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"WE WIS YOU ALL A HAPPY

AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

On FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, we inaugurate a great stock-taking and Clearance Sale to continue throughout the month of January. Every item printed below represents values that have been greatly reduced in price for this sale, and values which it would be impossible to equal in the ordinary channels of trade. Every day you are in this store during Januar \you will find many money saving chances offered—not on shop worn or undesirable merchandise, but on new seasonable goods -goods that you want for immediate and early spring wear-goods with which to to furnish your house that are most desirable at all seasons—these are the goods on which we give you money-saving chances. The earlier in the month you come in, the larger selection you will find, but come when you will, you will not be disappointed. Read these over carefully and when you come in you will find the goods correspond exactly with prices and decriptions here quoted.

Dress Goods

Our dress goods stock is twice as good as it ought to be. This means that every correct style of goods and every correct shade is fully represented; it also means that deep price outting must be done in order to reduce the stock to normal size, when our entering up day comes round. These items will give you an idea of ruling prices in January on Dress

44 in. wide, all wool black poplin dress goods, one of the most service-able and nobbiest weaves in starch goods; regular price \$1.00 a yard, January sale price

42 to 44 in. wide fancy black dress goods, including small and medium figures, matchless in wear, etc., all wool goods, regular price \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard, on sale for

56 in. wide all wool homespun dress goods in good shades of light, medium and dark gray, correct weight for unlined suits and skirts, regular price 75c a yard, sale price

48 in, wide union serge suiting, good weight and very serviceable, in shades of fawn, brown, navy, green and grey, extra value at price 35c a yard, on sale for

1Z0 pieces of plain dress goods in pretty color combinations, suitable for pretty color combinations, suitable dresses, regular price, 40c and 50c a

56 in. wide, all wool Frieze dress goods in correct weight for unlined skirts or suits, also for ladies' or children's jackets, in good shades of grey, brown, green, regular price 85c a yard, sale price

44 in. and 52 in. wide suitings, canvas weaves, and fine covert finish, in splendid shades of flawn, brown and green mixtures, regular price 75c m yard, sale price

54 in. wide all wool black canvas cloth, the newest and most stylish weave for black skirts and suits in black only, regular price \$1.00 a yard.

48 in. and 52 in. all wool black basket weave and tufted weaves, very new and correct dress goods, regular price \$1.25 a yard. Sale price

40 in. wide, twilled union suitings, in good shades of grey, fawn, brown, blue, grey, excellent for ladies' and children's dresses or skirts, extra value at regular price 25c a yard. Special January sale price.

48 in, wide navy and black lustres with fine overcheck of white, nobby for waists, very fine bright finish, regular price \$1.35. Sale price

25 pieces all wool French Flannels, in silk embroidered and broche pat-terns, correct for waists and house wrappers, in every desirable shade of old rose, cardinal, green, navy, grey, etc., regular prices 50c, 65c, and 75c a yard, very special January sale price

This January Sale of ours gives unusual opportunities for securing silks under price. Black and colored silks for waists, skirts and dresses are very fashionable and it is the fashionable silks we have on sale.

English Pongee Silks in very pret-ty stripes in dark, medium and light effects, excellent for wear and rich in appearance, regular price 50c a yard; January Sale price

French - Peau-de-Soie - Bonnet's Black Silk, warranted to give satisfaction, rich color and elegant finish, regular \$1.25 a yard, for

DEEP PRICE CUTTING IN LADIES CLOTH JACKETS

January is essentially the cleaning up month in Ladies' Cloth Jackets. We have been leaders in style and price throughout this entire season, and have done a Jacket business 25 per cent, larger than any in our history. This makes us the more willing to throw profits out of the question in reducing the prices on our Cloth Jackets. You buy them away

less than we did. 42 in long, Ladies' Fine Kersey Cloth Coats, kined with fine mercerised satin, in black and fawn, semifitting, strapped seams, regular price \$16.00; Special January Sale price \$10.50

36 in long, made of Fine Fawn Ker-

sey Cloth, semi-fitting, cloth strapped seams, lined, regular price \$13.00;

42 in, long, ladies' semi-fitting Jacket, made of fine, heavy, black Ziboline cloth, elegant, bright finish, lined, regular price \$18.00; Sale price is

42 in. long, made of Fine Fawn Kersey Cloth, tight fitting skirt back, very stylish appearance, lined throughout, regular price \$16.00; January Sale price is

36 in. long, box back and pleat back Monte Carlo Jackets, made of heavy plain and twilled fringe, lined throughout, very special at

\$10.00

Every one of our Ladies' Black Astrachan Jackets carries with it our guarantee of satisfaction. There is not a finer stock in Canada from which to make your selection. Every coat is personally selected and made by the most skilled workmen in Mon treal, and every coat has that rich glossy finish so desirable in Astra-

FUR JACKETS

Reduced prices will rule for our great January Sale, and you can buy them at this rate:-

\$37.50 coats for \$35.00. \$40.00 coats for \$37.50. \$45.00 coats for \$40.00. \$50.00 coats for \$45.00.

chan Jackets.

Table Linens

60 inch wide tabling, unbleache quaranteed pure linen, Irish manufacture, fine glossy finish, special value at our regular price 50c. a yard, January sale price is

This is a most unusual chance try high quality table linen at a reduced price. The patterns are exceptionally good, and plenty to select from. Excellent value at every other price in bleached and unbleached tabing from 25c. a yard up to

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's winter weight all wool shirts \$1.00 price \$1.00 a garment, January sale

Men's heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers, winter weight, splendid value at regular price, 50c. a gar-ment, January sale price is

CARPETS

4 frame English brussels carpets in an excellent variety of colorings and designs, affording you an excellent opportunity to furnish your bed room, library, parlor or hall, regular price \$1.00 a yard, on sale during January, made and laid for

75c yd.

Great reductions in tapestry, wool and union carpets; the stock must be reduced this month, and prices are made so low that the goods must

LACE CURTAINS

Our fall order of lace curtains was very late arriving this season, in fact we only passed them through the customs a few days ago. This has made the stock unuauslly large for this season of the year, so to clear them out quickly we have marked the prices away down and offer you ex-

ceptional values at per pair 75c, \$I, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3

MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE Ladies' ready to wear trimmed

walking hats reduced to exactly onehalf price \$1.25 Hats for 62c

\$2.00 Hats for \$100 \$2.75 Hats for \$1.37 Trimmed millinery in the very

latest New York styles at remarkably reduced prices.

COTTONS

For your January sewing we offer you the best values to be found in the trade in bleached and unbleached cottons.

Bleached cotton, in nice even weaves, suitable for family use of description, extra values at 8c.

Unbleached cotton, in good clean even weaves, light and heavy weights, fine and coarse weaves, extra values at 5c., 6c., 7c. and

AND AGENT CARSON.

Wyoming, Dec. 31.—One of the rea ons for the inexplicable chain of cirimstances which prevented express No. being stopped before it reached the Wanstead siding was explained yesterday by the evidence of James Troyer, the operator at Kingscourt Junction. He had been only three days an operator, and from his own admission did not know the call of his own office, "KC." The night of the accident was his first night of service in the little station at the Junction, and his previous experience had been two nights' service at Strathroy, during which time he had received four train orders. Troyer, whom Train Despatcher Kerr at London and Agent Carson at Watford looked to as the means of stopping the express, is barely seventeen years of age. Kings-court Junction of course was important only one night, and that night the operator stationed at it failed. Ordinarily the orders received at it are few and unimportant, and the wages paid by the company for a night man at such a post could scarcely be considered

meagre, being \$40 per month. company appears to have pressed into service, however, a number of very young men as operators to meet the demands of the tremendous freight and passenger traffic of the past month, one of them being Troyer and another Hicks, the assistant of Agent Carson

at Watford. at Watford.

The jury returned its verdict to-night, and, so far as placing the direct responsibility upon one man, the finding was abortive. The verdict handed to Coroner Harvey after hours of deliberation was as follows:—

"We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of Friday, December 26th, 1902. That said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 8 at Watford; responsibility for this issuence of ford; responsibility for this issuance of Wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between operator Carson and despatcher Kerr. That after No. 5 had left Watford by the issuance of wrong orders we consider that the ders, we consider that the accident could have been averted by the operator at Wyoming or Kingscourt Junction, had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points, one being but a boy of sixteen, at each of which the despatcher, having an alle time to do it, endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

The Coroner followed the unusual

course of allowing addresses by counsel to the jury, and these were delivered at the evening session, after the evi-dence had been delivered. Mr. Hanna stated that he had no personal feelings in the matter, but, as the representa-tive of the estate of fireman Ricketts, agent Carson, and others, he felt that he ough; to be allowed to speak. He had no doubt that the jury would deal

perfectly fairly. The Crown ruled that the Crown Attorney would make his address, and then if there were any points Mr. Hanna wanted to refer to afterwards he could

In addressing the jury Mr. J. P. Bucke, the County Crown Attorney, told them that they were to give their ver-dict entirely from the evidence, and not from anything they might have read or heard. At some length he reviewed the different features of the accident and the orders leading up to it. the orders leading up to it. He did not think the train hands were to blame on either train. The question had been put; "Why did Carson give a clearance to No. 5?" That was for the jury to decide. Consideration, he also said, must be given to the fact that Carson had heard the conversation between London and Wyoming. That might be the rea-son he had made out the clearance. However, all railroad employees were supposed to know the company's rules. Carson had acted on his own responsibility, and it was for the jury to say if he was justified in so doing. In concluding he said : "You are here in the interest of the public, and in the interest of the public I must ask you to explain how the accident happened. That is all I ask of you."

Mr. Hanna said he would like to say a few words regarding the cancelling of that order. He did not like the way n which Mr. Bucke had, so to speak, "pointed the finger of suspicion" at Carson. He would like to ask if it was sight that a mere boy of sixteen years of age and 48 hours' experience should be trusted with the lives of hundreds be trusted with the lives of human beings? He asked that it be remembered that Kerr was in a hurry at the moment, and was it not possible he had slipped back into the old wording that was in use up to three years ago, and said "bust"? He admitted himself that he had used these words.

Mr. Pope said there was no desire on the part of the railway to saddle the blame on Carson or shield Kerr.

Coroner Harvey gave the evidence to the jury at 8 o'clock, and the verdict was brought in at 11.04 o'clock as given above. he had slipped back into the old word-

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ronalds, of Brussels, are visiting in the city for a few days. Mr. Ronalds is a former resident of Chatham, having at one time managed the old Harvester Works on Adelaide street.

PERSONATION PENALTY.

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A DEPUTATION CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT. MY JURY UNABLE TO FIX THE

Asking Authority For a Mandamus to the Police Magistrate-A Com-BETWEEN DESPATCHER KERR mission to Inquire Into Irregu-

EMPLOYMENT OF MORE EXPERI-ENCED OPERATORS.

ce cause, consisting of Mesers Ges. P. Marter, Alexander Mills, K. C., Rev. Dr. Chown, N. W. Rowell, K.C., and W. E. Raney waited upon the Attorney-General yesterday afternoon. One of the matters discussed with the Attorney-General was the action of the Police Magistrates of Kingston and Toronto in imposing fines without imprisonment on the persons who were recently convicted before them of the offence of personation. The Attorney-General was asked to authorize an application to the High Court for a lication to the High Court for application to the High Court for mandamus requiring the Police Magistrate of Toronto to impose the severer penalty of imprisonment as well as a fine, which, they contend, is the provision of the election act. The four men recently convicted of personation in Toronto were fined \$50, without im

> The deputation also requested that a ommission should issue under chapter 19 of the revised statutes to investigate the whole matter of alleged irregulari ties in connection with the late referendum vote, including the charge of the manipulation of ballots. The deputation was informed that the matters presented by them would have the careful con-sideration of the Government.

MR. MACKENZIE'S VIEW.

PACIFIC SCHEME INDEPENDENT OF THE GRAND TRUNK.

The Canadian Northern Has No Intention of Selling-Will Extend East From Port Arthur to Quebee

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.-William Mackenzie, President of the Canadian Northern, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday morning. Premier Robin travelled with Mr. Mackenzie from Toronto.

Asked regarding the Grand Trunk's trans-continental railway project, Mr. Mackenzie saldic. "The project is not being entertained by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the statement that they are going to suild did not come from them, as far as I can learn. It is a new company, and they are in the position of any other company, but have not yet obtained a charter even. The Canadian Northern is not in any way affected by the project. We are not selling out, and have not put a price on our road, and have no intention of selling." Mr. Mackenzie was asked if the Canadian Northern Railway intends building an extension eastward from Port Arthur. He said:— "We have had survey parties out lo-Asked regarding the Grand Trunk's "We have had survey parties out lo-cating a route since last summer; we satend to take all the centres of popu-ation—Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Toronto.

Mr. Mackenzie, on a map of the Do-minion, located Kashaboice, on the C. N. R. between Fort Frances and Port Arthur, and drew almost a straight line from there to where Quebec is marked on the map. "That will make a good straight line, will it not?" he inquired. Continuing, Mr. Mackenzie outlined the branches which will run upward in a northerly by westerly direction to in a northerly by westerly direction to connect Montreal and Ottawa with the proposed new extension of the main "From Toronto we will build upward our James Bay line, on which are already at work."

ATTACKS THE PREMIER.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER ON THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Says Sir Wilfrid Delayed Construction-Regrets Sir Sandford Fleming is Not on the Board.

