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## Blanket and Comforter Weather

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Wool Blankets, with blue or pink border, soft finish, size 60 x 80, regular price \$3.50, on Thursday \$2.50 and \$2.00.  
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Splendid cotton-filled Comforters, covered with good satin, in pretty designs at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.  
Rider-filled Comforters, covered with the finest quality satin, frilled and plain, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$6.50.  
Cotton Blankets, gray and white at a pair \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35.

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We have about 50 left—they're the correct style, in best colors, and a very smart of money takes the choice. Come in and see them.

THOMAS STOE & SON

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It's worth a good deal but cost you nothing extra when you buy "Slater Shoes." Generous supply of comfort goes with every pair. Made in such a multitude of sizes that your fit becomes an easy matter, in any color you wish and leathers selected for the highest grades. If "Slater Shoes" are Good—Wetted which means ripless safety and uniform workmanship. Every pair endorsed by the makers with their trade mark on the sole—a slate frame with the price \$5.00 or \$5.50. CATALOGUE FREE



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Agents for Slater Shoes and Barrington Hats



## NO NECESSITY FOR THIS

Ill-fitting shoes would spoil the temper of a saint, and one can't be blamed for a little outburst of temper.

But you could easily avoid it. Wear "Slater Shoes."

They're made in twelve foot-fitting shapes, six widths, all sizes and half sizes, in leathers that have passed an expert's most rigid examination. It's hard to find a foot "Slater Shoes" will not fit.

Then again "Slater Shoes" are Good—Wetted, that perfect method of modern shoe-making. Every pair is branded on the sole with the maker's name and shoe's price in a slate frame—the trade mark—\$5.00 or \$5.50. CATALOGUE FREE

Just Beginning ....

## Another Year's Business....

At "The Ark."

In the past it has always been our endeavor to supply the wants and needs of the people of Kent County in general and this city in particular.

"Go to 'The Ark,' for anything you want" has become almost a proverb amongst the people of this vicinity.

The large and varied stock of stoves, tinware, enamelledware, crockery, lamps, chinaware, and general householdings carried by this store has become the wonder of all who visit this establishment.

We have surprises all the time in many lines, and people enjoy dealing here as they get what they want at prices that does not cripple them.

We wish you all "A Happy New Year."

H. MACAULAY "The Ark"

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Sherman Langford will be a candidate for commissioner in Harwich, as announced in this issue.

Miss Ida St. C. Colles left this morning by G. T. R. to meet friends in Toronto, en route for Lindsay, Ont.

J. C. Parish, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and T. R. Parish, of Minnesota, are visiting friends in Chatham and Dover.

Mrs. J. B. Kelley left Monday evening for Seattle, on a six weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Resumme, and son Albie.

Claves Lost—On King street, on Christmas eve, a pair of gentlemen's silk lined gloves. The finder will be rewarded by leaving them at this office. Had a 25¢ wrapper.

These Hays, Wallaceburg, was in the city today and left for Essex Centre with a view of purchasing the Aberdeen House in that place.

The Daughters of Rebekah will give an at home at the Oddfellows, on the evening of the 31st of Jan., from 8 to 10 o'clock. All Oddfellows and their wives are invited to attend.

H. Barrell, whose interesting letters from South Africa, appeared in The Planet, is stopping at the Idlewild Hotel, and is anxious to get employment. He is able to take a clerkship in a store and has had considerable experience with horses.

Alfred Beach Wampum, a Moravian Indian, was arrested near Brantford by Indian Constable J. P. South, on New Year's day. Wampum is charged with stealing \$71.31 from the Moravian Agricultural Society. He was arraigned in the county court before Judge Houston, and remanded for a week.

## MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS FOR KENT COUNTY AND DISTRICT.

An Exceptionally Large Field of Candidates in Nearly all the Municipalities—Polling Will Take Place on Monday.

Despatches to The Planet yesterday from its busy corps of county correspondents show the municipal campaign will be a lively one throughout during next week. Everywhere there is a generous offering of excellent candidates and many keen contests are predicted.

**TILBURY NORTH.**  
The municipal nominations resulted in the return of all the old representatives by acclamation.

**DRESDEN.**  
Mayor—Asa Ribble, J. I. Woley, Chas. Bidder, W. G. Cragg, McLaughlin.  
Councillors—Sandy McVean, J. C. James, Wm. Ward, R. P. Wright, H. Weston, R. McConnell, N. B. Carson, E. H. Hazlett, D. A. Warner, W. Clapp, T. M. Steeper, Chas. Tassie, W. Grace.

**GILBURY.**  
Reeve—H. Caldwell, Dr. Sharp, Withdrawn—Chas. Clark.  
Councillors—E. Givens, Jos. Stewart, W. A. Johnson, Chas. Clark, Wm. Weldon, A. H. Russell, Jos. Wilson, Withdrawn—W. D. Smith, J. A. Wilson, John Foreman, John Edgcombe.

**SCHOOL TRUSTEES—W. C. Crawford, Geo. Chalmers, Wm. Lumley, William Wright, Dr. Ferguson.**  
Withdrawn—Fred Lee.

**TILBURY EAST.**  
Reeve—Henry Wilson, James Ross, David Fletcher, J. W. Campbell, J. W. Smith, John Wanda. All but Fletcher and Campbell have withdrawn.

**COUNCILLORS—Howard Marshall, Wernock, Wm. Hickey, Geo. Struthers, Robert Chalmers, H. W. Sales, John Cooper, Wm. Doyle. A few of these have withdrawn, but there will be a spirited contest.**

**ELLENHURST.**  
Reeve—H. Vickers, H. Allan.  
Councillors—D. Clemens, R. J. Neal, W. Watters, T. Burgess, H. Munn, Geo. Fry, E. B. Martin, Geo. Harrison.

**BOTHWELL.**  
Mayor—W. A. Scott, Jos. Dillon.  
Councillors—Walter Goodenough, N. D. McKee, Thos. Clarke, Jos. Dillon, Henry Gooding, Edward Lefevre, Geo. Trotter, Geo. Wahler, Geo. Pencock, Olin Reid, Jr., W. R. Hickey, Hiram Walker, R. H. Johnston, Geo. Swallow.

**GLENCEOE.**  
Reeve—Arch. Finlayson, Donald Graham, I. Rathburn, George Lethbridge, Councillors—James F. Simpson, Arch. Finlayson, W. J. Frensis, J. L. Luckham, James A. Young, Geo. Parrott, J. A. McPaine, James Pool, Geo. Precious, El. Gale, R. C. Vase, E. J. Hurdle, John Oldrieve, Fred. Aldred, Donald McLachlan, Geo. Lethbridge.

