask you to come and see for yourself. You can buy furs very cheap.

175 Ladies' and Misses' Jackets

raiding in prices from \$2.75 to \$20.00, your choice while they last at 1/2 price, all this season's goods and elegant styles, better make your choice early.

Ladies' Belts

A fine range of elegant silk belts in the very newest designs, regular \$1.00 quality at 75c, regular 75c quality at 57c, regular 50c quality at 38c.

Ladies' Winter Underwear

Ladies' heavy all wool vests and drawers, regular price 75c, January sale price 50c.
Ladies' all wool vests, fine quality, regular price 85c, January sale price 65c.
Ladies' union vests, good quality and nicely finished, reg. price 25c, January sale price 35c.
Ladies' open drawers, extra heavy quality, very special, regular price 25c, January sale price 20c.
Children's union vests and drawers, in sizes 17, 23, 25 and 28, reg. 20c quality at 15c; reg. 30c quality at 25c; reg. 40c quality at 35c.
A large range of cambric embroideries at 1/2 price.
Yak insertions and laces for dress trimmings, blues, greys and browns at 1/2 price.
Ladies' Flannel Waists, regular price \$1.00, January sale price 50c.

Colored Tabling

One piece colored tabling, light green and red, neat design, reg. price 50c, sale price 40c.
One piece colored linen tabling, in red and white designs, fine quality and good design, regular price 60c, sale price 4c.

Black Dress Goods

8 pos Black Serge, 44 ins. wide, fine quality, reg. price 50c, Jan'y sale price 43c.
7 pos. Fancy Black Dress Goods, reg. price from 75c to \$1.50, your choice while they last 43c.
40 yds. Black Cheviot, extra fine quality and finish, reg. price 60c, Jan'y sale price 48c.
50 yds. Black Cheviot, very special quality, reg. 65c, Jan'y sale price 52c.
10 pieces Plaid and Check Dress Goods for children's dresses, reg. price 50c and 75c, Jan'y sale price 33c.
5 pos Black and White Chick Dress Goods, special for waists, reg. price 50c and 75c, Jan'y sale price 38c.
5 pos Elder Flannel in fancy stripe, regular price 40c, Jan'y sale price 29c.
10 pos. Art Muslin, yard wide, regular price 15c to 20c, Jan'y sale price 13c.

WHAT IS LIBERALISM?

Dr. Goldwin Smith holds that there is no great gulf between the parties in Ontario, and that there is therefore no rational ground for party government.

Those unreasoning partisans who think that Liberalism means the support of any combination of office-holders who may call themselves liberals have no difficulty in choosing their course. Those who regard Liberalism as the advocacy of certain principles find the situation rather more embarrassing.

Liberals have always claimed as one of their distinctive principles, that they trusted the people; that they were anxious to discover the popular will and to give it effect. In the early history of Canada there was much to justify this view. Liberals identified themselves with the cause of responsible government, and afterwards with the cause of representation by population; and they were until recent years strong in their advocacy of freedom of elections, of the rights of parliament, and of the people, and of safeguards against encroachments on the people by the executive authority.

It must puzzle an old Liberal to understand on what grounds he is asked to support the present administration in Ontario. It has exhausted almost every conceivable means of ensuring the power of the executive as against the legislature and the people. It calls the legislature early or late, as may suit its own convenience. It delays the meeting of the legislature in the hope of increasing its majority through the prorogues and by-elections. It calls the legislature this year in hot haste, in order to prevent the judges from trying petitions against government members. Is this Liberalism? Is there anything in this program to arouse Liberal enthusiasm in the best sense?

A great Liberal convention held at Ottawa ten years ago pronounced against the transfer of cases like the Gamble-Stratton charges from the legislature to a royal commission of judges. The Ontario government flouted Liberal tradition in this case, and insisted that the case should be tried, not by the legislature, but by two nominees of the Government. Was this Liberalism? Has Liberalism come to mean the violation not only of Liberal traditions and principles but of ordinary fair play?

In the Gamble-Stratton case the government and its friends professed to

have unbounded faith in the judges. They are now calling the legislature in order to prevent the judges from trying election petitions. What particular principle of Liberalism is represented by that piece of juggling?

North Bristow was disfranchised for a year and a half in order to prevent the people from expressing their opinion on the conduct of the Government. In what light does this action appear to those old-fashioned Liberals who regard Liberalism as identified with respect for the rights of the people?

The Ontario Government is admitted, even by its own friends, to be in a popular minority of several thousands. Why should a Liberal desire to maintain in office a Government which the people do not want? George Brown, who, after Baldwin, may be termed the founder of Upper Canada Liberalism, was always most emphatic in his declaration that the Liberal party must owe its strength to principle, not to office-holding. What is there in common between George Brown and the office-holding combination of the present day? The very motto chosen by George Brown for the present Government of Ontario. "The subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures." Liberals may be reluctant to believe in the corruption of the Ontario Government. They can hardly disregard the daily proofs of its petty tyranny, its violations of the rights of citizenship, its interference with the procedure of the courts, its interference with the freedom of the press. What Liberal today is not perturbed by the attitude of the Globe? Why did it tell its readers that the canker of corruption had eaten into the heart of politics? Why did it afterwards jibe at those who went around "bellying" about corruption? Sharply indeed the Ontario Government put on the screws as soon as it found that the Globe was inclined to express its opinions freely. The Globe was suppressed for the same reason that the Ontario Government was disfranchised. The Globe was allowed for the same reason that the election trials are burked by the calling of the legislature. The old Liberal who would like to see the Globe speaking freely again must first destroy the office-holding combination that governs the Globe, as it seeks to gag the people and as it seeks to turn the courts and the machinery of elections into the instruments of a petty and degrading tyranny.—Toronto World.

IN CHATHAM'S INTEREST

Three Important By-Laws to Meet Endorsation by Rate-payers on Monday

All Should Carry in the Maple City's Interests—Will Develop and Build up Chatham

Three important by-laws will be submitted to the electors on Monday—all of which, it would appear, are entitled to their favorable consideration. The passing of the three measures will prove an impetus and benefit to the city and will do much to perpetuate and increase that era of splendid commercial prosperity, so auspiciously inaugurated.

The passing of the by-law to consolidate the indebtedness is of primary importance, and a reference and careful reading of the public letter of the civic finance committee, which appears in another column, will be of benefit to the thoughtful ratepayer in casting his vote.

The city is confronted with a deficit of \$10,734.93. The calling in of this debt at the present time would practically swamp the city, but the consolidation of it—extending its payment over a number of years—will make the lifting of it a comparatively easy matter and place some of the burden of its payment upon the new industries and residents that are coming here from time to time to enjoy the advantages and commercial prosperity of our thriving young city.

The passing of the Radial Railway by-law would result in perhaps a greater impetus to Chatham's development than any other enterprise submitted to the ratepayers in years. Rarely has any measure been so strongly endorsed as this one is by the number of representative and sagacious ratepayers who sign the open letter of endorsement found in another column. The advantages of a radial road to Chatham need not be enlarged upon. Everyone knows and grants them. The loan asked for is simply secured to the city by a reliable trust company and the interest on the money loaned is all that the city is asked to contribute. This amounts to some 32 cents on \$1,000—a comparatively small sum. Then, too, the road is pledged, under the by-law, to erect in Chatham its power house, car shops, car barns, repairing house, head office and other buildings, costing not less than \$50,000.00. The city solicitor has given his opinion that these buildings will be taxed the same as any other corporation, so that the taxes paid each year will prove more than equivalent to the interest allowed.

The manifold benefits to be derived by every merchant, every business man and every mechanic in our city are so well known and recognized that there is no necessity for elaborating upon them. Suffice it to say that it will be of untold advantage to the whole city for the by-law to pass.

Another by-law, which commends itself to the favorable consideration of the electors is the Pork Packing and Bacon by-law. This is a hog-raising district and a pork packing establishment would prove a valuable and profitable concern. It will cause the building of a fine factory and the employment of a large number of hands. The cost of the loan in interest is estimated at about two cents on \$1,000—so that it can easily be seen that the enactment is one deserving support.

It will be a good thing for Chatham if all the by-laws carry.

CITIZENS MEET

His Worship Mayor McKenough presided over a meeting of the citizens held in the Oddfellows' auditorium on Thursday evening to discuss the three by-laws to be submitted to the electors on Monday. The attendance, while not large, was representative and much interest was taken in the proceedings.

Addresses were delivered by S. T. Martin, W. N. Westman, A. D. Pigott, W. H. Westman, N. H. Stevens, John Pigott, Dr. T. K. Holmes, Dr. W. R. Hall and others, the feeling of the meeting being unmistakably that all three by-laws should be supported. Another meeting will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock, when addresses will be delivered by many of our leading citizens. All are invited.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

A Fact to Remember

should you require any.....

Blank Books..

—OR—

Office... Supplies..

for the new year is that we carry the largest stock in Chatham of Day Books, Journals, Ledgers, Cash Books, Minute Books, Invoice Books, Letter Books, Shannon Files and Binding Cases, and all the little devices that make office work a pleasure.

Commence the New Year right by opening an account with us. Satisfaction guaranteed.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE.

Opp. Garner House

Few of us get more than we really want of anything except the things we don't want at all.

MOS. STONE & SON.

CHURCH - CHIMES

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 and 7.
Holy Trinity—11 and 7.
St. Andrew's—11 and 7.
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.
William St. Baptist—11 and 7.
Park St. Methodist—11 and 7.
Latter Day Saints—11 and 7.
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.
St. John's A. U. M. P.—11 and 7.
British Methodist—11 and 7.30.
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p.m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow—The Boyhood of Jesus.—Luke 2, 40-52.

Golden Text—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Jesus merges from the obscurity of Nazareth, in this inspired anecdote of His first appearance as a boy, and then vanishes to seclusion for the next 16 or 18 years. Devoted Jews from all quarters visited the Holy City and the Temple every feast of the passover (our Easter) and 12 years of age Jesus is brought to the feast for the first time. The mysterious juncture of Godhead and boyhood in Jesus is here manifesting itself at this important visit to His Father's house. After the eight days of the feast had closed the caravan of pilgrims start for home. Encamping for the night the parents miss their boy; their confidence in his good sense caused them no anxiety about him until then. Not until the third day do they discover him; remarkable that the last place they search is the Temple, but here is the boy, sitting at the feet of the D.D.'s, hearing them and asking questions that amazed them, at the spirituality of His understanding and answers.

Mary would chide her son—"thy father and I sought thee, sorrowing." He answers, "How was it ye sought me? Wist ye not I must be in my Father's (God's) house?" (None are lost who are found there)—Yet they understood him not. This is our Lord's first recorded sermon and it proves his earthly parents did not understand Him. What wonder that countless millions don't understand Him to-day? Nothing so misunderstood as the service of God, and nothing embitters men against men more than spiritual misunderstandings. Let us do as Mary did—keep His sayings in our hearts and we shall, like Jesus, grow in favor with God and man.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of this city, will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church on both occasions to-morrow.

Park St. Methodist Church will hold their New Year's services to-morrow. The pulpit will be occupied by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobbleback, and the music will be appropriate to the occasion.

Christ Church—Rev. R. McCosh will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

The Holy Communion will be administered in Christ Church to-morrow morning at the 11 o'clock service.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will conduct both services in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow.

Rev. Beverly Smith will conduct the services and preach in Holy Trinity Church to-morrow morning and evening. The music will be a special character and appropriate to the season.

In Victoria Ave. Methodist Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. E. E. McLoth will conduct the services. Morning theme will be on "The Fatherhood of God," being the first of a series of sermons on "The Lord's Prayer." Evening sermon, "A New Year's Greeting." At the evening service a reception will be given to new members. Good music at both services. Strangers will be welcomed.

Rev. Alexander Torrie will conduct the services in the William St. Baptist Church to-morrow.

Latter Day Saints' services will be held in their new church to-morrow as follows:—Preaching service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by Elder B. St. John, of Ridgeway District, missionary. S. S. at 2 p.m. Prayer and sacrament service at 3 p.m. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Religious society meets at 8 p.m. every Friday. All welcome.

Campbell A. M. E. Church—Rev. T. B. Henderson, B. A., pastor—New Year's service—11 a.m. subject, "Thanksgiving." 7.30 p.m. "A New Year's Benediction." Seats free. All are welcome.

Usual services will be held in St. John's A. U. M. P. Church to-morrow at the usual hours.

Sunday services as usual in the Union A. M. E. Church, Forest Street, North Chatham, Rev. R. L. Holden, pastor.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a.m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a.m. Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p.m., soul winning service at 7.30 p.m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

The Women's Auxiliary Missionary Society of Christ Church meets in the

Liver and Kidneys

It is highly important that these organs should properly perform their functions. When they don't, what lameness of the side and back, what yellowness of the skin, what constipation, bad taste in the mouth, sick headache, pimples and blotches, and loss of courage, tell the story.

The great alternative and tonic

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Gives these organs vigor and tone for the proper performance of their functions, and cures all their ordinary ailments. Take it.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church will be held in the Ladies' Parlor, on Monday afternoon at 3.30. All the ladies are urged to be present.

Prayer meeting will be held in the William St. Baptist Church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Class meeting in connection with the A. U. M. P. Church is held every Tuesday evening.

Divine service is held every Wednesday evening in Christ Church at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting is held every Wednesday evening in the S. S. Hall of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church.

Sunday evening prayer meeting in the William St. Baptist Church is conducted by the B. Y. P. U. at 8.30.

Christ Church Anglican Young People's Society meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The "week of prayer" meeting in St. Andrew's Church will be held on Tuesday evening at 8.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The B. Y. P. U. meets in the lecture room of the Baptist Church every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The regular weekly prayer service will be held at St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening at 8.

The Campbell A. M. E. S. S. will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3.

Prayer meeting in the British Methodist Church on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

THERE IS A WAY OUT OF IT

Catarrh, the Offensive and Dangerous Disease, Can Be Cured.

Catarrh is a disease that afflicts a majority of the people of the United States. It comes without warning and from its offensive nature causes intense suffering and humiliation. Its complications are often dangerous and fatal. Dyspepsia, bronchitis and consumption frequently result, if catarrh is allowed to run its course unchecked.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have done more good and effected more cures among catarrh sufferers than any known remedy. They never fail to cure even the most aggravated cases where their use is adhered to. They thoroughly renovate the system and cleanse it of all impurities. Under their influence all catarrh poisons are thrown off and the cure is complete and permanent.

A prominent lawyer and public speaker of Pittsburgh, says: "I have been troubled with catarrh of the head and throat for 12 years. In this climate it seems impossible to get rid of it. The continual dropping of mucus from the nose into the throat caused irritation and hoarseness, seriously interfering with my public speaking. It took me an hour or more of coughing, gagging, expectorating and sneezing every morning before I could settle down to work, and this condition gradually brought on catarrh of the stomach, causing loss of appetite, poor digestion and a foul breath, which annoyed me exceedingly. My physician advised me to try Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and I took them for two months and was astonished to find how quickly they cleared my head, throat and stomach, and I have no hesitation in recommending them. They are not only pleasant to take, but they seem to get at the very cause of the trouble, because since using them I have no trace of catarrh."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box. They have done so much good and the demand for them is so great that no druggist ever fails to keep them in stock, although there are other remedies which yield him a much greater profit. Druggists know, however, that they would be making a great mistake and endangering their business to be without Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

THE GREED FOR GOLD.

A Yale Professor's Warning to United States and Britain.