London, Dec. 31 .- Sir Charles Tupper, n a column letter in The Times yesterlay, severely attacks Sir Wilfrid Laurer's Pacific cable policy. He quotes elaborate extracts in support of his con-tention that Sir Wilfrid delayed the construction of the cable for three years and increased the cost by \$1,400,000. He regrets that no place has been found on the cable board for Sir Sandford Flem-

FOUR WITHDREW

dermen who will submit their names to the electors on Monday next. Nineteen men were nominated, but four have withdrawn. James N. Massey, W. G. Richards, J. G. Kerry and William Needham have resigned. The candidates for places at the City Council from whom the people will have to choose are: Mayor-W. E. McKeough and Geo. W. Cowan. Aldermen-Samuel Bullis, John Ed-

Andermen—Samuel Bullis, John Edmondson, Daniel Jordan, A. B. MeCoig, W. S. Marshall, G. G. Martin,
E. A. Mountesr, W. T. Piggott, Henry
Robinson, Thos. Scullard, E. R.
Snook, G. G. Taylor, Andrew Thomson, John Waddell and Henry A.
Westman

LOST 2,000 MEN.

REBELS ATTACKED THE CAMP AT NIGHT.

SULTAN FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO LEAVE FEZ.

FOREIGNERS ADVISED TO FLEE TO THE COAST.

Madrid, Dec. 31.-A despatch from langier, Morocco, to-day announced that the rebels have cut the aqueduct which supplies Fez with water, and added that the city is now practically without water. It was further asserted that, unless the Kabyle tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez, the place must surrender within three days. It is reported here that the Suitan of Morocco has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez by the rebels who

The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yester-day assembled the notables of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the chiefs that the Imperial troops mately will triumph.

Great Britain and France have notived Spain that they have no intention of taking any ad-vantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo even in the event of the Sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. These communications have reassured the Spanish Government, which thus is relieved of tears of international complications. London, Dec. 31.—A despatch to The Times from Tangler, dated December 29, tays a courier from Fez reports the Christians there to be safe. The missionary women are in the British Consulate. The attack on the camp occurred ourred at hight time. It is reported that 2,000 of the Sultan's troops were killed. An absurd rumor is current, continues the correspondent, that the French are supporting the rebels. As a matter of fact, the anti-Christian

movement is more dangerous to the French than to anybody else, as if threatens them in Algeria. SEPARATE SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Separate School trustees Were held to-day and resulted as follows:

Ward 1 .- F. E. Gerber, nominated by Jas. Flynn and Peter Blonde. Ward 2.—Thomas Drew, nominated by James Taff and N. Pinsonneault Ward 3.—James A. Gordon, nominated by F. Tschirrhart and N. Pinson-

F. A. Tschirhart, for balance of term, nominated by Jas. A. Gordon and James Taff. Ward 4 .- N. Pinsonneault, nominated by Jas. A. Gordon and F. A. Techirhart.

Ward 5.—Peter Robert, nominated by N. Pinsonneault and F. A. Tschir-

There being no other nominations the above were declared elected by

Harold Poile, of Port Rowan, will spend New Year's day with his parents in this city.

UANABA CRITICIZED

SCORED FOR ATTITUDE REGARD-ING NAVAL DEFENCE.

Lendon Globe Correspondent Thinks it is Due to Domination of Quebec in Councils.

London, Dec. 31 .- A correspondent of The London Globe in an article entitled 'Canada and naval defence" acores Canand for standing sloof from the general colonial sympathy with imperial aims and ideals. He says that what intensifies this feeling of disappointment is that this result is due to the virtual domination of Quebec in the councils of Canada, and the truckling to the ultramentane elements thereof. Statesmen, the article says, by adopting a many the article says, by adopting a manly, vigorous and straightforward policy would go far towards killing out such feeling and prove that Canada, as a whole, is as loyal and devoted as any part of Greater Britain. The article says that such a conclusion is not legitimately deducible from the circumstances of her refusal to offer a sumtowards the Imperial navy and the defence of the empire.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

London Financial News on Question

of Third Preference Dividends. London, Dec. 31 .- Friends of the Grand Trunk here comfort the shareholders of the road, who were disappointed with the November earnings, by quoting figures showing that the net profits of the past five months have in-freased by \$233,500; the gross re-ceipts have increased by \$1,055,500, the working expenses have also increased by \$832,000. The Financial News says:—"It is doubtful whether holders of third preference will get any dividend, for the directors are expected to maintain the financial strength of the company in view of the Grand Trunk Pacific undertaking; costing \$150,000,000 to \$178,000,

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S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

THE LATEST SLAUGHTER.

After the first shock of such a disaster as that which occurred on the G. T. R. at Wanstead on Friday night, the natural question is, who was to blame? comments the Woodstock Express. And the next, can nothing be done to avert such calamities? No doubt a scapegoat will be found. Already it is said the blame is placed upon the shoulders of the station agent at Watford, who, it is said, neglected to deliver an order to the conductor of the express telling him to pass the freight at the Wanstead switch.

But after the blame has been fixed upon an individual, what then? The question still remains, has everything been done that can be done to prevent such accidents? Accidents there always will be, so long as the human machine is what it is, and so long as machinery made by human hands is what it is; but what the public have a right to expect is that the possibility of accidents shall be reduced to a minimum. Has this been done? Why is it that in England, with their flying trains and congested traffic, the loss of life on railways is so small compared with what it is on this continent? English visitors to this country say that there are many things connected with railroading here that would not be permitted in England. Level crossings are left unguarded; trains rush into and out of towns and cities at high speed, without any provision being made for the public safety. Trains rush at each other from opposite directions on the same track, and take the chances of everything coming out all right. The presumption is that nobody-driver, conductor, operator or switchman-will make a mistake, Human experience shows that the prosumption ought to be that somebody will make a mistake. An operator may forget, a switchman may be slow, the conductor or the engineer may misread his orders. All these are possibilities; they should be taken into corsideration in any system presuming to provide the highest measure of public safety.

A double track, with all trains on each track running in the same direction, would make head-on collisions which no train would be allowed to enter a particular block or section before the train ahead had cleared it, would remove the possibility of a pitch-in. The danger would thus be considerably reduced, yet the number of accidents from defective tracks and bridges, and the breaking down of trains would be sufficiently large to keep life from becoming too monotonous. It costs money, of course, to lay double tracks; it requires time to operate the block system, and sometimes time is money. And above all, human life is cheap. This is one of the most appalling facts in the world to-day. Come across a group of mer discussing the disaster at Wanstead and the chances are they will be figuring out in dollars and cents the cost to the company-so many engines, so many cars, so many human lives, all in the scrap heap and all reduced to a basis of dollars and cents. So long as it is cheaper to pay for human lives at the market price than it is to pay for extra railway accommodation and extra precautions, so long will the slaughter continue. It is purely a matter of business with the railways. There is practically no restriction upon them, no honest attempt at regulation in the public interests. For anything the Government does to ensure protection of the lives and rights of the people, we might about as well have no Government. There are said to be some laws on the statute books, but whether they can be enforced, whether they have died from disuse, or what has become of them, no one appears to know. We do all know that there is no law of recent origin calculated to meet modern conditions. Self-interest is the only law which the companies are bound to respect, and so long as a human life represents no more than a small sum of money, self-interest will not compel the companies to get out of the

It is clear to any ordinary observer that the road accommodation on this division of the G. T. R. is not sufficient for the growing traffic The wonder is that accidents are not more frequent. It is not at all un common to see trains following each other at intervals of only a few minutes, sometimes only a few seconds. One day last summer an express from the west was compelled to push a freight in ahead of her in order to reach the station. Had the air brakes on the express refused to work, or had the driver failed to notice the signal or the train ahead of him, there would have been another "unavoidable" calamity to be recorded. This is not referred to because it was an exceptional incident. The wonder of anybody ac-

AFTER THE TREMENDOUS RUSH

We are left with many odl and broken lines in Clothing and Furnishings which we intend offering at special reduced prices to clear. Read the following list over carefully; remember you will get just what we advertise. .

Fancy Silk Neck Wraps, \$1.00 kinds for 69c. Fancy Silk Wrap, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75 kinds for \$1.00. Fancy embroidered Suspenders, 75c, 90c kinds for 59c. Neckwear—Flowing Ends, Puffs, Four-in-hand Ties, 50c kinds for 25c. Large sizes in all-wool Underwear, \$1.00 kinds for 75c, sizes 44 and 46. Men's all-wool Suits, good linings and well worth \$7.50 for \$5.00.

41 boys' 3 piece Suits, all wool, \$3.75, 4.00, 4.25 kinds now \$3.00.

Men's and young men's Beaver Overcoats, \$7.00 values, black and blue. for \$5.00. House and Smoking Coats at less than cost.

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Salt Rheum

It may become chronic. It may cover the body with arge, inflamed, burning, itching, scaling patches and cause intense Trying. It has been known to

Do not delay treatment.

of the humors on which this Ilment depends and prevent their

The medicine taken by Mrs. Ida E. Ward, ove Point, Md., was Hood's Sarsaparilla. he writes: "I had a disagreeable itching on y arms which I concluded was salt rheum. began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and in on days felt better. It was not long before was cured and I have never had any skin

Tood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is positively unequaled for all cutaneous eruptions.

quainted with the conditions as they exist at present must be that accidents are so few. The wonder is that in the task of handling such a tremendous traffic with such limited accommodations, the human mathine does not fail more frequently. It is to be hoped that one effect of the disaster will be to hasten the double-tracking of the road from Hamilton west.

Municipal elections at the holiday season are awkward enough, but we of epilepsy."-New York !Times.

may be happy that we have not political fight on as well. North Perth, North Grey and North Norfolk are enjoying a double dose .-Guelph Mercury.

A British lacrosse team is coming to Canada next year. We will have an opportunity to get square for a few things they are doing over there to that alleged representative Cana-

A newspaper in Indiana has started a competition to find out who is the first-prize har of that state, and will give him a prize. A rival editor says the quill-driver of the newspaper in question knows very well he will win it himself, and started the competition out of sheer van ty.-To-

At the Holland House, a Scotchman speaking of Dr. Lorenz, the famous Austrian, said: "I cannot understand all this Lorenz fuss and flutter. Why, this thing is as old as the hills. My friend Professor Macewen, now Sir William Macewen, of Glasgow, made rickety bones straight as a die by the thousand, twenty years ago, and for this, along with his finding out that fits often arise from a tumor on the brain, he was made President of the British Asso ciation, in one sense the highest honor in the land. I remember he opened 12 skulls, took out the tumor in them, and cured 18 of the sufferers

SHOE-HYPOCRISY.

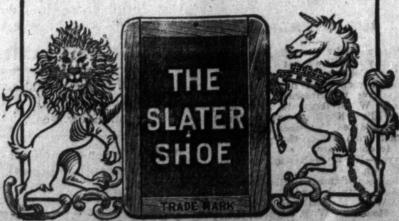
You cannot judge a book by its cover -nor a shoe by its looks.

The author's name on each, is significant! Finish today conceals equally-good leather, and poor shoddy.

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Shoe-insurance consists in buying The Slater Shoe, for Men and Women, which is stamped with the Makers valuation in a slate, viz,-\$3.50 and \$5.00.

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To the Municipal Council of the City

come identified with council matters for so many years it would be fool-

old factories have extended and increased their size and capacity.

gavel, I desire to say to the public of the city that I trust any one

To the city officials I have nothing but kinds words to say-from the laborer on the corporation to our valuable clerk—they have all ren-dered me any assistance necessary and the city is to be congratulated on its staff of officers.

most pleasant in my public life.

looking around Have plucked a few leaves from the

we stand, clasping the hand; Will you drop it like lead, and silence retreat

we may share-I stretch it in kindness, and not for my fare; You may pass through the doorway in rank or in file,

For the sweetest of smiles is smile as we part, When the light round the life ray from the heart;

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While the American poor are raising a mighty cry for bare necessaries, American railway managers say that the private cars of millionaires are so numerous as to interfere with the regular traffic. The touch of these two facts causes a flash which reveals wonderfully the state of republican society.

HIS FAREWELL

of Chatham.-

ham bloom from a provincial town to the best of the smaller cities on this continen. I have seen the waterworks bough, by the city, the electric light works built and operated by the city, the frontage tax installed, the building of granol this walks comnenced and carried to almost every quarter of the city, the commence ment of vitrified brick pavement which promises to become a perma nent and lasting roadway for our city, the building of the Central school, the Separate school, and the of which I was the originator and which has proved a great success, and but not least, I have had the pleasnumber of smaller ones, while all the

Now after eight years' of service, as my time has come to lay down the with whom I have had differences of opinion which have led sometimes they may forgive and forget and believe me when I say that I have always done what I thought was in the interest of the city without fear or favor, and I want from henceforth to be at peace with all

But now at the gate of the garden

Like the twenty crushed forms from an omnibus seat?

If your ticket from nature is stamped with a smile.

And lest a stray tear from its fountain might swell, We will seal the bright spring with a quiet farewell.

Presents the dramatic su

in the title role. Chatham Opera Kouse, New Year's Day, Ma-

Montreal Star.

o the council by Mayor Sulman last

After eight years' service around this council board as councillor,, al-derman and mayor, the time has ar-rived for me to say farewell and step down and out. When a man has be-

ish to say there is not a certain amount of regret at leaving, but this regret is more than counterbalanced by the feeling of relief that I am experiencing of having finished my work and retiring from this high and important office to attend more par-ticularly to my business affairs. No

ticularly to my business affairs. No man can be mayor of this city and devote the time necessary for its welfare without neglecting his own business and at a serious inconventence to his private life, but I have always tried to place my high office first and foremost in my recknowledge and I am record to say that in oning and I am proud to say that in the two years of my mayoralty I have never missed a meeting of the city council During the time I have been at the council board I have seen Chat-

Carnegie Library, the abolition of the wards for the election of aldermen in fact, improvements in every branch of the public service of the city have taken place during this time and last ure of seeing during my term as mayor, two large manufacturing concerns locate here, together with a

men, and I suppose I should add

And to my colleagues who have assisted to make the past year a very pleasant one, may you who are running for office secure that confidence in the public which you deserve and I trust you will all be reelected, as the city would be well taken care of by this Board. I am only sorry that I cannot have the privilege of voting for all of you as I see several are not in the field I may say the past year has been the

"Our parting is not as the friendship of years, That chokes with the blessing i speaks through its tears, We have walked in a garden and

Nay! hold it a moment-the last

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George G. Martin, if elected, will add materially to the duration of the council meetings.