**STEWART.**  
Reeve—John Crowder, J. S. Boothroyd, A. F. Campbell.  
Councillors—E. Brien, David Wilson, J. C. Williams, John Duck, J. S. Elliott, J. C. Palmer, Alex. McMillan, F. Arnold.

**HARWICH.**  
Reeve—J. McCully, E. Toll.  
Councillors—J. B. Bentley, C. Buchanan, A. Henry, J. Huston, P. Morrison, R. Young, J. Campbell, T. Langford, J. McCormick.

**BRIDGE TOWN.**  
Mayor—W. B. Graham, A. Long.  
Councillors—John McPherson, C. H. Eastlake, B. W. Wilson, J. C. Wallace, John Cochrane, R. B. Lethian, John Young, David Simpson, Chas. Gibson.

**THAMESVILLE.**  
Reeve—T. H. Syer, John Howat.  
Councillors—W. Burchell, J. J. Vincent, John M. Thompson, E. H. Moran, A. H. Willis, J. A. West, W. F. Lawrence.

**CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.**  
Reeve—W. Abram, H. Cumming.  
Councillors—J. Armstrong, J. Conner, Wm. Jones, H. Morgan, Thos. O'Neil, J. L. Stevens, R. Stewart, R. A. Tompkins, Alex. Tompkins, A. Tyrell, G. W. Wickens, S. Wallace.

**DOVER.**  
Reeve—C. Purser, W. Newkirk.  
Councillors—Jos. Lewis, Peter Crawford, Peter Grant, Geo. Kime, Geo. King, C. W. Wright, Thos. Anderson, Regis Prudell, Alexander Leitch.

**COLCHESTER SOUTH.**  
Reeve—James Howie (by acclamation).  
Councillors—Robert A. F. Fleck, John Little, Angus Wright and Geo. Catherwood (by acclamation).  
Harrow Police Village Trustees—C. I. Pastorius, A. E. Sime and A. L. Munger (by acclamation).

**RALEIGH.**  
In Raleigh all the old council are in the field and also several others.  
The nominations resulted as follows: Reeve—N. H. Shepley and Lesdon Pardo, Councillors—James Clayton, James Irving, Patrick Doyle, Andrew Crow, Mr. McKay, Mr. Miller, 12th cont.; Mr. Roe, Bloomfield, Charles Williams, Alex. Dolan, Jr., Bloomfield, A. G. Robertson, Fletcher.

**WINDSOR.**  
Mayor—John Davis, by acclamation.  
Aldermen—First ward, Robt. Barry, Benjamin Brooks, D. A. Bedford, John H. McConnell, Isaac Watt, and Joseph Leggett; Second ward, H. Walker, J. G. Gangneer, Ralph Thorne, Noble Harbick, J. H. McConnell, and J. E. Smyth; Third ward, Samuel Dupuis, Wm. Englander, Jas. Banwell, Robt. L. Dunn, Thomas Blackburn, R. S. McDonald, and John J. Foster; Fourth ward, Henry Sibson, Euclid Jacques, William Calder, Peter Smith, Joseph Martin, G. B. Davis and William Colby.

**KINGSVILLE.**  
Reeve—Alex. J. Wagle, James K. Sweet.  
Councillors—J. E. Pastorius, George W. Henry, Owen Harris, Howard R. Scratch, Geo. Williamson, Elihu Scratch, John J. Majott.

**LEAMINGTON.**  
Mayor—Chas. L. Conlis, W. D. Cox, J. E. Johnson, George Craig, Dr. F. H. Hughes, William Smith.  
Councillors—Cabel Curtis, Harry Marquette, W. G. Bristow, Jas. Manuery, Chas. L. Cuthrie, Henry Johnson, W. Cox, J. H. O'Connor, William Hepburn, Chas. Scratch, William Irwin, D. Kennedy, Henry Foster, Geo. W. Jackson, Geo. Craig, William Selkirk, Adolphus Brown, E. Tyburnt, Edgar McClatchey, L. L. Deew.

**SANDWICH.**  
Mayor—Ernest Girardot, by acclamation.  
Councillors—Edward Donnelly, Jno. Marantette, John G. Watson, C. B. Mason, Robert Jackson, James Laidlaw, J. Jos. Moloch, Joseph Lassaine, Richard McKee, Joseph Boismier, Joseph Allen.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES—By acclamation—John C. Boivin, Francis Girardot, Napoleon Piche.**

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Chatham

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**SARNIA.**

Mayor—Dr. Wm. Logie, R. S. Oliver, Aldermen—W. H. Manife, D. Milne, T. H. Cook, W. J. Foster, W. F. Lawrence, Dr. J. G. Morrison, W. Kirtan R. Fleck, A. Shephard, John Raines, J. R. Essex.

**ESSEX.**

Mayor—H. M. Johnson, J. J. W. Brian, A. Raines.

Councillors—Dr. J. W. B. O. H. Bickler, R. R. Brett, Wm. W. M. Johnson, Nelson Wagh, G. G. Thomas, W. J. Johnson, J. C. Gormley, Henry Cowell, Frank G. Tully, W. S. Smith, C. Krie, J. Jackson, A. H. Scarff, Dr. J. Brian, John Laing.

School Trustees—Wm. Bush, G. A. Francis, G. A. Sherman, acclamation.

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The Busy Cash Store

The Northway Co., Limited

## Stock-Taking Sale

WITH the advent of the New Year, we begin our annual January Stock-taking Sale, which we are going to make an event worthy of your best attention. Every department in the store will contribute toward the success of this Money-saving Event. Price revisions will be of such a nature as to ensure the liveliest buying. It will be no half-hearted attempt, no vague trifling with prices or values. These are some of the lines that will claim your attention Thursday Morning.