New York, Dec. 30.—In an address before the Church Club of the Diocese of Long Island, Prof. G. T. Ladd of Yale declared that "the greatest curse of this country is the terrible greed for gold." The trade classes, he declared, are so tightly drawn at the present time that a break is bound to come soon. "The worst existing troubles in the United States and England," he asserted, the professor, "are self-indulgence and high living, which will eventually bring ruin to any powerful nation."

I was Cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LIMENT.

Bay of Islands, N. B.

I was Cured of Chronic Rheumatism by MINARD'S LIMENT.

Springhill, N. S.

I was Cured of Chronic Rheumatism by MINARD'S LIMENT.

Albert Co., N. B.

Forget the sorrows and anxieties of yesterday.

THE LOGAL BUDGET

Miss Mabel Walters is quite ill. Horace Davis left Thursday for his home in Mitchell.

Vote for W. H. Westman, hardware merchant, for the council for 1904.

Mrs. H. Cartwright left the city on Tuesday for Detroit.

W. H. Westman will be a candidate for the council on Monday next.

Miss Marjorie McColl left to-day for Tonawanda, N. Y.

Mrs. J. G. McLean is visiting in North St. Joseph, Huron Co.

Smoke Quait on Feast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made.

Miss Ella Herman is visiting friends at Guilds and Ridgeway.

Call on Gabe McIntyre and the Montreal House, corner Head and Sandys streets.

N. H. Baxter, who has been visiting in the city, has returned to Detroit.

Happiness and misery, after all, is very equally divided among mankind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Asher, of Detroit, are visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagenheim have returned to Brantford after spending a few days in the city.

W. H. Westman, hardware merchant, solicits your vote and influence for a seat at the council board.

Mr. Eckerley, of Plattburg, N. Y., who has been spending a few days in the city, has returned home.

When you want an artistic design call up or visit Victoria avenue Green House. Phone 181.

Mr. J. P. Jennings, of Flint, Mich., is visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. A. Wemp, Wellington street, West.

Reginald Oldershaw left Thursday afternoon to spend New Years with his brother Arthur Oldershaw, Collingwood.

Miss Mary Black and Master Angus Black returned home Thursday, after visiting Mrs. G. H. Connibair, St. Clair street.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$1.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

City Clerk Merritt is authority for the statement that persons on the voting list in more than one Ward can vote on the by-laws as many times as they are down.

Fifty acres of the best land in Raleigh, is offered for sale in today's issue, as well as some desirable city property. Application should be made to Houston, Stone & Seane, solicitors for the estate.

James Gausgrove, a teacher in the Canada Business College, has returned from spending his vacation at his home in Ridgeway.

Sam Lee's Best Laundry has removed to his new store in the Opera House Block. Friends will please bring parcels to the new store a few doors east. Sam Lee, Best Laundry.

Mrs. John Northwood, Miss Dot Northwood and Miss Adele Martin leave to-day for Wagon Mound, New Mexico.

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M. J. G. Willison, cutter of the T. H. Taylor & Co., has accepted a position with the McElroy & Co., King street, Toronto, to take this morning for that place.

Even when a cold on the lungs seems to have you fast in its deadly grasp, Almond Balsam will loosen the mucus, allay the inflammation, heal the aching throat and finally overcome the enemy completely.

George Wanda has received a very handsome present from the Supreme Court of the I. O. F., Toronto. The gift was in the shape of a handsome Foresters parlor lamp. The lamp has on all the emblems of the Order and is an exceedingly beautiful and useful present.

Lost—Between C. P. R. Hotel and Fifth St. Bridge, Morocco Pocket Book, containing a sum of money, a note and bill-heads of J. W. Levack John Bullen, Toronto. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to D. J. McDonald, C. P. R. Hotel, or to this office.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected by the association for the Separate School Board for 1904: Messrs. F. Tschirhart, J. Welch, J. Stevens, F. Trudell and Geo. Bloude.

Have you any spare room in your house? If so, why not take some boarders for the winter? It would help to pay your fuel bills. The Business College expects to require to accommodate for a number of young ladies and gentlemen for the beginning of the year. If interested, call at the College office and leave your address.

The employees of the wood working department of the Wm. Gray & Sons Co., Limited, on Wednesday, last, presented Mr. A. Knott, the superintendent of the department, with a very fine oak secretary, and an address expressing their appreciation of his very kind and courteous attention during the past year.

This thoughtful remembrance on the part of the men is very highly esteemed by Mr. Knott.

Something New! We will give away to every customer good Canadian money. Of course you don't need it, but your neighbor may. Read our advt. in this issue and tell him about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Chicago Livermen's Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A positive refusal to arbitrate was the decision of the joint associations of livermen to-night on the proposal submitted by the striking liver drivers. Many deserters from the union were reported to-day.

Meynell

—IS—
Making Preparations for the Most Stupendous

Out Price Sale of Clothing and Furnishings,

To start on January 1st, 1904. Keep an eye on our Window.

Meynell's,

3 Doors West from Market, King Street

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
Marks Bros.—Jan. 4-18.
Ritchie Co.—Jan. 25.
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

MARKS BROS. NEXT WEEK.

Stronger and better than ever, and strengthened by the addition of several new artists of A No. 1 quality, the old time favorites, the Marks Brothers, opened at the Grand last night a week's engagement. To the citizens of Kingston no introduction of this talented family is necessary. Their work is too well known to need of a hypnotic power which they possess, he was able to continue his operations with safety for a long time, until he was finally brought to justice by a detective named Lucifer, aided by the wronged and discarded mistress of the villain.

Unable to escape the consequences of his many crimes, in a moment of weakness drank a glass of wine by mistake, which had previously been pursued by himself, with the hope of securing the death of his mistress. The role of the villain, "Richard Greenwood," was then in excellent manner by M. S. Goldaine, the leading historic artists. The specialists rendered were of a high class nature, and were well received by the audience. Ed. Paul is certainly an expert in the manipulation of both strangled and brass instruments and had to respond to frequent encore.

Mabel Grace Purdie made a graceful sobrette, and Harry Fay in his illustrated songs, "Just Plain Folks" and "Why Did They Sell Klarnet?" took well with the audience. The engagement of the company lasts for the entire week, and if they continue to put on such an excellent bill as they did last night there is but little doubt that crowded houses will continue to greet them.—Kingston News and Times.

The company will play in Chatham all next week, with Saturday matinee. The opening piece will be "A Man of Mystery." Plan open at Briscoe's. Prices 10, 15 and 25 cents.

The Master Mechanic's Fare Tar Soap basins and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co. Mfrs. Montreal.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Oresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

Even a versatile woman musician may have a propensity for harping on one string.

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Specials for To-night and Monday.

Girls Coats—Pretty styles assorted lengths and colors prettily trimmed \$1.00 and \$3.50 coats, clearing at

\$2.68

\$1.00 coats, clearing at \$3.48.

\$1.50 and \$5.00 Coats, clearing at

\$3.89

Furs of every description, clearing at Big Reductions.

Ladies' Wrappers—All our flannel-ette wrappers, in choice patterns and colorings, lined waists, regular 90c to \$1.00 values, clearing at

98c.

Ladies' Wrapper—Handsome styles, prettily trimmed and flannel skirt, lined waist, regular up to \$1.55 each clearing at

\$1.19

Ladies Wrappers—Regular \$1.50 to \$1.75 values, clearing Saturday at

\$1.19

\$1.00 Gauntlets at 60c. Pair—3 Doz. Pair Ladies' Grey Astrachan Gauntlets, kid facings, wool lined, regular \$1.00 a pair, clearing Saturday at

60c.

3 Doz. Children's Grey Curi Gauntlets, choice quality, wool lined, regular 50c. pair, clearing Saturday at

33c.

Clearing prices on Ladies' Coats—\$3.90, \$1.50, and \$7.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at

\$4.98

\$3.50, \$2.00 and \$9.50 Coats, clearing Saturday at

\$6.90

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\$7.48

\$12.00, \$12.90 and \$13.50 coats, clearing Saturday at

\$9.90

\$15.00 and \$17.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at

\$13.90

8 Doz. Ladies' Waists, pretty styles Kimono flannelette designs and colorings, clearing Saturday at each

46c.

Ladies' Waists, about 2 dozen assorted styles in Fancy Kimono Flannelette, Black Satene, Cream Voles, etc., pretty styles, prettily made, sizes 32 to 40 in., regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 each, clearing Saturday at each

98c.

French Flannel Waists, fine pure wool quality, in range of plain or combination colors, handsome styles, regular \$3.00 to \$3.50, clearing Saturday at each

\$2.38

6c. Flannelette at 41-2c. Yard, 600 yards good quality flannelette, 29 inches wide, in large range of light and dark stripes, fast colors, a splendid quality, Saturday per yard at

\$1.20

\$1.50 Gauntlets at 95c.—24 pair Ladies' Seal Cloth Gauntlets, superior quality, waterproof, kid palms, wool lined, quilted cuffs, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair, clearing Saturday at

98c.

SEVEN STORES The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Limited TWO FACTORIES

TO THE SICK ROOM

THE MAGI WATER
Is an invaluable adjunct; a natural Mineral Water of wide usefulness.

J. J. McLaughlin, Toronto, AGENT.

LETTER BOX

A GOOD MAN.

To the Editor of The Planet:

While not taking any interest in the municipal elections other than that of an ordinary ratepayer, there is one candidate for aldermanic honors whom I think the citizens should elect. I refer to Mr. Arthur J. Dunn. Handicapped in the race for life, as few men are, he has put up a brave fight, and while many men in his condition would have become a burden to his friends or to the community, he has succeeded, by his indomitable energy and shrewd business instinct, in establishing an enviable position among the young business men of the city.

I believe Mr. Dunn would make a thoroughly capable and reliable alderman, and the citizens, by electing him, would do themselves a good service, and at the same time encourage and endorse the heroism, of the spirit of the young man that fights against great odds.

A. W. THORNTON,
Chatham, Jan. 2, 1904.

THE WORST KIND.

After Piles have existed for a long time and passed through different stages, the suffering is intense—pain, itching, throbbing, tumors form, filled with bursting with black blood.

Symptoms indicating other troubles may appear to a thoroughly Pile-sick person.

This is when Hem-Roid, the only internal, the only absolute Pile cure, brings the results that has made its fame.

It will cure the most stubborn case in existence and a bonded guarantee to that effect goes with each package. Sold by G. H. Gunn & Co., Central Drug Store, Chatham.

DODD'S ALMANAC NOTICE.

The distribution of our Almanac for 1904 has been completed and as far as possible a copy has been delivered to every household in Canada. If you have not received one and will drop us a post card, mentioning this paper and giving your name and address, we will at once forward to you, free of all cost, a copy of the Almanac and Dodd's Magazine, for 1904.

BLISSFUL IGNORANCE.
Woman to draw us on succeeds, But by so fine a thread, Man, blinded, thinks he who leads—
Unknown he is led.

The blind beggar generally has an eye for business.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

Satisfaction.

That's what we guarantee if you do your grocery buying here. We are particular to buy only the best goods, we must know they are good or we do not want them.

Are You Perfectly Satisfied with the Goods You Are Getting?

We should be pleased to have a trial order from you, you run no risk in the matter, for back of our statements is the guarantee "Your money back if everything is not perfectly satisfactory."

Why Not Try Us?

H. Malcolmson

The Old Year AND The New.

Just now it is fitting that we express our appreciation of the highly satisfactory business that has been accorded us during the past year. We thank our patrons for their interest and loyalty, and while expressing our appreciation, we wish, also, to extend our best wishes for a New Year of happiness and prosperity for all. Your best interests shall be our interests during the coming year.

Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER.

28 King St., - Phone 221

DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST,
has removed to his new office,
corner King and Fifth Streets,
over A. I. McCall's Drug Store.
TELEPHONE OFFICE 104.
RESIDENCE 265.

We Extend
TO ONE
AND ALL
The Season's
Heartiest
Greetings

DUNN & MERRITT,
Box 52, Fifth St. Phone 225.

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's Friend.

Dressy Chathamites.

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Chatham has had her share of these occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. Morley & Co. claim a specialty in the making of these garments.

W. N. Morley & Co.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

ALL KINDS OF
Goffered Chiffons
FOR MAKING COLLARS, ALL
COLORS AND WIDTHS

For Thursday, Two
Dozen Hats,
worth from \$3 to sell for \$1.00.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST.
CHATHAM.

TO-NIGHT.

Citizens' Mass Meeting, Nazareth Hall, at 7.30.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Vote for Marshall for Trustee in Ward 4.

Mr. Nelson Emery spent New Year's at Big Point.

R. K. Ingram, of Ridgetown, spent yesterday in the city.

Herb Side had his ear frozen today while out in the storm.

Theatre parties will be the order of the day while Marks Bros. are in the city.

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W. F. Robertson, of Stewart, spent New Year's day with his Chatham friends.

Miss Maggie Hogarth, Tilsonburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. B. nson, Cross street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Burroughs and two sons, Bart and Roy, of Toronto, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens, King street, west.

Marks Bros. open a two weeks engagement at the Grand on Monday night. Everybody knows what to expect—a bumper house.

L. J. Marshall has stated publicly that he is a candidate for Trustee in Ward 4. See his message to the electors under the letter Box.

Citizens' mass meeting at Nazareth Hall commencing at 7.30 to-night, to discuss the city by-laws. All are invited to be present. Addresses will be given by several leading citizens.

J. E. Willson, who for the past couple of years has been cutter at the T. H. Taylor Co's tailoring establishment, has resigned and accepted a position with a firm in Toronto. Mr. Willson was a worshiper in the Park St. Methodist church and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He will be much missed by the host of friends he has made since he came to the Maple City.

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...SOCIETY...

Walter Bray is spending the holidays in the city.

Miss Marion Thomas is spending her holidays with Miss Edythe Hall.

Mrs. George Stephens gave a dinner for young people on Tuesday evening.

Mr. A. C. Trudell entertained a few gentlemen on Wednesday evening.

Miss Kate Gange, St. Thomas, is visiting Miss Margaret Houston, Victoria avenue.

On Monday evening Miss Helen Ripin gave a dance, which was much enjoyed.

Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Holmes entertain about forty little folks to a dance this evening.

Fred. Hall and Dr. Reginald Rutherford are spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Edythe Hall, Third street, was the hostess at a delightful dance on Tuesday evening.

Miss Edna Deane gave a dinner party on New Year's night. Covers were laid for ten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Falls and son are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Macpherson, Windsor.

Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Chipperfield, of Woodstock are the guests of their sister, Mrs. S. M. Glenn, Park street.

A very enjoyable family gathering was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Pike, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pike will celebrate the anniversary of their wedding by entertaining at cards.

The "Not Outs" closed 1903 with a gay week, probably owing to the holiday season and the numerous visitors in the city.

Miss Flossie Atkinson is spending a well-earned vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Atkinson, Wellington street. Miss Daisy Hollis is the guest of Miss Atkinson.