Again, despite the cold weather the Crows sit on the fence waiting for the long green to grow.

Bill Needam decided not to seek municipal honors. He was afraid of the bills connected therwith and didn't need'em.

I said once that G. G. Taylor might run third place. I have refused to play him for place and now bank on him for favorite.

which the ladies of the Home refuse to a life preserver manufactory. It might make good cork. Some 15 citizens are seeking elec-

The city might sell that rail wood

tion to the council. Those whose cards appear in The Planet are worthy of your consideration.

No, I hardly think that the ladies of the Home will quit using gas in that institution just because they have some 30 cords of wood that is light enough for anything.

The city fuel yard only shows a deficit of \$11 on paper, but what will be the deficit now that the ladies of the home refuse to pry for that rail wood.

I move that the next time the city ouncil decides to run a woodyard that they get the water commissioners to finance the undertakings. I'll bet there wouldn't be any \$11 deficit then.

The march of Phil. Sherman the sea is not in it with the march for the mayoraltee. The southerners got their Ph'l. them but some men will get their fill before this contest is over.

That Fuel committee didn't do so awful bad in finencing the city woodyard. They were only \$11 short. they had got a little "le ven" freen the water commissioners they might have come out ahead.

********* heatrical

POPULARITY OF "CASTE."

It is said on learned dramatic authority that since the first production of "Caste" nearly half a century ago, more productions of the comedy have been made than of ony other play. There is not an amat ... club in the country which at some time or other has not attempted a presentation of Rober son's parkling work. In London, revivals of "Caste" are made season after season. No person's rdamatic education is complete who has no twitnessed a performance of the comedy. An excellent opportunity will be given to thise who have not seen it when a notable revival of the play will be given at the Grand Opera House, on Saturday, January 0th, 1903. The company, which in-cludes several players who have starred in their own product ons, is headed by Mary Scot, Robert V. Ferguson, Countess de Castlevecchio, Wm. Hazeltine, William A. Evans, Lawrence Griffich and Sadie Handy. ++++++++++++++++++++

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LETTER BOX

THE MAYORALTY.

Editor Planet:

Mr. Editor,-As a citizen and ratepayer of the city I feel that the city papers are not doing their duty, by the city, in refraining from discussing and opening up the columns of the papers for fair discussion of municipal questions. The papers may finel some delicacy in opening up demonstrated this. You have spok-their columns in view of the attempt- en out against all who opposed you ed onslaughts by the alleged "Fair but let me tell you, Mr. Pretentious Pluy," and its editor and publisher, what let me assure you, Mr. Editor, you have admitted to do. that it is false modesty. In all the personal attacks that have been made upon your devoted heads, the public, as I have seen it, have smiled, kindly, knowing the why and the wherefore.

"A pretentious man by token of his pretentiousness is a Charlatan," so writes Mr. Holland in his letter to the Joneses,

Mr. Cowan's conduct of his camand his venture the "Fair Play," as he sees it, has stamped him as a "Pretentious man by token of his pretentiousness," a "Jones," a "Charlatan" of the highest type. We have had a fair council, during the past two years, an active Mayor, a council alive in its duties. They have as a body done very good work. We have an active Board of Trade, which have certainly not been asleep. Yet all, individually and collectively sink into insignificance when the pretentious man takes down his gun. For any man in the council, or Board of Trade, or in any other municipal body, to mention an industry, for either of the city papers to even breathe the name of an industry, likely to come to Chatham, is treason, and Un-Fair Play to the pre-tentious man; and calls forth a pro-test in withering sureasm (if you didn't know where it came from) which forever silences the unlucky victim. Well, sir, I may come in for my share in next week's issue, but I believe I will survive the vials of wrath that will be poured out.

During the past two years we have had added two important industries to our city, "The Dowsley Works and the Wheel Works." Both have been assisted or bonused by the city and none regret it. All believe that they have come to stay and will, no doubt, benefit the city, and the "Pretentious man" claims credit for bringing them. He forgets that the Wm. Gray Co., The Robert Milner Co., The Martin Co., all manufacturers of vehicles, were the promoters of both concers, that the new concerns are a compliment to those works above mentioned, and that working together the one factory filling in with the other the whole will bring much credit to the city. The "Pretentious man" I believe supported both and deserves credit for it. The same as any other person

who did it.

A Bolt and Nut factory makes application to the city and the "Preentious man" heralds this as some thing new. He fathers it in the council, he supports what is asked and everything goes swimmingly along until the passing of the by-law, when he tries to knife his pet by saying, "It is not legal to pass by-laws in this manner." Many manulaws in this manner." Many manufacturing concerns in this city have been granted these privileges and they are all illegal. This sudden change of front came as a surprise to many who did not know the work-ings of the scheme for election to

ings of the scheme the Mayor's chair. members of the Gray factory, of the Taylor Co., of the Piggott Co., were opposing his canvass for the Mayoralty. These were the comerns who had benefitted by these illegal bylaws, and at once the "Pretentious man" got down his gun, sharpened his axe, and an onslaught was made

upon these companies. They were opposing him, their taxes should be increased for ever daring to exer-

Come, Mr. Pretentious man, tell the ratepayers how you so "bold and ag-gressive, one able and courageous enough to talk out in meeting," "mayor but will stand to his guns, "a mayor who is up-to-date, alive and random who is up-to-date, alive and progree ve," and all the rest ad nausaum, tell the ratepayers why you slept during your aldermanic career and allowed all these evils to exist, "these illegal by-laws" to stand that you now complain of. Tell them how Wallaceburg and Dresden, recently villages accurred each a heat magar villages, secured each a beet sugar factory, while Chataam, the city, has the privilege of seeing tons of beets hauled through its streets and shipped to these places? Why not have one of these lfactories here? Tell us, Mr. Pretentious man what you were doing for the last six years? Tell us while on the finance committee and generally while in the council you were not able to produce the twenty mill rate you now speak of? Tell us and read from the minutes of the council how you voted for payment of these printing bills, for the by-laws of the Chaplin and Dowsley works, and no one ever heard of your objection until now? And tell us what "Fair Play" could do it for?

Tell us when and where you objected in the ecouncil to the Dom'nion Paving Co. employing its own teams and men, during the past sumi-mer, and why you "Pretentious man" "able and courageous to talk out in meetings," did not move a resolution that none other than the vitrified brick made by Cornhill, Jordan and Fielder should be used? That none other than the labor of citizens should be employed? Tell us why "Fair Play" should be printed in Blenhe m when Baxter and Shea are open for such job printing? Tell us why, when McKeough introduced your "alleged stock in trade for canvassing resolution," for the dismissal of the city engineer and appointment of Carswell, you voted just exactly the same as Mr. McKeough, for the resolution introduced? Tell us why you did not introduce an amendment to this so-called do ble barrelled re-solution asking only for the dismissal of the engineer? Or tell us, did you want him retained? Tell us why all these little personailties against all or every citizen who cannot see his or her way to support you, against the McKeough Family, Dr. Holmes, Piggo s, Grays, Taylors, "Plinet," "News

and others. Every man or family may have their little eccentricities. Perhaps your family may have theirs. Why par-ade them? You are bold and aggressive in a physical manner; you have man, you will be judged by what you have don, and what The electorate have smiled at the froth dished up to them each week. A man pretentious and bombastic the pubic cannot tolerate and your day of reckoning will come on January 5th,

You personally now attack so many and are so aggressive in your man-ner, that it would be an ill day for the city of Chatham if a Council were elected of your calibre. We have been fairly free of law suits for a year or two, but with such a fighter, bold and aggressive as you say you are, am personally afraid that you wifatten some of the city lawyer. instead of a twenty mill rate wo will

have a thirty mill rate. No, Mr. Pretentious Man, you won't do. As an alderman, one of the nine, you did fairly well; but as one over nine you are not the man.

The citizens want a man steadier than you, a deeper thinker, a man who is careful as well as progressive. McKeough, a ratepayer who pays upon a large assessment and is cautious in his personal affairs will see that a lower tax rate is kept than you will, It is to his interest and, therefore, the interest of the public. He has supported every industry that you have, and has done just as much towards the welfare of the town as you have; but modesty-a virtue that is foreign to you-dictates silence.

McKeough has never shirked a duty in the public interest, while you and your friends have endeavored at the beginning of each year to pick soft places to lie in, and shuffling for committees with no responsibility. Mr. Cowan, you will not do for May-

or of the City of Chatham for 1903. Yours respectfully, A CITIZEN AND RATEPAYER.

WORLD OF SPORT ****

THE HUNT

SWIMS LAKE TO SAVE STAG FROM HOUNDS.

Richmond, Va., December 29,-By the bravery of "Jack" Talley, a young farmer, a stag was saved from the fangs of an angry pack of hounds and the Deep Run Hunt Club, composed of Richmond's society set, was giva diversion not anticipated when the chase was arranged.

A stag, wild and vigorous, was leased from the club's enclosure, and a chase began that lasted for six miles The deer, finding that the fleet pack was gaining upon him, headed for Lakeside and plunged into the deep lake. The hounds followed him in full cry, and then began a water race that the hunt club watched with breathless interest.

The deer swam vigorously for the further shore, but foot by foot the the Mayor's chair.

The "Pretentious man" had been canvassing, in the meantime he had found out, that some of the individual pursued and pursuers when Talley, fully dressed, threw himself into the



RAPID RISE OF AN INVESTMENT STOCK

Three Days Gives Narrow Margin of Time for Action.

PER CENT.

Price of EASTERN CONSOLIDATED OIL CO.'S STOCK Goes to Par-\$1.00 a Share, with the New Year-This is the Company that has Paid 27 per Cent. on the Investment in 13 Months Oversubscription of 50c. Allottment Seems Probable.

Another sensational chapter in the istory of the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co., is opened.

For more than a year now this com

pany has figured conspicuously in the financial news of the day. This stock, which was put on the

narket at 25 cents a share, advanced raipely to 50 cents, and in the past 13 nonchs has actually paid 27 per cent. dividends on the investment It is now positively known that the stock will go to par (1.00 a share) on January 3, just three days hence

A SPLENDID PROPOSITION. The rapid rise of the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. is due to two causes firs , the natural physical oil wealth of he company's oil properties, and, second, careful and conservative business management. The result is a success which is making rich men out of the

It is in fact a splendid investment proposition from a business point of view. It is safe because it has actual assets, rich oil land and producing oil wells.

It is a rich investment because its enormous oil production gives it large revenues and makes possible the gen-erous dividends which have already been paid for over a year.

PRICE OF STOCK ADVANCES 100% The present allotment of stock selling at 50c a share is almost exhaust-

On January 3 the price will advance to par-\$1.00 a share. The officers of the company make the positive statement that after 12 o'clock midnight, next Saturday n'ght he Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. will sell no more of its stock at 50c. On

and after that time the price will be PAYS RICH DIVIDENDS. Thirteen months ago, the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. rejoiced its stockholders by declaring a 2% dividend on the investment for the month. Since that time this company has

paid 27% in dividends on the invest-Since that time the stock has doub led in value, and will double again in three days. An investment of \$1,000 made 13 months ago has paid \$270 in dividends, and is now worth \$2,000 in consequence of the advance in price.

That same investment will be worth

\$4,000 on next Saturday night when the price advances. The original investors have already doubled their money, but they took all the risks. Those who invest this week take no risks whatever and are certain to double their money in three days!

FORTUNES MADE IN OIL. In no other class of safe investments can the investor realize such large profits as in ail. Compare the returns from real estate, from loans on mort-gages, from banks or from any industrial proposition with the 27% on the investment paid by the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co., in 13 months.

The Standard Oil Co. declared divis dends amounting to 45% during the past year! The Standard Oil Co.'s stock is quoted at nearly \$700 a share. The Eastern Consolidated Oil Co's sotck sells at 50 cents a share for three days longer.

There is no other investment on the market that offers anything like so large returns.

PROPERTIES AND OIL WELLS. The Eastern Consolidated Oil Co has over 21,000 acres of rich oil lands. About 1200 acres are in Ohio, consist-ing o foil leases on 18 farms and con-

taining 107 producing oil wells. The oil is sold to the Standard O'l Co. with a cash settlement each month. Ten acres in the heart of the rich Kern River district in California, owned outright and paid for, has four big producing wells. Also 19,000 acres in Santa Barbara, Cal., upon which development work has begun

ENORMOUS OIL PRODUCTION. Some two months ago, when drilling was begun on the Kern River property, the superintendent promised a production of 50,000 barrels monthly rom, this tract alone when ten wells should have been finished. He is more than keeping his pro-

nise. With four wells down in Kern River the production has already in-creased at the rate of about 30,000 parrels monthly-with room for six more wells! WILL BUILD BIG REFINERY.

The company is now receiving bids and estimates for the construction of modern oil refinery on its property in Kern River.
This fact alone shows that the com pany has attained a marked success

and has come to stay. While the profit on oil as a natural product is large, refined oil sells in California for about eight times as much as crude oil.

This refinery will largely increase the company's revenue, for, besides refining their own oil, they can refine for other wells at a good profit. STANDS HIGH WITH INVESTORS During the past month or six weeks fully 80% of the present stockholders have increased their holdings in anti-

cipation of the rise in price. For the small investor who has only \$25, \$50 or \$100 to put in it offers an unheard of opportunity. Such an op-portunity to realize over 2% a month in dividends and to double the sum invested in a few days comes to the big capitalists sometimes, but seldon indeed to the small investor. INTERVIEW WITH THE FISCAL AGENTS.