6 pos. Cloakings, medium and heavy weight, assorted colors, in plain and rough effects, 54 in. wide, regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 yd, sale price..... 75c  
1 pc. Black French Flannel, fine all-wool quality, 28 in. wide, regular value 30c yd, sale price..... 15c  
1 pc. Military Flannel, m.x.d. colors, heavy weight, full width, regular 25c, sale price..... 20c  
2 pos. Fancy Cretone, choice colorings, regular 60c, sale price..... 60c  
5 pos. Gray Flannel, heavy union quality, soft finish, full width, sale price 12c and..... 12c  
10 doz. Table Napkins 5-8 size, heavy quality damask, choice patterns, regular \$1.25 quality, sale price..... \$1.00  
13 doz. 5-8 size Napkins, heavy satin finish damask, handsome designs, regular value \$2 doz, sale price..... \$1.50

10 doz. Fine Satin Damask Napkins, full size, superior quality, choice patterns, regular value \$2.75 and \$3 per doz, sale price \$2 and..... \$2.25  
Men's Gloves, fine Astrachan cut, with superior kid facings, elastic wrist, flannel lined, regular value 75c pair, sale price..... 50c  
10 doz. Men's Heavy all Wool Sox, made from soft finish dark gray yarn, heavy seamless soles, sale price 2 p. for..... 25c  
15 doz. Men's Ties, four-in-hands, bows and knots, in silk and satin, splendid range of styles, regular value 25c, sale price 1 for..... 25c  
Men's Underwear, heavy union quality, plain Scotch knit, saten facings, double breasted, regular 40c, sale price..... 35c

5 only Ladies' Jackets, black bonole cloth, shield front, stern collar, regular \$3, sale price..... \$1.48  
15 Ladies' Jackets, up-to-date styles, in black, navy and fawn shades, regular \$5, \$8, and \$10, sale price..... \$1.98  
2 only Ladies' Tailored Suits, this season's styles, in dark gray habit cloth, handsomely finished, best linings, regular price \$9, sale price \$4.35  
1 pc. Sealote, rich heavy silky Filt, 60 in wide, worth \$4.50 at..... \$4.50  
Sealote, superior quality and finish, price \$4.50 and.....  
3 doz. Trimmed Felt Sallors, American shapes and shades, gular \$1 and \$1.25, sale price.....

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## The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

## A GOOD LIST OF CANDIDATES.

The class of candidates put in the field on Monday for the city council, which, of course, includes the majority, and for the water commission, indicates that the abolition of wards has had an excellent effect in raising the standard of our representation, even if we had many good men in the past whom it would be invidious to name.

The Maple City has every reason to so far congratulate itself on the change. While other cities talked, Chatham acted. It was the first Ontario city which took the initiative in this progressive province. Other cities are slowly coming into line, as they are also coming into line on the question of civic electric lighting plants.

In the matter as to whom we are to throw bouquets for its leading position, we may say that credit is probably due to the intelligence of the electors, the high ability of its civic representatives and—modestly permitting—the enlightened manner in which the local news papers have taken up all local questions of interest.

But whatever past councils have done we do not see, in looking over the names of nominees, how the city can be a loser in the race on Monday next. There is an excellent list to select from.

## RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

In an address to the Fruit Growers' Association, Alex. McNeill, of Walkerville, spoke strongly concerning discriminating freight rates, and commenting on his speech the Windsor Record says:

The same discriminating rates against Canadians, we are told, prevail in all kinds of farm produce. It is high time for the government to provide a remedy for such objectionable and unfair treatment to Canadian shippers. The appointment of a railway commission has been urged upon the government for years, but so far without success. It may be that such a commission, no matter how extensive the powers given to it, may not be able to cope with shrewd and unscrupulous railway tariff-makers, but if we are convinced, as Mr. McNeill draws attention, that the rates of transportation to which the approaching session should not be allowed to go past without dealing with this question of railway discrimination by a commission or in some other way, a commission is our preference at present.

"It is difficult to discuss the matter without specific instances," declares the London Free Press, but it is clear as a general principle that railways, as common carriers, possessed of a public franchise, should not have the privilege of making discriminatory rates. Whether a commission would better matters would depend largely upon who composed the commission."

Now, what would be expected when ministers, M. P.'s and senators go around with more railway passes each than they can keep track of?

Why the school trustees should hang onto the obsolete ward system would somebody say?

Dr. Bray and W. D. Sheldon have been selected by the citizens union for the third time, thus making a water board record for service. The citizens know what they have secured capable representatives and wish to keep them. In this case they have made no mistake.

Millionaire Cadaby has been threatened with death if he fails to withdraw the \$25,000 reward offered for the arrest of the St. Louis kidnapers. If Mr. Cadaby has a nervous man, this offer puts him in an awkward position. To withdraw it would admit his cowardice to the world; not to do so makes him take the chance of the threat. We think he could safely take them. With the face of the crime staring them in the face, abductors would probably be more anxious to put the greatest distance between themselves and the millionaire.

## "Example is Better Than Precept."

It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Thousands of testimonials are examples of what Hood's has done for others, and what it will do for you.

Dyspepsia—"I was weak and had fainting spells. Dyspepsia and indigestion in severe form troubled me. Five bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made me well and strong." Mrs. WILLIAM VAN ALKENBURG, Whitby, Ont.

A Good Medicine—"We have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla in our family as a spring medicine and used Hood's Pills for biliousness and found both medicines very effective. For impure blood we know Hood's Sarsaparilla is a good medicine." E. S. PELTON, publisher Bee, Atwood, Ont.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

George Abel, of London, Ont., saved a boy named Clarence Jackson from drowning by seizing a plank running to the river showing it out on the ice which was only an inch thick until he reached the lad. He did not see the accident, but guessing from the scream what it was he carried the life-saving plank along until he reached the exhausted and drowning lad. Mr. Abel is not a fireman; he simply saved the boy because he was Abel.

A minister at a conference at Newburn, North Carolina, declared it to be sinful for any young couple to "do any courting on the Lord's Day." Without entering into the merits of the question, it might be pertinent to ask the reverend gentleman how he would propose to prevent it.—London Free Press.

If the reverend gentleman cannot make more sensible suggestions in his sermons than this we are afraid he will never prove the beginner of the movement. Would he object, for instance, to an engaged couple walking together to his church on Sunday?

**BABY PULL-BACKS**  
It is strange that babies get on so well as they do; there are so many pull-backs! But Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is a wonderful help.

Begin with a little. Too much will upset the stomach. Increase, but keep under the limit. The limit is upsetting the stomach.

It rests a tired digestion; it does not tax the stomach at all; it lets it play—little stomachs like to play.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.  
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

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Im. complete Station on local 2nd, Original Receipts in From and Verse, drum, Pianos, Burlesque and Song

Tickets on Sale at all 25c Bookstores

Reserved Seats 50c, Planet Central Drug Store.

**Princess Tablets**

Are what you want for all forms of female troubles; an infallible remedy discovered by a famous female specialist; guaranteed as a positive cure; will positively establish the normal functions; last monthly for over 100,000 ladies; for sale at drug stores on receipt of price \$1.00.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Barrister R. L. Gosnell, Blenheim, was in the city Monday.