The bachelor and bachelorettes gave another of their popular dances in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening. This was perhaps the most enjoyable of the season, owing to the presence of many former residents who were spending holidays in the city. The music which was furnished by Ziegle's Orchestra, of Detroit, was delightful, and dancing was indulged in to the wee sma' hours. Amongst the visitors were noticed Mrs. E. F. Stephenson, Windsor; Miss Flossie Atkinson, of New York; Miss Gange, St. Thomas; Miss Anderson, Ottawa; Miss Daisy Hollis, Detroit; Miss Mabel Wemp, Toledo; Mr. Jones, Detroit; Messrs. Walter Bray, New York; Robt. Mercer, Edmonton; W. S. McLaren, Winnipeg; Jno. A. Stephenson, Duluth; Dr. Reginald Rutherford, Toronto; Mr. Hart, Kingston, and Mr. Harry McMillan, of Toronto.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens, King street, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, when Miss Ha Stephens entertained about thirty of her girl and boy friends in honor of her cousins, Bart and Roy Burroughs, of Toronto. Miss Ha, who looked very

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S. F. GARDINER, Manager.

Chatham, November 30, 1903.

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The Letter-Box

CONSOLIDATE THE DEBT

To the Electors of the City of Chatham:

Ladies and Gentlemen.—On Monday, January 4th, you will be called upon to mark your ballots for the approval of a by-law to consolidate an unprovided-for indebtedness that has accumulated during the last ten years, and for which no provision has heretofore been made and which is the floating debt of the city of Chatham up to the 31st day of December, 1902. It perhaps is not necessary that your attention should be called to this because of the fact that the matter has already been explained to you through the medium of the press of this city and by proper notices and the proper advertising of this by-law in the usual manner as prescribed by statute. The Finance Committee of this city have decided to lay before you and to explain to you a few points relative to this matter. In order to place the floating debt of \$49,734.93 in a more business-like shape than it is in at the present time, this being the amount for which this city is liable to the Standard Bank of Canada, and for which no provision has been made for the repayment of the same, we wish to point out to you that it is quite unnecessary that this by-law shall meet with the approval of each and every citizen in order to strengthen the hands of the Council when applying to the Local Legislature for permission to consolidate this debt. This unprovided-for liability of \$49,734.93 we now owe to the Standard Bank of Canada and this amount is practically on call. If, owing to a stringent money market at any time, the Standard Bank should demand the payment of this money and no provision having been made for the same and no funds to at once meet the demand, it would place the finances of the city and the officials of the Council in a very unpleasant position.

We wish to call your attention to some of the causes leading up to this debt. The first debt being called to the facts by the special auditor's report under the audit of F. H. Macpherson, F. C. A., Government Auditor, who made a thorough examination and audit of the city's finances up to the 31st day of December, 1902. The auditor's report shows that there has not been enough money raised each year to provide for all the expenses and improvements as made by the city, no particular Council but all Councils since the consolidation of the debt in 1902 being blamable therefore, this amount has been gradually creeping up at the rate of about \$5,000 per annum. The shortage over receipts, and the amount of such shortage or the major portion thereof having been carried into the Local Improvement Account and being mostly for work for which Local Improvement Debentures could not be issued, and as it is necessary that this amount be provided for in some manner, the Council of this year are of the opinion that the only proper business-like method is to consolidate and issue debentures for the amount which may be termed the shortage and to spread the payments of this sum over a term of thirty years, payable in equal annual installments of \$2,891.55, being the amount of principal and interest necessary to be raised annually for the repayment of the principal sum, thus making the payment of the principal sum an easy payment which will not be felt by the electors when spread over the term of thirty years, besides lessening the annual interest account of the city by nearly \$500 per annum by reason of paying only 4 per cent on debentures instead of the higher rate of interest that we are now paying the Standard Bank on account of this overdraft.

We wish to point out to the electors that we are in a much better position than we were at the consolidation of the last debt. The debt as consolidated in 1892 was for the sum of \$310,000, payable in thirty-five equal annual payments. There has been paid off of this debt since that date, or provided for, eleven payments, reducing the principal sum by \$97,427. The amount of the debt now to be consolidated being \$50,000, we are \$17,427 ahead of eleven years ago. Besides having made very heavy payments on other city improvements, one of which was the purchase of the Waterworks, for which debentures were issued for \$175,000, off of which we have paid \$40,000 of the principal sum, and the purchase of the Electric Light Plant, costing the city \$15,000, one-half of which has been paid. We have paid off of the old consolidated debt and the Waterworks and Electric Light debentures nearly \$150,000, therefore we are at the present time, with the consolidation of the new amount of \$50,000, nearly \$100,000 ahead of what we were eleven years ago.

It is not necessary to call the attention of the citizens of Chatham to the fact that we are in a much better position financially, as far as improvements are concerned, than we were eleven years ago, and we trust that for the interest of this city, that every elector on election day will mark his or her ballot for the approval of this new consolidation.

On each \$1,000 of an assessment the amount will be about 63 cents per annum of a payment to be made each year on an assessment of this amount. Trusting that each and every one will see that it is very much to their interests and to the interests of this city of ours, we ask you one and all to support this by-law.

We are, Your obedient servants,

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Marshall, McCoig and Scullard, per W. S. Marshall, Chairman of Finance.

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The Radial Railway By-Law

To the Ratepayers of the City of Chatham,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At a public meeting called by the Board of Trade and Council of the City of Chatham, the undersigned were requested to address a circular letter to you calling your attention to the importance of voting for and carrying the by-law to be submitted on the 4th day of January, 1904, for promoting The Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Railway, to be constructed from Wallaceburg through this city to Lake Erie and to suggest the following among other reasons why this By-law is deserving of your support:

1. One of the greatest necessities of any city is cheap and convenient railway transportation, and this will be furnished by a radial railway.

2. This road is not to be considered as a competing line with other railways, as it will open up new territory.

3. This railway will bring Wallaceburg and the lake shore and all intermediate points within easy and frequent access to this city, and with branch lines to Blenheim, Rensselaire, Dover, South, Mitchell's Bay, Dresden, and other places it will secure to the merchants, manufacturers and others increased avenues of trade.

4. The railway is intended to carry both passengers and freight and will afford the very best facility for farmers to bring their produce to market and make their purchases at all seasons of the year irrespective of the condition of the roads or of the weather so that there may be a continual, uniform and regular traffic every day in the year.

5. The Company will employ a large number of men and expend large sums of money in the construction and equipment of their road and in operating it after its completion, thus giving employment to a great number of our mechanics, artisans and laborers, and putting considerable money in circulation in our city.

6. By the increased facilities for travel and for carriage of goods which the road will afford, it will induce new industries to locate in Chatham and new factories to be built here; it will encourage outsiders to build and reside in our city and prosper.

7. The assistance proposed by this by-law is not a gift, but a loan from the city, part of which is to be advanced when the road is completed from Chatham to Wallaceburg and the balance when completed from Chatham to Lake Erie.

8. This loan is to be amply secured to the city by the satisfactory guarantee of some reliable trust corporation or other approved security to the satisfaction of the City Council.

9. The Railway Company will build within this city its power house, car shops, car barns, repairing house, head office and other buildings costing not less than \$50,000.00, which are likely to cost nearly twice that sum.

10. The Company will also be required to very considerably enlarge and improve and thereafter assist in maintaining Aberdeen Bridge, thereby saving the city a large expenditure of money.

11. The assistance which will be required from the city, under the provisions of this by-law, will not exceed 63 cents per annum during the currency of the debentures on an assessment of \$1,000.00 or less than one-third of a mill on the dollar.

12. The taxes which may be collected by the city during this time from the assessed property of the railway will nearly cover the shortage which the City may be required to make for the Company, but the railway taxes will continue to be paid for all time, and the sum so paid for taxes will be considerably increased from new houses and buildings necessarily erected to accommodate the employees of the road, not to speak of the new factories, etc., which the building of the railway will be the cause of locating here.

Every merchant, every business man and every mechanic has felt the want of such a road, and every citizen who gives the subject his serious consideration must recognize the importance to our city of securing its immediate construction and, as the adoption of this by-law will, in our opinion, bring about this much desired object, we earnestly urge that all should support it by their votes on election day.

Dated December 30th, 1903. Yours truly, W. E. McKenney, Mayor; W. A. Hadley, President of the Board of Trade; Hugh Macdonald, N. H. Stevens, J. B. Rankin, Manson Campbell, Robert Gray, Geo. W. Sulman, G. P. Scholfield, Fred. Stone, W. H. Taylor, T. A. Smith, Henry Dugan, Geo. A. Witherspoon, J. E. Rutherford, S. T. Martin, John Piggott, Nathaniel Murray, George Stephens, J. A. Walker, Wm. Ball, Benjamin Blod, Arch. Park, Charles Austin, D. McLachlan, John Pleasance, J. G. Kerr, James E. Oldershaw, A. H. White, J. R. Gomer, W. E. Raby, James Dillon, M. Houston, John B. Watt, J. McCovrie, Wm. M. Drader.

Let's go and have a drink, Smithers.

No; I've just sworn off this week for a test.

Why, what are you testing?

Myself. As long as I find I can stop I won't stop, but as soon as I find I can stop I will stop.

ABNER DANIEL...

By WILL N. HARBEN

Author of "Westerfelt"

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it, an' me an' him had it made out in yore name, so he couldn't tetch it. It's yores, Sally Ann Baker. That's the way it reads."

The woman's sobs increased, but they were sobs of unbridled joy. With her apron to her eyes she rose and hurried into the house.

The eyes of the two men met. Bishop spoke first:

"You've got to give in, Pole," he said. "You'd not be a man to stand betwixt yore wife an' a thing she wants as bad as she does that place, an' by all that's good an' holy, you sha'n't."

"What's the use o' me tryin' to git even with Alan," Pole exclaimed, "if he's eternally a-goin' to git up some'n? I've been tickled to death ever since I cornered old Craig till now, but you an' him has split it all by this heer trick. It ain't fair to me."

"Well, it's done," smiled the old man as he went to his horse, "an' if you don't live thar with Sally I'll make 'er git a divorce."

Bishop had reached a little pigpen in a fence corner farther along on his way home when Mrs. Baker suddenly emerged from a patch of high corn in front of him.

"Is he a-goin' to take it, Mr. Bishop?" she asked, panting from her hurried walk through the corn that hid her from the view of the cabin.

"Yes," Bishop told her. "I'm a-goin' to send two wagons over in the mornin' to move yore things. I wish it was ten times as good a place as it is, but it will insure you an' the children a livin' an' a comfortable home."

After the manner of many of her kind, the woman uttered no words of thanks, but simply turned back into the corn, and, occupied with her own vision of prosperity and choking with gratitude, she hurried back to the cabin.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE summer end, the autumn passed, and Christmas approached. Nothing of much importance had taken place among the characters of this little history. The Southern Land and Timber company, and Wilson in particular, had disappointed Miller and Alan by their reticence in regard to the progress of the railroad scheme. At every meeting with Wilson they found him either really or pretendedly indifferent about the matter. His concern, he told them, was busy in other quarters, and he really did not know what they would finally do about it.

"He can't pull the wool over my eyes," Miller told his friend after one of these interviews. "He simply thinks he can freeze you out by holding off till you have to raise money."

"He may have inquired into my father's financial condition," suggested Alan, with a long face.

"Most likely," replied the lawyer.

"And discovered exactly where we stand."

"Perhaps, but we must not believe that till we know it. I'm going to try to checkmate him. I don't know how, but I'll think of something. He feels that he has the upper hand now, but I'll interest him some of these days."

Alan's love affair had also been dragging. He had had numerous assurances of Dolly's constancy, but her eyes had been opened to the seriousness of offending Colonel Barclay. She now knew that her marriage against his will would cause her immediate disinherence, and she was too sensible a girl to want to go to Alan without a dollar and with the doors of her home closed against her. Besides, she believed in Alan's future. She somehow had more faith in the railroad than any other interested person. She knew, too, that she was now more closely watched than formerly. She had, with firm finality, refused Frank Hillhouse's offer of marriage, and that had not helped her case in the eyes of her exasperated parent. Her mother occupied neutral ground. She had a vague liking for Alan Bishop and, if the whole truth must be told, was rather enjoying the situation.

On Christmas eve Adele was expected home from Atlanta, and Alan had come in town to meet her. As it happened, an accident delayed her train so that it would not reach Darley until 10 o'clock at night instead of 6 in the evening, so there was nothing for her brother to do but arrange for their staying that night at the Johnston House. Somewhat to Alan's surprise, who had never discovered the close friendship and constant correspondence existing between Miller and his sister, the former announced that he was going to spend the night at the hotel and drive out to the farm with them the next morning. Of course it was agreeable, Alan reflected, but it was a strange thing for Miller to propose.

From the long veranda of the hotel after supper that evening the two friends witnessed the crude display of holiday fireworks in the street below. Half a dozen big bonfires made of dry goods boxes, kerosene and tar barrels and refuse of all kinds were blazing along the main street. Directly opposite the hotel the only confectionery and toy store in the place was crowded to overflowing by eager customers, and in front of it the purchasers of fireworks were letting them off for the benefit of the bystanders. Firecrackers were exploded by the package, and every now and then a clerk in some store would come to the front door and fire off a gun or a revolver.

All this noise and illumination was at its height when Adele's train drew up in the car shed. The bonfires near at hand made it as light as day, and she had no trouble recognizing the two friends.

"Oh, what an awful racket!" she exclaimed as she released herself from the embrace and gave her hand to Miller.

"It's all right," said Alan,

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A GLIMPSE OF TOKYO

SCENES IN THE SCARRED CAPITAL OF EASTERN JAPAN.

A Widespread Medley of Unpleasant sights, Odors and Sounds—Some of the Inconveniences That Beset the Foreigner in Shopping.

Tokyo, the vast sprawling capital of eastern Japan, a comparatively young city, is aged with the scars of fire, of earthquake and of war. This great city, once of 1,000,000 inhabitants, spread over what is popularly estimated as a hundred square miles, seems still to cower in the shadow of the fortress of the great Iyeyasu.

For the American tourist unprepared for the real orient and knowing Japan only through her art products and the few pen pictures of the artist rhapsodists who have embellished her with their praises Tokyo is a rare purgative. Except for the stately and dignified tombs of the shoguns and the fine official grounds and buildings of the capital he finds his senses assailed on every side by unpleasant sights, odors and sounds.

Approaching Tokyo by train from Yokohama, he sees the green hillsides platted with enormous advertisements. Arrived in the city, he finds the poster and billboard everywhere monstrous and flagrant. Stagnant sewers lie along the roadside, and foul odors arise from the pavements, constantly wet down by the householders. Porters and store-keepers with a rag of a breechcloth or a scant skirt jostle, shout and stare, and perhaps a whole family may be seen in a doorway ready for the tub, from which you see the steam arising.

A street called the Ganga is the state street of Tokyo, and here in the evening you may find an infinity of wares spread out upon the walk, which is one of the few real sidewalks in Japan. Most of these wares, however, are a vast inconsequential array of cheap trifles, such as the enterprising manager of an American "five cent store" might gather together. There are, however, a number of somewhat pretentious stores to be seen by the persistent shopper.

Shopping in Tokyo, however, is attended by many inconveniences. To begin with, your rickshaw man knows no English and nothing about the stores, and the names and numbers of streets are known only to the map makers. Where a street has a name it is likely to belong only to the shady side and to run around the block instead of continuing from the next corner. If, however, you succeed in finding a store your troubles have just begun. The proprietor sits at the rear of the establishment, cross legged, before a small desk. By virtue of being in his own store he has reached the summit of earthly desire and cares nothing about you. Perhaps if you wait some small clerk of a dozen years or less will come to wait upon you and, seeing you are a foreigner, will charge you extra for the few words of English he can master.