In an interview with C. B. Heydon & Co., rooms 401 and 402 Manning Chambers Building, 72 Queen street west, corner Queen and Terauley streets, Court House Square, Toronto, Ont., who are the only authorized fiscal agents for the sale of stock in the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co., this firm expressed the utmost gratification at the successful financier-

ing of this company.

They declared that in their 12 years' business experience as bankers and brokers they had never handled a stock that compared with the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. as a rich paying and at the same time safe investment, and that it was with real regret that they were terminating their connection with the sale of the 50c. allotment. "Will the stock be oversubscribed?" was asked.

"Yes, it is quite probable; but in that case we shall fill the subscriptions in the order of time in which they are received. The money will be promptly returned to those whose orders are received too late." Moral, act promptly and send in your orders early. Orders bearing postmark of Jan. 3 will be accepted.

C. B. HEYDON & CO.,

Rooms 401 and 402 Manning Chambers Building, fully dressed, threw himself the the lear icy waters and swam between the deer and his angry followers.

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The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

Thermometer 10. Highest yesterday 25. Lowest yesterday 8. Direction of wind, west.

a little milder.

Local Briefs

F. A. McKim, of Dresden, was Chutham visitor yesterday.

W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell, epent yesterday with his Chatham friends. Miss Ella Gosnell, of Highgate, was a guest in the Maple City yesterday Gibson's Studio, corner King and Fifth streets, will be open New Years

James Clancy, M. P., of Wallaceburg, called on his many Chatham friends yesterday.

Anson Tschirhart, of Detroit, who has been visiting in the city, returned home yesterday.

A Fur Ruff, owned by Miss Mabel Tillson, was lost in Blenheim last

night. The finder will kindly return to Austin's store. Mrs. F. Crosby, Princess St., had the misfortune to run a rusty nail in her hand yesterday, which may result in blood poisoning. She is being at-tended by Dr. R. W. Rutherford.

Reserve Friday night next for the Pedro Social in St. Joseph's Hall. To conclude the social a "Comical Farce". will be presented by six young men, entitled "The Coal Heaver's Revenge."

If you come you will laugh. To-day was the last day for paying taxes before the two per cent. was added. Tax collector Wm. Rannie was very busy all day, his office being crowded from the opening. Wm. Ball was probably the largest tax payer to-day; he handed over \$600.

FORSALE

Two houses and two lots on Grey street, each house contains parler, dining room, two bedrooms ,kitchen and pantry down stairs, and three bedrooms and hall up-stairs. He will offer these places for one week only at the ridiculously low price of \$550

DUNN & MERRITT,

1st Door from King St

CHRISTMAS TREAT The children of Christ Church Sun day school were given a Christmas tree at the concert held in the Sunduy school hall last night. Clifford Nagle acted the part of Santa Claus very well and delighted the little folks from the infant class with a doll to each. A number of the teachers of the school, too, were the recipients of many presents, including a doll. Boxes of candies were hand-ed round to the smaller people present. The program was a very good one and thoroughly enjoyed. It was: Vocal solo-Miss Florence Step-

Gramophone selection-Harry Jor-

Guitar duett-Misses Scott. Gramophone selection-Harry Jor-

ONLY TWO IN JAIL

There are now only two prisoners in the jail. They are Chas. Mucuck sentenced from Wallaceburg on the 20th of November for 90 days, and Alex. Paxter, remanded for four weeks on the charge of attempting to ommit suicide. The remand was made more for the purpose of giving Baxter an opportunity to straighten up. Baxter, also, was not suitably clad to endure the cold weather, and the Judge felt that he was better comfortably housed at the jail. Baxter had been dfinking some and became discouraged because he had no clothes warm enough to protect himself against the cold, One afternoon n the sitting room of the Tupperville hotel he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a knife. number of workmen from the firm of George Stephens & Co., this city were in the room at the time and they prevented the man from doing himself serious injury.

AT THE GRAND.

The first appearance in this city of the celebrated Almondbury Bell Ringers of England will be an important event to those interested in high grade entertainment. They are the champions of Great

Britain and the world in the art of bell ringing, having won the first prize three years in succession over all competitors. | England being the home of hand bell ringing, these contests which are held annually at the Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue, Manchester, are of the greatest import-ance to the English people. The rivalry is keen, the judges are musicians of the highest standing, and the work of the competing bands must be of the highest character. In the event of any band winning the first prize three years in succession, each of the members is awarded a silver medal, and the band is not allowed to compete again. Since the beginning of these events at Manchester, in 1885, when the Almondburys entered the contest they have won nine first, eight second prizes and

seven gold medals and have established themselves as the greatest company of bell ringers ever organ-This Company, having won the first prizes in 1898, 1899 and 1900, were

chosen by the old and reliable Redpath Lyceum Bureau, of Boston, Mass., for their work in America. They played for six months in the States last season with immense success, and are now filling a return engagement. As Englishmen and as past masters

of the art of bell ringing they will, we are sure, be welcomed in Canada and in our city. The original Com-pany will appear and give our patrons the finest exhibition of scientific bell ringing ever heard in the country. The reserved seat plan for the Almondburg Bell Ringers opens at the Central Drug Store Friday morning.

Cream of Cucumber

FOR THE TOILET A Marvelous Preparation for Chapped Hands or Face, or any Roughness of the Skin

THIS is a new preparation which we find is better than anything we have yet sold for the purposes for which it is intended. If used occasionally according to directions it will keep the skin smooth and soft. Try it. Price 25c. a bottle.

A. I. McCall & Co'y. L't'd. **Druggists and Opticians** CHATHAM - DRESDEN

Confer With Bowen. Caracas, Dec. 31.-Barquisimeto, cap

REBELS DEFEATED BY PRESI DENT CASTRO'S FORCES.

Fierce Street Fighting-Castre to

ital of the State of Lara, and the Towns of San Carlos and Tinaquillo, which for some time past have been in the possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists. have been recaptured by Government forces. The revolutionists at Darquisimeto were under the command of Generals Solagnie and Penaloza. They evacuated the town after losing f12 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto for two days. The Government forces were commanded by Gen. Ceferino Castillo. It transpires that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was for the purpose of conducting personally, by telegraph, the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto, and this victory appears to be a direct result of his initiative. It is a most severe blow for the revolution President Castro is expected to reach Caracas to-morrow (Thursday) at noon to confer with United States Minister Bowen regarding the arbitration

GENERAL SCHALKBURGHER AP-PEALS FOR THEIR REMOVAL.

Says it is Now Impossible to Live Up to the Motto "Forgive and Forget."

Cape Town, Dec. 31.-Gen. Schalkburger, former acting-President of the Orange Free State, in an open letter published in Onsland, appeals to the Government to be merciful to those who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Boer cause and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, "Forgive and forget." In conclusion, Gen. Schalkburger expresses hope that the people will show that the power of rule in South Africa lies in the Afrikander "who will remain loyal while righteousness reigns and while his rightful por tion is allotted him."

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY

ON GOLD BASIS.

Great Fall in Price of Silver Advanced as the Reason-Ministers Will

Pekin, Dec. 31.-Confirmation was obtained here in despatches from the Consuls at Shanghai to the foreign Ministers here of the report that the Viceroy at Shanghai had refused to pay the January instalment of the indemnity on a gold basis, owing to the recent great fall in the price of silver. The Ministers will insist on the payment being made on the gold basis. London, Dec. 31.—The Foreign Office

has received no notification of the refusal of China to pay on a gold basis the semi-annual instalment of the indemnity, due January 1.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Mrs. Amelia Coates, aged 97, the oldes roman in Terento, is dead.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald has been pointed editor of The Globe.

It is reported that a train on the Wabas Railway ran one mile in 38 seconds. Rev. T. Albert Moore of Hamilton ha

been chosen Ontario Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. Nominations for the Legislature too place to-day in North Grey, North Perth

and North Norfolk. Returns from Fort William increase the referendum vote to 199,077 for the act, and 108,051 against it.

Gen. Ben Viljoen has been asked to con mand the Boers who have volunteered to fight against the Mad Mullah.

The crew of the Canadian schooner Pioneer, abandoned on the Atlantic, were rescued by the liner Rotterdam.

Rev. John R. K. Seilers, a Methodis minster of Guysboro', N.S., was accident ally asphyxiated at Philadelphia. President Loubet of France has sent \$2,000 for the relief of sufferers from the

earthquake at Andijan, Russian Turkestan. Rev. Dr. Gordon of Halifax, Principalelect of Queen's University, will be in Kingston next week to enter upon his

Fire did \$40,000 damage in a building at St. John, N.B. The sample rooms of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, were in the

Particulars in the Sault Ste, Marie election protest have been filed. Several personal charges are made against Mr. A.

Mr. Marconi was lanqueted by the citizens of Sydney, C.B., last night. He said messages across the Atlantic at one cent a word might be an accomplished fact soon. Mr. Carnegle has proposed to give £10,000 to be speat in a memorial at Greenock to the Scotch engineer James Watt, or to head a movement for a larger commemorative

George W. Cottrell, bookkeeper for the Bennett Furniture Company at London, Ont., died suddenly owing to the bursting of a blood vessel in his brain.

Hon. A. G. Blair has given an order for box and freight cars amounting to \$400,000, to be divided between Messrs. Rhodes, Currie & Co. of Amherst, N.S., and the Rath-



and styles and sizes that can be found in most stores. Consequently, we are sure of being able to fit perfectly any child's foot; besides having special shoes for children who "toe in" or have weak ankles or flat feet Also shoes built on a foundation that keep the feet warm and dry. If you investigate you'll find prices are no higher than arc asked elsewhere for

kinds to choose from. Rubbers, Plain or warm wool lined to fit all the different shaped shoes.

poorer shoes-and less

Geo. W. Cowan Chatham.

FATAL SHOT

Killed a Young Hunter-Before Death he Said the Shot was an Accident.

Turnerville, Dec. 30 .- A very sag accident happened here yesterday morning. A party of young men were out hunting when the gun carried by George Crowder was accidentally discharged. Joseph Jenkins, a young man employed on the farm Samuel Shaw, was in front and re-ceived the full charge of shot. He died from his injuries. Before he died, however, he completely exhonorated Crowder from any blame whatever. An inquest was deemed un-

MASCAGNI RELEASED

Chicago, Dec. 30. - Signor Mas cagni, the Italian composer, was ar-raigned in court to-day on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston, After hearing both sides Sustice Hur-ley immediately dismissed the case The court room was filled with Italians, who applauded vigorously as Mascagni, thankful and smiling, left for his hotel.

S. S. CONCERT A very pleasing Sunday School con-cert took place last night at the

All Willaim street Baptist church. the numbers were well received, and well rendered. The hoop drill of the six girls under the able direction of Miss Surby, was excellent.

After the program, the ladies of the church presented the janitor, Mr. Dyer, with a fine pair of gloves in recognition of his services. M. Houston occupied the chair in place of Mr. Ross, who was unavoid-

ably away. The program was as follows:-Reading-John Reeve. Instrumental solo,-Miss Arnold. Recitation—Gladstone Henry.
Vocal Solo—Miss F. C. Walker.
Recitation—Gladstone Henry.
Vocal Solo—Miss Florence Stephen-

Hoop drill-Six young girls. Song-John Reeve. Distribution of prizes.

A WISE IDEA

To get your old carpet manufactured into beautiful durable rugs, at prices that are right. Call and see samples. Factory opposits Piggott & Son's lumber office in J. & J. Oldershaw's block.

THE CHATHAM RUG FACTORY

tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists. Minard's Liniment for Sale Every-

C. AUSTIN & ONE PRICE STORE

On Friday, January the 2nd, we inaugurate our great Stock Clearing Sale. This we intend will be one of the greatest trade events in our history. We have two objects in view in

First, we want to stimulate trade in this one of the quietest months of the year, and secondly, we want to reduce our immense stock before we take inventory of it at the last of \$20,000.00 worth of Stock to be sold at special prices during the month.

Every department will furnish its quota of Bargains, the bigger the surplus stock the bigger the bargain. Come early if you can, but come when you can. You will find here many lines to profit from by purchasing now.

Dress Goods-Beaver Cloth at \$1.00 a Yard.

spot or shrink, regular price 90c, sale | PLAID BACK FRIEZE AT \$1.00-1 piece each, navy, brown and myrtle beaver cloth, 54 inches wide, pure wool, fine finish, regular price \$1.50, sale price \$1.00 yard.

COATING SERGE AT 25c YARD-AMARANTH SUITINGS AT 50c YD.

4 pieces Scotch Amaranth suitings, 46 inches wide, grey, brown, myrtle and fawn, guaranteed not to crack, price 25c yard.

6 pieces French coating serge, 44 inches wide, all pure wool, black, navy, cardinal, garnet, brown and grey, regular price 35c yard, sale price 25c yard.

2 pieces, 18 ounce grey frieze, plaid back, 54 inches wide, for unlined akirts or cloaks, pegular price \$1.25, sale price \$1.00 yard.

A Clearing Up of Odd Lines. Here are Some of Them.

