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AN INTERESTING WEEK!

We want to make the week between Christmas and New Year's one of the most interesting weeks of the entire year and for this purpose offer special inducements in

Dress Goods and Dress-Making

In Black Dress Goods

We have laid out a splendid assortment of the most correct weaves, including French Cheviots, Satin Cloths, Canvas Cloths, Armures, Eolines, Etc., and have divided them into four prices 39c, 59c, 69c, 98c. Each price represents a saving to you of 25 per cent. and more.

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1.50 "	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts	0.80
3.00 "	2.40	0.75 "	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives	1.40	0.50 "	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets	1.50
0.50 Nut Cracks	0.40	1.75 "	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives	0.80	1.25 "	1.00
Safety Razors	1.50	10.00 Robes	8.00
"	3.50	6.50 "	5.00

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WAS CRUSHED BY A TREE

Tragic End Of Daniel Bird A Respected Farmer In Madoc Tp.

Madoc, Dec. 29.—Daniel Bird of Madoc Township, sawmill owner and farmer, living near Allen Station, on the Bay of Quinte Railway, while together with his two sons, telling a fire by means of a cross-cut saw, was almost instantly killed by the tree falling upon him, crushing his ribs in over the heart. Mr. Bird was one of the oldest residents of what is known as Allen Settlement. He leaves a wife and eight children, all grown up.

Laid Out in Two.
Cobourg, Dec. 29.—David Andrews, about 14 years of age, was accidentally killed here yesterday afternoon. He was jumping on a Grand Trunk freight shunter when he fell between the cars and was cut in two.

Dies From Exposure.
Norwood, Dec. 29.—The body of Fred McMaster, a boy 18 years of age, who has been missed for some days, was found in the Ouse River, a few yards from his father's house, Thursday afternoon. He was last seen on Christmas evening. The body was only about six inches in water and within a foot of the shore, and there was a big bruise across the forehead. Coroner Gray of Peterboro held an inquest, and the jury returned a verdict that death was caused by exposure while intoxicated.

Killed On the Track.
Galt, Ont., Dec. 29.—Edward Jones, aged 70, was killed on the G. T. R. track at noon yesterday. He was taking a shortcut home for dinner, and stepped off one track on the approach of the southbound train, but, being deaf, did not notice another train northbound, which ran over him. One leg was severed completely, and within a short time he died from hemorrhage just as he was being put into the ambulance. The unfortunate man was a highly respected resident of Galt, well educated and a member of Trinity Church. He is survived by a widow and four grown-up children.

In Poor Health, Suicide.
St. Catharines, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Bernard Ball of Thorold, who has been in poor health for some time, was found hanging in her bedroom Thursday afternoon. Her husband died some time ago, and something over a year ago a brother of Mrs. Ball committed suicide.

Unknown Found Dead.
Brookville, Dec. 29.—The body of an unknown man was found on the G. T. R. tracks a short distance west of Brookville station Thursday night. He had evidently been struck by or fallen from a train. Deceased is thought to have been a brakeman.

Killed Cleaning Weapon.
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—When Fred. W. Addy of the Department of Railways and Canals called at the rooms of A. Russell Cameron to keep an engagement to dine with him last evening, he found his host lying dead, shot through the head. Mr. Cameron had evidently been cleaning his revolver. In the afternoon he had seen two of his brothers off to the West.

Mr. Cameron was well known. He was only 26 years of age, a son of the late Ottawa Valley lumberman of that name, and possessed independent means. He used to play with the Rough Rider Football Club, and fought in South Africa with the first Canadian contingent.

Almost Smothered By Gas.
St. Catharines, Dec. 29.—At six o'clock yesterday morning, while the other inmates of the house were asleep, Daniel Springer, of Thorold, employed at the Willson carbide factory, Merriton, put fresh coal on the fire and departed for work. In the house were Mrs. A. S. Ferguson, Springer's sister; her granddaughter, Norma Gadsby, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson of Buffalo, who are visiting at the house. None of the inmates awoke till 11 o'clock, when the girl Norma was aroused, feeling very ill. She called her relatives, but got no response, and in a swooning condition she struggled to the street and attracted Chief Clark, who, with other citizens, went to the house and carried the unconscious inmates to a neighbor's house, where Drs. Herod and Campbell, after some time, restored them to sensibility. The chimney was completely filled with soot.

NEW YEARS MATINEE

Special Matinee will be presented at the Briscoe, New Year's Day at 3 p. m., by the Morris-Thurston Co., playing "Who's Baby Are You?" A special lot of moving pictures will be given between acts on this occasion, especially for the children. On New Year's night the play will be

Christmas Cakes

Wedding Cakes

Plum Pudding

Webb's Chocolates

MOUNTAIN'S, KENT BAKERY.

SIXTEEN PEOPLE PERISH: OVER THIRTY ARE INJURED

Fatal Railway Collision Due To Snow Blockade In Scotland

WORST IN THIRTY YEARS

Narrow Escape Of Fifty Women—Nine Frozen To Death

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 29.—In a railroad collision, caused indirectly by the heavy snowstorm of the last few days, sixteen persons have been killed and over thirty injured.

The accident occurred near Arbroath, on the North British Railroad, between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, some distance north of here.

Among the persons injured is Alex. Wm. Black, member of the House of Commons from Banffshire, Scotland. The accident is attributed to the heavy fall of snow, owing to which trains from London for Aberdeen were held up at Arbroath.

Worst In Thirty Years.
London, Dec. 29.—The continuing snowfall has created a situation, the worst known in thirty years in Great Britain, and the conditions existing here apparently are general throughout Europe.

From all parts of Great Britain come stories of trains buried in snowdrifts, the worst case being that of a passenger train bound from Dundee to Edinburgh, which ran into a snowdrift at 6 o'clock Thursday night, three miles from St. Andrew's, and is still imbedded. A relief train sent to its assistance stuck in the drift and all efforts during the night to reach them were futile. Yesterday morning a small quantity of provisions was conveyed to the hungry passengers and crews. The equipment of the British railroads is quite inadequate to deal with the conditions, heretofore almost unknown in this country.

Narrow Escape Of Fifty Women.
Forty or fifty women had narrow escapes from death yesterday owing to the collapse of a snowladen warehouse. Most of them were rescued from the wreckage with only slight injuries.

Nine persons have been found frozen to death in roads in England alone during the past 24 hours. The list, doubtless, will be much lengthened when communication with isolated parts of the provinces, now snow-bound, is restored.

Vessels In Trouble.
All the members of the crew of the Japanese steamer Awa Maru, from Antwerp for Middlesbrough, which ran on the rocks off Red Car Thursday night, were safely taken off by the lifeboats.

A telegram from Holy Head says that it is learned that an unknown vessel had foundered off Rhodol Point, Wales. Distress rockets were sent up late Thursday night and a lifeboat put out, and searched for hours, but found no sign of the vessel in distress.

Spanish Ship Founders.
Corunna, Spain, Dec. 29.—The Spanish fishing steamer Primero has foundered in a storm. All of her crew were lost, with the exception of one.

LADIES FREE

On Monday night Ladies will be admitted free, if accompanied by an escort or one paid ticket, to the Briscoe Opera House for the opening performance of the Morris-Thurston Co.'s engagement at Chatham. The play billed for this night is "The Hand of Man." Moving pictures, illustrated songs, and up-to-date specialties between acts.

ONE QUARTER OFF

the prices on all the balance of our Holiday Stock. Not a very large quantity, but the assortment is almost complete.

This is your chance. Notice this list:—

Carvers,
Steels,
Berry Spoons,
Cold Meat Forks,
Pie Knives,
Sugar Shells,
Game Sets,
Plated Knives,
Plated Forks,
Plated Spoons,
Child's Sets,
Read Knives, Etc.

J. C. Wanless,

THE UP-TO-DATE
HARDWARE MAN

THE NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be held on Monday next and will be presided over by City Clerk W. G. Merritt.

From ten to eleven o'clock in the morning nominations will be received for Mayor, Water Commissioners and Board of Education.

From twelve to one, nominations will be received for Aldermen.

The nominations will have to be signed by the mover and seconder, and the qualifications must be handed in by the candidates not later than twelve o'clock on Wednesday.

If this regulation is not complied with the names of those who fail to hand in their qualifications will not appear on the ballot.

THE BROADBENT WELL

The above well was drilled on the Middle Road, near Buxton, and about two miles northwest of the Gurd Gusher, and its coming in a dry hole has somewhat cooled the ardor of operators in that direction. It was completely dry so far as oil or gas was concerned. The well being drilled for the Lowery, Fraser & Johnston syndicate is located about two and one-half miles to the southeast of the Broadbent and the important question is, will it also be dry. If it comes in no good Raleigh will get a black eye. The latter well is down 900 feet and will finish, it is expected, in January.

NEW GLYCERINE WORKS

It is rumored that a nitro-glycerine and dynamite factory will be built some place convenient to Chatham next spring. The great increase in drilling in all directions around this city has created a very large use of this explosive, but the keen competition in the business will keep the price down to a point satisfactory to the operator if not to the glycerine man.

CHRIST CHURCH MUSIC

The special New Year's musical program at Christ Church to-morrow will be as follows:—

Morning.
Usual Christmas Hymns.
De Deum—J. Kuyper.
Solo, Selected—Miss Hitchcock.
The Venite and the Jubilate.

Evening.
Anthem—Blessed Redeemer.
Star of Bethlehem, by Stewart Adams, on the harp, played by Mr. Chas. Philp, accompanied by the organ, two saxophones and the clarinet.

The volunteers will be played by Mr. Dolman, who will also play the Magnificat, as composed by himself and arranged by Mr. Harry Philp.

THE FAMOUS CLEVELAND LADIES' ORCHESTRA

The second number of the Chatham Lyceum Course will be given on Friday next, January 4, in the First Presbyterian church by this noted musical organization. It consists of Alfred Metzendorf, violin soloist; Fred. Irving, eminent bass-baritone vocalist; Edith Parsons, greatest of all lady trombonists; Ada Hutchinson, cornetist; a brass quartette; and a ten-piece orchestra, who will give a delightfully varied treat of sacred and secular music of a high order.

Tickets 50c. To be had at McCull's and Central Drug Stores.

Read the opening chapters of our new story, which will be found on page eight of this issue.

39 cents

Saturday, the 29th of December, we shall sell—

50c. Pails of Choice Thamesville Apple Butter for 39c.
7-lb. Pails of Jam, 50c.
8 lbs. of Broken Sweet Biscuits for 25c.
6 Bars of Quick Naptha Soap, 25c.
5 Doz. Clothes Pins for 5c.
Cooking Figs 6c. per lb.
3 lbs. of Old Select Raisins for 25c.
7 lbs. Fresh Rolled Oats, 25c.
20 lbs. Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.
Fresh Pork Sausage, 10c. per lb.

Grocery and China

Our Grocery and China are clearing out quick at 75c. on the dollar. If you want a bargain you will have to hurry.

JOHN MCCONNELL,

PARK ST. PHONE 190

DISSOLVES INJUNCTION

But Cobalt Lake Mining Co. Must Give An Undertaking

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The injunction against the Cobalt Lake Mining Co., granted on Thursday to Frank Scott Malcom, was yesterday dissolved by Justice Mabee.

James Bicknell, K.C., claimed that the syndicate trustees had refused the list of subscriptions offered by S. D. Maddin, while accepting two marked cheques after the books were closed.

Britton Oeler argued that the action should be against Maddin for default in agency or against the McDougall Audit Co., not against the defendants, who never heard of Malcom, and were in no way contractually connected with him. Mr. Oeler represented that the \$1,065,000 would have to be put up immediately, and that a writ of this kind on the eve of floating a large affair might very easily stampede the subscribers and spoil the whole project.

G. F. Henderson of Ottawa declared that the Ottawa syndicate had found themselves unable to make a satisfactory tender, and had merged with the Toronto syndicate. He had been asked by a member of the Cabinet to furnish a list of those on whose behalf he was acting. That list, he thought, had influence with the Government in their acceptance of the tender. When the Ottawa syndicate came in touch with the Pellatt syndicate they found that the Pellatt syndicate had already disposed of the promotion stock. The trustees had got nothing.

Mr. Bicknell objected to the firm of Pellatt & Pellatt getting \$250,000 worth of promotion stock and \$50,000 brokerage.

It was explained by Mr. Henderson that this was a condition of the amalgamation.

The order of the court dissolved the injunction, reserving for Mr. Malcom the right to sue for damages. It read as follows:
"Upon the defendants, the Cobalt Lake Co., undertaking to retain in the treasury sufficient of the capital stock of the company for distribution among such persons as subscribed to the syndicate or syndicates in question, after the closing of the books, if the plaintiff or such persons is or are able to establish any rights by reason of such subscriptions, and without prejudice to the plaintiff proceeding in this action for the recovery of damages for any of the alleged breaches of trust committed by the defendants, or any of them; otherwise, as the plaintiff may claim, it is ordered that the injunction be dissolved. Costs in the cause, unless otherwise ordered by the trial judge."

A RICH STEIKE

A report from Wabigoon says a find of a rich gold ore body at the Minnehaha Mine, on Minnehaha Lake, near the Blum Mine, is equal in richness to the famous Laurentian Mine, or may even surpass it, which is estimated to run over \$300,000 per ton. This field is a wonder in richness of gold and half has not yet been told.

The Minnehaha mine is situated adjacent to the claim recently purchased by Roy Briscoe, of this city. It is east of Mr. Briscoe's claim.

START THE NEW YEAR.

By commencing a New Set of Books. We have a complete Stock of good Blank Books in various bindings.