If you are bold enough to leave your rickshaw and wander about on foot you will soon attract a curious crowd, the clatter of whose wooden geta upon the flags will well deafen you. It is a good natured, well meaning crowd, however, and will soon be scattered by a policeman. If there are any clerks going your way they will address you in the hope of learning a few words of English or inviting you to their stores. There is no hostility or insult, only curiosity and good natured, childish amusement.

Modesty is an unknown quantity in Japan, as one soon learns. If your rickshaw man's two garments become damp he is likely to change them before you, and fellow travelers in the cars are sure to change their clothes without deference to place or surroundings. Men and women use the same tank at the same time in the public baths without a thought of impropriety.

The streets of a Japanese city are full of interesting sights and seem never twice the same. Every store and every passer by is a novelty that claims the attention for a moment. In a land where nearly all wares are hand made, every article has some individuality, and one is led on with the hope of finding something better than the rest.

Heavy loads are carried through the streets on the backs of men and women, on horses and on two wheeled carts. The carts are drawn by bulls or shags of northern stallions and are guided by the driver, who walks with the pole. The burdens carried by women and children are remarkable. All over Japan the heaviest work is done by women, the bricks and masonry for the new museum and government buildings being so transported in the heat of mid-summer. Children carry their brothers and sisters strapped to their backs and haul great loads on heavy carts. The life of the laboring classes seems very arduous, and they are remarkably patient and industrious. Throughout city and country every one seems to be hard at work.

The death rate of Tokyo is very high. The custom of carrying very young children strapped on the back with their heads unprotected from the sun leads to thousands of cases of brain fever and blindness. A majority of the children bear the marks of skin diseases, and their heads are often nauseating to behold. The water used in the city is suspicious, and travelers drink spring water or tea. The general practice of rubbing certain wooden images on the temples to secure freedom from various forms of disease undoubtedly assists the spread of various disorders.

Plausible Inference.
Gilbert—Pray, how do you know Miss Merrin has remained single from choice?
Horace—Because I never heard her say she had.—Dorothy Transcriber.

ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION.

The Way Some Names are Mispronounced on the Other Side.

We usually laugh at the foreigner's efforts to master the pronunciation of our mother tongue, but most of us are not without doubt when we come to pronounce certain proper nouns. Any number of surnames and geographical names receive as many as four different renderings, and it is quite impossible to persuade any one that his or her way is not the correct one. Some surnames are so mispronounced as to be quite unrecognizable in spelling. No wonder the average individual finds an English dictionary indispensable.

Probably the most remarkable quartette are Colquhoun, Marjoribanks, Cholmondeley and Bagshot. They look much less impressive when spelled as pronounced—(Coloon, Marshbanks, Chumley and Bago). Phonetic spelling deprives many names of their terrors. That awful name, Geoghagan would become simply Gagan, Rutherford would be Riven and Cockburn Koburn.

Some people are much annoyed if they are not addressed in their own special way. Mr. St. John likes to be called Sinjin, but as a geographical term he does not mind your saying Saint John. Anstruther is doubtful, but often shortens into Anster. The "Macs" also are very susceptible regarding their surnames. If you want to be friends with MacLeod and Maclean call them Maklodd and Maklane, and if you have just returned from the "Strachan" daughter don't call him Strakan if you value your chances, but Strawn. Following these good intentions, you must address Deauclerk as Beauclaire and Beauvoir as Beaver.

In case you ever move in ambassadorial circles or make friends on the Riviera, don't forget the Baron de Longueville is called Loneyval. M. St. Cyr will answer you if you say Sansere. Markyavelles will be as near as you can get to Machiaveli, but possibly you may be able to avoid this distinguished personage.

A couple of "Saints" are rather puzzling. St. Clara should be rendered Sinclair, and if you would win a smile of approval pronounce St. Leger Sellinger or Sellenger.

Duchesse has such an awe inspiring appearance it is a pity we must pronounce it Dukarn. Heathcote is shortened into Hebut, and Dillwyn has quite an Irish flavor when pronounced Dillon.

Desquenes is not so difficult as it looks. Desane would pass muster, and you may also come across Dekann. Regarding Charteris and Sandys, you will win approval in high society if you stick to Charters and Sands, and those individuals known as Jervis, Berkeley and Derby like to hear the first "e" turned into "ah." When it is difficult to say.—London TIV-Bits.

A Bishop on Gambling Girls.

An interesting speech was made by the Bishop of Stepney at a meeting held at the Mansion House, London, recently, in aid of the Police Court Mission.

In praising the work of the police court missionaries, the bishop drew a comparison between the pranks of young university bloods and the exuberance of spirit which frequently led London lads to the police court.

It was simply human nature, in each case, he declared, but with university lads it led to more serious results than a lecture from the dean or rectorial, whereas in London many lads with no more real viciousness in their characters than their more fortunate brothers got sent to a prison for which they were never destined.

"It may be considered unconventional of me to say so," added the bishop, "but it is no less a fact that I have seen in prison girls who are as good and pure as the daughters of any member of my audience."

"A girl of the lower classes yields to the pressure of friends to take in intoxicating drinks; she gets excited, commits some freak, and goes to the police court as a 'drunk and disorderly.'"

"But I have known girls in the highest circles who say they dare not refuse to have a little gambol for fear of offending their hosts and hostesses."

In each case there was, said the bishop, a breach of the moral code, but the former instance was no more deserving of punishment than the latter.

Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Sir Robert Crautoun, the Lord Provost-elect of Edinburgh, may be described as Edinburgh's "universal provider," says The London Chronicle. As treasurer of the city, he is knighted by the King on the occasion of his visit last spring. Of Border extraction, with all the fine old fighting spirit of the Liddesdale Reivers, he is one of the keenest volunteers in the kingdom. He was one of the first to join the ranks of the Queen's Edinburgh Brigade, the largest of its kind in the country, and he once boasted that for a quarter of a century he had never missed a parade. He enjoys the distinction of having been the first volunteer officer to be appointed adjutant to his own corps—and to this honor he attained by special staff studies in London and at Aldershot. Several years ago, when the Duke of Connaught was still commanding at the Camp, he invited Col. Crautoun down to join his staff on the occasion of the army manoeuvres. His fame is sealed by the familiarity of the populace with "Bob" Crautoun.

Alphabetically Answered.

A turn of the political wheel had placed the English Conservatives on top and lowered the Liberals.

Not long afterward a young and presumptuous member of the ruling Government, who was sitting opposite a member of the defeated party at a London dinner party, took that time to say:

"Well, Mr. Rank, how do you like being an ex?"

"I should like it better if I had been succeeded by the y's" (wise), instantly retorted the Liberal.

SCOURGE OF THE AGE IS KIDNEY DISEASE

Terrible Increase in the Number of Deaths From this Ailment

It Is Common to All Classes and Conditions of People

It Creeps Stealthily into the System and Develops into Many Diseases

Bright's Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, and Rheumatism are Among the Forms it Takes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills the One Remedy That Never Fails to Cure It, No Matter How or When it is Found.

Of all the diseases the human body has to combat in its struggle for health, the one that is steadily growing in strength and terrors is Kidney Disease. Quietly, stealthily as a serpent, it creeps on its victim till the latter is enveloped in its folds, and the greatest physicians of the world have ever known stand helpless before it. As the last fold goes around the struggling victim and the doctor shakes his head and whispers "Bright's Disease," hope fades to nothing, and the surviving friends feel the death has marked their loved one for its own.

The alarming increase this terrible disease is making is evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it look for its victims. Statesmen, judges, eminent lawyers, and honored divines are numbered among those who in recent months have gone down to their graves with the full marks of this dread disease upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent is this terrible scourge of Kidney Disease that a celebrated New York specialist stated recently that not one person in a hundred was free from some taint of Kidney Disease.

WORKS IN SECRET.

It is the secrecy of Kidney Disease that makes it the more dreaded. You can fight an enemy in the open with some chance of success, but if he is lying in wait to take you at an unguarded moment, your chance of successfully fighting him are terribly diminished. So it is with Kidney Disease. Its first warnings are so faint as to be hardly noticeable, a slight pain in the back that is charged up to over exertion, a slight discoloration of the urine or a burning sensation while urinating attracts attention. That is all. But that means that Kidney Disease is at work gradually eating its way into your system. The pain in the back grows more severe, the urinary trouble more complicated, swellings under the eyes and the limbs denote the coming of Dropsy, sharp shooting pains in the joints and muscles tell that Rheumatism has you in its grasp, or perhaps a day or two's illness leads to the calling of the doctor, and suddenly the terrible truth is forced upon you—Bright's Disease has you in its grasp.

WAY OF ESCAPE.

With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking that prominence by a yearly increase in the lengths of its death list, the demand of the day, of the hour, is "Show us the way of escape." Nature never put mankind in a critical condition without providing a way of escape—providing mankind were wise enough to take the way provided. In this case the way of escape is a simple vegetable remedy. It has been before the people for thirteen years, and like all the great relievers of nature, has been first received and first appreciated by the lowly in life, those known as the common people of Canada.

Is it the common people of Canada who die of Bright's Disease? No, it is the bright and shining marks, those who are stationed above the heads of the masses. Ask the reason of this! Go to the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With almost a single voice they will reply: "We cure our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and they never get a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave."

ON WITH HIS WORK.

And so it is; the man who does manual labor must heal his slightest aches or they hinder him in his work. When he has a backache he cures it with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work when he feels a twinge of Rheumatism he drives it out of his body with Dodd's Kidney Pills—and goes on with his work. Necessity has taught him that he must cure his kidneys to get rid of his pains, for he must work to live. He has not been educated to that standpoint where a prescription to cure must be written by a specialist at a cost of dollars to every letter. He may not even know that there never was a disease that took in all classes of the community but what nature provided a cure within the means of all classes of the community. What he does know is more to the point than all this. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure all aches which experience has taught him come from the kidneys. He takes Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work.

SOME EXCEPTIONS.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Even among common people there are those who neglect the early warnings of Kidney Disease. It takes exceptions to prove the rule—but many of these exceptions prove more—they prove that no case of Kidney Disease is so far gone for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Heart Disease—all the varied forms of Kidney Disease in its advanced stages—have been met by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and never once has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, and wherever used, they have triumphed over Kidney Disease in its every form. Thousands of Canadians are shouting their praises of the conqueror.

Just a few of those who have neglected the early symptoms, reached the more advanced stages of Kidney Disease, and found a cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills are given below. There are thousands of others. Ask in your own immediate neighborhood. You will not have to go far to meet men, women and children who have either warded off or cured the terror of the present age by using the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.

Bright's Disease has invariably yielded to a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills, no matter how firm a hold it had secured on its victim. Possibly the most talked of case of recent date is that of Alice Maud Parker, of Shubunacade, Hants Co., N. S. The full story of this case will be found in the current number of Dodd's Magazine. Herewith a short statement from the young lady's mother is appended:

Two doctors pronounced my daughter's illness Bright's Disease, and her only way to die. Her eyelids swelled till she could hardly see, her legs from her ankles to her knees swelled. Her bed in health was twenty inches, when she was at her worst it was 48 inches. Then she gave up all other treatment and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. By the time she had taken the first box I saw a change. It took a long time to bring her back to perfect health, but Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. To-day my daughter is in perfect health.

Mrs. T. G. Parker, Shubunacade, Hants Co., N. S.

DIABETES CURED.

Diabetes is another of the most fearful and fatal forms of Kidney Disease that has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by no other medicine. Among those cured of this terrible ailment is Mr. Charles Gilchrist, for fifteen years Chief of Police of Port Hope, and afterwards for twenty-two years Fishery Officer under the Dominion Government. He makes the following statement:

I was a sufferer for ten years with Diabetes and Kidney Disorder. At times my urine was of a dark brick color, and I would suffer something awful while passing. I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no help till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have made me a new man. The citizens of Port Hope all know me, and can vouch for the above.

Chas. Gilchrist, Ex-Chief Const and Fishery Officer, Port Hope.

HEART DISEASE CURED.

Heart Disease is a result of Kidney Disorder. Bad kidneys mean impure blood, the action of impure blood on the heart causes Heart Disease, Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it.

I suffered for years with Heart Disease, Bright's Disease, and Rheumatism. I was so feeble I was unable to do anything. There were three months I abandoned all medicines, and resolved to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did me surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, as well of my Heart Disease as my Bright's Disease and my Rheumatism.

Dame Louis Provosts, St. Magloire, Que.

DROPSY CURED.

Dropsy, another disease cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, is the result of their work and remove the surplus water from the blood, is another ailment Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure. Here is an example:

I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. At it I managed before to get out of bed, I could hardly put my feet to the floor they were so much swollen from Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put on my coat. I had to be helped to be relieved from my miserable condition. On the advice of a friend I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had finished the second box I felt much better. Seven boxes cured me completely. I don't know what it is to be sick since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

George Robertson, 392 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

RHEUMATISM CURED.

Rheumatism and kindred Kidney Diseases, such as Lumbago, Sciatica, and Gout, are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the kidneys are not in working order they strain all the uric acid out of the blood, and the Rheumatism goes with it. Take the case of W. G. Cragg, of Dresden, Ont. Here is his statement:

For eight years I was troubled with Inflammatory Rheumatism. I could scarcely get around to do my duties in my store. I had some of the best doctors I could get, but nothing I tried would ever give me relief. I was also troubled with Gout. I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and had only taken six boxes when I was completely cured.

W. G. Cragg, Ex-Reeve of Dresden, Ont.

ALL KIDNEY DISEASES CURED.

These are only a few cases taken from thousands to show the efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills in all the stages of Kidney Disease. In other forms of Kidney trouble, such as Urinary troubles, Gravel, Female Weakness, etc., Dodd's Kidney Pills have the same record. They always cure. As for Pain in the Back—the first symptom of Kidney trouble—ask your neighbor. You'll find the majority of them look on Pain in the Back as a danger signal, and on its first appearance safeguard themselves against this terribly fatal Kidney Disease by driving it away with the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Drawing Near.

to New Years. Is there not someone for whom you have not selected a gift. We have the most complete line in the city of watches, clocks and jewelry, also plateware, ebony goods and genuine crocodile and morocco purses, cigar cases, etc. For a handsome Christmas gift, why not one of the celebrated Berliner Gramophones or a beautiful fountain pen, exquisitely carved and mounted with gold and warranted. We have a great variety to pick from. Come and see us before purchasing and we are sure you will be satisfied.

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ELECTION CARDS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen—I am a candidate for the position of alderman and respectfully solicit your assistance and support of my candidature.

W. H. TYE, M. D.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for Alderman for the coming year, and respectfully solicit your vote.

Yours truly, THOS. SCULLARD.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen—I am a candidate for Alderman for the coming year, and if my actions in the past have met your approval, I shall be pleased to have a continuance of your confidence. Wishing you the compliments of this season, I remain,

Yours sincerely, A. B. McCOIG.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

I am thankful to you for your liberal patronage in the past, and have decided to again offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1904. Soliciting your vote and influence, I am,

Your Servant, JOHN N. EDMUNDSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the position of Alderman, and solicit your votes and influence.

Yours respectfully, JAS. W. DEGGE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the Council, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. I have been a resident of the city for many years, and am known to many of you. I am opposed to a personal canvass, and for that reason will make no other appeal than through the press. If elected I promise close attention to the wants of the ratepayers.