The Y. M. C. C. will hold one of their popular potluck parties some evening early next week.

Fred Mitchell, Detroit, formerly of this city, is visiting his father, W. W. Mitchell, of the postoffice.

William Gessmiller, son of Sheriff Gessmiller, Chicago, and Fred Malcomson, Minneapolis, are in the city.

Miss Josie Bogart, of the Marion Syme Sanatorium, Chicago, Ill., is visiting her brother, J. H. Bogart, Cross street.

S. J. Sutherland, Jas. Innes and G. B. Douglas left for Detroit to-day to attend the annual meeting of the Northwest C. O. of the Lumber Companies.

The London Free Press says "The Female Drummer" drew a large audience and that the program of the company was highly satisfactory. The company will appear in the Grand to-night.

The chattel mortgages registered in this county for the present year are over 100 less than last year, which shows that the county must be more prosperous.

Workmen of Blomfield Bros. & Co., left on Monday for Tecumseh, where they are setting up a new altar and fitting the school room with new seating.

We must have a number of reliable persons and families in this locality to work for us whole or spare time, at wages paid. No canvassing. Write for position to-day. People's Syndicate, Dept. A, 130 Yonge street, Toronto.

Charles E. Blaney's latest and most successful comedy, "A Female Drummer," will be the attraction at the Grand this evening. The production is on a magnificent scale, interpreted by forty artists, well known throughout the country, and is destined to eclipse all the many efforts of the author, as a money-maker. Three acts are necessary for the interpretation of the work, and their scenes are laid in the interior of a large department store, an interior view of the store in which a bargain day sale is on, and lastly the tropical gardens of a well known New York hotel, with the annual ball of the celestines in progress. The mirth is long and hearty through the efforts of the fun-makers, who are headed by Miss Nellie O'Neil as Carrie Cash, Helen Byron, Oscar Fighan, Willie P. Sweatman, George Richards, Harry Ladell, Albert Favre, and a number of others of equal prominence and ability. Twenty five pretty girls and clever comedians are interspersed throughout the play.

**Scotch Terseness and Thrift.**  
In a dull Scottish village on a dull morning one neighbor called upon another. He was met at the door by his friend's wife, and the conversation went thus:

"Canst?"  
"Aye."  
"Gae to be weety, I think."  
"Aye."  
"Is John in?"  
"Oh, aye; he's in."  
"Can I see him?"  
"No."  
"But I wanted to see him."  
"Aye; but you canna see him. John's deid."

"Deid?"  
"Aye."  
"Sudden?"  
"Aye."  
"Very sudden?"  
"Very sudden."

"Did he say anything about a pot of green paint before he deid?"—Anecdote by Ian MacLaren.

**Cicero's Wit.**  
The retort exasperating is not a modern feature of a trial by jury. In the case against Verres, one of the great trials of antiquity, in which Cicero appeared for the prosecution and Hortensius for the defense, Cicero made a typical excursion against his opponent.

Hortensius was known, in violation of the law, which required the services of advocates to be gratuitous, to have received as a present from his client a valuable image of the sphinx, one of the spoils of his government in Sicily. While Cicero was examining a witness, Hortensius made a rally.

"You speak in riddles," said he. "I cannot understand you."

"That is odd," Cicero rejoined, "for you have a sphinx at home to solve them."—Youth's Companion.

**IRWIN.**

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment was a great success on Christmas eve. Dr. P. V. Bray acted as chairman.

E. Wells, who has been connected with this section for four years as P. S. teacher and worker in S. S. was presented with a handsome secretary. Proceeds \$18.75.

Percy Chiniquy read an address to the school as follows:

Dear Teacher.—It is with deep sorrow and unfeigned regret that we, your pupils, have learned that you are about to leave us. We desire to take this opportunity to thank you for the many kindnesses we have received at your hand, to express our appreciation of your services, and to wish you God's blessing in your future life. Though times you have appeared firm and strict with us, yet we feel now, and will more fully realize in the future, that it was the firmness of love and was intended for our good.

Your who care and thought have ever been for our welfare and advancement. Nor have they been in vain; you have brought honor upon honor to our school during your four years' work among us. We will always look back upon this part of our school life as upon a bright and happy spot, and shall often think of the many pleasant days we have spent together in the school room.

We hope you will forgive and forget all the trouble and annoyance that our thoughtlessness may have given you, and that you will look back with pleasure upon these days with us, remembering only the bright and happy side.

We beg of you to accept this gift as an humble token of our love and gratitude.

We bid you good bye and pray that the Great Teacher may give you rich blessings and grant you still greater success and deeper joy in your life.

Signed on behalf of the school: PERCY CHINQUIY, NETTIE McDOWELL, ANNA CHINNIK, ELIA LEE.



HENRY LADELL AS "BUTTONS" IN "A FEMALE DRUMMER" AT THE GRAND THIS EVENING.

## A Crash And a Smash

Not in the goods but in the prices of our

FANCY CHINA, OPAL AND GLASSWARE, DINNER SETS, CHAMBER SETS AND LAMPS

They are Going fast. We had to send a SECOND ORDER for these pretty OPAL GOODS that have arrived—just the thing for a

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This year's sales of these goods exceed any previous year.

Save your dollars by buying these goods.

John McConnell, Phone 150.

The Sign of The Big Star...



## Destiny Changed.

The "Slater Shoe" is closely watched during the process of manufacture. Every shoe undergoes a careful examination after leaving the hands of each operator.

The slightest flaw in the leather or workmanship—a stitch missed—a slit of the knife, only discernible to an expert—condemns the shoe that started toward the "Slater" goal to the ordinary, nameless, unwarranted army of footwear sold to whoever will buy them.

The "Slater Shoe" is made in twelve shapes, all leathers, colors, widths, sizes and styles. Every pair Goodyear Welted, name and price stamped on the soles.

\$3.50 and \$5.00.

Trudell & Tobey—The 2 T's—Sole Local Agents

## The Woolen Mills

Are Offering LADIES' DRESS GOODS

Homespun, Friesen, Flannels, etc., in the latest designs, shades and effects; also Mantling, Blanket Goods, etc. SEE THEM before purchasing. We are offering Blankets, Sheetings, Shirtings and Yarns, all new goods of this year's clip.

## For Gentlemen

We have the Latest and Nobbiest Suitings, Trimmings, etc., from the finest Wreathed to the choicest Canadian Full Cloths. Prices to suit the times.