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Ledgers,
Cash Books,
Minute Books,
Index Books,
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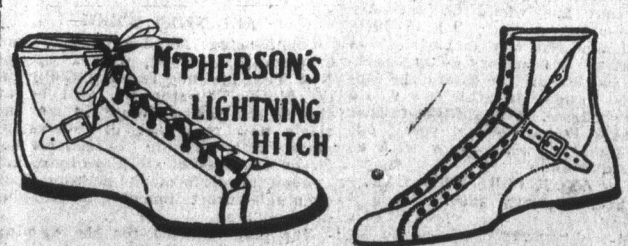
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SOCIETY

Mrs. Rose of Delhi, and Mrs. Compton of London, are the guests of Mrs. William Ball, Victoria avenue.

Miss Aitken, of Dresden, was a guest in the city last evening. She is giving a tea in Dresden this afternoon.

Mr. Harold McVean, of Dresden, passed through the city on his way home to Dresden. He called on several of his Chatham friends.

Miss Rev. Stegmann gave a tea last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Bell, whose marriage to Robert Grant, of Toronto, takes place on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pritchard, street, leave to-day for Buffalo, where they will spend New Year's Day. Mr. Pritchard will return early next week, but Mrs. Pritchard will remain a couple of weeks in Buffalo and Toronto. They will be joined in Hamilton to-night by their son, Harry S. Pritchard, of Toronto.

One of the most pleasant and successful functions ever given by the local Elk Club, was the At Home held on Wednesday night of this week. This society is noted for the excellent quality of its entertainments, but all previous records were outdone Wednesday evening. There was a very large attendance, and this being the holiday week, there were many strangers visiting in the city. The splendid music provided by Finkel's orchestra was a treat long to be remembered. The hall and club rooms were suitably decorated for the event and the committee in charge of the dance were exceedingly hospitable and studiously attentive to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests.

Among the many guests from out of town who were present, were, the Misses Fraser, of Wallaceburg; Miss Lenden, of Leamington; Mr. and Mrs. N. McLeod, of Blenheim; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stevens, of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Watson, of Mull; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris, of Hamilton; Stacey Ellis, of Windsor; DeBauw Newman, of Ridgeway; Chris. H. Dart, Toronto; and Patrick Davis, of Windsor.

MUCKLE-HAMIL.

A very happy event took place on Christmas Day at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Joseph Hamill, lot 16, Harwich-Howard Township, when their only daughter, Miss Josephine, was united in marriage to Mr. Eitelbert G. R. Muckle, a prosperous ranchman, of Langdon, Alta.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Martin, of London, and took place in the drawing room at 4:30, beneath a magnificent arch of evergreens trimmed with holly and banked with ferns and palms, and in the presence of over one hundred guests. The house was very artistically decorated with holly, amaranth and carnations.

The bride, who looked very charming indeed, and was given away by her father, was handsomely gowned in crepe-de-chene and Irish lace, over white tulle, and wore a veil with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and lily of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Queenie Buller, was attired in a gown of Nile green and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The groom was assisted by Mr. Wilbury Hamill, brother of the bride. L. L. M. J. Leta and Veda Johnston, twin sisters, nieces of the groom, made delightful little flower girls and were dressed in white organdie over pink.

Miss Lela Gage played the wedding march in exquisite style.

After the ceremony and the usual congratulations the guests repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was served in courses by six young lady friends of the bride, all dressed in white. The young couple were the recipients of a great many useful and beautiful presents.

The groom's gift to the bride was a sunburst of pearls and diamonds, to the bridesmaid a ruby ring, to the flower girls each a locket and chain, and to Miss Gage a crescent of pearls.

The bride's going away gown was of blue broadcloth with hat to match.

The happy couple were accompanied to the M. C. R. station at Ridgeway by the wedding party, where amid showers of rice and good wishes they took the 7:30 train east on short honeymoon trip, before leaving for their home in the "land of the setting sun."

LETTERS

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—In your issue of The Planet of Thursday you say, "It is expected that the contract will be signed by both the company and the city authorities in a few days." The contract referred to above is relative to the supplying of natural gas to the city for both fuel and lighting purposes. Nearly everyone in our prosperous and go-ahead city is interested in this question, and all have been anxiously looking for the contract to be signed, as after we would have no redress. I would like to hear the Great Home Journal speak out on this matter, and speak with no uncertain sound.

AN INTERESTED ONE.
Chatham, Dec. 25, 1906.

MANY PRISONERS

"For the past two months we have had the largest number of prisoners in the county jail that there has been there in years," was the remark made by Governor Davidson to The Planet yesterday. "We had nineteen prisoners to look after during the past two months. Seven of these were sent down to the Central last night, and one was let out this morning, his sentence having expired. Those sent down to Central were: Pat. Murray, Joel Phillips, James Stewart, Arthur Bavin, A. Ribble and Tom Ferry. A Tomlinson was released."

"This leaves eleven still in the jail, five of whom will be sent to Central later, and the balance will finish their terms here."

PATERSON'S COUGH DROPS
Get more easily, though they are not so strong as the others, and are sure to cure the cough, cold, and croup. They are all right. Demand the drops with the name PATERSON'S on the wrapper.

THEY WILL CURE

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—
Ernie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.
Return of Morris-Thurston Co.
New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.
Monday, Dec. 31—The Head of Man.

Tuesday, Jan. 1—New Year's Matinee, Who's Baby Are You?
Tuesday Night—Way Down East.
Wednesday, Jan. 2—In Greater New York.
Thursday, Jan. 3—For Honor's Sake.

Friday, Jan. 4—A Soldier of the Legion.
Saturday, Jan. 5—Special Matinee.
Saturday Night—The Mysterious Mr. Raffles.

Monday, Jan. 7—McDonald's Flats.
Jan. 9—Dorothy Vernon, of Haddon Hall.
Jan. 11—Jesie McLaughlin Concert Co.

ALL NEXT WEEK.

Commencing Monday night, and continuing all week, with a special New Year matinee Tuesday, the popular Morris-Thurston Co. will be at the Brisco Opera House in an entirely new repertoire of successful plays, with pleasing specialties between the acts of all plays by clever vaudeville performers, making each evening's entertainment a continuous performance.

The play selected for the opening night, Monday, is the sensational comedy-drama, entitled, "The Hand of Man," a bill full of good, wholesome comedy, funny situations and exciting climaxes.

Prices during the week will be popular ones—10, 20 and 30 cents. Ladies will be admitted free on the opening night if accompanied by an escort holding one paid 30 cent ticket, purchased before 6 o'clock Monday evening.

MAGNIFICENT CALIFORNIA TRAINS.

Via the Chicago, Union Pacific and North Western Lines, the "Los Angeles Limited," to Southern California, and the "Overland Limited" to San Francisco are considered by travellers as the finest trains leaving Chicago. Less than three days to California. Drawing room and compartment sleepers, buffet, observation and dining cars. Trains electric lighted throughout. "The China and Japan" Fast Mail carries Pullman Standard and Tourist sleepers to all California Coast points. Illustrated California literature, folders and rates to be had on application to E. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King Street, Toronto, Ont.

DISTRICT

TILBURY

Tilbury, Dec. 28.—Miss Lottie Cassidy, of Onaway, Mich., is visiting Mrs. Thomas Mero.

Miss Beatrice Sales left on Wednesday to visit relatives in Detroit. Alex. Campbell, Jr., of Detroit, is visiting his parents here.

The local hockey club have leased the rink for the season for \$110 and will repair the roof, and the game will be resumed.

J. W. H. Brist and two sons, of Grayling, Mich., are spending the week here and at Quinn.

Married, at the rectory, on Wednesday, 26th inst., by Rev. Mr. Dobson, George Patrick to Pearl McGee, both of Romney.

Donat Mailhot, of Detroit Medical College, is spending vacation at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buckley spent Christmas with relatives at Paris.

Naphtah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers: E. W. Jacobs, W. M.; F. Lee, S. W.; Dr. Mills, J. W.; R. Carless, chaplain; A. A. Wilson, treasurer; H. Callwood, secretary; C. Wylie, tyler; J. Hill and J. R. Palmer, auditors. Installation meeting was held last evening, at the close of which refreshments were served.

The employees of the handle factory made a Christmas present of a fur cap to Foreman Morris.

Mrs. Derbyshire, of Wheatley, Mrs. Alexander, of Staples, and Mrs. Clark, of Highgate, were this week the guests of their sister, Mrs. Thomas Norry.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Regier are attending the funeral of a relative in Worcester, Mass.

Luke Beuglet, of Assumption College, Sandwich, is visiting at his home here.

Miss Marie Prosser, of Leamington, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Jennie Prendergast.

WALLACEBURG

Wallaceburg, Dec. 28.—Mrs. B. Rutledge returned to her home in Toronto on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clyde Little, of Leamington, and Mrs. Robert Little, of Traverse City, Mich., are the guests of Mrs. Albert Little.

Miss Kate Garrett and sister, Mrs. McDonald, of Chatham, are the guests of Miss F. Tooley.

The St. James church recital last evening was one of the pleasant features of the season. The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Gordon, and Miss Ruby Gordon sang in their usual pleasing style, and Mrs. W. A. Gunton, Miss Minnie Dunlop and Mr. Fox, of Bay City, each rendered a solo that delighted the audience. The proceeds of the evening's entertainment amounted to about \$35.

Mrs. Marion O'Neil will assist with the Baptist Sunday school entertainment this evening.

Will Lindsay spent the first part of the week in Chatham, visiting Bernice Newton, of Toronto, was a visitor in the 'Burg the first of the week.

EBERTS.

Mrs. McMillan and children, of Blenheim, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Somerset on the 7th concession.

We understand that Miss Mabel Sandison, of Chatham, has accepted the position as teacher for the Turnerville school on the 8th concession, and that Miss Flo. Dunlop is going to teach in the 5th concession school. Both of these young ladies are among the cleverest students at this year's Model class, and the trustees of the above schools are fortunate in securing their services.

Mrs. James Forsyth, of the 9th concession, is confined to her bed with a severe attack of lumbago.

E. H. Oliver is visiting at his home. Robert Forsyth, of the 9th concession, and John Forsyth, of the 5th concession, are spending the holidays with their cousins at Harrow.

Thomas Gray arrived home on Monday evening after spending the summer in Manitoba. He likes the Western Province and will return in March.

Miss Verna Duncan, of Toronto, is spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison and the Misses Alison, of Dresden, spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. Brooksabank here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neff, of Chatham, spent Christmas at the Mackness home.

A joyous event took place at the beautiful Roseburg residence on the 8th concession on Christmas day, when Miss Mary Roseburg was married to Mr. Alex. McKenzie, of Dover Township. Rev. Mr. McKenzie, brother of the groom, officiated, and a large number of friends and relatives were present. Amongst the numerous presents received was a handsome marble clock, the gift of Chalmers's choir, of which the bride has a valuable member.

The annual school meeting will be held in the school on Wednesday, the 26th.

S. S. NO. 16, HARWICH.

A meeting was held in the school house on Monday evening to organize a Literary and Debating Society and the following officers were elected:—

Pres.—Harold Pole.
Vice-Pres.—Bruce Read.
Secy.—Miss Gregory.
Treas.—Miss Patterson.

Literary Com.—Messrs. Pole and Edwards, and Messrs. Gregory, Patterson and Mary Edwards.

It was decided to meet every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The first subject for debate will be "Resolved that the West offers greater inducements to the young than the East." sides being explained by Bruce Read and A. S. Maynard respectively.

Tonight and Monday at Northway's

Clean Sweep in Chinaware.

25c cups and saucers for 19c 35c cups and saucers for 25c
50c " " " 75c " " " 57c
\$1.00 " " " 75c " " " 95c
\$1.50 cups and saucers for \$1.10.

Fine Limoges and Austrian Plates

25c plates 19c; 40c plates 29c; 50c plates 39c; 85c plates for 65c; 1.00 plates for 75c; 1.25 plates for 95c; 1.50 plates for 1.10; 2.00 plates for 1.50; 3.00 plates for 2.25. 15c porridge dishes 11c; 25c porridge dishes 19c; 35c porridge dishes 25c; 45c porridge dishes 33c. 65c salad bowls 49c; 1.00 salad bowls 75c; 1.25 salad bowls 95c; 1.50 salad bowls 1.10; 2.00 salad bowls for 1.50.

Cream and sugar sets, bon bon dishes, trays, pitchers, and etc., all at big reductions.

Dolls Reduced.

30c dolls for 15c; 35c dolls for 19c; 35c dolls for 25c; 50c dolls for 35c; \$1.00 dolls for 75c. One only dressed doll regular \$5.90, clearing at \$3.98.

25c Cushion Tops for 19c.
15 only French Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, regular 75c for 49c.

50c French Flannel Waists for 39c yard.
50c All-wool Delaine Waists, 39c.
50c French Embroidered Waists, 39c.
50c All-wool Challie Waists, 39c.

2 Pieces Heavy Tweed Coatings, 56 in. wide, regular \$1.50 for 95c.

75c Silks 46c yd.—20 pieces Plain and Fancy Silk in choice waisting patterns, spots, checks, etc. good range colors, regular up to 75c yd.

Sale Price 46c

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Coatings for 58c yd.—Stylish mixed tweeds, heavy weight, pure wool, in grey and blue mixtures, regu at \$1.25 and \$1.50 yd.

Sale Price 58c

50c, 60c, and 75c Dress Goods for 33c yd., including plain and fancy mohairs, pure wool granites, serges, lustrés, etc., in black and colors, regular up to 75c yd.