W. H. WESTMAN, Hardware Merchant.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for your suffrage for the position of Alderman for 1904, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Thanking you for past favors, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly, W. S. MARSHALL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the Council for 1904 and I hope to have your support and influence. If elected I will do whatever is in my power to advance the best interests of the city. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain, Your obedient servant, ARON WEMP.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate again for the position of Alderman for 1904, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If elected I will guarantee to fill the position to the best of my ability. Trusting my past actions in the council will command your support, I am, Yours respectfully, WALTER T. PIGGOTT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for the year 1904. As I will be unable to see many of the electors personally, I would hereby solicit the vote and influence of all, and if elected, will serve the city to the best of my ability. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours respectfully, ARTHUR J. DUNN.

TO THE CITY ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1904. Having lived and worked in Chatham for the past 20 years, I think I know the requirements of this city. If elected I shall do my best to forward all measures that will benefit our good city. My position as a working man I cannot make a personal canvass. Your votes and influence solicited. JOHN E. AINSWORTH.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again before you for the position of Alderman for the year 1904. I have served you with pleasure for a number of years, and if again honored by being elected I will still continue to take the same careful interest in the city's business as I have done in the past. Wishing you all the compliments of the season. Yours truly, E. A. MOUNTEER.

TO THE CITY ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for Alderman. I stand upon my record. I ask things and do things in the Council. (1) I brought the Lake Erie Railway to book as to Colborne street spur; (2) I persisted in either getting the car-shops or compensation—result, \$16,000 cash to the city; (3) I waged war on the railway as to head street; (4) I insisted upon better terms as to the Electric Railway; (5) I strongly espoused the cause of labor; (6) I advocated a complete system of garbage collection. Please do not expect a personal canvass. GEO. G. MARTIN.

TO THE CITY ELECTORS.

WM. FOREMAN & CO.

To our Patrons and Friends.

We wish you a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

During the coming year we shall strive to serve you better than ever. We have planned to do more business, planned to have goods richer, planned to have assortments greater. Summing it up we have planned to have this store nearer perfection.

Wm. Foreman & Co

DISTRICT DOWNS

TILBURY

Dec. 31.—Miss Alice Tremblay, of St. Joseph's Academy Toronto, is spending vacation at her home here.

Mrs. R. A. Hill, of Point Edward is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Waddell, Tilbury East.

Mr. Hensworth, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Dobson, left to-day for Listowel.

Miss Beatrice Sales, leaves to-morrow to visit friends in London.

W. H. Waddell has returned from a trip to Newfoundland, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waddell, Tilbury East.

A sleighing party from this village were very pleasantly entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of R. Adams, Fletcher.

Tilbury North has re-elected Theodore Ouellette reeve, by acclamation, and the council also.

There will be no election here next Monday, W. C. Crawford being re-elected reeve by acclamation, and the public school trustees, Rev. Mr. Dobson, H. Callwood, and Dr. Milligan were elected by acclamation. There is one vacancy in the council still, the new members being T. Anderson, A. Roszell, and Wm. Weldon, and a writ will have to be issued for nomination for another member.



The Letter-Box.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—In support of the claims which we have been making regarding the demand for male stenographers, would say that we have just had call for five; three of these were for young gentlemen and two for young ladies. In the case of the young gentlemen we were not able to fill any of them, as all available material is placed. In the case of the young ladies, we expect to fill one of them. The other asks for one who is capable of doing stenographic work and giving assistance in the line of bookkeeping. In the case of this one we are not able to fill it for the reason that we have no young ladies prepared along both lines.

We simply want to show by this letter that the demand is as great as ever and is likely to increase during the coming year with the rapid growth of our country. Those who get early preparation will certainly have the best opportunities.

Yours sincerely,
D. McLACHLAN,
Canada Business College, Chatham,
January 2, 1904.

TAXES WILL PAY INTEREST.

To the Editor of The Planet:

I stated at the meeting Thursday night, in the auditorium, that the new Radial Railway's property would be liable to be assessed to the full extent of its valuation. (The exemption applying only to the track upon the streets) and the City Solicitor's opinion obtained this morning fully sustains the statement. The taxes, therefore, on their power house and plant will about pay the interest on the loan asked by the company. I trust all ratepayers will vote, Monday, for the Railway By-law, also for the Pork By-law and the Debt By-law, as I believe by so doing they will advance the best interests of our city.

Faithfully yours,
W. E. McKEOUGH.

THE RADIAL RAILROAD.

Editor of The Planet:

I had the pleasure of attending the mass meeting last Thursday evening at the Auditorium, held for the purpose of discussing the three by-laws now before the electors, and I am very glad to say, I gained a great deal of information relative to them.

Mr. Editor, after coming home and thinking over the different opinions advanced by those that I know speak by the Book, I thought that through the medium of your much valued columns, I might be the means of aiding the passage of the by-law. I certainly do know of a great many benefits to be derived from them after completion. We all know that it is almost impossible for our farmers to reach the city during the prevalence of bad roads, which I am sorry to say is one of our greatest drawbacks. Taking this one item, and I think it is the most important one into consideration, the railway would be an avenue of escape, especially to those along the proposed route, who are now hemmed in during that period by not having the benefit of railway accommodation. We are all aware, Sir, that we are dependent to a very large degree on the farmers for the necessities of life and how prices take a skyward tendency when his produce becomes scarce. But by having constant access to market it would have a tendency to keep prices more on an equal basis, thereby allowing the ratepayer a hundred-fold more than it would cost him for that avenue of escape. I could dwell a great deal longer on this subject, Sir, but your space is too valuable. Suffice it to say that I think all citizens interested in the welfare of the city should support the by-law.

EAST END RATEPAYER.

DATE YOUR LETTERS 1904

1904

LEAP YEAR 1904

"Striving our part to do aright
In all things pointing to a score,
Whose record shall all records blight
These are our hopes for nineteen four."

We want you to watch the progress of this business during the year 1904.

We aspire to much greater things, and are forming plans which, when carried out, will mark one of the most forward epochs in our history. We will make it pay you to watch this store and its doings during the coming year both in season and out of season.

Just now (mid-winter) it is winter things that are being kept to the fore. The coldest and longest half of the winter is yet to come, and warm, comfortable clothing is indispensable.

Our stocks are in prime condition and anything that a man or boy wants to wear can be found here at almost any price you want to pay.

Overcoats, - \$5.00 to \$20.00
Underwear, - 25c to \$3.50
Gloves, - 50c to \$2.00
Men's Suits, \$6.00 to \$17.00

Mufflers, - 25c to \$2.00
Fur Caps, - \$1.50 to \$10.00
Boys' Suits, - \$1.50 to \$7.50
Cloth Caps, - 25c to \$1.25

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, LIMITED...

Timely TIPS

For the HOLIDAY
TRADE.

Shoppers come to our store.
Come early, and get the pick of our great showing of Holiday wear.

Slippers
Leggins
Overgaiters
Boots.

How can you please any member of the family better than coming to the Boston Shoe Store.

J. L. CAMPBELL,

North Side King St., Chatham.

Boston Shoe Store.

DRESDEN

Jan. 2.—Mr. N. Groom, of Nanawau, visited friends in town on Thursday.

Will Daniels, of the First Store, is visiting friends in Detroit.

Dr. A. W. Thornton, of Chatham, paid a new year's visit to relatives in town yesterday.

The second assembly of the season was given in the Grand Opera House on Thursday night by the young men of the town. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the boys, and the splendid music supplied by the Dresden orchestra, a most enjoyable time was spent by the large number who attended.

Hugh Boyle, of Ridgeway, was in town yesterday.

The East Kent Conservative Association held a committee meeting in D. V. Hick's office last night, at which delegates for the convention to be held next Tuesday were appointed.

Harold Hughes spent yesterday in the Maple City.

The last Christmas entertainment of the season was given in the opera house last night by the Baptist Sunday School. The program given was very good, and the large number present spent a most enjoyable evening.

New Year services were held at 10.30 yesterday morning in Christ church.

In Dresden on Wednesday afternoon, by the Rev. Norman Lindsay, Miss Maud Coaliffe to Mr. Fred McIntosh, both of Chatham township, Miss Ollie Windover and Mr. Charles Campion assisting at the wedding.

Yesterday was publicly observed as a holiday by the Dresden merchants for the first time in a good many years. This is a move in the right direction.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 22.—The Presbyterian Sunday School gave their annual entertainment in the Opera House last evening. The large number present were much pleased with the entertainment. The Darcy Farrow, given by the young men, was a very prominent and worthy number on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Buist and Miss Rena Buist, of Chatham Centre, spent New Year's at the home of T. W. Burgess.

The Band was in attendance at the skating rink on Wednesday evening last, and a large number of young people were present. The rink was also open to skaters last evening.

F. Presswell is spending New Year's at his home in St. Catharines.

T. C. Burgess is visiting friends at Glencoe.

Worth its Weight in Gold

BABY'S OWN SOAP

keeps the most tender skin, soft, smooth, and free from chaps.

No Other is just as Good.

ALBERT TOILET SOAP CO., Mfrs. Montreal.

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's Friend.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Cures consumption. Not all cases, but very many. Your doctor will tell you more about this cough remedy.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

WRITES HOME

ZION CORNERS

Joe Tilt has received an interesting letter from Lex Heath, an old Chatham boy and a former employee in Mr. Tilt's art store. Lex is still in Brandon, managing a large store. He likes his work, and the country, very much, but often thinks of his friends in Chatham, to whom he wished to be kindly remembered. He has recently met Teddy Seythes, an old Chatham boy, and also got a letter from James Foster, another Chatham boy. The latter is now at medicine Hat, but intends to return to Winnipeg.

There is a movement among the people in this vicinity to have the acetylene machine moved out of the church and placed in a building provided for it.

Mrs. C. McCully is visiting her son Oliver, at Toronto Junction.

Mrs. T. Thurst is visiting friends at Leamington.

Mr. Joe Chatterton is spending the holidays with friends in Detroit.

Ernest Taylor spent a few days few days with his parents.

Mr. Ed. O'Keefe has purchased a new roadster.

Thomas Pick is visiting friends in Michigan.

Vote for Marshall for Trustee in Ward 4.

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's Friend.

You Can Depend on Two Things At GRAY'S CHINA HALL

The price is right always and the quality of the goods the best for the money. Our aim is to get good goods and sell them as cheaply as the law allows. Our efforts are being appreciated more and more each day and our trade is gradually growing greater. Honest efforts, honest goods, honest prices, honest clerks. Our trade is bound to come. Come in and get acquainted.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, Opp. Merchants' Bank

A NEW FIRM

After a connection with the Canada Flour Mills extending over six years—during all of which time the relationships which have existed have been of a most cordial character—Wm. H. Benson has resigned to accept a partnership in the grain and coal business of W. J. Moore, the firm to be henceforth known as Moore & Benson.

Mr. Benson has been in the grain business for some 22 years and has

earned the respect of all who know him as an energetic and capable business man.

Vote for Marshall For Trustee in Ward 4.

ELECTORS OF WARD FOUR:

I noticed a circular asking the electors to "Vote for Cornish," and stating that I had resigned from the contest as a candidate for School Trustee in Ward 4.

Certain parties came to me and insisted that I should sign a certain document withdrawing from the contest, which I did on the instant, without due consideration, the same appearing in the evening papers, of Wednesday last.

I wish here to state that I am a Candidate for the office of School Trustee for Ward 4 and respectfully ask your vote and influence.

Wishing you a happy New Year,
Faithfully yours,

L. J. Marshall.

For Drunkenness and THE Keeley Drug using Cure

Over 300,000 CURES

Address: Keeley Institute, 786 Queen St. West, TORONTO, Ont.

...A HAPPY NEW YEAR...

May the coming year have naught in store for you but health and happiness. This store is grateful for the generous patronage it has enjoyed, and we trust we have earned your support by deserving it.

1903 gave us many new friends, and cemented many ties that bind us to old ones. We begin now to write it 1904. Don't forget another thing---it's this, don't forget to look to us during the New Year for everything that's new, reliable and desirable in Foot Wear for MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN; Look to us for the LOWEST PRICES; look to us for SHOE SATISFACTION at EVERY POINT. We'll not DISAPPOINT YOU.

Again we say, "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

GEO. W. COWAN,

THE SHOE MAN.

King Street, Chatham



The Chatham Daily Planet.

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Aztec Capital a Wondrous Place

Graphic Description of Scenes in Mexico City by a Canadian Traveller—Rich in Ancient History—A Cosmopolitan Population.

From El Paso, Texas, on the Rio Grande, the run to Mexico City is one thousand two hundred miles. For one thousand miles the Mexican Central passes through an alkali desert, frightful in the desolation of its solitude and its pitiful sterility. For forty hours not a solitary tree is to be seen, nor blade of grass to cheer the traveller. At El Salto all nature changed; around and toward us sloped the volcanic hills hoary with age, and worn with aeons of time, atmospheric erosion and innumerable downfalls of sub-tropical rains. We passed through 200 miles of a floral and vegetable paradise. Herds were browsing knee-deep in the rich alfalfa meadows; picturesque villages dotted the valley, and hundreds of acres of the sugar cane plant, from the juice of which pulque is distilled, added to the variety of the landscape. Pulque is the national drink of Mexico. The Maguey plant is cultivated in fields, holding from 360 to 700 plants. When extracted the liquid is like green water in appearance and in odorless and tasteless. In a few hours it begins to ferment, and has the appearance of milk. The plant takes about eight years to mature, and produces for about five months, during which it yields about one hundred and sixty gallons of pulque. From this liquid is also distilled the alcoholic drinks, tequila and mezcal.

A UNIQUE COUNTRY.

In many of its features Mexico is unlike any city in the world. Its climate is superb. Its splendid parks, alamedas and gardens, its magnificent churches and palaces, the museums and galleries of paintings and statuary, the historic cathedral, the brown races, offspring of Spaniards and Mexican tribes, the strangely picturesque costumes and the dwarfed and tawny complexioned Indians who silently appear and disappear on the streets like apparitions, separate Mexico from all other cities and place it in a class by itself. The centre of activity in Mexico City is the Zocalo, the most interesting and historic spot in the Valley of Mexico. It is the soul of the capital—a beautiful, oblong square upon which no less than nine of the principal streets of the city focus, all the street car lines converge, and crowds of loafers, strangers and busy people gather at all hours of the day and well into the night.

A HISTORIC SQUARE.

Surrounded by the principal public buildings, it has been the scene of the most important events in Mexican history. All the riots and public

demonstrations take place in the Zocalo. Here the wandering Aztecs saw in the heavens in 1312 the cross, the symbolic sign of promise. Here, where now stands the great cathedral, they built their first temple, the colossal Pantheon—Teocalli, they called it—where thousands of prisoners were sacrificed to the war god. Everybody passes there at least once, and often several times a day. If you want to meet a friend, all you have to do is to wait in the Zocalo and he will be sure to turn up there sooner or later. Standing in the centre of the plaza you are surrounded by historic monuments. Directly in front are the towers of one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. The east tower marks the western boundary of the Aztec temple dedicated to the god Tlaloc. To the right is the national palace built on the site of the home of Montezuma.

EXPERT PICKPOCKETS.

To the left is the City Hall, where once stood the Aztec Hall of Assembly. The Zocalo is always full of peddlers, beggars, and pickpockets, and here, let me add, that the Mexican pickpocket takes no back seat from any man of his profession in the world. He is, as Horace says of the poet, born, not made. He comes, and like a ghost, disappears, and your watch vanishes with him. As a sleight-of-hand artist he has no equal on the Continent of America. He is well dressed, inoffensive, noiseless, and when he touches you there is no sensation.

THE THIEVES' MARKET.