Beaver Flour THE CHEAPEST because it is THE BEST on the market. Bran, Shorts, Crushed Oats, Corn or Barley.

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## ONE MAID'S SAD PLAIN.

Thinks Some Maple City Young Men Have Distorted Ideas of Vocalism.

And Would be Inclined to Endorse Drastic Measures for Their Suppression.

She doubtless has musical ideas of her own. She is decidedly a student in all the arts and is an adept in many. But, although it was New Year's day, the season's smiles and brightness were absent from the beaming picture which peeped from the snow-flecked furs, and the chilling, biting sarcasm of her utterances made the winter winds and zephyrs at midnight seem as the balmy breezes and sultry sentiment of the midsummer moonlight.

She confided her grievance to The Planet.

"The late Robert G. Ingersoll and other eminent authorities," she began without preface or preamble, while the reporter covertly secreted the prayer-book he was carrying, in his overcoat pocket, "have held that suicide is justifiable, while the law maintains otherwise, and makes it a penal offense if the unfortunate victim escape with his life after dropping from the bridge, hacking his jugular or eating holes in his coppers with the biting, blistering carbide."

"Now the tenor singer of a Brooklyn quartette, who, as I saw by The Planet some days ago, blew himself to the contents of a six shooter, in the middle of the last stanza of 'Goodbye, Sweetheart, Good-bye,' adds considerable weight to the Ingersoll side of the argument. The consensus of public opinion will sustain him."

"And she continued warmly, 'the spontaneous, sentimentally inclined amateur quartette is a menace to society. When four throaty young bunk clerks, whose voices never blend, assemble on Victoria avenue, beneath a sleeping maiden's window at 3 a. m., and throw their heads back and lay at the moon like so many dogs in discordant concert, the value of human life may be considered inconsequential. If one of the party knows how to pick a mandolin, not only self destruction, but felonious assault and murder in the first degree become clearly justifiable."

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In Many Instances the Culprits are Well Able to Pay the Price of Pilfered Plunder.

It is estimated that, during the recent holiday season, over \$500 worth of goods were stolen from Maple City merchants.

This fact is both serious and deplorable, perhaps the more so because in the large majority of cases the culprits are of the fair sex, who have better facilities for rapidly secreting their pilfered plunder. In many instances, of course, the theft is instantly noted or discovered, but the unwillingness to deal harshly with a patron and the dislike of creating a scene have occasioned the dropping of police court prosecution on the restoration of the article or the purchase of it.

The Saturday preceding Christmas proved the gala day of the season for the shop-lifters. The immense throngs which crowded all the leading mercantile establishments and the consequent generous exposure of the goods was all in their favor, and results were as stated. The most inexplicable feature is the fact, as stated by the merchants themselves, that many of the larcenies are perpetrated by individuals whose pocket-books and purses are bulging with greenbacks and coin of the realm.

"One often hesitates to believe their own eyes when they catch a culprit red-handed," said one merchant to The Planet, "when it is a person whose wealth can be measured by the thousands. On one occasion during the past week I saw a wealthy lady from a neighboring town take a piece of silk from one of our counters and place it with a her cloak. In fact, even after she had proffered her contrived apologies and settled in full for the silk from her well-filled purse, I found it hardly possible to realize it of her. But we caught eleven such girls during the day and how many got away with us we now cannot tell."

Another theft was spotted in a dry goods store by one of the clerks, as the result of which a quantity of dress goods were returned from under the cape of a shoplifter. When the confiscated property was being extricated from its hiding place a pair of rubbers, also pilfered in an adjoining shoe establishment, were disclosed. The clerk exhibited two spools of thread and ordered. While procuring these one of the purchasers cleverly slipped a belt from the counter into the man's breast, and he was seen to do so. The clerk said: "Thread 5c, belt \$2.50." The account was settled without question, but with evident confusion.

All branches of trade suffered to a greater or less extent, but none more than the counters for toys and knick-knacks, where an early stock-taking has shown excessive raids.

## DRESDEN.

Jan. 2.—Miss Merritt and Miss Kate Garrett, of Chatham, are spending New Year's week with Mrs. J. Wright, Hughes St.

John Gordon, of Wallaceburg, was in town on Monday.

Dr. Armstrong, of London, is visiting at Rev. Mr. Galloway's.

Mrs. Geo. Caister and family, of Windsor, are visiting friends in town.

All. Post, of Chatham, is visiting his parents here.

## TILBURY.

Jan. 2.—The hockey match which was to have taken place between Tilbury and Chatham yesterday did not materialize, owing to the scarcity of ice.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, yesterday, by the Rev. T. Dobson, Miss Nellie Elliott to Dan. Shaver.

Miss How's, of Chatham, and Miss Sawyer, of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson yesterday.

Jas. Powell and wife spent yesterday in Leamington.

H. S. Shaw returns to Toronto today.

In Tilbury North the entire council is elected by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the nominations he is on Monday night speeches were delivered by the aspirants for municipal honors. The candidates for county representatives also had their say.

There promises to be a spirited contest for the reeve and councillors in the village. The race between T. Sharp, the present reeve, and H. Call-

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## LEAGUE FOR KENT COUNTY.

Proposal to Organize a New Football Competition Very Shortly.

Manager Laurie Suggests the Donation of a Trophy For Contest By County Clubs.

There is every prospect that Kent will possess a strong compact County Football League during the approaching spring season.

Last week the executive committee of the Darrell club waited on Manager F. D. Laurie, of the Maple City organization, submitted their plans to him and solicited his interest and assistance in the matter of formal organization. Mr. Laurie heartily endorsed the project, promised to attend the meetings of the proposed league and to do all in their power to further it.

The proposal at present is to form a league consisting of the Darrell, Kent Bridge, McKay's Corners and Thamesville clubs, all of whom are understood to be anxious to enter the lists, while all clubs bona fide within the county limits—with the exception of the Chatham Penitentiary League team—will be eligible and every effort will be made to induce as many clubs as possible to enter the competition.

When interviewed by The Planet concerning the matter Mr. Laurie said, "The proposition is an excellent one and I think the county clubs deserve much credit for their enterprise in entering upon it. When the Darrell representatives submitted the matter I told them the Chatham club would do all in its power to assist. There seems to be every prospect of an excellent little league being formed and The Planet cannot do better than to suggest that some generous individual donate a trophy for competition each season. From what I have seen and heard of the four clubs mentioned I know they possess much excellent playing material, that will make the contests at all times fast, interesting and clean. Kent is a county rich in young athletes and has in time past turned out many excellent players. I am sure there is an equally bright future ahead in the county league."