Sale Price 33c

90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Suitings for 68c, including 56 in all wool tweeds and homespuns, 52 in French chevrons, 50 in all wool fancy suitings, etc., regular up to \$1.25 a yard.

Sale Price 68c

The Northway Co., Limited

S. S. NO. 10, DOVER.

Following is the result of the promotion and review examination of S. S. No. 10, Dover. Names in order of merit:

Class IV.—B. Smith, L. Grant, R. Smith.
Class III.—G. Jack, M. Stenton.
Class II.—L. Satchell.

Class I, Sr.—W. Grant, G. Ruhnke, H. Stenton.
Class II, Jr.—E. Beattie, H. Stenton.

Part II.—G. Ruhnke.
Class I, Sr.—E. Jack.
For Review.

Class IV, Sr.—W. Hardick, E. P. per I. Hind.
Class IV, Jr.—R. Anderton.
Class III, Jr.—H. Beattie, A. Satchell, C. Hardick.

Class II, Sr.—R. Ruhnke, W. Satchell.
Class II, Jr.—E. Kaufman, S. Bal-lairgeon.

Class I (a)—C. Stenton, D. Satchell, M. McCarty.
Class I (b)—W. Ballairgeon.

S. S. NO. 9, CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

The following is the standing of pupils, during the month of November, based on class work, examinations and conduct; names in order of merit:

Class V.—E. Neaves, E. Powers, M. Vance, L. Sutor.
Class IV.—A. Neaves, W. Henderson, M. Wells, I. Shaw, M. Harvey, E. Wilson, E. Irwin, B. Sutor, L. Barber, A. Wells, A. Hoyle.

Class III.—B. Vance, L. Wilson, C. Frye, M. Glassford, L. Wilson, I. Hood, V. George, C. Hoyle, C. Bressett, R. Reid, C. Sudds, I. Conliffe, D. Ewing, J. Hall.

Class II.—C. Burns, Principal.
Junior Department.

Class II, Sr.—S. Baker, M. Baker, J. Glasgow, E. Sutor, H. Powers, C. Irwin, E. Shaw, E. Erekson.

Class II, Jr.—H. Fritz, W. Morrison, J. Reid, L. Burrows, R. Ewing, C. Powers, L. Burns, W. Taylor.

Part II, Sr.—L. Broad, V. Bressett, R. Craig, J. Wilcox, G. Brown, S. Harvey, M. Irwin, S. Wells, R. Conliffe, Roy Conliffe.

Part II, Jr.—G. Glasgow, R. Bressett, E. Wilson, E. Reid.
Part I, Sr.—L. Johnson, M. Powers, A. Glassford.

Rose E. Boulton, Assistant.

RUMBLE-GARDINER

At Chatham, on Dec. 26th, a quiet but pretty marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage, when the Rev. Mr. Rutledge united in marriage Miss Matilda Rumble, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rumble, of Blenheim, and Mr. Arthur M. Gardiner, a prosperous young farmer of Harwich. The bride was assisted by Miss Annie Bacon, of Blenheim, while Mr. Thomas Rumble, brother of the bride, officiated as best man. The happy couple left on the 1:25 p. m. train for Detroit and other western points. On their return they will take up their residence in Harwich. Their many friends in this vicinity join in wishing them every happiness. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gardiner, Queen street, this city.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE PROMU Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

MARKETS

There was a large market on the square this morning. Turkeys, geese and chickens for New Year's were plentiful, also eggs and butter. Waggon loads of meat are also being shown up on the market, while vegetables are getting rather scarce.

Following is the price list:

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, per pound, 25c.
Cream, per quart, 30c.
Cheese, per cake, 25c.
Chickens, 25c. to 40c.
Ducks, 40c. to 60c.
Eggs, per dozen, 15c. to 20c.
Geese, 50c. to \$1.50.

Geese wings, per pair, 5c.
Honey, in rack, 12c. in pail, 55c.
Hedgehog, per lb., 10c.
Turkeys, 75c. to \$3.50.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Apples, per peck, 15c.
Beans, per quart, 6c.
Carrots, per peck, 15c.
Cucumbers, in bins, 25c. to 35c. 100.
Celery, per bunch, 10c.
Cauliflowers, each 5c. to 10c.

Cabbage, 5c.
Hickory nuts, per quart, 10c.
Honey, per quart, 6c.
Lettuce, three heads for 5c.
Lard, per pound, 15c. and 13c.
Majonise, per bunch, 5c.

Mixed pickles, per bottle, 15c.
Onions, per peck, 20c. to 25c.
Pop corn, per dozen, 10c.
Potatoes, each, 20c. bag, \$1.
Beets, per peck, 15c.

Peppers, per doz., 5c. to 10c.
Pears, per bunch, 15c. to 20c.
Pork, per pound, 9c. and 10c.
Popcorn, popped, per quart, 5c.
Squash, each, 10c. to 25c.

Sweet cider, per gallon, 20c.
Sauerkraut, per gallon, 20c.
Sage, two bunches for 5c.
Savory, per bunch, 5c.
Rhubarb, per bunch, 5c.

Tobacco, per ball, \$2.
Turnips, per bunch, 10c.
Vegetable oysters, per bunch, 5c.
Vegetable marrow, two for 5c.
Walnuts, per quart, 5c.

FISH.

Herring, 10c.
Pickrel, 12c.

Liverpool Wheat Futures Close Lower, Chicago Higher—Live Stock—The Latest Quotations.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 27.
Liverpool wheat futures closed today 3/4d lower than yesterday; May corn futures 3/4d higher to 3/4d lower.

At Chicago today May wheat closed 3/4c higher than yesterday; May corn 3/4c higher and May oats 3/4c higher.

WINNIPEG OPTIONS.
Winnipeg—Futures closed yesterday: Dec. 73c, May 73c, July 77c bid.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.
Dec. May. July.
New York 81 1/2 81 1/2 79 1/2
St. Louis 72 1/2 72 1/2 70 1/2
Minneapolis 71 79 80 1/2

TORONTO GRAIN MARKET.
Grain—
Wheat, spring, bush.....\$0.00 to \$0.00
Wheat, hard, bush.....0 07 0 08
Wheat, soft, bush.....0 07 0 08
Wheat, red, bush.....0 07 0 08
Barley, bush.....0 04 0 05
Oats, bush, new.....0 30 0 30
Rye, bush.....0 09 0 10
Rye, hard.....0 07 0 08

LIVERPOOL GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 4s; futures quiet; Dec. nominal; March, 4s 1/4; May, 4s 1/4.

Mink Tie, superior quality, 48 in. long, double, trimmed with head and 4 tails.

Sale Price \$18.95

Columbia Sable Stole, 72 in. long, rich full furred, with 2 heads, 2 tails, and 4 claws.

Sale Price \$12.50

Natural Lynx Stole, choice quality, 88 in. long, satin lined, 6 tails, regular \$25.

Millinery at About Half.—A Clean Sweep of Everything in ladies' and Children's Millinery.

\$1.50 Trimmed Hats for \$5.50; \$10.00 Trimmed Hats for \$5.50; \$9 Trimmed Hats for \$4.80; \$8 Trimmed Hats for \$4.48; \$7 Trimmed Hats for \$3.80; \$6 Trimmed Hats for \$3.68; \$4.50 Trimmed Hats for \$2.80; \$3.50 Trimmed Hats for \$1.80.

Children's Millinery, Hats, Bonnets, Tams, etc., clearing at

Sweeping Reductions

Ladies' Coats—48 to 52 in. long, in fine quality tweeds, dark and light shades, in checks, diagonals and stylish mixtures, all the very latest styles; worth, regular up to \$15.50

Sale Price \$9.90

Ladies' Coats—Handsome styles, long lengths, in pretty checks and mixtures, worth, regular up to \$17.50.

Sale Price \$12.90

\$5.00 Skirts at \$3.68—Ladies' Skirts of stylish tweeds and plain Vicuna cloths, correctly tailored, perfect fitting, black and colors, worth regular up to 5.00.

Sale Price \$3.68

White Wool Boas 25c—36 in. long, pure white, fine full fleeced, worth 35c each.

Sale Price 25c

Columbia Sable Ruffs, 52 in. long, with 6 long tails, clearing at sale price \$4.48.

River Mink Ties, 72 in. long, satin lined, large Empire style muff to match, clearing at a sale price \$4.80.

Grey Squirrel Ties, choice quality 72 in. long, satin lined, reg. \$12.50, sale price \$9.95.

Large Empire Muff to match, sale price \$9.95.

River Mink Ruff, double collar, satin lined ends, trimmed with 6 tails, reg. \$8.90, sale price \$7.90.

Isabella Fox Animal Boa, choice quality, with large head, tails and claws.

Sale Price \$

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THE COSTLY YUKON.

It is well known that the Yukon telegraph system, which a company five years ago offered to take over and pay for at the rate of \$30,000 a year has since then been run at an annual loss. The shortage in 1905 was \$111,946. The statement for 1906 is still worse, showing expenditures of \$213,303 and a revenue of \$81,220, making a deficit of \$132,083. The telegraph revenue, like all other Yukon revenues, continues to go down, while the cost of maintenance remains as large as ever. It may be stated here that the maintenance of the Administration Building at Dawson cost \$21,722, of the Court House in the same capital \$6,426, of the Government House \$13,596, of the Post Office \$9,847. The administrator over the 8,000 people of the Yukon is rather an expensive individual, with a salary of \$6,000, and \$6,000 living expenses and \$13,596 expended on his residence.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT INDICTED.

Another indictment of the Marine Department was made by Mr. Boyce, of West Algonia. On December 4th the wooden steamer "Golspie" went ashore on a reef some distance from Michipicoten. Most of the crew arrived at the above harbor in a boat the day after the wreck, but five of the men had become separated from the rest, and were left on the shore trying to make their way overland. These men were insufficiently clothed, and having lately come from England, they had no experience to assist them in protecting themselves in the woods, with the temperature 30 to 40 below zero. For two or three days they wandered before they were rescued, and the third night unable to make a fire they lay in the open and had their hands and feet badly frozen. When after three days they were rescued by Indians and got to Michipicoten Harbor, very little could be done for them in the absence of surgical skill.

But this place has telegraphic communication with Sault Ste. Marie, where there are Government officers. On the day after the wreck the facts were telegraphed to the Sault. After the men arrived at Michipicoten a request was sent to the Sault for a tug to take them to the hospital. The reply sent was that the tug was busy and it was suggested that the men be brought overland, a distance of sixty miles. Finally the Underwriters tug arrived at the scene and the men reached the hospital at the Sault ten days after the wreck. Six days these frozen men lay within call of the Government office and with telegraph connection to Ottawa. For two days before that it was known at the Sault, and should have been known at the Department of Marine at Ottawa, that these five sailors were perishing on the north shore of Lake Superior. The men arrived at the hospital too late to save their limbs. All of them have their feet amputated and one has lost both hands.

The country is giving the department of Marine millions of dollars a year for the protection of ships and of the lives of sailors. It has been shown by many investigations that hundreds of thousands of dollars are thrown away every year in paying double prices to favored contractors. Ice-breaker boats are supplied with silver plate and cut glass, costing thousands of dollars. The Government had \$200,000 to waste on the "Arctic" picnic trip. It is able to pay Contractor Merwin \$960 for a \$335 engine. But it cannot send a tug along the coast of Lake Superior to rescue perishing seamen, and cannot provide life-saving stations or shelter of any sort along this coast. As Mr. Boyce said in closing his account, "the people of this country will exact from the Minister the most strict enquiry to ascertain the party which each man charged with a public duty had to fulfill, and through whose neglect it was that these men suffered, one of them with only a trunk, arms and feet gone, and four others with feet gone. If we are men, born with heavenly compassion in our hearts, surely we must burn with indignation at the neglect which has been shown, and demand to know where the responsibility should be placed."

By the County Council of Charlottetown a resolution has been passed warmly supporting Dr. Pyne's legislation having for its object the making of the Public Schools more efficient. The county councillors do not object to the small increased contributions required from the people in order to render the movement a success. That there is complaint in some counties of the high-

AULD LANG SYNE
FROM PLANET FILES OF HALF A CENTURY AGO

Taken from The Planet files from Nov. 16, to Nov. 23, 1885.

The Planet acknowledged receipt of courtesies from the following gentlemen:—Mr. Thomas Garter, of the house, Mr. Peter McGetchie, Chatham Township, and Mr. Nicholas Leonard, a tight-rope walker, who was holding forth in the town at the time.

Two new oil wells were commenced near Glenora. When at a depth of 57 feet in one of them the drill suddenly dropped four feet at a bound. The show of oil was reported to be most excellent.

The St. Andrew's society met and decided to hold a ball on the anniversary of their patron saint.

An interesting trot has been arranged to come off at the Mineral Springs Driving Park on Saturday, the 18th, between Mr. H. McLean's (of Wallaceburg) black horse, Blackbird, and Mr. P. E. McKerrill's (of Chatham) sorrel mare, Kitty Clyde. The trot will be mile heats, best three in five, in harness, and consideration is a silver-mounted set of harness. Time will be called at two o'clock p. m., and an excellent

er cost of running the schools owing to the larger salaries required for teachers is admitted. But there is reason to hope that the objection will not be long-lived. While some people are paying a little more taxation with a view to getting better education for their children, they are receiving, and will receive, other advantages, notably, reduced taxes, because the municipality gets a larger share of the license money, and a smaller personal outlay, because the school books are to be cheaper. Anyway, we do not believe the farmers of Ontario are going to protest against better schooling for the boys and girls, or better pay for teachers, who are, as a rule, the sons or the daughters of the farmers.—Mail and Empire.