The "Thieves' Market" is one of the sights and institutions of the city. Two blocks west of the Zocalo is a large square filled with booths, huckster shops, and stalls. This is the "Thieves' Market," where the dishonest servant may dispose of his petty thefts and the sneak thief who has "swiped" an umbrella may find a purchaser and no questions asked. The expert pickpocket never enters the precincts of the Thieves' Market, he disposes of his spoils by private sale or at the Monte de Piedad, the national pawnshop. This institution occupies a large space on the western side of the plaza, opposite the cathedral, where once stood the great Palace of Montezuma, where the unhappy Emperor was taken by Cortez. After the conquest Cortez made the palace his headquarters. The pawnshop was founded in 1776 by Pedro Romero, Count of Regala, and owner of the famous mines of Real Monte. His idea was to open a place where anyone could borrow money at a very low rate of interest and be saved from the usurious charges of pawnbrokers and money lenders. He endowed it with \$300,000. So low are the charges that it is really a boon to the people. When a trifling interest is not paid the articles are sold and whatever remains over from the fixed charge is returned to the original owner. It is an immense establishment, one of the most noted institutions of Mexico, and has survived many seasons of financial depression.

BOUSED BY CONSENT

Mr. George Crouch, the satirist and poet of Wall Street, who is an Englishman, as yet unnaturalized, although he has been in this country for thirty years, was yesterday summoned to serve on a jury in the Supreme Court. Apropos of this circumstance, Mr. Crouch related to some friends at the Hoffman House an incident that occurred several years ago, when he was engaged in journalism—members of the staff of

FAMILY BIBLES

"Do we still sell the old-fashioned family bibles, with pages in it for the record of the births, deaths and marriages?" "Oh, yes," said the bookseller, "but not so many of them as we once did."

"There are more bibles sold now, taking it altogether, than ever before, and the bible is issued now in an almost endless variety of forms and styles; but the demand for it in this particular form is now, I should

The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From The Planet files, July 1, 1857, to July 10, 1857.

W. E. Scofield advertises his hats and gentlemen's goods.

J. H. Harris managed an upholstery and mattress manufactory.

On Friday, July 19, 1857, the total funds in the Bank to the credit of the city was £752 14s. 11d.

The Inkermann, a steam propeller, was blown up in the Toronto Harbor and six persons were killed.

New potatoes were brought into our town on the 9th inst. They were raised upon the farm of Mr. David Hurst.

The original Peak family, vocalists, harpists and Lancashire bell ringers, gave a grand concert in Chatham under the management of J. D. Fritz.

The following advertisement appears in the issue of July 3:—

Mrs. Moore begs respectfully to inform parties seeking the comforts of a home, that she has opened up a private boarding house for a limited number of respectable boarders on the English and American plan, on Sixth St., near the brick school house, next door to Mr. Ross.

GARDEN OF CANADA.

James Sanderson, Esq., our old friend and subscriber, of Raleigh, on Saturday last presented us with a bundle of timothy grass grown on his own farm, a single spear of which grass measured upwards of six feet in length. Surely Kent is the Garden of Canada pre-eminently and indisputably.

A great temperance picnic is advertised by "The Sons of Temperance." It was held on Thursday, July 9th, on the premises of Duncan McGregor, Esq., "where all those friendly to the cause are invited to attend and furnish such provisions as would be convenient and sufficient." The services of Rev. William Ryerson were secured and he delivered a lecture on Temperance.

The following notice appeared on July 5th, 1857:—

The Provincial Legislature having passed an act requiring all the accounts of the government to be kept in dollars and cents from the first of January next, it is desirable that the same system of accounting should be generally adopted throughout the country.

The Banking Institutions have therefore resolved to make a similar change, to take effect at the above mentioned period, and they request that parties transacting business with them will have the amount of all bills and notes intended for discount or collection and falling due on and after the first of January next, expressed in dollars and cents. It will also be necessary that all cheques and other forms in use for banking

purposes be adapted to the decimal system. Signed by the presidents of the different banks of the province,

The following "ad." appears:—
Your portrait, a mammoth camera capable of taking portraits equal in size to any in the world (taken by Collodion process, just received at E. Stanton's ambrotype and daguerian gallery. Frames and cases of all sizes and designs; embrotypes, melanotypes (on iron) and derographs (on patent leather). E. Stanton, artist, Pratt's Block, Chatham.

In an account of a town council meeting held July 19, 1857, is the following:—

The committee on streets and sidewalks reported as follows:—
In favor of a sidewalk and ditch on 4th street.

In favor of a petition for a crossing on King street to William street. For the construction of a sidewalk, two planks wide, on Park street.

For a sidewalk on the west side of Barthe street.

In favor of opening up Prince street to the depot.

Against the construction of a sidewalk on Princess street from King to Colborne street at present.

Councillor Keating directed the attention of the council to the present inefficient state of the town pumps. The pumps were ordered to be repaired.

The following interesting item appears in the issue of July 8:—
On Monday last the return match between the Chatham and Rondeau cricket clubs was played. The following were the players who composed the two teams:—

Chatham—J. T. Hull, R. Monck, J. Goodyear, A. Purser, M. Purser, J. Purser, J. Reeves, W. Smith, J. Russell, W. Stewart and Jos. Eberts.
Rondeau—G. Vester, W. Fletcher, Stokes, J. Mills, T. Jackson, P. Fraser, Dr. Towser, G. McKay, C. Harper, C. Humphrey and J. Lowry.

The score resulted 57 to 41 in Chatham's favor. In the second innings the score was 51 to 33 in favor of Rondeau.

"Thus it will be seen," says The Planet's report of the game, "that the Rondeau club came off conquerors, having four wickets to go down. This is certainly highly creditable to that club, and bodes well for their great success in the future. The fielding on both sides was capital, as was the bowling of Messrs. Goodyear and Monck and Messrs. Mills and Fletcher. Of the Rondeau club the batting of Messrs. Vester and Fletcher was greatly admired. The Chatham club was particularly unfortunate, several of their best men going out with hardly a run, as will be seen by the tallying opposite the names of Messrs. Goodyear, Hull, Monck and Purser brothers, all of whom are excellent cricketers."

Few of us get more than we really want of anything except the things we don't want at all.



FASHIONABLE WRAP IN SNOWFLAKE TWEED.

Some of the best points of this season's designs are displayed in this wooltex tweed wrap. On a dark gray ground the snowflake boucle stands out well, and the many pearl buttons used for trimming appear to advantage. The coat is semi-fitting, curved back and side seams partly outlining the figure, while the

fronts are out to emphasize the straight-front lines. The cape extends almost to the elbow, falling over a sleeve of plain tailor cut. The neck is finished with a pointed turnover collar. The hat in black beaver is simply trimmed with a roll band of velvet, and three full ostrich tips nod jauntily over the side.

daily newspapers not being required to do jury duty in New York.

On the occasion in question he received a summons for duty as a juror, and went to the office of the Commissioner of Jurors to explain that he was exempt from service. Here he was turned over to an Irish clerk to whom he said:

"I desire to be relieved from jury duty on two grounds—first, that I am a member of the staff of the Herald, and second that I am not a citizen of New York, but a subject of Great Britain."

"Was crime is enough," tersely responded the Celt, and promptly crossed Mr. Crouch's name from the list.

SCOTTISH COURTSHIP

Davie—Ay, ay—um!

Maggie—Hae ye a toothache?

Davie—Weel, maybe.

Maggie—Maybe what?

Davie—Maybe it's toothache, maybe it's no.

Maggie—What else might it be?

Davie—Heartache.

Maggie—Pur chiel!

Davie—Dae ye think ye could—er—eat a peppermint?

Maggie—Hae ye only ane?

Davie—Ay, but g'in ye d'na like it I'll—

Maggie—Ye'll whatt?

Davie—Gae ye a kiss.

Maggie—Try it.

(Davie takes four)

Maggie—Dae ye want more, Davie?

Davie—Ay, if ye'll tak' me for your man.

Maggie—Ay, I'll tak' ye, Davie—

Wallie Hutchinson in Thomson's

Weekly News, Glasgow, Scotland.

say, not more than one-third what it once was.

"Still, we keep these record bibles to-day in a dozen styles, ranging from \$5 to \$20. The blank record pages, these often illuminated, are bound in between the two testaments.

"In some of these bibles there is a presentation page, upon which may be written the name of the person to whom the bible is presented, with the name of the giver; and in some of them is contained a blank marriage certificate; and in some there are bound in with the pages for the record of births, deaths and marriages, pages for the record of temperance pledges.

"These bibles are more likely to be bought nowadays by country people, and it might be by people of the German race and by Irish Protestants; all likely to be substantial people of comfortable means; conservative people who cling still to time-honored customs.

"So, while the old-time family record bible, with pages for the record of births, deaths and marriages, has gone somewhat out of fashion, and is not sold to the extent to which it once was, yet it is still sold, and the demand for it is still considerable."—New York Sun.

The actress doesn't need to object to her manager calling her, "Star of my Life."

The mother of a baby generally convinces herself that it looks like some rich relative.

Methodize the work allotted to you for the day, and know that the day has to be lived through and that the circumstances which may occur constitute what is termed "life."



Soft white French felt is shown in this Phipps & Atchison hat decorated with a silk passementerie braid and a changeable yellow surah.

The under part of the brim is elaborately trimmed with the braid and silk rosettes, while a simple scarf of the silk serves to trim the crown.



THE NEW TURBAN TOQUE.

Velvet and ribbon, with an egret plume, compose this Simpson-Crawford toque. The crown and brim are of brown velvet, the latter being

faced with plaited ribbon in a light shade. A cut steel buckle holds the double egret plume in place at the left side.

The Planet.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

THE PREMIER'S SENSE OF DUTY

The Globe tells us that "if Mr. Ross consulted his own feelings he would gladly resign, but he owes a duty to his party and to the province not to abandon his post, even in the face of the difficulties with which he is at present confronted."

If Mr. Ross wants to resign, his inclination and his duty point in the same direction. Mr. Ross has no divine mission to rule this province. It is his duty to obey the will of the people; and a high sense of duty would make him anxious to obtain evidence of the will of the people, and to obey it promptly and cheerfully. The people have indicated in the clearest manner that they want the government to go, and the result in North Renfrew is only one of many evidences of the drift of public opinion. The clearest of all evidences is the pitiful juggling to which the government has had to resort in order to retain power.

If Mr. Ross had possessed a high sense of duty, he would not have allowed North Renfrew to remain vacant for a year and a half, a proceeding which his own newspaper allies now condemn.

If Mr. Ross had possessed a high sense of duty, he would have repudiated the Pembroke Advocate's threat that public expenditures in Renfrew would be withheld if Dunlop were elected.

If Mr. Ross had possessed a high sense of duty he would not have summoned the legislature on a fortnight's notice, so as to stop the trial of the election petitions.

A public man with a high sense of duty would say: "I am willing to serve this province, but I will not remain here one hour except with the consent of the people." Every day that Mr. Ross remains in office he is losing ground with the people and injuring his reputation as a public man. Those who are urging him to remain in a most humiliating position are either selfishly interested, or are furious partisans to whom the loss of power is intolerable.

PREMIER ROSS' FATAL ERROR

The Hamilton Herald, Liberal organ of Hon. J. M. Gibson, has just reached the conclusion that the reason the electors flock to hear Gamey is because they believe his story is true and that he has not had British fair play at the hands of the Ross Government and its hirelings. That is exactly the reason they flock to hear him and the results in Muskoka and North Renfrew have all the effect of the verdict of a jury. In addition to Gamey there is the case of Callaghan. A strong impression is abroad that the machinery of the court was used, or abused, by the Ross Government to have Callaghan "put out of the way" because he split on Stratton and the Government. It may be a well founded impression or it may not. So gross and ugly is the insinuation that a Government would deal in such a maliciously tyrannical manner with a free born Canadian that we would gladly disbelieve it for the credit of the country. At the same time there are undoubtedly some nasty features in the way the case was handled, though we would prefer to ascribe them to a zeal for righteousness and justice rather than as being of a piece with the rather dubious nature of the whole prosecution.

It is one of the greatest misfortunes in connection with the thirty years' lease of power by the Liberal party that almost every official of our provincial courts from a division court bailiff to a judge on the bench has been appointed by Premier Ross or his predecessors, and all are beholden to the Liberal party for their positions. The general public is quick to accept impressions, and a most unfortunate but deeply rooted conviction has taken hold of the people that the courts are more or less under Government influence. That feeling is traceable to the result of the Gamey-Stratton royal commission. There is no blinking the fact that the very growth of the feeling the Herald describes—i. e. that Gamey has not received British fair play—is in itself a reflection upon that royal commission. We have been surprised within the past few days at the manner in which the facts of the Callaghan case seem to have hastened themselves in people's minds. It is a most deplorable thing that a suspicion of the absolute impartiality of the legal machinery of the province should get abroad, and not even the induc-

ment of partisan advantage has tempted the Citizen to encourage the growth of that suspicion. But there is no doubt that it is widespread, and that the Callaghan case, beyond any sense of its relative importance in the scheme of events, has greatly influenced this feeling. For this, Premier Ross must be held responsible. His tenacious and undignified grasping at power has led him to go to lengths unheard of in political annals in Canada. But he made the mistake of his career when he dragged the courts of Ontario within the besmirching influence of partisan political warfare. Both he and the Liberal party in Ontario will long regret that act. The purity and high standing of our courts are matters of national pride and, outside a handful of rabid partisans, the political fortunes of any provincial party are a mere bagatelle in comparison in the estimation of the people of Ontario.

LEAN YEARS COMING

After the seven fat kine came the seven lean kine. After the period of universal commercial prosperity comes a period of depression. Already the reaction has set in.

In the United States the signs are unmistakable. From every part of the country come reports each day of reductions of wages, the laying-off of workers, and the closing down of factories or operating them on half time. Conditions in England are even worse. The London correspondents say that this is one of the worst winters that the poor of that great city have ever had to face. Every night the Salvation Army turns away from its "shelters" many thousands of poor wretches for whom accommodation cannot be provided. S. Ford Ridley, M. P. for Bethnal Green, writes: "Men are losing their employment by thousands, owing to the general depression in trade." A London evening paper says there are 300 applicants for each vacant position that is advertised in the city papers. Conditions in London are worse than in the rest of the country, but the distress in almost all the industrial districts is unusually severe, and the number of unemployed is increasing with alarming rapidity.

Canada is sure to feel the pinch in some degree. But there is good reason to hope that the impetus which has been given to production and trade in our country will continue for some time to come, and that the pressure of hard times will be felt much less here than in the States and in Britain. The continuous flow of immigration into our western territory will create a steady demand for commodities of many kinds; and thus production will be maintained.

Upon the whole, the prospects for the next year or two in Canada are anything but gloomy.

A FEW FACTS

The Farmers' Weekly Sun, Independent, says:—

This article does not contain a single argument. It is simply a recital of facts which may assist electors in framing their own arguments when the selection of candidates for Parliament is in progress.

1. There was paid in bounties in the year ending June 30, 1902, to manufacture the pig iron \$593,000; to the manufacturers of steel \$421,000; total, \$1,114,000.

2. Under an Act of the Dominion Parliament there is taken from the public treasury, and paid to private capitalists, 3 per cent. on every dollar invested by these capitalists in drydocks.

3. The expenditure of the Dominion Government on consolidated account in the year ending June 30, 1902, was \$50,759,000; for the year ending June 30, 1896, it was \$36,949,000; increase for seven years, \$13,810,000.