Mr. Laurie added that of course the Chathamites would not be eligible in this organization, but it was to their interests in every way to extend the interest in the game and build up the standard of play in the district by lending an earnest, energetic, helping hand.

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To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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To the ratepayers of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the urgent request of a large number of the ratepayers of the township, I have consented to become a candidate for councillor for 1901. I would ask each and every one to give me your vote and influence and will promise in return, if elected, to fulfill duties of office to the very best of my ability.

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# The Mystery of Agatha Webb.

By Anna Katharine Green.

Author of "The Leavenworth Case," "Lost Man's Lane," "Hand and Ring," Etc., Etc.

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Abel started. An old recollection had come up; some months ago he had been present when James had tried to sell this set. They were all in Warner's store, and James Zabel—he could see his easy attitude yet and hear the offhand tones with which he tried to carry the thing off—had said, quite as if he had never thought of it before, "By the by, I have a set of china that came over in the Mayflower. John likes it, but it's grown to be an eyesore to me, and if any of you hear of any one wanting such a thing send him up to the cottage." Nobody answered, and James had soon disappeared. It was the last time, Abel remembered, that he had been seen about town.

"I can't stand it," cried the lad. "I can't stand it. If they died of hunger I must know it. I am going to take a look at their larder." And before any one could stop him he dashed to the rear of the house.

The constable would have liked to have followed him, but he looked about the walls of the room instead. John and James had been fond of pictures and had once indulged their fancy to the verge of extravagance, but there were no pictures on the walls now, stick on the empty and dust covered mantel. Only on a bracket in one corner there was a worthless trinket made out of cloves and beads which had doubtless been given them by some country dandy in their young bachelor days. But nothing of any value anywhere, and Mr. Fenton felt that he now knew why they had made so many visits to Boston at one time and why they always returned with a thinner valise than they took away.

He was still dwelling on the thought of the depth of misery to which highly respected folk can sink without the knowledge of the nearest neighbors, when Abel came back looking greatly troubled. "It's the saddest thing I ever heard of," said he. "These men must have been driven wild by misery. This room is sumptuous in comparison to the ones at the back; and as for the pantry, there is not even a scrap there a mouse could eat. I struck a match and glanced into the room barrel. It looked as if it had been licked. I declare it makes a fellow sick."

The constable with a shudder withdrew toward the door. "The atmosphere here is stifling," said he. "I must have a breath of outdoor air."

But he was not destined to any such immediate relief. As he moved down the hall the form of a man darkened the doorway and he heard an anxious voice exclaim:

"Ah, Mr. Fenton, is that you? I have been looking for you everywhere."

It was Sweetwater, the young man who had previously shown so much anxiety to be of service to the corner. Mr. Fenton looked displeased.

"And how come you to find me here?" he asked.

"Oh, some men saw you take this road, and I guessed the rest."

"Oh, ah, very good. And what do you want, Sweetwater?"

The young man, who was glowing with pride and all alive with an enthusiasm which he had kept suppressed for hours, slipped up to the corner.

stable and whispered in his ear: "I have made a discovery, sir. I know you will excuse the presumption, but I couldn't bring myself to keep quiet and follow to that other fellow's wake. I had to make investigations on my own account, and—stammering in his eagerness—they have been successful, sir. I have found out who was the murderer of Agatha Webb."

The constable, compassionating the disappointment in store for him, shook his head with a solemn look toward the room from which he had just emerged. "You are late, Sweetwater," said he. "We have found him out ourselves, and he lies inside there, dead."

It was dark in this narrow passage-way and Sweetwater's back was to the moonlight, so that the blank look that must have crossed his face at this announcement was lost upon the constable. But his consternation was evident from the way he thrust out either hand to steady himself against the walls, and Mr. Fenton was not at all surprised to hear him stammer out:

"Dead! He! Who do you mean by he, Mr. Fenton?"

"The man in whose house we now are," returned the other. "Is there any one else who can be suspected of this crime?"

Sweetwater gave a gulp that seemed to restore him to himself. "There are two men living here, both very good men, I thought. Which of them do you mean, and why do you think that either John or James Zabel could have killed Agatha Webb?"

For reply, Mr. Fenton drew him toward the room in which such a great heart tragedy had taken place.

"Look," said he, "and see what can happen in a Christian land, in the midst of Christian people living not 50 rods away. These men are dead, Sweetwater, dead from hunger. The loaf of bread you see there came too late. It was bought with a \$20 bill, taken from Agatha Webb's cupboard drawer."

Sweetwater, to whom the whole scene seemed like some horrible nightmare, stared at the figure of James lying on the floor, and then at the figure of John seated at the table, as if his mind had failed to take in the constable's words.

"Dead!" he murmured. "Dead! John and James Zabel. What will happen next? Is the room under a curse? And he fell on his knees before the prostrate form of James, only to start up again as he saw the eyes of Knapp resting on him.

"Ah," he muttered, "the detective!" And after giving the man from Boston a close look he turned toward Mr. Fenton.

"You said something about this good old man having killed Agatha Webb. What was it? I was too dazed to take it in."

Mr. Fenton, not understanding the young man's eagerness, but willing enough to enlighten him as to the situation, told him what reasons there were for ascribing the crime in the Webb cottage to the mad deed of these starving men. Sweetwater listened with open eyes and confused hearing, only controlling himself when his eyes by chance fell upon the quiet figure of the detective, now moving softly to and fro through the room.

"But why murder when he could have had his loaf for the asking?" remonstrated Sweetwater. "Agatha Webb would have gone without a meal any time to feed a wandering tramp. How of two of her oldest and dearest friends."

"Yes," remarked Fenton, "but you forget or perhaps never knew that the master passion of these men was pride. James Zabel ask for bread! I can much sooner imagine him stealing it."



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yes, or striking a blow for it, so that the blow forever shut the eyes that saw him do it."

"You don't believe your own words, Mr. Fenton. How can you?" Sweetwater's hand was on the breast of the accused man as he spoke and his manner was almost solemn. "You must not take it for granted," he went on, his green eyes twinkling with a curious light, "that all wisdom comes from Boston. We in Sutherlandtown have some sparks of it if they have not yet been recognized. You are satisfied?"—here he addressed himself to Knapp—"that the blow which killed Agatha Webb was struck by this respectable old man?"

Knapp smiled, as if a child had asked him this question; but he answered him good humoredly enough.