GREAT EVENTS.

"I've travelled in Europe," quoth Evelyn May.
"We all lived abroad for a year." The others just sighed in an envious way, and some of them murmured, "Oh, dear!"
Said Dorothy Jane: "I've never been there."
But I've been to Niagara Falls. And that is important. You look everywhere.
And see only water, like walls."
"It must have been lovely," said Roxalie Jo.
"One time I was down in a mine. Way under the earth, and we all had to go
In a car, on a sort of incline."
Then Jack declared loudly the best time that he
Ever had was when he and Joe Small
Went out on the Trolley last summer.
The "Giant" and "Yankees" play ball!
"Oh, that isn't anything!" cried Mary.
"You just ought to go to the Zoo!"
They have animals—bears, lions, camels—in truth,
Every kind, and some other kinds, too."

Said little John Henry, "Now, I know a thing
Much better than all of the rest—
Yes, better than Europe and Niagara falls—
'Tis Buffalo Bill's Wildest West!"

I rode on an engine with papa one day.
Said Margaret Milly, with pride:
"The wind was so strong I almost blew away,
And had to hold on to the side."

"And, oh, but it jolted!" Then Baby-kin Lou
Interrupted, with eyes very bright,
But a serious voice, "I did something,
I stayed up till 'leven one night!"
—Milwaukee Star.

If you want to get all
the good out of life
—and know to the full
the joy of living—build
up the foundation of
good health with a
morning glass of

Abbey's
Effer-Salt

25c. and 60c. a bottle. All Druggists.

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Standard remedy for blood,
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lent contest is expected. Other matches may be made at the same time.

A daring attempt at robbery was made during the night at Mr. Stemlin's tavern, King St., by a discharged soldier from the U. S. army, named McAlister. The thief was surprised at his work by Mrs. Stemlin, and he made a hasty departure before he got a chance to make away with anything very valuable.

Mayor Stephenson received a despatch from the Government, notifying him that a detachment of troops was to be stationed at Chatham, to be in readiness should the Fenians attempt to invade Canada, as it was feared they would do at the time.

A colored boy, named Nelson, was drowned in the River Sydenham, about three miles below Dresden.

There were all sorts of rumors in circulation about the expected Fenian invasion. The fact was that the Fenians were plotting to rob the Canadian banks.

The Kent Asizes were being held in the Court House.

ORDER TO RAISULI

Moroccan War Minister Establishes Seven Small Forts Around Tangier and Says "Cease Governing."

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Over 400 Canadian architects have been invited to furnish plans for the new departmental buildings.

Kingston, Dec. 28.—A canning factory with \$30,000 capital is likely to be established at Concession, in Prince Edward County.

Bude-Pesth, Dec. 28.—Count Eugene Zichy, the Hungarian statesman and Central Asian explorer, is dead here of apoplexy. He was born in 1837.

Weston, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Three young children of Stanley Singleton were burned to death in a fire at Neater station, a village near here, Wednesday night.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The council at its closing session yesterday for the year appointed a commission to investigate the alleged irregularities in the municipal elections.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Constable Syma has been discharged from the Ottawa police force because he stopped a respectable girl on the street and made ungentlemanly remarks to her.

St. John's Nfld., Dec. 28.—Because of the mild weather, the outlook for frozen herring at Bay of Islands is unfavorable. Friction from the fisheries dispute is no longer feared.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 28.—A large panther was shot on the grounds of Senator MacDonald. The animal, which was sleek and fat, measured six feet six inches from tip to tip.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—Elbert Conklin, a stone mason, was shot and killed Wednesday night in his home here by his brother Melvin. They had quarreled over property matters.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—For some time past an agent has been in the city arranging for houses and accommodation for 200 British families, who will reside in this city probably towards the middle of March or first of April.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 28.—The Moroccan War Minister, Sidi Mohammed Gabbas, has established seven small forts, each garrisoned by 150 men, around Tangier, and has sent orders to Raisuli's Lieutenant to cease "governing."

Toronto, Dec. 28.—While working on the roof of a new house at 53 West Roxboro avenue yesterday, Benjamin Melville fell a distance of 25 feet, and was taken to Grace Hospital in a serious condition. He sustained internal injuries which may prove fatal here.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, has been betrothed to Prince Augustus William, fourth son of Emperor William. Princess Alexandra was born in April, 1887. Prince Augustus was born in January, 1887.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fifteen hundred members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and its seventeen affiliated societies gathered at Columbia University yesterday for the annual meeting. Henry Laurence of Washington read a paper on "The Concentration of Wealth."

TO GET THE RENTALS.

Government Assists the University Board of Governors.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—An order-in-Council under the Act of last session has been passed vesting in the University Board of Governors the site of the old Parliament Buildings subject to a lease to the Grand Trunk Railway, and an option for purchase of such lease. The site was leased to the Grand Trunk on March 23, 1903, for 21 years, at a rental of \$6,000 for the first ten years, and \$7,000 for the other 11 years. If purchased within five years the company would pay \$125,000, or after that date \$200,000. The order-in-Council provides that after March 31st next, the rentals, if the purchase in the meantime is not made by the Grand Trunk Railway must be devoted to the new physics building at present under way. If the property is sold the money is also to go towards the same building.

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WINDSOR, Ont.

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The bulletin issued yesterday by King Oscar's physicians says: "The King remains free from fever. His temperature was 98.4. The condition of his heart and lungs is unchanged."

Teheran, Dec. 28.—According to the latest information obtainable, the condition of the Shah at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was unchanged. Shortly before that time he had been conversing in a rational manner.

BLOOD, PURE, RICH, RED.

Rosy glow in the face, sparkling eyes, vivacious spirits are all the outcome of good blood. No surer way exists of purifying and enriching the blood than to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. By their gentle action on the bowels, kidneys and liver they filter every impurity from the system, leaving it wholesome and able to do the work necessary for the maintenance of health.

To be well, look well, and feel all-wise at your best, use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Mandrake and Butterum, a truly wonderful medicine for young and old. Price 25c. at all dealers.

Fire in Berwick, N.S.

Berwick, N. S., Dec. 28.—By fire yesterday morning, M. B. Anthony's departmental store on Main street was destroyed, with all its contents. The loss will be \$30,000, with insurance of \$10,500. The residence next to the store was destroyed, with a loss of \$2,500. Had the wind been blowing, the Methodist Church and residences nearby would have gone, as all were on fire at one time, but were not seriously damaged.

WHY DO YOU FAINT?

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WINDSOR, Ont.

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The bulletin issued yesterday by King Oscar's physicians says: "The King remains free from fever. His temperature was 98.4. The condition of his heart and lungs is unchanged."

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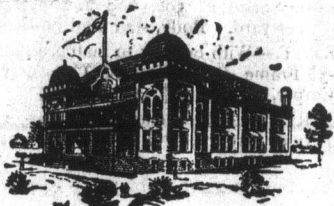
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HAVE LITTLE HOPE

Head of Saskatchewan Government

Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and so grave is his case that the doctors are holding out little hopes of his recovery.

INVESTIGATE DUCAL REGIME.

Defeat of Russians by Japs Attributed to Naval Scandal. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A strong effort is now being made with influential official backing to compel the authorities to make an enquiry into the naval scandals of the Grand Ducal regime, to which the defeat of the Russians at the battle of the Sea of Japan, is largely attributed.

Russian Consul Suicides.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—The Russian consul here, Col. de Kiemann, was found dead in bed yesterday of a pistol shot wound. Col. de Kiemann had committed suicide in a determined manner. He had been depressed for some time owing to private affairs.

Socialists Will Compel Citizens.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 28.—In view of the lockout which, according to announcement, will begin in all the principal factories here on Dec. 29, the Socialists of Lodz are threatening to organize street fights and to compel citizens, at the point of the revolver, to feed and lodge the unemployed. Many wealthy families have already left the city in the fear of disturbances.

Bomb Outrage.

Khargov, Russia, Dec. 28.—An unknown traveler dropped a bomb in the railway station here Wednesday evening upon alighting from an incoming train. Two passengers were killed and many were wounded by the explosion.

Someone Swung Lantern.

Brantford, Dec. 28.—The inquest into the death of James Dymont, fireman, who was killed in the collision in the Grand Trunk freight yards was opened yesterday afternoon by Coroner Fissette. Switchman Smuck admitted partial responsibility, having left the semaphore up. This allowed the freight train to enter the yards. He cited special orders of the company, however, by which no train came in without a lantern signal from the yard switchman. This signal Conductor O'Brien, in charge of the train, claims to have seen. Smuck swore he was eating his lunch and the signal must have been given by another yardman. The inquest was adjourned until Saturday to throw further light on the question at issue as to who gave the lantern signal.

McInnes in Victoria.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 28.—A nomination for the Provincial Legislature has been offered W. B. McInnes, a Victoria Liberal, and he will probably head the ticket in this city. Premier McBride will run here, as well as in Dewdney.

For the table-for cooking—WINDSOR TABLE SALT is without an equal. Always the same perfect quality.

ENOUGH

Maud—I have just received an offer of marriage which I have just this morning. He said that his love for me was very great, but that his income was small. Marie—What a pity. Why, who was it from? Maud—I really didn't notice; but that was enough.

LEHIGH VALLEY REDUCES PASSENGER FARES.

To take effect November 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible, the maximum rate per mile on the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be on the basis of 2 1/2 cts.

This will not change passenger rates now based on charge of less than 2 1/2 cts per mile. Interchangeable mileage books which are now sold at \$30.00, will be sold at \$25.00 with a rebate of \$5.00 on each 1,000 mile book instead of \$10.00, as at present.

CHURCHES

HOURS OF SERVICE.

The services in all the churches in the city are held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., except the following: Seventh Day Adventists—11 and 7. Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30. St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30. First Baptist—11 and 7.30. Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

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 S. S. LESSON FOR TO-MORROW.

Review—Fourth Quarter.

Golden Text—His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

To-morrow we review the last 12 lessons of 1906. It is a duty often dreaded or neglected in our schools, and always difficult.

Have you ever tried a written review in your class? Providing each scholar with paper and pencil and following very slowly and clearly, and taking time to have the scholars write their answers, which you could review during the week and who were the best the next Sunday, perhaps giving some slight reward to stimulate study.

1—The two great commandments—Mark 12, 28-34 and 38-44.

2—The ten virgins—Matt. 25, 1-13. Tell in your own words the story of the parable.

3—The parable of the talents—Matt. 25, 14-30.

4—What did the one talent man do with it and how was he rewarded?

5—Jesus anointed in Bethany—Matt. 26, 6-16.

6—Whose house was Jesus in and how did the woman there show her love to her Lord?

7—The Lord's Supper—Matt. 26, 17-30.

8—Tell from memory what occurred there.

9—Jesus in Gethsemane—Matt. 26, 36-50.

10—Whom did Jesus take with Him? How did He feel? Did they help Him?

11—Jesus before Caiaphas—Matt. 26, 57-68.

12—When Jesus was in the High Priest's house what was Peter doing?

13—Temperance Sunday—Isa. 5, 11-23.

14—Write some reasons why men ought to abstain from strong drink.

15—Jesus before Pilate—Luke 23, 13-25.

16—How did Pilate treat Jesus Christ?

17—Jesus on the cross—Luke 23, 32-46.

18—What were the first words of Jesus on the cross?

19—Jesus risen from the dead—Matt. 28, 1-15.

20—On Sunday morning who were the first at the tomb? Give their names.

21—Jesus ascends to heaven—Luke 24, 36-53.

22—How did Jesus prove He lived?

23—Cut this outline out, put it in your Bible, and try a written review for once.

CHURCH NOTES.

First Presbyterian. Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, pastor. The pastor will conduct the service and preach on both occasions to-morrow, "The Fasting of the Year"; evening, "The Fasting of the Year". Christmas music repeated in part.

MADE FROM NATIVE ROOTS.

SAFE AND RELIABLE.

That the roots of many native plants, growing wild in our American forests, possess remarkable properties for the cure of human maladies is well proven. Even the untutored Indian has learned the curative value of some of these and taught the early settlers their uses. The Indian never liked work so he wanted his square to get well as soon as possible the same root—called Blue Cohosh—in his "Favorite Prescription," skillfully combined with other roots and herbs is more effective than any other medicine in curing all the various weaknesses and painful derangements peculiar to women. Many afflicted women have been saved from the operating table and the surgeon's knife by the timely use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Tenderness over the lower pelvic region, with headache, spells of dizziness, faintness, bearing down pains or distress should not go unheeded. A course of "Favorite Prescription" will work marvelous benefits in all such cases, and generally effect a permanent cure if persisted in for a reasonable length of time. The "Favorite Prescription" is a harmless agent, being wholly prepared from native medicinal roots, without a drop of alcohol in its make up, whereas all other medicines put up for sale through druggists for women's peculiar ailments, contain large quantities of spirituous liquors, which are very harmful, especially to delicate women. "Favorite Prescription" contains neither alcohol nor harmful habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients are printed on each bottle wrapper. It is a powerful invigorating tonic, imparting health and strength in particular to the organs distinctly feminine. For weak and sickly women, who are "worn-out," or debilitated, especially for women who work in stores, offices, or school-rooms, who sit at the typewriter or sewing machine, or bear heavy household burdens, and for nursing mothers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will prove a priceless benefit because of its health-restoring and strength-giving power.

For constipation, the true, scientific cure is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Mild, harmless, yet sure.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Christ Church.