4. The net debt of the Dominion on June 30, 1902, was \$271,829,000; the net debt on June 30, 1896, was \$258,497,000; increase in seven years, \$13,332,000.

5. The interest on this debt, and charges of management, amount to over \$11,000,000 a year—about \$11 per family.

6. There was collected by the Dominion Government in Customs taxation in 1902 \$32,425,000—about \$32 per family.

7. The total sum paid by the Dominion, Provincial, and municipal Governments in railway bonuses amounts to \$260,000,000; in addition, 60,000,000 acres of land have been voted away. During the last session the donations in cash, aside from the expenditure on the Grand Trunk Pacific project, amounted to between twelve and eighteen million dollars.

Mr. Clancy will have no harder fight in West Lambton than he has been accustomed to in Bothwell, and his friends have no fear of the result. Mr. Clancy is one of the best informed men in parliament and grows steadily in the esteem of those who know him best.—Windsor Standard.

DR. MCKAY'S CASE

Toronto Mail.
The Huron Expositor (Lib.) calls upon the Ontario Government to dismiss Dr. McKay, the holder of four offices, who stumped North Renfrew for his employers. Such official interference is intolerable. The Government ought to vacate the office, if for no other reason, because the doctor made matters worse.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT DONE.

Toronto Mail.
When this is the result in two formerly Liberal constituencies, it is not difficult to guess what the opinion of the entire province is. The judgment expressed by the people is a condemnation of the Ross government and a declaration that in the opinion of the jury of electors the charge against the ministers, with which the name of Mr. Stratton is more particularly identified, is true. By the people the verdict of guilty is rendered. The question was raised by the ministers. A verdict was sought by them. The case was freely discussed. The answer is given. With such an answer—an answer so striking, so direct, so clear—the question is whether the ministers will continue to hold their places, and whether his honor the lieutenant-governor will receive any further advice from them.

SATCHEL:-

OF THE:-

SATELLITE

Pick out good aldermen and save your money.

Kindly don't forget to write it 1904. I've given this advice before. I won't say how often.

Everybody gambles on the Isthmus, writes a correspondent. There isn't anything else to do.

Vote early and often. This is another old saying of mine which I do not want you to forget.

A Happy New Year to all my readers, to those who hate me and those who love. I don't care damn which.

Our water wagon started yesterday. A few got jolted off at the very start, but some are holding on manfully.

The Non-Coms. of the 24th made their annual call on the officers yesterday. We had no applications from them for seats on the water wagon, anyway.

It is not many families that can boast of two members elected by acclamation to responsible municipal positions in the same year. It's certainly a happy New Year for the McKeough family.

A Salt Lake barber executed his wife after she had confessed her infidelity. The physicians report that he is not insane. Certainly not. The insane are the people like Ibsen, Bernard Shaw and other cranks, who deny that a wife is a chattel and fail to do reverence to the conventional marriage tie.

THEY HAD BEETS FOR DINNER.

I. W. Beets and family took dinner with J. C. McCoy and family.—Hillsboro, O., Dispatch.

THEATRICAL.

Paris has a new ballet with a real automobile on the stage. It auto prove a success.

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Way up here in Iowa we've had a kind o' blizzard; it's cold enough both night and day to nearly freeze your gizzard.

MEMORY VERSE.

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime By casting bathtubs far behind us And living on the grime.

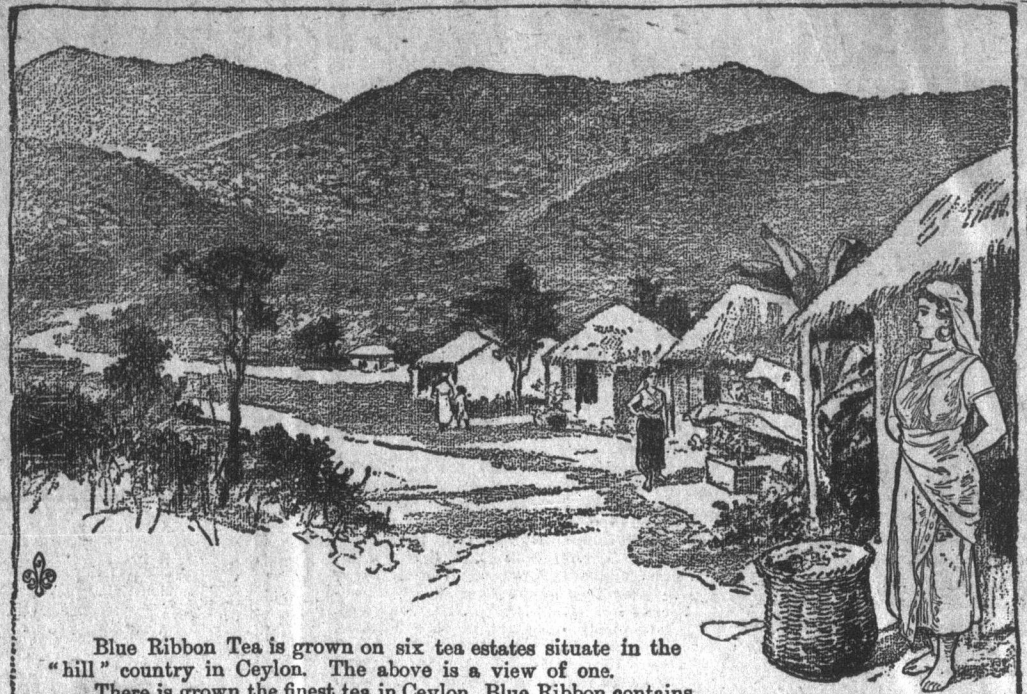
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Timely and Practical Theme of the
Preacher Who Iterates and Reiterates
God's Command "Repent! Repent!
Repent Ye of Sin"—Why It is a Wise
Thing to Cease From Wrongdoing
Now.

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada,
in the year 1903, by William Baurier of Toronto,
at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—In this sermon, on the last Sabbath of the dying year, the preacher sounds a loud call for repentance of past sins and a resolution with divine help to begin a new life in Christ with the coming year. The text is Luke xiii., 5, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Great accidents generally have their two classes of heroes. The one class is composed of dying heroes, the other of living heroes. When, a few weeks ago, a coal train crashed into the Big Four special which was carrying a thousand college students and their friends to Indianapolis to play for the State football championship the young men who were unhurt pulled and tugged at the derailed cars. They lifted up, the mangled bodies of the dying, and they collected the mutilated remains of the dead. Young girls who in ordinary life would have been at the sight of a mouse or a fly, at a vaccination in that awful crash tore up their garments for bandages and bathed the white foreheads of their young friends who were about to pass away. On the other hand, those who were being aided were just as self sacrificing, as those who were trying to alleviate physical sufferings and minister to spiritual wants. An acquaintance of mine arrived at that scene of horror only a short time after the tragedy occurred. He personally told me of the nobility of some of those maimed and dying heroes. One young man had crawled out of the wreck and was seated upon the ground with his thumb tightly pressed against an artery. His foot had been completely amputated by the wreck. When the doctor found him, he turned, with a brave smile and said: "Never mind me, doctor. I am all right for the present. Go and help those poor fellows down there. They need you more than I." Dying athletes thought not of themselves. While tossing about in mortal agony they begged their friends not to let their fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers and sweethearts know how badly they were hurt.

We shudder at the details of these sudden and appalling calamities. It shocks us to think of strong men and delicate women, bright and gay and with apparently many years of happy life before them, being overwhelmed and crushed in one short hour by some terrific disaster. Yes, it is horrible. But, while we deplore and sympathize, let us not forget the lesson that Christ would have us learn from such catastrophes. To those who told him of a great and sudden sacrifice of life he said, "Ye, too, shall likewise perish unless you repent." He did not mean that their earthly lives would necessarily have a similar end, but that without repenting a doom beyond the grave as appalling as that they had described awaited them. The greatest railroad accident that ever took place, as when the Edinburgh express went down the bridge; the greatest volcanic eruption when Vesuvius emptied itself; and the two favorite resorts of Rome's aristocracy in one night were buried in their grave of ashes; the most awful of fires, as when Chicago was burned; are not to be compared to the horror of that day when sinners who have not repented of and turned from their sins shall hear their doom pronounced by a righteous God. Listen to the words of Jesus: "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all Galileans because they suffered those things? I tell ye nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance of sin is our subject. Repentance of sin is our imperative command.

Standing between the open grave of the dying year and the new made cradle of the coming year, we hear God thunder the command: "Repent! Repent! Repent ye of sin!" Not sorrow alone, though it includes that; not alone regret that we have sinned against a God so good and so loving, but renunciation. There is no real repentance until there is determination to abandon sin. It means that each sinner must first be willing to pluck the wriggling, hissing serpent of evil out of his heart and hurl it from him as though it had the poisonous fangs of a fatal cobra before Christ's blood will blot out the evil results of a hideous past. It means that the sinner has no ground for expecting heaven at the end of his course unless, through the power of Christ, he has renounced his sin. Either the repentant sinner, with wide open eyes, is walking directly toward the cross or else he is walking directly away from it.

What says Paul in reference to this renunciation of sin? To the church of Corinth he wrote: "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Without repentance of sin there can be no remission of sin. Now, my brother, my sister, come the practical and overpowering questions: Are you and I, on this last Sunday night of the year, ready to turn our backs upon sin? Are we ready to tear out this viper of evil habit which we have been nursing in our bosoms as a Nathan's pet lamb? Repentance of sin means more than to be merely sorry for sin. It means a complete renunciation of a turning from, a repudiation of sin. Are you and I ready now to promise God that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will throttle our secret sins, even as the natives of India in hands go forth to destroy the man-eating prowler of the dark jungle?

And why should we not one and all be ready to turn our backs upon and renounce sin? In all the history of our lives is there one instance of yielding to sin in which sin has not proved itself our enemy? As a loathsome cancer has it not been eating at the vitals of our hearts? It has steadily been devouring our manhood and self respect. Why should we not be ready to renounce our sins and turn to Christ? Has not sin always been a curse and an enemy? Has not sin destroyed the best part of our lives?

Standing between the open grave of the dying year and the cradle of the year about to be born, my text is especially appropriate. Why? Though God offers pardon and peace for repentance of all past sins, he does not offer pardon for one sin that we intend to commit in the future. One drop of Christ's blood is sufficient to undermine and sweep away the mountain ranges of past evil. But to the man who is cherishing his sin, who will not break with it, who will not give it up, there is no promise. Pardon for the past is of no avail to a man who loves his sin and will accumulate a new load next year, next month or next week, though that sin be as small as a grain of sand by the seashore, as small as a microbe which can only be seen under the magnifying glass in the biologist's laboratory.

Many people mistakenly suppose that God's pardon applies to future as well as to past sins. They think it applies to those sins which we intend to commit as well as to those sins of which we are already guilty. In the Far East the Mohammedans suppose that earth and heaven are separated by a great chasm. Over this fathomless chasm are stretched many bridges, each the breadth of a hair in thickness. Over these infinitesimal bridges the immortal souls must pass from earth to heaven while glowing, hissing, bursting flames leap up from the bottomless pit beneath scorch their feet and try to drag them down. So some people of Christian America foolishly think they can reach heaven, though they are deliberately and intentionally walking, as the Mohammedans imagine themselves doing, over the hot fires of evil. They believe God will pardon those sins which we intend to commit in the future as well as those sins which are already recorded against us upon the black pages of the past.

Abraham Lincoln's war cry against slavery was this: "A house divided

against itself cannot stand. This country must become all slave or all free." In the same way, man cannot have two masters. "Either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other." Yet there have been thousands upon thousands of immoralists who have been eternally destroyed because they thought they could serve God and Satan at the same time.

Pardon for the past sins. No pardon is promised for the future sins which we deliberately intend to commit. Mr. Moody, I think it was, gave this as his testimony: For many weeks and months he had been laboring with a business friend to give his heart to God. This man at last said: "Moody, I will do as you ask, but upon one condition. It has always been my ambition from a boy to be worth \$100,000. I see that my wealth is rapidly nearing that mark. When I have that much in the bank, I shall then become a Christian and be a true, practical Christian as well as a professing one." From that moment the man's eternal destiny was sealed. His heart became hardened. He did reach his \$100,000 milestone along the pathway of wealth, but he never reached the foot of the cross. Pardon for sins of 1903. Yes. But God offers no assurance of pardon for those sins which we deliberately mean to commit in 1904.

Standing between the open grave of the dying year and the cradle of the year about to be born, we should all repent of our sins. Why, again? Because the far reaching word "repentance" embraces another far reaching word, "restitution." Therefore, if we are going to try to undo the many wrongs of the past, we must be about our Father's business very quickly. God forgives those who truly repent, but the work of restitution or of atonement to our brother man who has suffered in body or soul by our wrongdoing belongs to us, and we know not how soon the opportunity of doing that work may pass away.

Sometimes it is not possible for us to undo the wrongs of the past. Mr. Beecher in one of his sermons related an incident illustrative of this impossibility. While he was living in Indianapolis a young man was enticed into a gambling den and there drugged and cheated out of all his money, some \$1,500. This callow youth begged the robbers to give him back at least enough to pay his car fare home. They not only refused, but kicked him out into the street. Under their brutal treatment the young man was driven to commit suicide. The owner of that gambling den afterward repented of his share of the crime. "But," said Mr. Beecher, "all his repentance could not restore his victim's life and could not undo the wrongs of the past." In our lives there are thousands of wrongs we have done to others which we can never undo. Perhaps by some sinful invitation which we gave or by some evil example which we have paraded in our past life we have been the means of starting some man, some young woman, on a life of crime and have started them on a journey which ended in a drunkard's or a suicide's grave.

But though we may be unable to undo all wrongs we have done our neighbors we can make restitution for many of our past misdeeds, and

one of the chief manifestations of true repentance is the expressed desire and willingness to personally atone as far as lies within our power for past faults. The widow of the famous artist John Opie once said: "I never saw my husband satisfied with any of his productions. Often, very often, have I seen him enter my room and throw himself in an agony of despondency on the sofa and exclaim, 'I never, never can be a painter as long as I live!'" "It was a noble despair, such as is never felt by the self complacent dauber of signboards," commented Charles H. Spurgeon. "It was a noble despair, which bore the aspirant up to one of the highest niches in the artistic annals of his country." The truly repentant sinner, too, has a noble despair in his restless and unsatisfied desire to make restitution for all the evil he has done. This desire will goad him on and on as long as he lives. Therefore, my brother, if you have a long and evil past, so far as possible you should lose no time in beginning the long and difficult task of trying to undo the wrongs you have done. One of the self evident proofs, patent to all, that Zaccheus was truly converted was the blunt statement he made to the Master when he said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation I restore to him fourfold." Then Jesus said unto him, "This day is salvation come to this house."

True repentance can never take place without being accompanied by a holy longing to make restitution for an evil past. Then, my brother, you had better make haste to repent. There are many evil words you have spoken which you should try to recall. There are many bad influences you have exerted over your companions. There are many, very many, sins which you have committed in your homes, the effects of which you should try to eradicate from the minds and hearts of your children. "Repent! Repent! Repent ye of sin!" Repent, so that you may be able, like Zaccheus, to return fourfold to those whom you have wronged. Restitution must go hand in hand with repentance.