8 dozen pure bleached Damask Table | fancy red borders, 18x36 inch, regu-Napkins, choice patterns, bright sat-in finish, 20x20 and 21x21 inch, regular \$2.25 value, for a dozen 500 yards 18 inch twilled Glass Tow

5 dozen only, heavy quality, all linen Table Napkins, pure linen, good assortment of patterns, 21x21 inch, regular \$1.50 value, for a dozen 1 piece 64 inch, half bleached Ta-ble Damask, heavy make, choice de-sign, extra fine finish, worth 45c, to

clear, a yard, 100 yards 22 inch red and blue check-

ed Glass Cloth, heavy quality, 10c. value, for a yard

elling, fancy red borders, heavy quality, worth 61-2c, clearing at a yard

5 only, Lunch Cloths, pure biesched damask, open work centre, wide, knot-ted fringe all round, 85c. value for

Odd Sideboard Scarfs and Dresser Covers, fancy open work ends, and centres, and fringed all round, 16x50 and 16x70 inch, clearing price each

GREAT BARGAINS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

long, trimmed with six tails, worth 33 Astrachan and Electrical seal | with tails, worth \$6.50, \$7.00 and | caperines with good large cape and .\$7.50, for quick sale price only \$5.00. storm collar, satin lined, trimmed 4 Stone Martin ruffs, 27 inches

2,000 yards 36 inch factory sheeting, spring wear, choice colorings, extra heavy quality, soft even yarn. bought especially for our January Sale, 6c value, for per yard

Striped Shaker Flannels, for early

5 dozen Solid Huck Towels, pure

(rish linen, heavy make, hemned ends,

good quality cloth, January Sale price per yard, 7c,

500 yards special value full yard

wide bleached cotton, heavy quality, even yarns, soft make, January sale Two cases, 50 pieces New Fancy bed spreads, assorted patterns, finishprice per yard ed ends, soft make, \$1.25 value, for



nercerized sateen; first price

WOMEN'S JACKETS AND WRAPS AT DECISIVELY REDUCED PRICES. The passing of Christmas severs the bonds that hold together this

gathering of wraps. Thus far into the season we have held it intactcomplete in variety of styles and assortment of sizes. But now it is time to clear the decks before stock-taking, and, to that end, sharp reductious are the order of day throughout the stock.

Three-Quarter and Full Length Jackets all in the season's best styles and materials. Many reduced to-day for the first time.

The way some of the new prices run :-

double breasted, nicely lined; regular price At \$7.98—Ladies' Golf Capes in grey navy, brown and green, long length with storm collar; first price At \$8.00 — Three quarter length fitting, grey, black, navy and castor, select, fawn only, velvet collar, bell stitched yoke shawl collar, flounce on skirt, lined; regular price

At \$15.00-Full length Coat, semi-

At \$8.00—Ladies' Ulsters, fawn or black, of broadcloth, tight fitting, sleeve with turn-back cuff, satana

lined, stitched collar and lapels, pearl buttons; regular value

Special values in Tailored Suits. Special values in Fur Capes. Special values in Wrangers. Every Fur Jacket and Cape will have an equally interesting Reduced Price marked on them. Remember, it always pays to buy Austin's Reli-

STOCK TAKING SALE OF CARPETS A careful inventory of our Carpet Stock leads us to a pruning out of all short ends. They will be offered at a handsome reduction off each piece, embracing in all about (40) forty

patterns. For convenience we append the description of a few: piece All Wool 3 ply, regular \$1.00 per yd., now 10 yds. for " filled 2 ply, reg. "Part Wool" 2

carper Depr. ON SECOND FLOCE. SNAPS. :: CARPET DEPT. ON SECOND REMEMBER OUR BIG FURNITURE STOCK. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

FORCE LIFE INTO THE DEAD DOLLARS. AUSTIN & CO. take in the situation. Briefly it is this. The season has advanced to the point where goods must go or stand a chance of being carried over. At AUSTIN'S they must go. The success of our Fall and Winter Merchandising make us more anxious to make a clear sweep of the balance. We commence Saturday at prices that will not allow a rival.

Olearing Prices on Boye' Suits, Reefers and Overcoat. SEE EAST WINDOW SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1903. BOYS' \$3.00 and \$3.50 2-piece SUITS for \$2.48, made from All Wool Tweeds and Serges, Single and Double Style, also some Norfolk Novelties. These are odd lines of the season's best sellers. Sizes range from 22 to 30, for ages 5 to 12 years.

BOYS' \$2.75 to \$3.50 **Storm Recfers for \$2.48**, of heavy all wool Dark Oxford Friezes and heavy Black Chinchillas, big storm coliar, throat latch, double breasted and serviceable tweed lining, for ages 4 to 16 years.

BOYS' \$4.00 and \$5.00 **Ragianette Overcoats for \$2.50**, of dark Grey Cheviot and light tweed effects, slash pockets, velvet collar, for ages 9 to 16 years, the popular garment sold at \$4.00 to \$5.00, clearing at \$2.50. BOYS' \$6.00 Russian Overcoats for \$4.95, the swellest garment of the season for boys, 4 to 9 years, nice quality, Plain Grey Cheviot and rough Military Cloth with belt, worth \$6.00 to \$7.00, on sale Saturday at \$4.95.

C. AUSTIN & CO

STORE CLOSED THURSDAY

To celebrate the com-mencement of a New Year, During the past year we have tried to study the interests of our customers. By careful attention to the markets, buying direct, by prompt cash payments, we have obtained the best goods at low prices. We are thus able to give our customers the very best goods at \$ very reasonable prices.

We hope by even more } careful attention to these things to give you better \$ service still next year.

We thank you most heartily for your kind patronage in the past and : hope to merit your con- : fidence for the future.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

H. MALCOLMSON

HAVE YOU SEEN MY LINE OF

Secret = Lockets -AND-Stick Pins

The most beautiful designs ever

Cuff Links

Plain fancy and beaded.

Diamond Opal Turqoise

Pearl. And other settings. These in a dainty box make a beautiful pres-

Belt Pins

Also the most beautiful Ever shown in Chatham.

MacIntyre eading Jeweler and Optician

TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, bulk and separate tenders will be received at the offices of the undersigned architects, addressed Kenneth Urquhart, Esq., up till o'clock p. m. Friday, January 2nd, 1903, for all the works required for remodelling shop fronts for grocery store of Ingram Taylor and confectionery of J. A. Thompson, opposite C. P. R. Hotel, King St. East, Chatham. See plans, etc., at the archi-tects' office, King St, Lowest or any tender not necessar-

ily accepted.
KENNETH URQUHART, JAS. L. WILSON & SON,
Architects, Chatham, Ont.

GREAT TEA DRINKERS.

The Maritime Province people use about six pounds of tea per head, or say about thirty pounds per year to an average family. They are also said to be good judges of tea, and this must be a strong recommendation for Red Rose, which is the principal Tea

*************** DR. A W. THORNTON DENTIST, s Removed to his New Office Corner King and Fifth Streets over A. I. McCall's Drug St re. TELEPHONE OFFICE 164. RESIDENCE 285. ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

TO-NI 1HT.

Prayer meeting, city churches, a Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., Odd-fellows' Temple, at 8. Watch night service will be Holy Trinity Church at 11.15.

"David Harum" at the Grand Opera

J. G. Kerr will spend New Year's with his brother, Dr. Kerr, Bay City. Gibson's Studio, corner King and Fifth streets, will be open New Years

Mrs. J. G. McLean and daughter Roslyn are visiting north, St. Joseph

Spend the first night of the New Year at the Grand Opera House with Prof. A. Keewan, of Toledo, spent with his brother, P. Kee-

wan, Jeffrey street. The cunning, kind-hearted old bank er, "David Harum," at the Grand Opera House New Year's n'ght. A free musical and literary "smoke will be held by Court Hope, starting

this evening at 9 o'clock. Desirable young man wanted learn the drug business. Apply to J. W. McLaren, druggist. 5td Mrs. S. S. Ball left yesterday for

Bethel after a pleasant visit with her parents, Edgar street. David Traxler, lumber dealer, Toledo, formerly of this place,

spending a few days in town. David Harum, the funniest comedy drama of the season, at the Grand Opera House New Year's night. Misses Mae Whitesall and Nellie

Harcourt, of Bothwell, are the guests of Mrs. Lutes, Witherspoon street Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Emery and Mrs. D. Martin were down to see John Mount, their brother, who is

The Almondbury Bell Ringers are champions of England and give an excellent entertainment. Friday night at Grand Opera House.

Watch night service will be held in gold watch picked up on King street. Holy Trinity Church to-night at 11.15. Owner can have same by proving The service will be followed by the property and paying for this ad. celebration of the Holy Communion. Don't you think it is time for

change, and economy, in the School Board. Dr. Russell, candidate, Ward No. 1.

The cushion that was given away by the Busy Bee Society, was won by John Vanstone, Lasmiowne ave. The society wish to thank all those who in any way helped them.

Nesson Stringer was in Ridgetown last week and, while there, purchased that ever went into that town from E. Brien & Sons. The load contained 4,000 pounds of wool, principally unwashed. The general price of un-washed wool is 7c. a pound.

SPECIAL **PRICES**

For the next few days who wish to get personal information regarding any of the courses. 3t on the remainder of our stock of

Fancy Perfumes, Fine Brushes, Mirrors, Novelties, &c.

DRUGGIST.

28 Rutherford Block Phone 221,

Stylish Clothing...

Combining the essentials of good materials, good fit, thorough workmanship and fair prices all the year round from

MORLEY & CO.,

KING STREET, CHATHAM.

NOMINATIONS

YEAR'S

WELDON'S,

Chatham's Millinary Store!

UKEAT BARGAINS IN

HATS

Ladies' and Children's untrim-

med Hats from 25c, to \$1.00.

COOKSLEY'S

Opposite the Market Square,

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Will B. Co'les, of Detroit, is at home

Mrs. Henry Sharp, VanAllen aveune,

The Misses McGillivray, of Thames-

Miss Mabel Wilson, of Detroit,

visiting her uncle, A. J. Wilson,, Wil-

Arthur Kipp, of the Bon Marche

Frank E. Gerber left this morn-

It was advertised in error that

to attend the funeral of her brother,

Mr. Charlie Rumball, of Blenheim.

Kingston penitent ary yesterday,

and will return in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. A'bert Hill, of Detroit

The Dingman sock of Wall Paper

will be placed on sale Monday morn-

ing, Jan, 5th, at 8 o'clock; everything

at half price. The entire stock must

A. E. Gammage, Sr., of Chicago, who has been spending a week in

the city with his cousin, E. C. Gam-

mage, the Queen street grocer, left

The Canada Business College will re-open on Monday, Jan. 5th.

The Canadian Order of Foresters are

public popular prices. They should be treated to a full flourse. td

"Aldermanic candidates are rustling around in great shape," said R. S. Dunlop to The Planet this morn-

ing. "There's quite a grist of them but there'll be six left at home;

The public schools re-open on

Monday, January 5th, except in rural sections, where the school house will

be used for polling, which is the case

in a few sections only. Public school leaving classes will be pushed

E. Stanley Nichols, humorist, who accompanies the B Il Ringers Friday

night is a whole host in hunself. "A hit from start to finish. Mr. Nichols as a monologuist, is first class, and

His jokes were new and up-to-date

His plane pyrotechn'es were also very clever and brought down the house."

Miss Nellie Emery left on Monday night for Southern California to join

her father, who is at present engaged in the lumber business there

Miss Nellie was given a hearty send-off by her many friends and asso-

favorite. The parting was far from

ENJOYABLE RIDE

A couple of sleigh loads of young cople drove to John Johnson's, down

the river, last night and sp nt a mo t enjoyable evening in eards and dane-ing. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson proved excellent hosts and the evening passed

off very pleasantly indeed. In re-

turning home a runner on one of the sleighs broke, throwing the whole party into the ditch, Luck'ly no one

The pry was under the direction of R . Miller and was given as a trut to the nurses of the General

for the examinations next June.

they can't all win."

-Boston Globe.

paying a big figure for the Almond-bury Bell Ringers, and giving the

be sold out in one week.

to-day for London.

open to-night. They will not open after half past six.

Mrs, W. H. Graham, of

greery, is confined to his home

F. E. Schlenker, of Toronto,

for New Years Day.

s seriously ill.

liam street.

hrough illness.

with friends in the city.

Niegara Falls and Buffalo.

GIFTS

The Result in the County - The Reeves in Chatham, Harwich and Howard Townships Reelected by Acclamation.

Monday nominations for township uncils were held throughout the waships. In many of the municiconsiderable in terest In Howard, however, the ouncil were all re-elected by acclanation. In Harwich and Chathan ownships the reeves were re-elected by acclamation. It is curious to note that the three townships bordering so as to form the letter "L" ******* have chosen their reeves without an

HARWICH TOWNSHIP. Reeve-Peter Morrison, acelama-

Councillors-A. Buchannan, M. J. Wilson, Byron Bently, John Knight, James Campbell, J. McCormick.

In Dover township, C. Purser and Timothy O'Neil were nominated for the reeveship. Mr. Purser has been reeve for the past two years, and is now seeking election for the third time, Mr. O'Neil has had experence

as a councillor.

Five men were nominated for the council, for to be elected. They are Peter Crawford, 14th concession, John Terry, townine, George King, River Road, Joseph Lewis, 14th concession, William Boyer, 4th concession,

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP. In Chatham township, the reeve, Hugh Cummings, was elected by acville, are the guests of Mrs. Colles clamation. George Wickens was also nominated for this position, but he withdrew. Ten candidates were nominated for the council, but J. L. Holwell withdrew, leaving nine candidates in the field. The following is James Trotter is building a gasol ne the list of candidates in the field:iceboat, which he expects to use on For Reeve-H. Cummings, moved by

John Burns, seconded by Chas. Agar, Acclamation. Councillors-R. A. Tompkins, moved Wm. Ball, seconded by S. J. Tedford; Alex, Templeton, moved by D. spending the Christmas holdays McAribur, seconded by Chas. Agar; W. W. Merritt, moved by Jno. Burns, W. Wickins; Wm. seconded by G. ing on a week or ten days' trip to George, moved by D. McArthur, seconded by Chas. Agar; D. C. Shaw, moved by Andrew McFadden, second-Thos. Stone & Son's store would be ed by Aaron Cou'ter.; J. D. Moir, movbe ed by Thomas Buckingham, seconded by C. H. Knight; Wm. Abraham, moved by H. Lannigan, seconded by Adam Irwin; T. O'Neil, moved by arrived in the city Monday afternoon Aaron Coulter, seconded by S. J. Tedford; Joshua Armstrong, moved by Aaron Coulter, seconded by J. A. The police are in possession of a

BALFIGH TOWNSHIP.