First Sunday after Christmas. Rev. Robt. McCosh, rector, will conduct the services and occupy the pulpit on both occasions to-morrow. He will be assisted by Rev. W. H. Colles.

Sunday School will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Holy Communion will be administered the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m., and on the third Sunday early celebration at half-past eight.

St. Andrew's.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby, will conduct both services to-morrow.

Special music by the choir.

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Holy Trinity.

First Sunday after Christmas.

The rector, Rev. J. W. Hodgins, will preach on both occasions to-morrow. Christmas music repeated.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

Holy communion on the first Sunday in the month at 11 a. m. and the third Sunday at 8 a. m.

Baptism any Sunday at 4 p. m. when previous notice has been given.

St. Andrew's.

Rev. W. L. Rutledge, pastor.

The pastor will take as his morning subject, "A Look Backward" (evening, "The Tale that is Told").

Christian fellowship meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in S. S. Hall.

Sunday School and Bible Class to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8.

The following program of music (including the order of services) will be rendered in Park St. Methodist Church to-morrow:

Morning.

Organ Prelude, Andantino—Edwin Lemare.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Anthem, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Sullivan—with soprano obligato by Miss Edith Dolson.

Scripture Reading.

Duet, Father All Glorious, Bailey.

Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Bogart.

Announcements.

Hymn.

Sermon—The Pastor.

Offertory, Trauerlied—Schumann.

Solo, A Man of Sorrows, Joseph Adams—Mr. Clarence Terry.

Hymn.

Benediction.

Voluntary, Festive March—Henry Lenart.

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Walter's Prize Song—Wagner.

Credo.

Prayer.

Invocation.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Anthem, Come Near, Ye Nations—Watson.

Scripture Reading.

Solo, In Olden Times—Mrs. Milton Eggart, with violin obligato.

Announcements.

Hymn.

Sermon—The Pastor.

Offertory, Violin Solo, Selected—Mr. Ed. Jones.

Anthem.

Hymn.

Benediction.

Voluntary, March—Scottson.

William St. Baptist.

Mr. W. A. Cameron, Leader of the Master Evangelistic Band, will conduct the services and preach at the Wm. St. Baptist Church to-morrow morning and evening, and take charge of the Young People's Bible Class at three o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 10.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Victoria Ave. Methodist.

Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. S., pastor.

Classes meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and 12 noon.

The pastor will preach the morning on "Gleanings of the Grace of God"; evening, "Mind Your Own Business."

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Later Day Saints.

Services will be conducted to-morrow as usual.

Religious Society every Sunday evening at 8.15.

Sunday School to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Prayer service to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at eight. Question box at the door.

Salvation Army.

Salvation Army, Union spot—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.

Campbell A. M. E.

The pastor, Rev. Wm. Clark, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Union A. M. E.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

First Baptist.

W. T. Nickerson, pastor.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Sabbath School at 12.30.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

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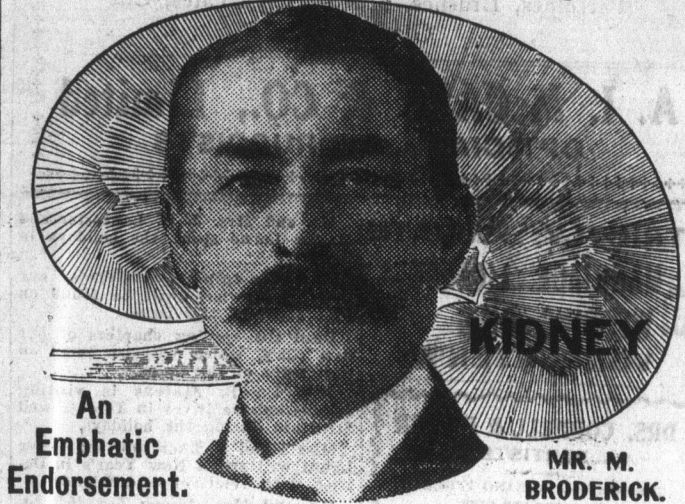
Services will be held to-morrow at the usual hours.

A. U. M. P.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow. The pastor, F. O. M. Walker, preaching both morning and evening.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—11 a. m.—Light variable winds, cloudy and milder. Sunday, high westerly winds, with rain or snow before evening.

DIED.

WEST—On Dec. 28th, 1906, John Harvey West, aged 75 years and seven months, died at his late residence, Harvey street, to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

LOCAL

Walter Martin, of Ridgetown, was a city visitor Thursday.

J. W. Smith, of Stewart, was a city visitor yesterday.

B. Hamilton, of Ridgetown, spent yesterday in the city.

John Dunlop, of the Idlewild, is confined to his home through illness.

Mr. L. Copeland, of Lima, Ohio, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

Read the opening chapters of our new story, "Darrell of the Blessed Isles," in to-day's issue of The Planet.

Ald. Benson has announced his intention to become a candidate for aldermanic honors next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McMichael leave this evening for London, to spend New Year's with the former's parents.

The Oddfellows of the city will attend the funeral of their late brother, Thomas M. Kime, to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Markmere, of Detroit, have returned home, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. Everitt, Hyslop St.

W. H. Everitt has returned home, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. Everitt, Hyslop St.

The pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$1.88 for Local Improvements, and \$28.64 for Board of Works. This is the lowest the pay-sheets have been this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McMichael spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baxter, Amelia St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Johnson, and Arthur Johnson, of the Sovereign Bank, all spent Christmas in London at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson and Baby Milton remaining for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Atwell, of Brandon, Man., called on Maple City friends this morning. They are on their way to London, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Swift. Mr. Atwell formerly was in the shoe business in this city, in the stand at present occupied by Mr. Young, the grocer. He is now general western agent for the M. Campbell Co., with headquarters at Brandon.

W. J. Young left last night for Goderich, where his marriage to Miss Christina Gundry takes place Monday at noon. After the ceremony Mr. Young and his bride will leave for Nepeawa, Man., where they will take up their residence. At last night's meeting of the Park St. League Mr. Young was presented with an address by Rev. Mr. Rutledge on behalf of the League.

Olive Oil

Three points should be observed in buying Olive Oil—Purity, Palatability and Price. We handle a bland, pleasant tasting Olive Oil at

50c a Pint

Made from ripe hand-picked Olives only and which we guarantee free from adulteration of any kind.

Radley's Drug Store

F. Park & Co.,
Scene Block

TILBURY WON

Manager Julius Perrott and his Star hockey team, accompanied by an enthusiastic bunch of supporters, journeyed to Tilbury last night, where they played the fast aggregation of that place. It was at first the intention to take a picked team from the city league to try conclusions with the Tilbury team, but this being found impossible it was decided to send the Stars out.

The game resulted in a score of 5 to 2 in favor of Tilbury. The ice was in very poor condition and the game was anything but clean. Muroo for the Tilbury team made himself particularly unpopular with the crowd. The first goal was made by Tilbury, and the score stood 2 to 1 in their favor at half time. Baillie scored both goals for Chatham. The line-up for the locals was as follows:

Goal—Campbell.
Point—Robert.
Cover point—Brundage.
Centre—Baillie.
Rover—Johnson.
Left wing—Hicks.
Right wing—Lowry.
Goal referees—Tilt and Anderson.
Time-keeper—Shillington.
Referee—Langdon.
A return match will be played in Chatham shortly. In this game the Tilbury bunch will probably not have things so much their own way, as they will be up against a picked team from the city league. The Tilbury team this year is composed of the same players who played in the Border League last year.

I. O. O. F.

The members of Western City Lodge, No. 93, and Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the lodge room at 1 p. m. Sunday, the 30th inst., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Thomas M. Kime, which leaves his late residence at 2 p. m.

All Oddfellows visiting in the city are cordially invited to meet with us.

HUGH GALLAGHER,
Secretary No. 93.

ALBION HEATH,
Secretary No. 29.

COST WAS 14,000

To Get Fleet of 130 Vessels Through the Soo River After Ice Jam of Early December.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 29.—For 1907 the log cut of the Georgian Bay district will be about the same as last year.

New York, Dec. 29.—Large contracts are now being placed here for some of the leading eastern railroads.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday decided that the latest election of Count Boni de Castellane to the Chamber is valid.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—T. A. Kirkconnell, principal of Hope High School, will succeed Dr. Pakenham on the advisory council of education.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Rev. D. L. Holder, a Presbyterian Minister, was assassinated Thursday night at Troy, Tenn. His body was found near the railroad tracks.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—Prof. A. W. Flit of McGill University, Montreal, spoke yesterday on "Trusts and the Thrift" before the American Economic Association.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—About 130 vessels passed through the Soo River after the ice jam formed early in December and the cost of getting the fleet through was about \$14,000.

Manit., Dec. 29.—The governor of the Province of Ontario negroes has reported that 14 natives were killed and 13 wounded in a panic at a midnight Christmas mass at Tanjany.

Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 29.—James Kelly, aged 39 years, a wealthy oil well contractor, was killed Thursday night in his car while putting coal in the furnace. He came in contact with an electric light wire.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—John Jones, a familiar figure for years amongst the butchers and hucksters in St. Lawrence Market, was found lying dead in the highway at his boarding-house, 331-2 Jarvis street, yesterday.

Buda-Pesth, Dec. 29.—Count Eugene Zichy, who died here on Wednesday, left an estate valued at nearly \$10,000,000. He has bequeathed a splendid collection of pictures and other works of art to the City of Buda-Pesth, which is to be known as the Zichy Museum.

FINNES RESIGNS.

Governor Yukon Will Lead British Columbia Liberals.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—William Wallace Bruce McInnes has resigned the Yukon governorship to lead the provincial Liberals, Macdonald stepping aside as a mere candidate.

If the Liberals win, the rumor here is that McInnes will be taken into the Federal Cabinet, with Vancouver as a seat, MacPherson getting the local postmastership.

Mr. Tucker Acquitted.

Owen Sound, Dec. 29.—In the police court, Magistrate Cresser acquitted Lawyer H. C. Tucker of any intent to rob Mr. Carr in the management of her claim for her son's estate. Mr. Tucker will now proceed against the estate of George Welsh, Mrs. Carr's son, in the exchequer courts, for his commission of perjury, which will amount, if granted in full, to between twelve and thirteen thousand dollars.

Premier Jett Holding His Own.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 29.—Premier Scott continues to hold his own, and his physicians are satisfied with his present condition.

Telegram enquiry were received yesterday morning, among others, from His Excellency Earl Grey and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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Cor. King and Fifth Sts.
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OPENING CHAPTERS
OF OUR NEW STORY
TO-DAY
"DARREL OF THE
BLESSED ISLES."

BY IRVING BACHELLER,
Author of "Eben Holden," "D'ri
and I," Etc.

TO JOIN THE DOUKS.

Man Arrested For Walking Naked, Heading For Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The mounted police have been advised that a family living at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and calling themselves Adam II., Eve II., with their son, Lee Adam, contained a party of thirty-one persons to Western Canada in the springtime, to proclaim that they are the Messiahs.

Adam II. says that he saw a star fall and he felt that he was the Messiah, and subsequently he and his wife walked through the street naked and were arrested. They intend joining the Doukhobors in the spring.

Life Magnate Indicted.

New York, Dec. 29.—George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Insurance Co., and now a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Charles S. Fairchild, former secretary of the treasury and a trustee of the New York Life Insurance Co., were indicted yesterday by the grand jury, charged with forgery in the third degree. Mr. Perkins appeared in court and gave bail in the sum of \$10,000. Mr. Fairchild is in Europe.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Many kind friends have urged me to offer myself as a candidate for the new Board of Education.

If the Electors think I have not outlived my usefulness, I once more ask you for your vote and influence in the coming election.

As it will be quite impossible for me to make a personal canvass I can only take this method of soliciting your kind support.

I am not at all desirous of increasing our taxation, and will advocate, as in the past, the strictest economy, yet I have the very highest opinion of the great importance of the proper and efficient education of the children of this Canada of ours, and, if elected, will endeavour to serve you faithfully and well.

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 28, 1906.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having served as a Trustee on the O. C. I. Board for the last three years, (during the second of which I had the honor of presiding as chairman) and some of my kind friends having represented me in that position, I might be of service as a member of the Board of Education for 1907, I beg to announce my candidature, and to solicit your vote and influence in my election as a member of such Board.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support, and wishing you the compliments of the season, believe me,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. G. RICHARDS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARWICH.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence solicited for the election to the office of Township Councillor for the year 1907. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Yours respectfully,

W. J. CORLETT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF HARWICH.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the Re-election of Harwich for the year 1907, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence to secure my election. Trusting my past record has met with your approval, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. BUCHANAN.

DR. W. CLAYGONE,

CHIROPDIST.

Who is in the city for a limited time, gives special attention to the treatment of Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, and Callous Spots. He can be consulted at Room 12, Hotel Garner, or will be pleased to attend those who suffer from their feet at their homes if preferred.

Brisco Opera House

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Morris-Thurston Co.

Present the Greatest Play of the Age.

Hand of Man

Moving Pictures, Illustrated Songs and Specialties

Galore between Act's.....

PRICES—10c, 20c and 30c

Brisco Opera House

Tuesday, Jan. 1st

NEW YEAR'S MATINEE

THE MORRIS-THURSTON COMPANY

Present

WHO'S BABY

ARE YOU

Change of Specialties for each performance and there will be an extra lot of Moving Pictures for the children.

PRICES—10c, 20c and 30c

Brisco Opera House

Tuesday Night, January 1st

New Year's Night

MORRIS-THURSTON COMPANY

Present—

Way Down East

With Up-to-date Specialties, Illustrated Songs and Moving Pictures between acts.