There is still another reason for deep repentance of sin. The greater our self abnegation the more glorious will appear to us the forgiveness of God. The more we stand afar off and beat our breasts and, like the poor publican, say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," the more joyous will be the Saviour's words which will welcome us into our Father's house when he says, "Son, daughter, thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace." Then the burden of the cross will not be a burden, as you and I may have anticipated. It will be such a burden as Rutherford, the evangelist, described it when he

said: "The burden of the cross is the sweetest burden I ever bore. It is such a burden as wings are to a bird or sails are to a ship, to carry me forward to the harbor of peace."

Deep repentance for sin naturally implies a corresponding gratitude toward Christ, who has redeemed us from the evil results of sin. The greater the danger the greater the love we have for our rescuer. I was never more impressed with this truth than last year, when the Chicago Presbytery banqueted its most honored member, Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D., on his seventieth birthday. Without doubt Dr. Johnson is one of our most influential living ministers of the Presbyterian Church. He is not only a great ecclesiastical statesman and famous professor, but he has bound to him with golden cords of love all who know him and who have lived close to him. After the different Chicago ministers had spoken and expressed their deep respect for their honored guest Dr. Johnson rose to reply. With a sweet, gentle spirit looking out of his loving eyes, he said: "Brethren, I am overwhelmed with this overpowering manifestation of your love. I have done nothing to merit all this. Then, with a quavering voice, he gratefully laid all the happy results of life's work at the feet of his Saviour when in a simple, childlike way he repeated these trustful words: I am a poor sinner and nothing at all.

But Jesus Christ is my all in all. Ah, yes, such loving yearning, such tender turning with joyful and grateful face to a divine Saviour, are the immediate results of true repentance. The darker the clouds that hang over Mount Sinai the more rapturous the emptied sepulcher on Easter morn. The more awful the hurricane which tosses us about upon the sea of sin the more beautiful becomes the Bethlehem star, beckoning us across the still waters and into the harbor where the rescued mariners need never fear again the angry waves.

Still another reason for immediate repentance: The mute appeal of thousands upon thousands of immortal souls heading toward destruction who may be saved if we will only point them to the Way. The moment a repentant sinner is snatched from eternal death that moment he longs to rescue others threatened with the same danger. And, oh, my friends, how many sinners there are who may be saved if by the grace of God we will go forth to save them! But mark this—unrepentant cannot rescue the unrepentant. The blind cannot lead the blind or they will both stumble into the ditch and be lost.

But while I have been talking relentlessly time has been pushing the minute hand around the face of the clock. Like one who waits for dissolution, the year 1903 is ready for the messenger to lead it forth to sleep in the graveyard of the other dead years. If we are to repent in 1903, we must do so soon, we must do it now! The messenger is knocking at the door. Goodby, old year! Goodby! Thou hast been a good friend to most of us. Goodby! When we meet thee before the judgment seat of Christ, may we hear thee testify that thou didst see the tear of penitence upon our cheek and that thou didst hear us say to our Heavenly King, "Father, take me as I am." Goodby, old year 1903!

RICH MEN ARE
NOT ALL HAPPY.

Croesus, King of Lydia, Had Troubles of His Own, and There Are Others.

Croesus, the John D. Rockefeller of the kingdom of Lydia, was very well-to-do in worldly goods and chattels. "As rich as Croesus" is a saying about 2,500 years old. He had his troubles, however, and some of them were full grown. He was taken captive once by Cyrus and only saved himself from being burned alive by quoting a saying of Solon, the Sage. He finally had to flee his kingdom for parts unknown.

Many of the rich man's troubles to-day come from high living and could be avoided. They are brought on by eating all kinds of rich, heavy foods at irregular times, lack of proper exercise, undue mental strain, unnatural stimulants, etc., and are commonly known as indigestion, dyspepsia and weak stomach. They are serious troubles all right, but not only can they be avoided but can also be cured, and that without loss of time or proper food and nourishment.

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THE JANUARY COMPETITION

Now that the New Year has come and the holidays are past, we are again offering our monthly essay competition to the young readers of The Planet Junior. We will be glad to receive from you all the best essays you can write on any of the subjects suggested below. The essays should be written during the month of January, and should be sent to the editor of The Planet Junior, not later than the 15th of February.

During the new year it will be the aim of the editor to make these bi-monthly contests more interesting and popular. A variety of splendid subjects is being arranged and the essays written during 1904 will, as in the past, be capital ones.

Following the happy suggestion of a contemporary, the opening subject for the first month will be a "Study in Nature's School." Our young readers doubtless have varying ideas as to what is best in Nature's realm and the phase of nature study they are most fond of. For instance, some might choose the rainbow, the thunder storm, the sunset, leaves and flowers, scenery, the snow, birds and animals, river or stream, etc., etc., and take their own way of describing and telling of them.

The judges will be asked to allot twenty-five per cent of the marks for the choice of subject, and the remainder for the originality and the development of the subject and the style of composition.

All essays, as usual, must be written in ink, and on one side of the paper only, and reach The Planet Junior not later than Saturday, January 30th.

To the writer of the essay which the judges deem to be the best The Planet Junior will present a handsome prize.

Unfortunately we are still unable to announce the result of the Christmas story competition for the gold watch. His Honor Judge Bill, the presiding examiner, informs us that the judges are, however, well on with the work, and are expected to have the results ready and classified by the 15th of January.

The judges have pressed much pressure with the excellence of the essays they have examined and confess that the task of making the award will not be an easy one.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

A girl of Paris, Tex., has what is supposed to be the best record of any pupil in the country. During her school career of eleven years she has never missed a day, and she has never been tardy. As a reward of merit she has been presented with a gold medal in the shape of a star, emblematic of the Lone Star State. She began to attend school when she was only five years old.

NOVEMBER ESSAYS

THE STOVE AND THE COAL DISPUTING.

"Dear me," growled the coal stove, "I am so hot and the gas is choking me. I wish I had never been put in contact with that horrid old coal."

"I am quite insulted," roared the coal, "burning up brighter still. 'It is not polite to pass personal remarks'."

"See how crimson you have made me," said the stove indignantly, "instead of letting me keep so jolly black."

"Why that is only my sunshine. I am doing all the work while you are grumbling."

"Well," said she with a smile, "what is the matter?"

"We have been disputing as to which was the better," the stove or the coal. "But don't you think I am?" said the coal.

There was silence for a while. The stove then said:

"I can not say which is the better for the coal is of no use without the stove, and the stove is of no use without the coal, so I hope in the future you will peacefully live together."

"Yes," said the coal, "let us be friends, and you can tell me where you came from."

"I was deep in the ground," said the stove, "for a number of years, when one day I heard hammering, picking and a great number of voices. Then I was all silent, but a terrible noise came and I was left shattered. I was then put up in a basket and shipped on cars a long way off, and put in a large furnace, where the iron was taken from me. Then I was made into iron bars or pig iron, and shipped to Moffitt Bros., Weston, Ontario, where I was made into a stove called 'The Classic Parlor.' I was then put in a large crate, put on the train and carried to Westman Bros. Hardware Store, Chatham, where I was directed. I was then taken out of my crate. People came and admired me, till one day I was put in a wagon and carried me to this house."

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NOVEMBER ESSAYS

THE STOVE AND THE COAL DISPUTING.

"Dear me," growled the coal stove, "I am so hot and the gas is choking me. I wish I had never been put in contact with that horrid old coal."

"I am quite insulted," roared the coal, "burning up brighter still. 'It is not polite to pass personal remarks'."

"See how crimson you have made me," said the stove indignantly, "instead of letting me keep so jolly black."

"Why that is only my sunshine. I am doing all the work while you are grumbling."

"Well," said she with a smile, "what is the matter?"

"We have been disputing as to which was the better," the stove or the coal. "But don't you think I am?" said the coal.

There was silence for a while. The stove then said:

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KEEPS HIS EYES OPEN

The observant boy who keeps his eyes open to what is going on about him, frequently renders himself an authority in matters where older people are in doubt. An illustration of this is given in the following story.

"I have not seen an interesting story as yours," answered the counter, "but I will tell you about my- self."

"I was a tall and noble free in a forest of British Columbia. One day a wood-cutter came and chopped me down. I was taken to the saw mill and made into boards. I was then shipped to Chatham, and taken to Shedd's mill, where I was made into a counter. My master brought me because I was well and strongly made. I've had a busy day and I'm rather sleepy, so good night."

"Good night," replied the seal skin jacket, yawning.

THE STORY OF A LONELY SHOE.

As I was walking along the street one day I heard a low, pitiful voice. I looked around to see where it came from and again it was repeated. I then discovered in the grass a lonely worn out shoe. I asked it to tell me how it got there alone and why it was so sad. The shoe then began this story:

"I once roamed over a pleasant prairie, but one day I saw some men come out on horseback. Soon after one man threw out a rope and it slipped around my neck. I became unconscious and I was dying. I was skinned, then tanned, cleaned, rubbed and scraped, and at last I found myself what is called leather. After this I was cut, stitched, and polished and at last became a beautiful shoe. My master said I was fine enough for a princess to wear. I was put in a box and the name 'Groom' was written on it. I was then shipped to Pease's shoe store, Chatham. I now had time to look at myself and became very proud. I had not been in this box long, when one day a lady came in the store, bought me and took me home with her. I became very fond of her because she used me well and took me with her to good company wherever she went. She, too, was fond of me, because I served her well, and was willing to go anywhere she wished me to. After we had been together a long time, I became worn out and one day a man came around gathering old boots and shoes. My mistress gave me to him that I might be made up to something useful again, and said she would have to buy a pair of my sister shoes."

When I got into the wagon I found there were going other old shoes. As we were going over a cross-jacking the wagon lurched and I tipped out. That is how I came to be in the grass here so lonely and sad.

MAN AND MULE.

The mule—his has a lead to pull; And so is man. He's satisfied to be the least; And so is man. Like man, he may be taught some tricks; And so is man. He does his work from 8 to 6; And so is man. The mule—when he gets mad he kicks; And so does man. The mule—his has a lead to pull; And so is man. He's satisfied to be the least; And so is man. Like man, he may be taught some tricks; And so is man. He does his work from 8 to 6; And so is man. The mule—when he gets mad he kicks; And so does man.

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CLEAMS OF SUNSHINE

Motto—Good cheer! Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. 'Twas not given for you alone. Pass it on. Let it travel down the years, Till it wipe another's tears, Till in heaven the deed appears. Pass it on.

Mrs. Thos. Richardson, President of one of the three local branches, is in receipt of the following letter:—

Dear Sunshine Friend,—I am in receipt of your kind letter, for which I give you my heartfelt thanks. I see by the date of your letter that it has been over a month in coming. It seems strange to think of a letter so long on the way. I had made up my mind that you did not care to write. I am so glad you are pleased with my letter. You say you have sent me some papers, but they were not received by me, nor anything from your Sunshine friends. As your letter reached me safely there is no reason to think your papers miscarried.

Please ask your members again, in my behalf, to kindly preserve the cancelled stamps that come to your office on parcels or papers; also please write your relatives in Ramsgoan to send me some foreign, used stamps.

I have promised to send you news of India, but have no newspapers to send. I am not a subscriber to any Indian papers, neither can I get old readings free of charge here. I could not afford to pay postage on papers to Canada. Every English-knowing native in India is not rich, as some foreigners think, and we are of the poor ones. I am in want of our own country papers and if I were able to subscribe for one of our own papers, or could get old readings, why should I ask you for readings, who are so far away? I will send you one or two of Indian papers, and maybe more some time if I can get them.

I was not born dear, but medicine failed to cure me. I learn that some instrument placed in the ear can cure me, but I cannot afford costly things. There are no such instruments sold in India. There are no skilled physicians of any sort. The quacks sell useless drugs. There are free hospitals, but they have only ordinary doctors. You say you have many skilled physicians in Canada. Will you please procure me a remedy for my case? My case is a partial deafness for fifteen years, noises in my ears and catarrh in middle ear. The joint help of your members you could send me an ear instrument free of charge. You say you are helping this poor fellow. Will you not help a poor native in a distant corner of the world?

I have a wife and four children and three old widowers to support. The eldest child is an English school, and the girl is in a mission. Our income has only three of our newspaper editors, in vernacular and English; but the Presidency capital has numerous presses and newspapers, which go to all parts of the district.

An English daily in India would cost four times what it does in Canada. The plain paper alone would cost more than your daily paper. In India the newspapers are generally vernacular, and few read English. It would cost so much and are monopolized by companies. The Government change the school books every year, and so it is impossible to take up old books for a new class. School fees are heavy. I am unable to educate my son. We have free schools for our girls in the American Mission, but not for our poor boys. Teachers are poorly paid. They receive some grants annually on result of examinations; the pupils are also obliged to pay examination fees. The poor native scholars leave off school after primary; only rich boys go to higher studies. They, only, obtain government posts.

My education is only ordinary, and I did not obtain any degree in the university, and so I could not get any good appointment. There are many good English-knowing natives more clever than I, more highly educated natives poorer than I.

I had, a poor son, though he was a graduate, cannot get any post from the Government, but a rich man, even though he were a fool, can get a high government post. Without influence it is impossible to enter a government office. All the offices are monopolized by the rich natives, especially Brahmins. The British are simply puppets in the hands of Brahmin officials. This is Brahmin government rather than an English one. They will not allow new Brahmins in an office; they put their relatives in. I am only a copyist in an office on a poor salary. I am in a step higher than a peon. My service is long, but being poor my claim was overlooked by heartless officers, and I was not promoted. I refer you to Mrs. Perkins, of San Francisco, Cal., our late missionary, and whose brother is our missionary here at present, to bear me out in what I have told you.

I will send you an idol and other curiosities if you will send me the price of mailing. Idols cannot be sent to Canada, except by parcel. Would you like old coins of East India? I can send you vernacular books, written on palm-leaf leaves, and the instrument by which they are written, a tailor bird's nest—I would be a curiosity. A native woman, heads string by a native woman, tell me plainly what you would like and I will send them to you, but you must bear the expense.

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Short Stories

Something to interest the Boys and Girls.

A GREAT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

The greatest church organ ever built is now in course of construction in the organ factories of Los Angeles, Cal. It is to be three stories high and almost as large as a good-sized house. It is to be for the St. Louis Exposition, to which it will be shipped in sections.

The two pipes having the lowest tones are thirty-two feet long, and two men could not take them side by side. It will take ten of the largest freight cars to carry the organ to St. Louis. Besides its large pipes, the instrument will embody many improvements which will make it one of the remarkable things of the exposition.

THE ELECTROPHONE.

A recent speech of Joseph Chamberlain, the English statesman, delivered in Birmingham, was taken by reporters for a London paper in their home office by means of a new device known as the electrophone. This allowed him, sitting in the London office, to hear every word spoken in the hall at Birmingham. His speech was printed in the full and proper manner on the streets twenty-seven minutes after the last word was spoken.

PIGEONS' HONORED.

The Western Railway of France has started a novel method of placing notices of train timetables on the sides of a train. A pigeon, consisting of a wren, a lark, a balloon, a rose, a ship and a rocket. It is said that the train makes a speedily picturesque and pleasing appearance as it flies along.

PREDICTIONS FOR 1904.

Cold weather will prevail during the early part of the year, followed by rainy spells and some weeks during which the furnace may be allowed to go out of commission.

About the middle of the year two great gales of wind will be followed by a series of windstorms in nearly every village and city in the country, and in the fall the nation will be saved by the triumph of the party securing the largest number of marks on the tally sheets.

During the summer there will be a revival of patriotism and the advocacy of the rights of man and the equality of all men. This will be followed by severe frosts in the late fall.

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