John Laing, sentenced to five years. In this township the contest for reeve will be the warmest in the in the penitentlary for an offence under the Charlton Act, was taken to history of the township. There are about as many candidates for the po-Frank E. Gerber has gone e. st for sition in this township as all the a trip for a week to Niagara Falls others combined. Alex Dolsen the and Buffalo, and other points, part-former reeve, is seeking re-election and he has a number of strong men ly on business and partly on holidays, opposed to him. For Councillors the contest will be more quiet:

For Reeve-Alex. Dolsen, Mr. Clayarrived in the c.ty Monday afternoon ton, Ledson Pardo, P. Doyle. to attend the fun ril of her brother Mr. Charles Rumbill, of Blenheim, For councillors—E. Dillon, S. Aldis, J. Stringer, Mr. Bandall, W. Irwin.

HOWARD TOWNSHIP. In Howard Township, the reeve and council were re-elected by acclama-tion. The following is therefore Howard township council :-

Roeve-A. F. Camobell. Councillors-E. Bryar, H. McLarty, D. Wilson, and J. C. Williams.

N. H. Stevens has returned from Manirowoc. Douglas was much better when he left. Mrs. Stevens will the I. O. O. F. Auditorium on Wednesday (New Year's Eve.) Dec. 31st. remain with him for a little while Tickets, 50 cents.

Wall Paper from 2c per roll up, The at the Dingman store. Sale com-mencing Monday, Jan, 5, and concollege office is open daily for those tinues one week.



GORDON'S

Annual January Whitewear Sale Begins Monday. 5th January

ELECTION DAY.

We will mark the first week of the year by great offerings in Undermuslins We invite Every Lady within and Ladies' Whitewear of Every Descript on reach of this store to give us their company, their inspection and patronage. See next week's papers for further particulars.

WILLIAM GORDON

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During holidays we will sell Haskin's Native Port Wine and Walker's Superior Lager at a bargain.

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The MAYORALTY

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :-

You have honored me with the nomination for Mayor for 1903; with few exceptions you have pledged me your support, and I am confident you will elect me by a large majority. I have endeavored during my canvas to fight squarely and to treat my opponent fairly, frequently

extenuating his imperfections and giving him credit wherein he deserved. I thank you for the courteous manner in which you have received me in your homes, in the factories and stores and on the streets, which has made my canvas very pleasant. I feel that my associations with my fellow-citizens have always been most cord al, and, without boasting, I may say

that in all my various contracts and dealings with them I have always treated them honorably and none have had occasion to regret our relationship. I hope I have the confidence of the working man, whose friendship I highly esteem. I desire to see his position improved and admire his efforts to ameliorate his condition. I believe an occasional holiday is beneficial for all of us. I would have our homes more attractive, and will endeavor to secure good club rooms and swimming baths for our children. I am still an advocate of good roads, will encourage new factories, and stimulate old ones, will

promote an electric railway through our county connecting our city with the oil fields and other important points, and think the present an opportune time, while coal and wood are so expensive, to search for natural gas; and I shall do all things for the advancement of our city's best interests consistent with economy in its true sense. I cannot promise you a rate of twenty mills taxation, because that is an impossibility, and I do not wish to pledge myself to anything I cannot fulfil. The fixed rates are so large for past expenditures and bonuses that it is absurd to say our expenditure can be covered by a rate of two cents on the dollar, but I assure you it will not be one mill more than sound business

I feel certain that you are convinced that when elected Mayor I shall work to the utmost of my ability for the welfare of our city in which we are all so much interested, and which we are proud to call our home. Again soliciting your vote and influence,

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I remain, faithfully yours,

W. E. McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont.. 29th Dec., 1902.

CIVIC FINANCES

The following is the civic financial statement for the past year:-Expenditure of the working accounts of the city of Chatham for 1902 to 29th December, 1902. The first figures represent the ex-

penditure, and the second figures the estimate. Administration of justice, \$1,913.57; 81,800 Bridges, \$706.71; \$500. Board of Health, \$5,324.70; \$6,000

Board of Works, \$8,968.18; \$5,500. Board of Works, \$8,308.18, \$4,308.
Charity, \$2,003.37; \$2,000.
Election expenses, \$472.97; \$405.
Fire Department, \$4,389; \$4,300.
Harrison Hall, \$454.94; \$300.
Interest account, \$4,011.29; \$3,000.
Police Dept., \$4,173.48; \$4,300.
Salary Acct., \$4,301.29; \$4,200.
Tecumseh and Victoria Parks, \$680.78; \$800. \$880.78; \$800. Electric light, \$4,695.87; \$4,700. Contingencies, \$993.17; \$500.

Cemetery, \$1,204.72; \$1,000. Legal expenses, \$2,251.34; \$2,000. Markets, Pd. \$1,140.67, Rec. \$971.09; 169.06 expenditure.
Pounds, \$126; \$124.
Printing and stationery.
MEMO.

Overdrawn, \$6,426.88. To Co. of Acct., \$805.95.

Overdraft, \$5,620.93. R. G. FLEMING, 1 . Treasurer, Dec. 29th, 1902.

The St. Joseph's Literary Society will give another of their popular

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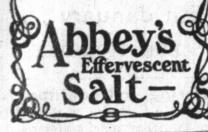
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THE REV. J. J. ROSS VS. INFANT

BAPTISM.

The Editor of The Planet: The Rev. J. J. Ross takes a very usual stand in his attempt to demolish the old, old fortress of Infant Baptism. He calls this practice a "sin." "The sin of Infant Bap-tism." What is sin? The inspired Paul says in Rom. iv, 15, "Where no law is there is no transgression."
The apostle John says in I. John iii,
4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is a transgression of the law." This law is God's law, which again is the expression of the will of the Supreme lawgiver. Sin, then, is an act of re-bellion against God, to whom we are responsible as our lawgiver and judge. God gives his laws, first, by positive injunction, and second, by negative injunction. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neigh-"is an example of the latter; "Honor thy father and thy mother," is an example of the former It is emphatically said, "Where there is no law there is no transgression,' meaning, of course, there is no sin.

Mr. Ross promises judgment on the
practice of those persons and
churches who endorse infant Baptism that is on the whole of Christendom save a few professed Christians. His sentence is that they are guilty of sin. This he does without producing a law which says, "Thou shalt not baptize infants." No statement that he may produce will be admitted as valid, which is not prefaced with "Thus saith the Lord." Mr. Ross must produce such an ulti-mate standard of appeal, or lay himself open to the charge that he does know what ein is. Also if no ach standard be produced, he must,

his silence, give his consent to belief of all Christians outside own denominations, namely, that the right to baptize infants is an open question, or an opinion, and may be observed without any violation of a divine law. Infant Bap-tism is a violation of the decision of Baptist conference. That is no sin, for these conferences, first, are not the Supreme authority for the universal or Catholic church of Christ and secondly, they, being Congregationistic in their church government, cannot make laws.

In the absence of a direct law, such as, "Thou shalt baptize infants," and none of us old enough to have been eye witnesses of the apostolic observance of Christian baptism, we must rely on the evidence of trustworthy witnesses, or of those who were in a position to collect

such evidence. The earliest official, or semi- offcial, post apostolic document respec ing this practice and teaching, is, "The teaching of the twelve apostles." It was written about the year 120, A. D., or 20 years after the death of the Apostle John. Concerning the baptism of infants, it is silent. It's only definite statement about this ordinance is . . . "Pour water three times on the head in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." But this is not

the point at issue. In 167, A. D., Ireneus says "infants, little ones, children, youths and persons of mature age were reborn to God: that is set apart to his service by baptism." He also positively declares that "the church learned from the apostles to bap-tize infants," and urges the pro-

priety of baptizing infants, from the fact that Christ came to save "infants, little ones, children, youths."
Ireneus was born in 97, A. D. About 139, A. D., Justin Martyr, who was born before all the apostles died, says, "Several persons among

us 60 or 70 years old, were 'discipled' in childhood. The Greek word for "discipled" is that used by Christ to His disciples when they were told o establish His church.

Tertullian was born about 147 A. D. and lived in Africa. He says, "Our Saviour commanded little children to be baptized"; "if either parent were a Christian, the children were enrollHOW TO DRINK MILK

Why it Disagrees With Some People lant after exhaustion nothing can rival the effects of hot milk sipped

slowly.

Some people say they cannot digest milk and these are the people who drink it down quickly so that the digestive acids, in playing around it, form large curds which give trouble before they can be absorbed.

The right way is to so that each mouthful, as it descends into the stomach, is surrounded by the gastric fluid, and when the whole glassful is down the effect is that of a spongy

is down the effect is that of a spongy mass of curds, in and out of which the keen gastric juices course, speedi-ly doing their work of turning the curd into peptones that the tissues

can take up.

To make sure of complete To make sure of complete alges-tion take one or two of Stuart's Dys-pepsia Tablets afterwards, as the pepsin and diastase they contain in-crease the quantity and efficiency of the gastric juices and supply the natural digestive ferments which all weak stomachs lack.

Miss Anna Folger, a professional nurse, speaking of the value of Stu-art's Tablets in convalescence, says: In adult patients recovering from severe illness, and especially in children where milk disagrees, one or two tablets overcome any difficulty and seem to strengthen the stomach in a remarkably short time. I my-self have used them daily for years, when my own digestion has suffered from the irregularities and loss of sleep consequent upon my occupa-

Not only children and invalids, but professional people and others whose xviii., 1-2. One inscription is "Posmeals are necessarily hurried or irrethumius, a believer who lived six meals are necessarily hurried or irregular will find Stuart's Dyspepsia l'ablets of the greatest value in keeping up the tone and digestive vigor of the stomach."

They contain the active digestive ferments, the lack of which is really the only cause of indigestion and stomach trouble, and the regular daily use of them after meals will probably cure any case of stomach trouble except such as arises from cancer or ulceration.

Many druggists bave said that they

ed in Jesus Christ, by baptism, the privilege of descent from a church ed six years, ten months and sixteen member." He admits the divine origin of baptism, and admits that in- istus, lived eight months," he was fants were baptized in his day. But whilst admitting these things he adverse." she was "newly baptized." vised the delay of baptizing them, yet not of abolishing infant baptism.

Origen of Alexandria wrote about 212 A. D. He says, "The church re- 367 A. D. The names of several othceived the injunction from the apostiles to give baptism—to infants"; ly age are called "believers." How that "baptism is given to infants; many thousands of infants lie in that the custom of dap was received from Christ and His their infancy and childhood, as were apostles."

Cyprian was pastor in Carthage, in Africa, and was martyred in 257 A. D. five years and was baptized; and Mr. He presided at a Council held in Ross baptized two of the ages of Carthage. At this council Fidus, a eight and a half, and ten who "proneighboring pastor, put the question, "May a child be baptized before it is eight days old or not?" The council It also shows their home training, but unanimously decided in the affirma-

Ambrose, who wrote about 270 A. D., says, "The baptism of infants was practised by the apostles," and "in-fants are baptized."

Gregory Manianzen wrote about 360 A. D. In some of his writings he says, "Hast thou an infant child? Let him be dedicated from his cradle." He advised that healthy children be not baptized till about three years old, but that sickly ones be baptized at once. Tertullian agreed with him in

chis. Chrysostom was pastor in the Of baptism he said, that a person "may receive it in the beginning of his Of some who were baptized he age." said, "Some of them were infants." He also said that "the Church everywhere declared that infants should be bap-

when I was in Carthage, I-heard- their meeting with Europeans. They some people—saying that infants were not baptized for the remission of sins, but they were baptized that they may be sanctified in Christ." He also said that infant baptism was not instituted by councils, but was al-ways in use, and that "the custom of the church in baptizing infants must not be disregarded." Further, he positively declares that he "never heard

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FOR THE COMPLEXION

or read of any Christian, Catholic or Sectarian who did not hold that in-fants were to be baptized. Pelagius founded a sect and his followers in-creased about this time; they admit-ted that their infants should be bap-

Epiphanius, about 370 A. D., quotes from the "Apostolic Constitutions." Among other statements from them is this one, "Haptize your children."

Thedoret, about 430 A. D., wrote an account of heresies. There were more than one hundred of them. Epiphanius, Ireneus, Augustine and Philostra-tus did the same thing. But in no one of these catalogues is there to be found the least intimation of any except such as denied water altogether-who did not hold to the baptism of infants as a divine instition. Statements such as these ought to convince anyone, whose mind open to instruction, that the baptism of infants is not an institution whose

Besides extracts from the early

writings of the Christian Church there

is another source of evidence, and one little likely to be altered or corrupted. There are inscriptions especially in the Catacombs. These places were the hiding places of the persecuted Christians of the ancient city of Rome. These contained the dwellings of many thousands of Christians, their places of worship, and places of burial. Over the tombs are super scriptions giving evidences of the lives and practices of the inmates, and expressed hopes of the faithful. The word "believer" is frequently used, and has the meaning of a "baptized church member." Christ himself applied this word to "a little child" who was intellectually incapable of sifting evidence and making a choice.-Matt.

years," a publicly recognized church member. "Here lies Zosimus, a believer descended from ancestors who were believers. He lived two years, one month and twenty-five days. Leopardus rests here in peace with oly spirits-he received baptism," and lived seven years and seven months. "Achilia, newly baptized, is buried here. She died at the age of one year and five months." "Cyriacus, a believer, died eight days less than three years of age." "Rufillo, newly sell more Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets baptized, lived two years and forty days." The son of Vilerius, "newly baptized lived three years, ten months and fiften days." "Pisentus, lived one year, eight months and thirteen days, e was newly baptized." "Jovius, livdays," he was "newly baptized." "Ar-

> years," she was "newly baptized." "Flavia Jovina, lived three years and thirty-five days," she was "newly baptized." This inscription in dated tombs who were those named. As Mr. T. Spurgeon 'professed" conversion at the age of

fessed" conversion, it shows that these are the exception and not the rule does not invalidate the argument deduced from the facts inscribed in the tombs of the Catacombs that children who at the age of one year, or

months only, were called believers and bantized. I have reason to believe that children younger than five years have given evidence of having bee regenerated by the Spirit of Gor even although they had not professe

The Apostle Thomas went easiward to India and founded congregations of Christians there. They had the gospel according to Matthew, in the Hebrey Lawrence I. Chrysostom was pastor in the Church at Constantinople in 398 A. D. Chartism be said that a person fourth century come Christians who were driven from Antioch, in Syria, went to that country, and in the course of time amalgamated with the Christians there. They were known to Europeans till the fifteenth

century. They always baptized inabout 398, A. D., "Some while ago of any refusal to baptize infants till were represented by a delegate in the Council of Nice in 325 A. D., Who were those that first refused baptism to infants? Though Fertullian and Gregory taught that the baptism of infants should be delayed, yet they did not deprive them of that rite. The first record in history of any sect refusing to baptise them is that of the Hemicians, who seceed-

ed from the sect of the Petrobrus-

ers of Peter de Bruys. They taught how that those dying in infancy could not be saved, and on that account refused them baptism. The Waldenses baptized infants, but not with the ceremonies of the Church of Rome; for this cause they were misrepresented. A full account of their history, customs, and copies of their official documents is given in Blair's history of that people. The Anabaprists that arose about 1521, A. D., in Germany refused to baptize infants. They professed to be inspired, rejected civil magistracy, the baptism of infants, and all distinctions among men. . . One of their leaders married fourteen wives, most of them living at the same time." Their tenets were introduced to England, and several congregations of them are said to have been in existence in 1587, A. D. In Germany they rose in rebellion against the civil powers, and gave trouble in England.