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RETURN OF THE REAL FAVORITES

MORRIS & KRESS

Present the

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ONE WEEK,

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WITH

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S MATINEE

This is the Show you know is good. The Best Plays and People, with Specialties Galore, headed by the Dainty Comedienne and Dancer,

MISS GRACE THURSTON

The Company includes, besides WM. MORRIS AND GRACE THURSTON:—

PAT CONROY, formerly of Conroy and Mack Co.

AGNES EARLE, formerly of Conroy and Mack Co.

P. D. QUINN, formerly of the Lafayette Stock Co., Detroit.

TOM WALDORF, formerly of the Lafayette Stock Co., Detroit.

ARTHUR MEREDITH, formerly of the Grace Hayward Co.

NAN VERONA, formerly of the Grace Hayward Co.

TOM KRESTON, formerly of the Grace Hayward Co.

GORDON MARSHALL, formerly of the Summers Stock Co.

J. R. FIELD, formerly of the Marks Bros. Co.

BESSIE FIELD, formerly of the Marks Bros. Co.

VERA POWERS, formerly of the Majestic Stock Co.

Prices—10c, 20c and 30c

Dec. Fashion Sheets Free

C. AUSTIN & CO

KING ST. CHATHAM.

Dec. New Idea Magazine 5c.

The Forgotten Friend

There is always some friend forgotten in the rush of securing Christmas gifts, but, as New Year's comes so soon after, the mistake can be fixed then. For those who have to choose a New Year's gift we would invite them to our Special Sale of Novelties, which we start on Saturday.

50c Fancy Collars

Our special Fancy Collars trimmed with silk applique and chiffon, a very handsome collar in all colors and white, 50c each.

Special in Mirrors

A lot of Fancy Three-side Mirrors at sale price—

\$1.25 value for 75c.
0.75 " " 50c.
0.50 " " 39c.

Fancy China.

Some very choice pieces Fancy China at 25c, 50c, 75c to \$2.50 each.

Kid Gloves.

No more acceptable gift could be selected for a lady than a pair of Kid Gloves. We have the Rouillon Kid Glove with two clasps, in all shades of tan, grey, brown, black and white. A guaranteed glove at \$1.00 pair.

And Gloves, two clasps, in tans, browns, and black, \$1.25 pair.

24-button White and Black Glace Kid, \$3.00 pair.

25c Collars

Pretty Fancy Silk and Chiffon Stock Collars. Also Lace Stocks, all colors and white, 25c each.

Fancy Baskets at

Half-price.

All our Fancy Baskets, consisting of Glove- and Handkerchief Baskets, to clear at half the regular price.

New Carpets & Rugs!

The first of immense purchases for Spring of Carpets and Rugs came to hand to-day, and, as this store claims to have the best procurable for style and worth, we feel that it will prove to your advantage to come in and pass inspection on these goods. As for price, although the mills have advanced nearly everything in floor coverings, we are striving to retain the old prices, and you must admit that we have succeeded. Note the following:—

TAPESTRY RUGS.—In sizes 9 ft. x 9 ft., 9 ft. x 10½ ft., 9 ft. x 12 ft., 10 ft. x 12 ft., 10 ft. 6 in. x 13 ft. 6 in. In reds, greens, and old rose, in florals and Orientals of medium heavy body, at from \$8.50 and up.

VELVET RUGS.—In effective designs of greens and fawns and reds. Seamless weaving, sizes 4 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in., 9 ft. x 9 ft., 9 ft. x 10 ft., 9 ft. x 12 ft., 10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft., at from \$5.00 and up.

TAPESTRY CARPETS.—In endless array of colors and quality—a lovely effect at a reasonable price at 50c, 60c and 65c per yd. Body and stair only at 75c and 85c per yd. Body, stair and borders to match.

BRUSSELS CARPET.—With borders to match, in self tones, Orientals, and wood shades, at—3½ Frame Body Brussels Carpet, \$1.00 per yard. 4 Frame Body Brussels Carpet, \$1.10 and \$1.25 per yard.

AXMINSTER CARPETS.—This magnificent carpet is to be had, borders to match, in a variety of patterns, a life-time wear, at \$1.50 and \$1.75 per yard.

For 1907 we will continue to make and lay any carpet at 50c or over per yard free of extra cost.

NOTE.—If you so desire any carpet selected now may, by making a part payment, be kept for you until ready for delivery.

In the Austin Men's Store Saturday

REDUCED PRICE SALE ON

FUR-LINED COATS AND FUR CAPS.

If you want a snap on a high-grade Fur-lined Coat you can depend on getting it here. On Saturday we place on sale all our Fur-lined Coats at greatly reduced prices. Every coat is the

Noted Progress Brand Make,

which means protection in price and quality. The following is a list of reduced prices:—

\$100.00 Fur-lined Coats reduced to \$75.00.

No. 1 Musk Rat lined, and No. 1 Otter Collar fine beaver shell.

\$85.00 Fur-lined Coats reduced to \$65.00.

No. 2 Musk Rat lined, No. 2 Kat lined. Imported Black Beaver shell.

\$45.00 Fur-lined Coats reduced to \$35.00.

Seal lining, German Otter collar, nice quality Black Beaver shell, very special.

\$3.50 Nutria Fur Caps reduced to \$2.50.

\$2.50 Black Astrachan Caps reduced to \$1.50.

\$2.00 Black Coney Caps reduced to \$1.50.

SEE SAMPLES IN EAST KING STREET WINDOW.

C. AUSTIN & Co.

KENT COUNTY'S LARGEST RETAILERS,

H.W.BALL & CO. CHATHAM'S NICEST STORE H.W.BALL & CO.

Last Bargain Day OF 1906

We want to show our appreciation to the Ladies of Chatham for the phenomenal business they have given this store. We will be rather reckless of our prices on Monday, the cost of the goods will not be considered. Come early, there are some great snaps to be had. Be first if you want first choice. There's "house-cleaning" for us to do; all the remnants of our Christmas stocks will be on the bargain counters Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Magnificent Showing IN WOMEN'S WEAR



75 only, waists of Jap Taffeta, Silk Taffeta—all-over lace and embroidered lustrous waists in cream, black and red. The silk waists are in white and black—this is really a splendid chance to procure a waist at little more than half price. Monday one price \$1.75.

Black Louisine Silk Waists

50 of them in sizes from 32 to 42 bust, made with pleats in back and front—75c quality of silk—we cleared the lot from a manufacturer that needed the money, and will sell them on Monday at \$2.89 just the price you pay for the silk.

Dress Skirt Bargain

30 only, skirts, black, brown, red and tweed mixtures—all good styles and reduced from our regular stocks, but we are bound to keep our word and we mean what we say at the top of this advertisement. Regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 skirts, Monday \$2.50.

Golf Jackets \$1.00

It may be hard to believe they are good, but they are, it's a sample lot of golf jackets, jerseys and sweaters, good colors also vests without sleeves. One price Monday \$1.

Reduced Prices

On Fine Umbrellas

The overstock of our Christmas buying—you may need one for yourself.

\$3.50 Umbrellas Mon. \$2.50
5.00 " " 3.50
6.00 " " 4.50

Wool Toques

White and colored wool toques 25c, 35c, 40c qualities Monday 19c.

A New Plaid

School Dress

7 pieces of pretty plaid dress goods in splendid coloring, just the thing for school dresses, will wear well and very fashionable just now, Monday 10c yard.

Velveteen skirt Binding

5/8 of 5c velveteen put up in bundles, colors grey, green and black and beaver. Monday 10c.

NECKWEAR BARGAINS

LOT 1—Lace collars, silk collars and embroidered collars. Many of the regular 25c to 50c kinds. Monday your choice 10c.

LOT 2—Lace and silk collars, silk and chiffon collars, some beautiful collars well worth the regular price, Monday 19c.



LOT 3—Our very best fancy collars no matter how high in price they were, you will find them in this lot. Also a choice lot of lace fronts and collars that have been selling for double and over. Sharp work needed to get your pick. Monday 50c.

Gloves Bargain,

A Pair of Them

Cashmere gloves, assorted kinds in black, colors and white. Regular 25c, 35c and 40c. Monday 15c a pair.

Kid mocha silk lined gloves in grey and black, regular \$1.00 and \$1.85. Monday 50c.

Flannelette Extra

2000 yards or about of striped flannelette, good quality in 2 to 10 yard lengths, regular 6c, 7c, and 8c yard. Monday 3 1/2c yard.

Mollette for Dressing Gowns

7 pieces of velvet finish mollette for dressing gowns or dressing jackets. Regular 25c yd. Monday 13c yard.

H. W. BALL & CO. KING ST., CHATHM

SOME NICE THINGS FOR NEW YEARS

No matter what you may want, if its something good to eat you will find it best here.

SWEET ORANGES, 25c a dozen
SEEDLESS ORANGES, 40c and 50c a dozen
JUICY LEMONS, 25c a dozen
GOOD CRANBERRIES, 15c a quart
FRESH LETTUCE, 25c a pound
GOOD APPLES, 25c a peck
MIXED NUTS, 18c a pound
TABLE RAISINS, 25c and 30c a pound
OUR FINE CHOCOLATES, 25c a pound
OUR FRESH CHOCOLATES, 50c a pound
FANCY BISCUITS, 20c a pound

Our Mocha and Java Coffee—40c a pound will make your breakfast just right.

H. Malcolmsen

TO-NIGHT

Marks Bros. at the Brisco Theatre, at 8.15.
Choir practice, First Presbyterian Church, at 8.
Holy Trinity Church Choir will meet for practice at 8.
Macaulay Club will meet in their rooms, 1 O. O. F. Temple, at 8.
Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & M., G. P. C., Masonic Temple, Seaside new block, King St., at 7.30. Sharp.

LOCAL

School opens January 7.
Smoke Quail and Toast Cigar—Se. A. D. Wetman is in Toronto on business.

Ladies free at the Opera House on Monday night.

The fire engine has been taken to Park Bros. Laundry for repairs.

Gold stamping on books or leather goods done at The Planet Office.

The best of plays and specialties galore at the Opera House next week.

Mr. W. E. Hall, C. P. R. agent at Blenheim, was a city visitor yesterday.

Names stamped in gold on books, purses, music rolls, etc., while you wait, at The Planet Office.

"Darrell of the Blessed Isles" appears in to-day's issue. Read the opening chapters.

Trustee Wm. Somerville announces that he is a candidate for the Board of Education.

Creamery cream is the best sweet cream. Delivered promptly in quart or pint pails. Phone 242.

Read the opening chapters of our new story, which will be found on page eight of this issue.

All United Workmen will assemble at the lodge room Sunday at 1.15 p. m. to attend the funeral of our late brother, Thomas Kime.

Misses Olive and Marjorie Mills, of Toronto, are the guests of Misses Ross and Calmie Merritt, Third street.

Mrs. Eleanor Sterling, who has been nursing in Sarnia and London for the last two months, has returned to her home, St. Clair street.

The regular meeting of Wellington Masonic Lodge will be held this evening, when the officers for the ensuing year will be installed.

Illustrated songs, moving pictures and up-to-date specialties between acts at the Opera House Monday night. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Mr. Armstrong, manager of the local branch of the Dominion Bank, has returned from a trip to Toronto.

Word has been received from Mr. J. M. Gardiner of his safe arrival in Chattanooga on his way to Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hough, of Blenheim, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gardiner, Queen street.

The show you know is good. The Morris-Thurston Co., at the Brisco Opera House Monday night. Prices only 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Young man, 18 years of age, strong and willing, will apprentice himself to good trade; wages required \$5.00. Apply Box A, or at Planet Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Charist, of Winnipeg, arrived in the city today on a visit to Trustee Somerville and other friends and relatives in the city. They will be accompanied by their little daughter.

A fur box has been returned to this office that was picked up on the street about six weeks ago. Owner can have it by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

WE KEEP BUSY AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AT THE GORDON STORE

By the reliability, excellency and style of our goods. By prices that pull on people's purses, and by a square deal and courteous treatment and our customers are pleased, profited and plenty.

Shaker Flannels

A case of 5c Shakers just in, the best in width this winter at this price—5c. Mill Ends of white only, up from 5c.

800 Lbs. English Prints

Lengths 1 to 12 yards, all colors and styles, from 7c to 10c per yard.
English Turkey Red Paisley Prints, yard wide, warranted, at 12 1/2c.

Wrapperettes

We reduce some fine Wrapper patterns to clear our shelves, to 9c.

Blankets

Grey or White Cotton Fleece, 75c to \$1.25. Grey or White Wool Blankets, per pair \$1.80 to \$7.50.

Clean Up Sale in Tweeds

15 pieces New Fall Tweeds, plaid effects—novelties, etc., for costumes or children's wear, regular 50c, 60c and 75c per yard, at 43c.

25 Ends of Tweeds, Scotch, homespuns, Plaids, Fancy Mixtures, Etc., regular 85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50, sale 59c.

Costume Tweeds, for school dresses, good weight, mixed shades of garnet and navy, special sale 22c.

Remnant Sale

General clean up of all sorts in Ends of Dress Goods, lots of handsome pieces for waists, children's wear and skirts, come for a first choice, marked about Half Price.

Ladies' Coats cut to the bone in price to clear.

Fine Furs, all the profit skinned off to the customers.

Silks!

Silks!

Chiffon Taffetas, Messalines, Louisines and Satin Mervilleux Silks 50c, reg. 75c.

85c and \$1.00 Silks, our great sale price

50 cents

WILLIAM GORDON

HAVE YOU TRIED

OYTERS

SEALSHIPT

They are away ahead of other kinds.