"You see the dagger lying here with which the deed was done, and you see the bread that was bought from Loton with a \$20 bill of Agatha Webb's money. In these you can read my answer."

"Good evidence," acknowledged Sweetwater; "very good evidence when we remember Mr. Crane's story of the old man he met rushing from the gateway with something glittering in his hand. I never was so hot in my life, and yet—yet—if I could have a few minutes of quiet thought all by myself I am certain I could show you that there is more in this matter than you think. Indeed, I know that there is, but I do not like to give my reasons till I have conquered the difficulties presented by these men having had that \$20 bill."

"What fellow is this?" suddenly broke in Knapp.

"A fiddler, a nobody," quietly whispered Mr. Fenton in his ear.

Sweetwater heard him and changed in a twinkling from the uncertain, half baffled, wholly humble person they had just seen to a man with a purpose strong enough to make him hold his head with the best.

"I am a musician," he admitted, "and I play on the violin for money whenever the occasion offers, something which you will yet congratulate yourself upon if you wish to reach the root of this mysterious and dastardly crime. But that I am nobody, I deny, and mean that this fellow shall agree with me before this very night is over. Only give me an opportunity for considering this subject and the permission to walk for a few minutes about this house."

"That is my prerogative," protested the detective firmly, but without any display of feeling. "I am the man employed to pick up whatever clews the place may present."

"Have you picked up all that are to be found in this room?" asked Sweetwater calmly.

Knapp shrugged his shoulders. He was very well satisfied with himself.

"Then give me a chance," prayed Sweetwater. "Mr. Fenton," he urged earnestly, "I am not the fool you take me for. I feel, I know, I have genius for this kind of thing, and though I do play the fiddle, I swear there are depths to this affair which none of you have as yet sounded. Sirs, who are the \$350 in bills which go to make up the clean thousand that was taken from the small drawer at the back of Agatha Webb's cupboard?"

"They are in some secret hiding place, no doubt, which we will presently come upon as we go through the house," answered Knapp.

"Umph! Then I advise you to put your hand on them as soon as possible," reported Sweetwater. "I will confine myself to going over the ground you have already investigated."

And with a sudden ignoring of the others' presence, which could only have sprung from an intense egotism or from an overwhelming belief in his own theory he began an investigation of the room that threw the others more commonplace efforts entirely in the shade.

Knapp, with a slight compression of his lips, which was the sole expression of anger he ever allowed himself, took up his hat and made his bow to Mr. Fenton.

"I see," said he, "that the sympathy of those present is with the local talent. Let local talent work, then, sir, and when you want me send to the tavern on the docks, where I will be found till I am notified that my services are no longer required."

"No, no!" protested Mr. Fenton. "This boy's enthusiasm will soon evaporate. Let him fuss away if he will. His petty business need not interrupt us."

"But he understands himself," whispered Knapp. "I should think he had been on our own force for years."

"All the more reason to see what he's up to. Wait, if only to satisfy your own curiosity. I shan't let many minutes go by before I pull him up."

Knapp, who was really of a cold and unimpressionable temperament, refrained from further argument, and confined himself to watching the young man, whose movements seemed to fascinate him.

### To be Continued.

Nothing is so dangerous as an ignorant friend.—La Fontaine.  
Let every eye negotiate for itself, and trust no agent.—Shakespeare.

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CASE NO. 34,655. May 18, 1899. I am happy to say that your medicine helped my trouble more than any thing I ever took. W. M. G.  
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Wool Blankets, 60x80, for \$2.50  
Heavy Wool Blankets, 62x84, for \$4.75

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Unbleached All Pure Linen, 72 in. wide, 60c  
Unbleached All Pure Linen, 66 in. wide, 50c  
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They are half price, and most stylishly trimmed in all the newest millinery goods—tips, creases, wings and birds.

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Notice to riders of bicycles in Chatham. I have removed all my bicycle machinery and tools to Ronald block, where I shall be glad to see old and new customers for all kinds of repairing, such as bicycle cleaning, inside and out; sharpening new, old, worn, knives, chains; repairing locks, keys, umbrellas, rubber bags. I have the best machinery for gumming cross-cut saws in the country. Call and see me.  
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ONLY FOUR  
DROPPED OUT

Leaving a Field of Sixteen Alldermanic Candidates for the Elector to Choose From.

Eight Ex-Aldermen and Eight New Aspirants are Seeking to Form the New Civic Parliament.

At 12 o'clock to-day the time allowed for candidates to withdraw from the contest for membership in the city council of next year expired, and when the 12 o'clock bell rang only four of the 20 nominated had retired.

Chris Smith was the first to ask that his name be taken off the list. He made the request Monday. John Liddy followed his example this morning, and W. G. Richards and W. M. Stene did likewise. There are now sixteen candidates in the field and all are good men. This is said to be one of the best lists of candidates that has ever been offered to the electors and it is expected that the contest will be decidedly close. The election will be held on Monday, Jan. 7, and the first meeting of the new council will be held on Monday, Jan. 14. Owing to the water commissioners and the school trustees having all been elected by acclamation, the contests this year will be wholly within the council.

Ald. G. W. Sulman and Ald. W. E. McKeough, the two aspirants for mayorality honors, are both putting up a warm fight, and nearly every one is expecting a big vote.

The candidates for aldermen are, E. A. Mounter, E. W. Seane, A. B. McCog, John Waddell, John Edmondson, S. B. Arnold, W. F. Smith, John Mount, Wilfred M. Fleming, David A. Hutchison, G. G. Taylor, George W. Cowan, Daniel Jordan, John Holmes, S. Marshall and Robert Pritchard. Of this number four were members of the last council, four have been members of previous councils and the other eight are new men. It will be interesting to watch the result on Monday next and see how many of the experienced men will be elected.

FREED HER  
UNCLE'S SLAYER.

A Former Kent County Lady (bates Pardon For a Michigan Murderer.

The Crime Was Committed by a Young Desperado—Relative of the Victim Reside in This City.

Hazen S. Pingree, the energetic and erratic ex-governor of Michigan, made the last hours of his regime memorable by a series of pardons extended to convicts serving time in Jackson state prison.

Among those granted was the freedom of Convent Stewart, who had served 12 years of a life sentence for the murder of John Willetts in Detroit in the year 1888. The murdered man was a cousin of Mrs. J. U. Dolson, of this city, and second cousin to Mrs. Kaspar Schwemmer, corner of William and Duluth Sts., and his niece, Mrs. Chas. Willetts, of Detroit, was largely instrumental in obtaining the murderer's recent pardon through a series of rather interesting happenings.