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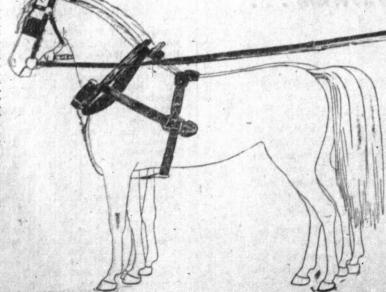
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Dec. 30 .- The financial the Ontario Government a cash balance in the banks of about \$1,384,000. Although the expenditure for the year included the payment of large sums of money for special pur-poses, such as for railway subsidies and annuities \$160,628, University of Toronto \$40,444, special vote for colonization roads \$25,000 and an expenditure of \$80,000 for the general election, as well as \$40.000 for taking the vote on the liquor act, the income for the year was

DISTRICT DOINGS.

LOUISVILLE.

The people of Louisville are all enjoying a Merry Christmas with lots of good sleighing. Miss Lily Merritt has returned to

her home after spending a few days with her friends at Dawn Mils. Mrs. James Simons and daughter Laura are spending their vacation with her mother, of this place. Miss Myrtle Smith has returned to her home after spending a few days

with friends in Thamesville. We all enjoyed the Baptist concert last Christmas Eve, as there was a good program, and lots of valuable resents on the tree. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Floyd are spend-

ing their Christmas vacation with friends and relatives of this place. Miss Minn'e Winter is spending a few weeks with her cousins riends in Chatham. Mrs. Alex. Crow is able to be out

gain after her sickness. Mrs. Alfred Winter, who has b en in poor health for the past few weeks, is mproving.

Byron Winter has come home after

his summer's work. Mrs. West Williston is spending a pending a few days with her friends Louisville. Fred. Tobey, our school teacher, intends to give us a grand Christmas tree in the near future.

RALEIGH PLAINS.

committee had the building beautifully decorated. The walls were aritstically draped in the colors of our national flag, and evergreens, flags, bunting, mottoes and Chinese lanterns which made a beautiful appearance. Mr. John Bell called the meeting to order and introduced J. M. Garel as Chairman, who came to the platform midst loud applause, and thanked the committee and audience for their courtesy and conducted a pleasing program in a very acceptable manner. The Fletcher orchestra, Mr Phipp's gramophone, and J. M. Garel's accordion furnished the music for the ven'ng and the children did their part well. Good humor and order prevailed. Santa Clause was the feature of the evening, and a pleasant evening's entertainment that reflected much eredit on the S. S. workers and the people in general, was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks and god save the King.

Mr. John Bell is the superintendent and Bible Class teacher.
Mrs. E. Shreeve of Windsor, has been the guest of Mrs. A. S.

Jos. Cromwell, of Lansing, is the guest of his brother, George, at Flet-

J. G. Brown, and Mrs. Jas. Naul, of Amherstburg, are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Shrreve. Mr. Walter Cromwell, who has spen the summer in Uncle Sam's domains, is back at his home in Fletcher. The oil fever has reached here and

farmers are besieged with solicitations of oil men, and a number of wells are to be put down in the course

Not Even Crazy People

would scour their faces with brick-bats, but thousands of persons do things infinitely more foolish. The skin of the face, though deli-cate, is rhinoceros hide compared with the mucous membrane of the stomach and bowels. Yet these sensitive organs are constantly scoured with drastic medicines, to their incalculable injury.

The Cure for Constipation

is not a violent cathartic, but a mild and tonic laxative—which is another way of saying

IRON-OX TABLETS

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A. B. SELVEY I

Salt Ments of the best quality

Fork and Beans 6c. a

Prof. W. Hodgson Ellis, Official Analyst to the Dominion Government, has proved by analysis that "Sunlight Soap is a pure and well-made soap, and has a thorough "cleansing power, without danger to "the clothing is worn more in the wash."

No Danger.

Clothing is worn more in the wash than in use where common soaps are used, and the hands are liable to eczema. Try Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar—next wash day, and you will see Prof. Ellis is right. No one should know better than

The person who has tact in aburdance and a certain softness of tongue can work his way to forture with little effort.

Nature "makes all things beautiful in their time." Every one of life's seasons, when life moves on Nature's lines, has its own charm and beauty. Many women dread that period when they must experience change of life. day, affirm that the Crown Princess They fear that face and form must suffer by the change, and that they may fail to please those whom they love. The value of Doctor Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" in this trying ment had long been in preparation. The stories of ill-treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive balance and buoyancy of the mind and court ceremonial, and of her fettered sustains the physical powers. Many women have expressed their gratitude for the help and comfort given by Favorite Prescription in this crisis of period. Its benefits are not passing but permanent and conduce to mental happiness as well as physical strength,

Age without cheerfulness is like Lapland winter without the sun.

Valuable advice o Mothers

If your child comes in from play oughing evidences of an approaching attack of Grippe, Sore Threat, or sickness of any kind, first thing get out your bottle of Nerviline. Rub the chest and neck with Nerviline, and give internal doses of ten drops of Nerviline in swectened water every two hours. This will prevent any serious trouble. No liniment or pain reliever equals Polson's Nerviline, which is a necessity in every household. Large bottles cost only 25c.

A man cannot live a broad life if he runs only in one groove.

They father o sumprion

Bad coughs, colds and catarih are responsible for more consumption than is traceable even to heredity. Catarrhozone cures more quickly than ordinary remedies, because it is the only antiseptic yet discovered that is volatile enough to reach the root of the trouble in remote parts of the Dec. 23—The concert given in the lungs and bronchial tubes, and imschool house here last night by the Sunday school was a very pleasant breathed with its healing, germ-kill-affair. The roads were in a terribe ing vapor. Colds can't last ten minstate and the night was very dark. Jutes, or coughs more than thirty min-But a good audience turned out. The utes when Catarrhozone is inhaled. It committee had the building beauticlears nose, throat and air passages at once, stops dropping, headache, and erradicates catarrh from any part of the system. Two months' treatment \$1.00; trial size 25c. Druggists, or N . Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. Dr. Hamilton's Pills are Mild

> Candor looks with equal fairness both sides of a subject.

The Critical Time of Life

Is between the years of fifty-seven and sixty-two. Nature's power slows down, vitality becomes less, and the progress of decay sets in. A means of extending old age and renewing decreasing vigor is to take Ferrozone after meals. Ferrozone keeps up the appetite, and in the formation of red, vitalizing blood, imparts clearness to the tiring brain, force, energy and spirits just when they are needed most. To take Ferrozone regularly means adding from ten to twenty years to life. Large boxes 50c., or fi boxes for \$2.50, at Druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills are Certain. The best way of recognizing a bene fit is never to forget it. Y

For Christmas and New Year's Holidays W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King St., will issue special return tickets to all points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, also Dec. 29th and Jan. 1st, all good to return until Jan. 5th, 1903, at fare and one-third; and on Dec. 24th and 25th, good to return Dec. 26th, and on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Jan. 2nd, at single fare for return trip; also special excursion tickets to students and teachers on presentation of certificates at fare and one-third, good going from Dec. 6th to 13th inclusive, and returning from destina-tion not later than Jan. 19th, 1903.

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monials, not press agent's interviews, from well known people. From all over America they testify the merits of MINARD'S LINI-MENT, the best of Household Reme

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Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throas ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresoene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggista

Sometimes a woman's hair is gold--and sometimes it is only plaited Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with

Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36 The good deeds that men do live after them-on tombstones

-Poisons accumulate in the when the kidneys are sluggible

OFFICIAL STORY

The Crown Princess' Elopement Threatens-A Convent or mad House.

Berlin, Dec. 30 .- King George of Saxony has ordered the preparation of a full official account of the elopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the axony people, among whom the most fantastic stories are in circulation, to the detriment of the royal house, and especially with reference to the future King. The scandal is undermining, according to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic and the people Protestant, the affair is being utilized for sectarian con-

troversy.

The King's statement doubtless will follow the line indicated in the intimations supplied to the newspapers having court leanings published tosole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Professor Giron, and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopeexistence are classed as inventions. The Crown Princess' own account of

the immediate cause of her flight from Salzburg, written to an intimate riend, probably the Princess Therese Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this morning. It says her fa-ther, the Grand Duke of uscany, intended to imprison his daughter either in a lunatic asylum or in an Italian convent. He already had consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up. Her father, the Crown Princess adds, was giving her no time for delibera-tion. He demdnded, first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden, to apologize to the Crown Prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or in a mad-house. The Crown Princess asks the Bavar ian court to use its influence with the court at Dresden to permit her children to choose their vocation in life freely.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Miss Forbes, trained nurse, is in Wallaceburg. Miss Corbett, of Florence, was uest of Miss Forbes on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and daughter Grace, spent Christmas with re-

Roy. Mr. Down is spending the holidays with his parents at Exeter. Misses Barr, of Toronto, are guests of their sister, Mrs. A. Garbutt. The desks and seats of the separate school at St. Peter's arrived this week.

has been placed in St. Peter's church. Miss Nellie Smoth, of Hamilton, is spending the ho idays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cotherts, and

Manley Smith, of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith on Christ-Jos. Gibson is visiting his mother

in Hamilton this week. Frank Hawk has moved his family to Belle River. W. Brusso will occupy the house vacated by F. Hawk, and Mr. LaGree moves into the house

vacated by W. Brusso. Mr. N. Venning has purctased two acres of land from H. Forbes. The land lies east of the S. S. hall and opposite F. C. Peck's store. Mr. Venning will build in the early spring.

H. Forbes was in Wallaceburg on Sunday, attending the funeral of the

It is reported there is 'a case of diphtheria in Dover. Mr. Myers was in Sarnia last week. Mr. Joyce is spending a week in

Hamilton. Mrs. Cunningham, of Michigan, spent the holidays here with her daughter, Mr. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McIntosh were Maple City visitors on Tuesday. Some people seem to talk so that they won't have to listen to other

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh F. J. CHENEY & CO.,

We, the undersigned, have known F. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Drug-

gists, Toledo, O. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per

bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best. Kittle-Well, there's one thing about the auto. It has enabled good many to make a noise in the

world who never were heard before. Kattle-But it has brought them into worse odor than before, if that were possible.

Yours obediently, J. W. WEBB.

Pure Hard Soap.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for echool trustee in Ward No. 2 and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. R. M. PAXTON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been solicited by a number of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in your ward, I have consented to do so. I of Alderman for 1903, and would re-

HERBERT S. CLEMENTS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the position of Public School Trustee for Ward No. take the same active interest in the welfare of our Maple City as I have 4, and, as such, will appreciate the fa-vor of your vote and influence. If elected as your representative it

best interests of the people. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Respectfully yours, JOHN MACKAY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been requested to offer myself for re-election as school trustee for the ensuing term, I again place myself in your hands. If elected, I shall in the future, as in the past, do my duty to the best of my

Owing to pressure of business at this season it will not be possible for me to make a personal canvass. Yours respectfully, W. N. MORLEY.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee for No. 1 Ward. If my course of action at the Board has met with your approval, I will be glad of your support and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the

> Respectfully yours. R. V. BRAY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate as school trustee for Ward No. 3, and if you see fit to honor me with election, I promise to forward your interests to the best of my ability. I am a believer in and will work for abolishing the ward system and having school trustees elected by general vote.

I would give preference to our own Chatham girls on the teaching staff. Why import outside subordinate

My aim would be to reduce ex-penditure.

Yours respectfully, WILLIAM ANDERSON. FOR ALDERMAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to annuunce mysel? a candidate for alderman for 1903.
You elected me to office for 1902, and as a member of Board of Works, Parks and Cemetery, and Industrial committees, you have had the chance to judge my conduct towards civic interests during the year, and will assect your hearty support if you beexpect your hearty support if you be-lieve T can continue to fill the office to our mutual benefit.

Wishing you the compliments

Yours faithfully, JOHN WADDELL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1903, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

HENRY ROBINSON. TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen: To the 650 good, sensible people who of permanent improvements on many voted for me for alderman last election, without in a single instance being solicited, canvassed or button-holed, I return my most sincere thanks and respect. I am again in the field for 1903, and I ask those who supported me last year to repeat the good act this year, when the former vote will be doubled by my own personal canvass. If elected, I shall ELECTION CARDS

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TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1 beg to announce that at the request of a number of the electors I have decided to become a candidate for school Trustee for Ward No. 2, for the year 1903. I respectfully ask the year 1903. I respectfully

GEO, G. MARTIN

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 2 TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a my ratepoyers I am a candidate for alderman, and I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

E. B. SNOOK.

will sincerely appreciate the favor of your vote and influence.