Solid Measure!!

The King Edward Grocery.

PHONE 51

Monday night, Hand of Man, at the Brisco. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

On New Year's night "Way Down East" will be presented at the Brisco Opera House. Prices only 10, 20 and 30 cents.

For the best ice cream and sweet cream, place your orders with the Maple Leaf Creamery. Special attention given to Christmas orders. Phone 242. Prompt delivery.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gardiner and two children, Master Bobbie and Willie, have returned home after spending their Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houston, Alvinton.

Mr. David Eagle, principal of the Model school, Windsor, announced that certificates have been awarded to all of the 47 students attending the school. There was not a single failure in the class, and all of the students stood high in the examinations.

Miss Barbara McGee, of Gesto, stood highest, with 81 3/5 per cent, to her credit.

The recital given by Miss Carmen MacIntyre in Wallaceburg Thursday evening was an unique success. Miss MacIntyre was assisted by Mr. Harold McDonald and Verlyn Lamont.

Intense especially received a number of very flattering ovations. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present.

The West Lorne Sun says: A son of Mr. Dan McPherson, north of Rodney, is seriously ill with small-pox.

Dr. A. G. McMillan, of Wardsville, has charge of the case. It is not known how he contracted the disease, as he had not been away any place except to Thamesville during two or three weeks. The family are quarantined, and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Christmas and New Year's excursion return tickets will be issued by W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King St., to all points in Canada, also Detroit and Buffalo, Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, and Dec. 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, 1906, an dJan. 1st, 1907, at fare and one-third, good returning Dec. 26th, and on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 2nd, at single fare; also to non-resident pupils and teachers, Dec. 21st to Dec. 29th, good returning Jan. 14th, at fare and one-third.

CHATHAM'S ONLY

MILLINERY STORE

Now is the time to buy Millinery all at Half-price and Less.

CAPS AT 49c.

C. A. Cooksley, KING STREET.

P. Haggart, of Blenheim, was a city visitor this morning.

S. H. Carry, of Merlin, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

D. D. Blundell, of Wallaceburg, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Forhan, of Wallaceburg, were city visitors yesterday.

Special New Year's matinee at the Opera House Tuesday next, Who's Baby Are You?

Joe Smith, the genial wine clerk at the Garner, is a proud father.

It's a fine baby boy.

Alex. Bounsal and Pete Chrysler were among those who attended the ball in Blenheim Thursday evening.

C. H. Dart, of Toronto, and Debaun Newmair, of Ridgeway, spent yesterday with Maple City friends.

Read the opening chapters of our new story, "Darrell of the Blessed Isles, in to-day's issue of The Planet.

Miss Harriet E. Stevens, King street west, is spending the winter with Mr. F. B. Campbell, of Northwood.

Wm. Hassen, of the M. Campbell factory, had the misfortune to cut the top off his right thumb while operating a shaper Thursday.

Choice canal coal for grates, Masillon and Pocahontas lump for range, Have you tried them? Some dry pine kindly cheer. Call up Fleming, Tillson & Co., phone 58 or 270.

Lost!—Friday afternoon, between Victoria Ave. Meth. Church and Gordon's Store, a pearl heart with gold leaf centre. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office.

David Nagle, Jr., while at work in Gray's carriage shop Thursday, was struck in the face by a piece of flying lumber, suffering a number of very painful gashes.

If the person who advertised for a lost purse will call at The Planet Office she will be given the name of the person who found it, and who wishes to return it to the owner.

T. B. Dowseley, of Owen Sound, has written Mayor Slater, of Niagara Falls, for a diagram of the shores, rapids, islands, etc., at the head of Niagara Falls that he may perfect his scheme to stretch an life-line across the river above the falls to prevent persons from being carried over the falls in boats.

Christmas bells at Crump's at the following low prices—Small 8c, medium 5c, large 8c. Holly wreaths 15c, each, with pommettes 30c. Ornaments, as quantity is limited. See our fine stock of fresh candies.

The music in First Presbyterian church to-morrow evening will be especially attractive. In addition to a Christmas anthem, there will be a solo by Wilfrid Smith, entitled "The Divine City," and also a number by the male quartette, Messrs. Smith, Angus, Smith and Wilson.

A driller named Guiller, who has been working for the Hadley Oil Co., was in the city this morning getting medical attention for his eyes, which have been affected in a curious manner by the gas fumes rising up from the well. Both eyes are badly inflamed. Dr. R. W. Rutherford, who is attending the man, says that it is one of the most peculiar cases ever coming under his care.

Mammoth And Great Eastern Milling And Mining Company

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mammoth & Great Eastern Milling & Mining Company will be held at the offices of the Company, King street, in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent and Province of Ontario, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1907, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other general business of the Company as may be brought before the meeting, and legally done thereat.

And further notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held on the date and at the time and place aforesaid, for the following purposes:

1. To ratify, confirm and approve of the action of the Board of Directors in passing their resolution of the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1906, authorizing the President and the Secretary of the Company to execute a deed to what is known as the "Union Group" of mining claims, situate in Seigel Creek section of Elk City mining district, in the County of Idaho, in the State of Idaho, which claims are known and recorded as "Union," "Union No. 2," "Companion," "Companion No. 2," "Cornucopia," "Idaho," and "Idaho Fraction," to C. E. Monteith, of Lewiston, Idaho, the consideration to be \$1,000.00.
2. To ratify, confirm and approve of the action of the Board of Directors of the said Company in authorizing and directing the President of the Company, Mr. N. H. Stevens, and the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Gordon, to execute a certain indenture bearing date the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1906, made between the Company and C. E. Monteith, of Lewiston, Idaho, whereby the Company grants and conveys to the said Monteith, his heirs and assigns forever, all its right, title and interest in and to those certain quartz mining claims situate, lying and being in the Seigel Creek section of the Elk City Mining District, in the County of Idaho, in the State of Idaho, known and recorded and held by the Company as the "Union," "Union No. 2," "Companion," "Companion No. 2," "Cornucopia," "Idaho," and "Idaho Fraction," together with all dikes, spurs, and angles, and also all the metals, ores, gold and silver-bearing quartz, rock and earth therein, and all the rights, privileges and franchises thereunto incident, appurtenant and appertaining, or therewith usually had and enjoyed, and also all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the rents, issues and profits thereof; which last mentioned resolution of the Board of Directors was passed on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1906.
3. To ratify, confirm and approve of such other actions and steps as may be necessary, in addition to those hereinbefore mentioned, to give result in the absolute transfer and sale of the said property to the said Monteith, in accordance with the requirements of the said indenture from the Company.

Dated at the City of Chatham this 28th day of December, 1906.

WM. GORDON,
Secretary.

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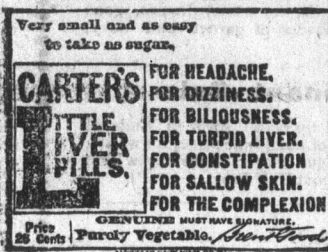
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DARREL of THE BLESSED ISLES

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CHAPTER I.

IT was in 1835, about midwinter, when Brier Dale was a narrow clearing, and the horizon well up in the sky and to anywhere a day's journey. Down by the shore of the pond there Theron Allen built his house. Today, under thickets of tansy, one may see the rotting logs, and there are hollyhocks and catnip in the old garden. He was from Middlebury, they say, and came west with his wife—in 1829. From the top of the hill above Allen's of a clear day one could look far across the treetops over distant settlements that were as blue patches in the green canopy of the forest.

est, over hill and dale to the smoky chasm of the St. Lawrence, thirty miles north. The Allens had not a child. They settled with no thought of school or neighbor. They brought a cow with them and a big collie whose back had been scarred by a lynx. He was good company and a brave hunter, this dog, and one day—it was February, four years after their coming, and the snow lay deep—he left the dale and not even a track behind him. Far and wide they went searching, but saw no sign of him. Near a month later, one night past 12 o'clock, they heard his bark in the distance. Allen rose and lit a candle and opened the door. They could hear him plainer, and now, mingled with his barking, a faint tinkle of bells. It had begun to thaw, and a cold rain was drumming on roof and window.

"He's crossing the pond," said Allen as he listened. "He's dragging some heavy thing over the ice."

Soon he leaped in at the door, the little red sleigh bouncing after him. The dog was in shafts and harness. Over the sleigh was a tiny cover of sailcloth shaped like that of a prairie schooner. Bouncing over the doorstep had waked its traveler, and there was a loud voice of complaint in the little cavern of sailcloth. Peering in, they saw only the long fur of a gray wolf. Beneath it a very small boy lay struggling with straps that held him down. Allen loosed them and took him out of the sleigh, a ragged but handsome youngster with red cheeks and blue eyes and light, curly hair. He was near four years of age then, but big and strong as any boy of five. He stood rubbing his eyes a minute, and the dog came over and licked his face, showing fondness acquired they knew not where. Mrs. Allen took the boy in her lap and petted him, but he was afraid—like a wild fawn that has just been captured—and broke away and took refuge under the bed. A long time she sat by her bedside with the candle, showing him trinkets and trying to coax him out. He ceased to cry when she held before him a big, shiny locket of silver, and soon his little hand came out to grasp it. Presently she began to reach his confidence with sugar. There was a moment of silence, then strange words came out of his hiding place. "Aunt Jonathan" was all they could make of them, and they remembered always that odd combination of sounds. They gave him food, which he ate with eager haste, then a moment of silence and an imperative call for more in some strange tongue. When at last he came out of his hiding place he fled from the woman. This time he sought refuge between the knees of Allen, where soon his fear gave way to curiosity, and he began to feel her face and gown. By and by he fell asleep.

They searched the sleigh and shook out the robe and blanket, finding only a pair of warm socks.

A Frenchman worked for the Allens that winter, and the name, Trove, was of his invention. And so came Sidney Trove, his mind in strange fancies, traveling out of the land of mystery in a winter night to Brier Dale.

CHAPTER II.

THE wind, veering, came bitter cold; the rain hardened to hail; the clouds, changed to brittle nets of frost and shaken to shreds by the rough wind, fell hissing in a scatter of snow. Next morning when Allen opened his door the wind was gone, the sky clear. Brier Dale, lately covered with clear ice, lay under a blanket of snow. He hurried across the pond, his dog following. Near the far shore was a bare spot on the ice cut by one of the sleigh runners. Up in the woods, opposite, was the Moss trail. Sunlight fell on the hills above him. He halted, looking up at the treetops. Twig, branch and trunk gloved with the fire of diamonds through a lacy flecking of hoar frost. Every tree had put on a jacket of ice and became as a fountain of prismatic hues. Here and there a dead pine rose like spire of crystal; domes of deep colored glass and towers of Jasper were as the landmarks of a city. Allen climbed the shore, walking slowly. He could see no track of sleigh or dog or any living thing. A frosted, icy tangle of branches and the trail—a gateway to this great crystal city of the woods. He entered, listening as he walked. Branches of hazel and dogwood were like jets of water breaking into clear, halted drops and foamy spray above him. He went on, looking up at this

long sky window of the woods. In the deep silence he could hear his heart beating.

"Sport," said he to the dog, "show me the way." But the dog only wagged his tail.

Allen returned to the house.

"Wife," said he, "look at the woods yonder. They are like the city of holy promise. Behold I will lay thy stones with fair colors and thy foundations with sapphires, and I will make thy windows of agate."

"Did you find the track of the little sleigh?" said she.

"No," he answered, "nor will any man, for all paths are hidden."

"Theron, may we keep the boy?" she inquired.

"I think it is the will of God," said Allen.

The boy grew and thrived in mind and body. For a time he prattled in a language none who saw him was able to comprehend, but he learned English quickly and soon forgot the jargon of his babyhood. The shadows of mystery that fell over his coming lengthened far into his life and were deepened by others that fell across them. Before he could have told the story all memory of whom he left or whence he came had been swept away. It was a house of riddles where Allen dwelt—a rude thing of logs and ladders and a low roof and two rooms, yet one ladder led high to glories no pen may describe. The Allens, with this rude shelter, found delight in dreams of an eternal home whose splendor and luxury would have made them miserable here below. What a riddle was this! And then, as to the boy Sid, there was the riddle of his coming and again that of his character, which latter was, indeed, not easy to solve. There were few books and no learning in that home. For three winters Trove tramped a trail to the schoolhouse two miles away and had no further schooling until he was a big, blond boy of fifteen, with red cheeks and large eyes, blue and discerning, and hands hardened to the axe heve. He had then discovered the study of the woods and begun to study the wild folk that live in holes and thickets. He had a fine face. You would have called him handsome, but not they among whom he lived. With them handsome was as handsome did, and the face of a man, if it were cleanly, was never a proper cause of blame or compliment, but there was that in his soul which even now had waked the mother's wonder and set forth a riddle none was able to solve.

CHAPTER III.

THE harvesting was over in Brier Dale. It was near dinner time, and Allen, Trove and the two hired men were trying feats in the dooryard. Trove, then a boy of fifteen, had outdone them all at the jumping. A stranger came along, riding a big mare with a young filly at her side. He was a tall, spare man, past middle age, with a red, smooth shaven face and long gray hair that fell to his rolling collar. He turned in at the gate. A little beyond it his mare halted for a mouthful of grass. The stranger unsling a strap that held a satchel to his side and hung it on the pommel.

"Go and ask what we can do for him," Allen whispered to the boy.

Trove went down the drive, looking up at him curiously.

"What can I do for you?" he inquired.

"Give me thy youth," said the stranger quickly, his gray eyes twinkling under silvery brows.