Mrs. Willetts, formerly of this county, is a member of a ladies' organization which bestows much of its charity upon the unfortunate paupers and prison inmates of the state, and some years ago sent a series of gifts to be distributed to the convicts at Jackson. Shortly after she received a polite letter of thanks from Stewart, which opened what materialized into a regular correspondence between the philanthropic lady and the convict.

A year ago on the occasion of a casual visit to Jackson, Mrs. Willetts procured permission to visit Stewart and then discovered that he was the murderer of her own second cousin. It was a painful one to both, but did not lessen the lady's interest in the man, whose excellent education and good behavior had earned him pardon in the institution. Consequently, when Governor Pingree announced his intention of issuing several pardons, Mrs. Willetts successfully appealed on Stewart's behalf.

Stewart's crime was a brutal one. With a confederate he entered the Willetts' home at night, but without the owner's consent, and stabbed him in the stomach. The deceased lived only a few hours after the attack and the murderer's arrest followed three days later. He was only 19 years of age at that time.

## LAD TO REST.

The funeral of the late Sarah Helen, eldest daughter of John Helen, took place on Monday from the family residence on Selkirk street to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives were present to observe the last rites. The services were conducted at the house by Rural Dean McCon, of whose church the deceased young lady was a faithful member. In spite of the inclement weather nearly forty persons were present in the funeral train. At the grave the beautiful burial service of the Anglican church was repeated by the Rev. W. H. G. Colles, the Rural Dean, and the deceased was committed to the earth with the solemnity of the weather. The pallbearers were: Messrs. John McKerrall, H. Huff, J. W. Aitken, D. Blackburn, W. Turner and R. L. Brackin. All the members of the family were present at the funeral with the exception of the two elder brothers of the deceased, James and John, who are up north in the Klondike region.

## FELL ASLEEP.

The death took place yesterday near Kent Bridge of Mary, wife of Jonathan Brown, in her 81st year. The deceased leaves beside her husband, five sons to mourn her loss, Tom, of Raleigh; Alex., barrister in Detroit; James, hardware merchant in Thamesville, and Charles and John at home. The funeral will take place Thursday at 1 o'clock to Botany burying ground.

## NEW YORK MARKETS.

Jan. 1, 1901.  
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Corn—May..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2

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## THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.  
Toronto, Jan. 2.—10 a. m.—Lakes west of city winds, fair and cold. Thursday fair and colder; night temperature likely to fall below zero in most localities.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Tillie Thompson is visiting in Dover.

Mrs. Wm. Beeston, Blenheim, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Miss Alice Johnston, Leamington, spent New Year's with friends in Dresden.

Miss Lillian Pratt is still very ill, there being no change in her condition this morning.

At 11 a. m. to-day Barrister John Reeve filed the first chattel mortgage for the new year.

Mr. Campbell, Leamington, entered St. Joseph's Hospital, yesterday, suffering with typhoid fever.

The official thermometer registered three above zero last night, being the coldest night so far this winter.

Wm. Beeston, Blenheim, returned to his home this morning, after spending New Year's with his parents in this city.

Miss Lizzie Rankin returned to her home in Dover Centre yesterday, after spending the past few days with friends in the city.

William Shen, confined in the jail as a lunatic, has been released. Jail Surgeon Charteris and Dr. Fleming have both pronounced him quite sane.

Jas. Pierce, a former employee of the Chatham Gas Co., but latterly farming in Raleigh, has sold his farm of 50 acres and moved into the city to-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Crawford, of Detroit, took place this morning to Maple Leaf Cemetery. The deceased was formerly Mrs. Malcolm McKerrall, of this city.

Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Croton, and her son, J. H. Fleming, of Toronto, are visiting friends and relatives in town. Mr. Fleming will return to Toronto in a few days to resume his studies law.

The many friends of Otis B. Huin will be glad to learn that he is so far improved in health as to be able to be out for a short time daily, but his physician refuses to allow him to resume his business duties.

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## And Succeed

We will begin the new year and the new century, just where we left off. That means we intend to stick to tried principles; continue to make the best clothing we can; serve you in all the best we know how; continue to sell to you and everybody without favorites or favoritism, for cash and at one price, upon merit, at one fair profit, without the aid of any scheme, premium or bonus, for all of which the consumer himself pays, and to grow honestly and honestly succeed.

## The End

The end will be the saving of much money to this community, great comfort to the many, discomfort to none. Many in all walks of life endorse our position and are steadfast customers, dealing in mutual regard and respect. Think it over, you who do not con here regularly, individualize the proposition and personally enjoy the benefits. Begin right with the year, just where we left off, and stick to it.

## Thornton &amp; Douglas.

CASH Man's Tailors and Furnishers ONE PRICE

Walker Sterling, of Elk Rapids, Mich., is visiting friends in the city. Mr. Sterling was formerly a resident of Blenheim and Chatham, and sees a great many changes in the Maple City since leaving here twelve years ago.

Thomas Ledge 101 Sons of England Benefit Society, held their usual weekly meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall, Bro. W. R. Moore, R. F., in the chair. One application for membership was received. Bro. Thomas Guy reported, recovered from his recent sickness. On account of the municipal elections, the lodge will stand adjourned until Monday 14th Jan., when Bro. J. J. Cousins, District Deputy, will install the officers. Bro. Arthur Fenning will give selections from the Jordan graminophones. Brothers, come and spend a pleasant evening.

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1 General Purpose Horse 9 years old, heavy Work Horse 7 years old, 1 Bay Horse 11 years old, 3 Milch Cows coming in soon, 1 Milch Cow coming in in April, 2 good Yearling Steers, 2 Spring Calves, 1 registered York Boar 2 years old, 1 registered York Boar 1 year old, 3 registered York Sows, 1 farrow March, 2 York Sows to farrow, 1 Jan. 1 York Sow with litter of 8 pigs from Oak Lodge Principal, 13 good York Shorthorn and sows, eligible to be registered, 1 Noxon Binder in good repair, 1 2-horse Cultivator, 1 1-horse Gale Cultivator, 1 horse Diamond Tooth Cultivator, 1 Work Harness, 1 set Single Harness, 1 Trunk with bunks and log poles, 1 C. Sheller, new, 1 Grant Land Roller, 1 set Iron Harrows, 1 set Bob-Sleighs, 1 set Back, 1 Stock Rack, nearly new, 1 Pl. 1 Fanning Mill, nearly new, about 1000 b of Corn in the crib, Forks, Spades, etc. and other articles too numerous to mention.

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