The boy, now smiling, made no answer.

"No?" said the man, as he came on slowly. "Well, then, were thy wit as good as thy legs it would be of some use to me."

The words were spoken with dignity in a deep, kindly tone. They were also faintly salted with Irish brogue.

He approached the man, all eyes fixed upon him with a look of inquiry.

"Have ye ever seen a drunken sailor on a mast?" he inquired of Allen.

"No."

"Well, sir," said the stranger, dismounting slowly, "I am not that. Let me consider—have ye ever seen a co-coconut on a plum tree?"

"I believe not," said Allen, laughing.

"Well, sir, that is more like me. 'Tis long since I rode a horse, an' am out o' place in the saddle."

He stood erect with dignity, a smile deepening the many lines in his face.

"Can I do anything for you?" Allen asked.

"Aye—cure me o' poverty. Have ye any clocks to mend?"

"Clocks! Are you a tinker?" said Allen.

"I am, sir, an' at thy service. Could beauty, me lord, have better commerce than with honesty?"

They all surveyed him with curiosity and amusement as he tied the mare.

All had begun to laugh. His words came rapidly on a quick undercurrent of good nature. A clock sounded the stroke of midday.

"What, ho! The clock," said he, looking at his watch. "Thy time hath a lagging foot. Marry, were I that slow, sir, I'd never get to heaven!"

"Mother," said Allen, going to the

doorstep, "here is a tinker, and he says the clock is slow."

"It seems to be out of order," said his wife, coming to the step.

"Seems, madam! Nay, it is!" said the stranger. "Did ye mind the stroke of it?"

"No," said she.

"Marry, 'twas like the call of a dying man."

Allen thought a moment as he whitened.

"Had I such a stroke on me I'd—I'd think I was paralyzed," the stranger added.

"You'd better fix it, then," said Allen.

"Thou art wise, good man," said the stranger. "Mind the two hands on the clock an' keep them to their place or they'll becom to poverty."

The clock was brought to the doorstep, and all gathered about him as he went to work.

"Ye know a power o' Scriptor," said one of the hired men.

"Scriptor," said the tinker, laughing.

"I do, sir, an' much of it according to the good St. William. Have ye never read Shakespeare?"

None who sat before him knew anything of the immortal bard.

"He writ a book 'bout Dan'l Boone an' the Indians," a hired man ventured.

"Angels an' ministers o' grace defend us!" the tinker exclaimed.

Trove laughed.

"I'll give ye a riddle," said the tinker, turning to him.

"How is it the clock can keep a sober face?"

"It has no ears," Trove answered.

"Right," said the tinker, smiling.

"Thou art a knowing youth. Read



"Ye know a power o' Scriptor."

Shakespeare, boy—a little of him three times a day for the mind's sake. I've traveled far in lonely places and need no other company."

"Ever in India?" Trove inquired.

He had been reading of that far land, rubbing a wheel. "I was five years in India, sir, an' part o' the time fighting as hard as ever a man could fight."

"Fighting?" said Trove, much interested.

"I was, sir," he asserted, oiling a piece of the old clock.

"On which side?"

"Inside an' outside."

"With natives?"

"I did, sir; three kinds o' them—few, fass an' the divlie."

"Give us some more Shakespeare," said the boy, smiling.

The tinker rubbed his spectacles thoughtfully, and as he resumed his work a sounding flood of tragic utterance came out of him—the great soliloquies of Hamlet and Macbeth and Richard III. and Lear and Antony, all said with spirit and appreciation. The boy finished, they bade him put up for dinner.

"A fine colt!" said Allen as they were on their way to the stable.

"It is, sir," said the tinker, "a most excellent breed o' horses."

"Where from?"

"The grandsire from the desert o' Arabia, where Allah created the horse out of the south wind. See the slender limbs of the Barbary? See her eyes?"

He seemed to talk in that odd strain for the mere joy of it, and there was in his voice the God given vanity of bird or poet.

He had caught the filly by her little plume and stood patting her forehead.

For a moment he led her up and down at a quick trot, her dainty feet touching the earth lightly as a fawn's.

"Thou'rt made for the hot leagues o' the great sand sea," said he, patting her head. "Ah, thy neck shall be as the bowsprit; thy dust as the flying spray!"

"In one thing you are like Isaiah. The Lord God hath given thee the tongue of the learned."

"An' if he grant me the power to speak a word in season to him that is weary I shall be content," said the tinker.

Dinner over, they came out of doors. The stranger stood filling his pipe. Something in his talk and manner had gone deep into the soul of the boy, who now whispered a moment with his father.

"Would you sell the filly?" said Allen.

"My boy would like to own her."

"What, ho, the boy! The beautiful boy! An' would ye love her, boy?" the tinker asked.

"Yes, sir," the boy answered quickly.

"An' put a ribbon in her forelock an' a coat o' silk on her back, an' mind ye, a man o' kindness in the saddle?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then take thy horse, an' Allah grant thou be successful on her as many times as there be hairs in her skin."

"And the price?" said Allen.

"Name it, an' I'll call thee just."

The business over, the tinker called to Trove, who had led the filly to her stall.

"You, there, strike the tents. Bring me the mare. This very day she may bear me to forgiveness."

Trove brought the mare.

"Remember," said the old man, turning as he rode away, "in the day o' the last judgment God'll mind the look o' thy horse."

He rode on a few steps and halted, turning in the saddle.

"Thou, too, Phyllis," he called. "God'll mind the look o' thy master. See that ye bring him safe."

The filly began to rear and call, the mother to answer. For days she called and trembled, with wet eyes, listening for the voice that still answered, though out of hearing, far over the hills. And Trove, too, was lonely, and there was a kind of longing in his heart for the music in that voice of the stranger.

CHAPTER IV.

FOR Trove it was a day of sorrowing. The strange old tinker had filled his heart with a new joy and a new desire. Next morning he got a ride to Hillsborough, fourteen miles, and came back, reading as he walked a small green book, its thin pages covered thick with exuberantly fine printing, its title "The Works of Shakespeare." He read the book industriously and with keen pleasure. Allen complained shortly that Shakespeare and the filly had interfered with the potatoes and the corn.

The filly ceased to take food and sickened for a time after the dam left her. Trove lay in the stall nights and gave her milk sweetened to her liking. She grew strong and playful and forgot her sorrow and began to follow him like a dog on his errands up and down the farm. Trove went to school in the autumn—"select school," it was called. A two mile journey it was by trail, but a full three by the wagon road. He learned only a poor lesson the first day, for on coming in sight of the schoolhouse he heard a rush of feet behind him and saw his filly charging down the trail. He had to go back with her and lose the day, a thought dreadful to him, for now hope was high and school days few and precious. At first he was angry; then he sat among the ferns, covering his face and sobbing with sore resentment. The little filly stood over him and rubbed her silky muzzle on his neck and kicked up her heels in play as he pushed her back.

Next morning he put her behind a fence, but she went over it with the ease of a wild deer and came bounding after him. When at last she was shut in the box stall he could hear her calling, half a mile away, and it made his heart sore. Soon after a moose treed him on the trail and held him there for quite half a day. Later he had to help thrash and was laid up with the measles. Then came rain and flooded flats that turned him off the trail. Years after he used to say that work and weather and sickness and distance and even the beasts of the field and wood, resisted him in the way of learning.

He went to school at Hillsborough that winter. His time, which Allen gave him in the summer, had yielded some \$45. He hired a room at 35 cents a week. Mary Allen bought him a small stove and sent to him in the sleigh dishes, a kettle, chair, bed, pillow and quilt and a supply of candles.

She surveyed him proudly as he was going away that morning in December.

"Folks may call ye han'some," she said. "They'd like to make fool of ye, but you go on 'bout yer business an' act as if ye didn't hear."

He had a figure awkward as yet, but fast shaping to comeliness. Long, light hair covered the tops of his ears and fell to his collar. His ruddy cheeks were a bit paler that morning, the curve in his lips a little drawn; his blue eyes had begun to fill and the dimple in his chin to quiver slightly as he kissed her who had been as a mother to him. But he went away laughing.

He got a job in the mill for every Saturday at 75 cents a day and soon thereafter was able to have a necktie and a pair of fine boots and a barber now and then to control the length of his hair.

Trove burnt the candles freely and was able, but never brilliant, in his work that year owing, as all who knew him agreed, to great modesty and small confidence. He was a kindly, big hearted fellow and had wit and a knowledge of animals and of woodcraft that made him excellent company. His schoolboy diary has been of great service to all with a wish to understand him. On a faded leaf in the old book one may read as follows:

I have received letters in the handwriting of girls, unnamed. They think they are in love with me and say foolish things. I know what they're up to. They are the kind my mother spoke of—the kind that set their traps for a fool, and when he's caught they use him for a thing to laugh at. They're not going to catch me.

Expenses for seven days have been \$114. Clint McCormick spent 99 cents to take his girl to a show, and I had to help him through the week. I told him he ought to live Caesar less and Rome more.

Then follows the odd entry without which it is doubtful if the history of Sidney Trove could ever have been written. At least only a guess would have been possible, where now is certainty. And here is the entry:

Since leaving home the men of the dark have been very troublesome. They wake me about every other night, and sometimes I wonder what they mean.

Now an odd thing had developed in the mystery of the boy. Even before he could distinguish between reality and its shadow that we see in dreams he used often to start up with a loud cry of fear in the night. When a small boy, he used to explain it briefly by saying, "The men in the dark." Later he used to say, "The men outdoors in the dark." At ten years of age he went off on a three days' journey with the Allens. They put up in a tavern that had many rooms and stairways and large windows. It was a while after his return of an evening, before candlelight, when a gray curtain of

dusk had dimmed the windows, that he first told the story, soon oft repeated and familiar, of "the men in the dark."

—at least he went as far as he knew.

"I dream," he was wont to say in after life, "that I am listening in the still night alone. I am always alone. I hear a sound in the silence, of what I cannot be sure. I discover then, or seem to, that I stand in a dark room and tremble with great fear, of what I do not know. I walk along swiftly in bare feet, I am so fearful of making a noise. I am feeling, feeling, my hands out in the dark. Presently they touch a wall and I follow it and then I discover that I am going downstairs. It is a long journey. At last I am in a room where I can see windows, and, beyond, the dim light of the moon. Now I seem to be wrapped in fearful silence. Stealthily I go near the door. Its upper half is glass, and beyond it I can see the dark forms of men. One is peering through, with face upon the pane. I know the other is trying the lock, but I hear no sound. I am in a silence like that of the grave. I try to speak. My lips move; but, try as I may, no sound comes out of them. A sharp terror is prickling into me, and I flinch as if it were a knife blade. Well, sir, that is a thing I cannot understand. You know me. I am not a coward. If I were really in a like scene fear would be the least of my emotions, but in the dream I tremble and am afraid. Slowly, silently, the door opens, the men of the dark enter, and windows begin to reel. I hear a quick, loud cry, rending the silence and falling into a roar like that of flooding waters. Then I wake and my dream is ended for that night."

Now, men have had more thrilling and remarkable dreams, but that of the boy Trove was a link in a chain, lengthening with his life and ever binding him to some event far beyond the reach of his memory.

CHAPTER V.

IT was Sunday, and a clear, frosty morning of midwinter. Trove had risen early and was walking out on a long pike that divided the village of Hillsborough and cut the waste of snow, winding over hills and dipping into valleys, from Lake Champlain to Lake Ontario. The air was cold, but full of magic sunfire. All things were aglow—the frosty roadway, the white fields, the hoary forest and the mind of the beholder. Trove halted, looking off at the far hills. Then he heard a step behind him and, as he turned, saw a tall man approaching at a quick pace. The latter had no overcoat. A knit muffler covered his throat, and a satchel hung from a strap on his shoulder.

"What ho, boy!" said he, shivering.

"I'll follow thee a month, devise with thee where thou shalt rest that thou may'st hear of us an' we o' thee. What o' thy people an' the filly?"

"All well," said Trove, who was delighted to see the clock tinker, of whom he had thought often. "And what of you?"

"Like an old clock, sir—a weak spring an' a bit slow. But, praise God, I've yet a merry gong in me. An' what think you, sir, I've traveled sixty miles an' tinkered forty clocks in the week gone."

"I think you yourself will need tinkering."

"Ah, but I thank the good God here is no home," the old man remarked wearily.

"I'm going to school here," said Trove, "and hope I may see you often."

"Indeed, boy, we'll have many a blessed hour," said the tinker. "Come to me shop; we'll talk, meditate, explore, an' I'll see what o'clock it is in thy country."

They were now in the village, and, halfway down its main thoroughfare, went up a street of gloom and narrowness between dingy workshops. At one of them, shabby and gray with the stain of years, they halted. The two lower windows in front were dim with dirt and cobwebs. A board above them was the rude sign of Sam Bassett, carpenter. On the side of the old shop was a flight of sagging, rickety stairs. At the height of a man's head an old brass dial was nailed to the gray boards. Roughly lettered in lamp-black beneath it were the words, "Clocks Mended." They climbed the shabby stairs to a landing, supported by long braces, and whereon was a broad door with latch and keyhole in its weathered timber.

"All bow at this door," said the old tinker as he put his long iron key in the lock. "It's respect for their own heads, not for mine," he continued, his hand on the eaves that overhung below the level of the door top.

They entered a loft open to the peak and shingles, with a window in each end. Clocks, dials, pendulums and tiny cogwheels of wood and brass were on a long bench by the street window. Thereon also were a vise and tools. The room was cleanly, with a crude homeliness about it. Chromos and illustrated papers had been pasted on the rough board walls.

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