Wishing you the compliments of the do my duty to the best of my ability. ence. If elected, I shall endeavor to Yours very truly, SAMUEL BULLIS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen: 1903, and if elected, I will continue to

done during the past. Wishing you the compliments of the will be my aim to act always in the season, soliciting your vote and in-best interests of the people. G. G. TAYLOR.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1903. If elected will do all in my power to advance the city's interests. Wishing all a prosperous New

ANDREW THOMSON, JR. TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for Alderman for 1903, and if elected, I will continue to take the same active interest in the

welfare of our Maple City, as I have done during the past. Wishing you the compliments of the season, soliciting your vote and influence, faithfully yours,

E. A. MOUNTERR.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of many citizens I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for alderman. I shall accordingly sincerely appreciate the fav-

or of your vote and influence. Wishing you the complements of the season, I am,

Yours respectfully, THOMAS SCULLARD, TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATEAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the posis of alderman for 1903 and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Trusting that my former actions at the Council Board will merit your

support, I remain,

Faithfully yours, WALTER T. PIGGOTT. TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: During the past three years I have filled the position of Alderman of the city to the best of my judgment, and if my actions have met your approval would again ask you for your support and influence. Trusting that I have merited a continuance of your confidence, I remain,

Yours truly, A. B. McCOIG. TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am again a candidate for Alderman for the year 1903, and, if elected, will do my utmost to serve the city to the best of my ability, and will oppose all unnecessary expenditure. Wishing you the compliments of the

J. N. EDMONDSON TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for alderman for the year 1903, and if elected to that important position I will do my best for the welfare of our city. We require more industries, and I am in favor

Soliciting your vote and influence.

Respectfully yours,

W. H. WESTMAN.

Having decided to again offer myself as a candidate for alderman for

thorough numbering of the city blotches and bad complexion resulttake Hood's Sarsaparilla.

...... Wm. Foreman & Co., - Importers. - Wm. Foreman & Co

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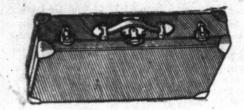
PATRONS AND

FRIENDS

A Happy and Prosperous New Year and during the coming year we shall put forth our best efforts to merit the evergrowing patronage.

William Foreman & Co.

About Trunks and Valises is the correct thing in a holiday conver-sation for a Xmas present. Speak of Trunks and Valises anywhere, and you are pretty sure to hear something about us-The Boston Shoe Store.



For "Great" sales and rainbow re-We Have No Use for Great Sales and val-ductions. Good trunks and val-ises are like good dollars or Gurd's on gusher, they have their value. We won't keep anything but good up-to-date trunks, valises, etc., sales to FORCE trash are not in our lines.

We show a number of distinct styles of Valises at rock bottom prices. Don't you think you could save money by coming here? We try to make every transaction of benefit to our customers. That's the way to make our trade grow.

THE BOSTON

Chatham's Biggest Hardware Store is WESTMANBROS

X Cut Saws, Axes, Files, Gauges Sets, Boys' Sleds, Horse Blankets.

Jewel Stoves and Ranges, Herbageum for Cholera,

PRICES that INSURE PURCHASES

WESTMAN BROS Big Hardware.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED-Dining room girl. Apply Merrill House.

AGENTS WANTED - \$2.50 per day. Apply, Cooper, London.

WANTED-A position as Engineer,

Fireman or Assistant Electrician, Address W. M. B., Planet. 10 WANTED-First class heading saw-

yer and turner, steady employment,

must be strictly temperate. Box 15,

WANTED-Competent men to ap-point agents whole or spare time. Commission paid. Apply John Dayle, Drawer 531, London.

GIRL WANTED - To do general housework in small family. No children Highest wages paid to competent person. One 25 or 30 means old, preferring a permanent home preferred. Apply at this

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

POR SALE—Cheap, three coal stoves.
Apply & W. Thornton.

ROOMS TO RENT -Nicely furnished s and board, with use of bath. Apply Box 60, Planet.

FOR SALE-Double barreled breech heading Shotgun, 12 guage, English make, ease, cleaning rod, etc. A. C. McKay, Planet Office.

HOUSE TO BENT-No 75 We't street, thouse vacated by Mr. Paul, of the Bowsley Works, modern conveniences, hot and cold water, bath, Kelsey furnace, gas cooking, etc., immediate possession.-W. S. Marshall, Lacroix street.

FOR SALE-Delaware fruit and stock farms, healthy climate, mild winters, good markets, productive land Catalogue free, J. R. McGonigal, Dover, Del.

FOR SALE-A few good farms, also some desirable houses and lots in the city at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker. Barrister, King street. FOR SALE OR TO RENT—House, now occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. E. Rispin 148 King St.

****************** LETTER BOX

MARKET POLLING BOOTH.

Is it not about time that a little common sense was exercised in selectng the polling booth on the Marke

Year after year, the electors, no matter how old and feeble, are compelled to risk their lives or limbs in climbing the most abominable stainway in all Kent, if not Ontario, for the privilege of casting their votes in the old Council Chamber. In fact, it is a case of risk your lives and save your votes of the case of the cas lives and save your votes, or save your lives and lose your votes.

There are rooms on the ground floor on the east side that are as fit for the purpose and as convenient as could be wished.

W. K. MERRIFIELD.

THE MARKETS

There was a poor New Year's mar-ket this morning. The offerings were very small and dear. Buyers were

Following is the price list: IN THE SHEDS. . Eggs, per dozen, 18c te 20c.
Butter, per pound. 18c, to 20c.
Chickens, each, 20c. to 35c.
Ducks, each, 30c. to 45c.
Turkeys, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
Gesse, 65c to \$1.00.
Lard, per lb., 12c.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS. Carrots, per peck, 10c.
Onions, per peck, 20c.
Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00 to \$1.20.
Cabbage, per head, 3c. to 5c.
Celery, 10c per bunch.
Cauliflower, per head, 5c.
Apples, per peck, 10c. Apples, per peck, 10c.
Honey, per rack, 13c
Pumpkins, each, 10c to 15c.
Beets, per peck, 15c.

White fish, 15c per lb., dressed Lake Huron trout, 10c per lb dress

Yellow pickerel, 10c per lb., dresse Sturgeon, 10c lb, dresse Perch, 25c a dozen.

WILL REPAIR STREET

Chairman of the Board of Works, oad condition of Head street where per repair where their tracks are. The result was the following letter:-Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway.

W. G. Merritt, City Clerk, Chatham, Dear Sir,-Re Head St., Chatham-With further reference to your favor of the 19th ultimo and my reply of the 9th, in connection with condition of Head St., we have had this matter thoroughly looked into and understand from our chief engineer that he

has given instructions to have Head street put in proper condition, as required by the by-law covering the matter when the Erie & Huron wished to use the said street by laying its tracks thereon, and we therefore trust that the road will, in a very short time, if not already done, be at tended to and put in proper condition to the satisfaction of the City Council. Yours truly,

WM. WOOLLATT, Gen. Mgr. Walkerville, Dec. 22, 1902.

A \$40 DOG

A dog fight and a dead dog gave His Honor Judge Woods yesterday: Messrs. Sterling and Johnson are two farmers who live down the river in Dover. Each owned a collie dog and each thought a great deal of his can-ine. The animals, however, didn't at all times exhibit the same love for ach other that their masters did for

One day the two dogs were crossing on the ferry and as it is against all rules of canine etiquette for two dogs to cross on the same ferry, naturally there was trouble and a heated argu-After a few preliminary growls by way of preparation, the two dogs clinched and both indulged in violent efforts to discuss each other's anatomy. In an effort to separate the dogs they were thrown into the river and so ended round No. 1. As soon as the dogs reached shore they engaged in a second round. Mr. Johnson objected to his dog being made into sausage before his eyes, so he endeaored to separate the animals. Mr Johnson is a man of action, so he parted the two dogs rapidly, using a club for the purpose. He used the club so forcibly that the dog belong-ing to Sterling lost its life. Mr. Ster-ling, as has been said, valued his dog very highly, so he sued Johnston to recover damages. The case was tried at the Division Court yesterday Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$40 and coats.

DIV. COURT CASES

list of cases were gon through by Judge Woods in the Division Court yesterday. There was

only one jury case.

Louis Sterling vs. James Johnston,
a claim of \$50, a verdict for \$40 for plaintiff was given.

The case of R. Martin & Son vs.

Ernest Brewer, for \$103.50 was en larged at the plaintiff's request. T. Kinny vs. D. D. Pindy, amount \$60.93, stands for service of P. D James P. Rutherford vs. F. G lones for \$53.25 stands for service of P. D.

Dillon vs. John Lee, James \$244.97, adjourned to Chambers for Geo. W. Cowan vs. Geo. Black, count, \$4.85, judgment for whole

John A. Peck vs. Joseph claim for \$60, judgment was granted for \$25 and contra claim dismissed. F. H. Brisco vs. W. J. Bedford, for \$31, enlarged by plaintiff's reques

to next court. Chatham Hedge Fence Co. Henry Cottingham, note dispute, \$18.42, stands for disposal in Chambers; question of jurisdiction waved and trial may be had here.

R. Martin & Son vs. Edward Anteuriet, adjorned to Chambers.

The National Fidelity Co. vs. Richard Residual prote dispute, \$17.75, en-

ard Haskell, note dispute, \$17.75, enlarged to next court. A. H. Patterson vs. Levi Bone and Frank Pone, note, \$178,22, stands for Joseph Green vs. Chas. Dunkley dispute, \$99, enlarged to next

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab-lets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's sig-

THE DISTRICT

BLENHEIM

On New Year's Night the Opera House will have a treat in the Parker Concert Co., which will be greeted with a packed house.

DRESDEN

We are to note that the tickets for course are selling fast, and that the house to-morrow night will be pack-

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 30 .- R. W. Contes, of London in town to-day. Miss Jennie Laurie has resigned her position in Detroit, and returned home

A. H. Dalziel, of Windsor, Agent for the Nordheimer Piano Co., is in town Mr. and Mrs. M. Buckle left this

morning for a visit with relatives in Springfield. The Baptist Sunday School held their annual Christmas entertainment last night. There was a good attendance and the program was much

enjoyed by those present.

There was a lively time at the nomination of municipal officers here here last night. J. Davidson and Ald. E. A. Mounteer, undertook to James Brown were nominated for draw the attention of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway to the very Syer, W. F. Mayhew, G. A. Fraser, G. A. Dixon, C. A. Watt, F. J. Mayhew, their spur is laid, leading to the Can-ada Flour Mills, and also that they had agreed to keep the street in pro-declined, which will necessitate a new

TILBURY

Dec. 31 .- Mrs. Chas. Powell is vis-

iting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. Louden, of Montpelier, Ohio, is the guest of Miss Effic Sloan. Nominations for council and school trustees were held in Anderson Hall on Monday evening and following are the names which were moved and seconded: For reeve-W. C. Crawford, elected by acclamation; for councillors-Dr. Sharp, John Edgecombe, E. Giroux, W. A. Johnson, Geo. Chalmers, Jos. Wilson, A. H. Roszell, Wm. Lumley; for school trustees-William Lumley, John Bartley, J. A. Wilson. H. Callwood, W. A. Shaw, H. Richard-son, F. E. Nelles, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Sharp.

Miss A. McGraw, who has spent the past season at millinery with Miss Stinson, returns to her home in

Married-At Merlin, on Wednesday, 31st inst., at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. Mr. Dobson, of this village, Mies Maggie Peate and Mr Glenson, of Tilbury East.

CYCLISTS ACTIVE

A commi tee meeting of the Cyclists was held in S. B. Arnold's office last evening, when sub-committees were appointed to interview the prosspective aldermen and obtain their views on the subject. The sub-commi tee appointed were N. H. Stevens, and Wilson Taylor, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Holmes and Geo. Heyward, W. Wells, Dr. W. H. Tye and S. B. Arnold. Matters of the rights of the wheelen were generally anf fully discuss

The meeting adjourned to meet tonight, when reports on progress would

Joseph Poone, Seven Years a Hopeless Invalid. Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills

Discharged From Hospital as Incurable, Given up by Doctors—He is Now Back at his Work Again.

Cottel's Cove, Nfld., Dec. 29 .- (Special).-Among the lobster fishermen here the wonderful cure of Joseph Boone, one of their number created a sensation. They look on

it as approaching the miraculous.

For eight years, Joseph Bonne was a hopeless invalid. For seven years he was unable to work. He was discharged from the hospital seven months treatment as incurable, Several doctors tried in vain to give him relief for those terrible pains and aches arising from Kidney Com-

The cure of a friend by Dodd's Kidney Pills tempted him to try He used three dozen boxes them. and to-day he is working at lobster fishing and doing as big a day's work as any of his mates.

This in brief is the story of Joseph people who never expected to see him

do a day's work again and he al-ways adds:—
"I am still using Dodd's Kidney Pills and I find a great benefit in every box I use. I can scarcely be-lieve it is myself is in it at all after seven years of such suffering from complicated complaint of the Back and Kidneys."

TO THE ELECTORS OF RALEIGH. Ladies and Gentlemen I am a candidate for the Council

for 1903, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If elected I promise to give the business the close attention it requires. Wishing you a happy New Year, I remain,

Your obedient servant, ient servant, W. H. IRWIN.

Minard's Liniment for Sale Every-

-Poisons accumulate in the syste when the kidneys are sluggish blotches and bad complexion result take Hood's Sarsaparilla,

TEAS.

The black tea that we sell at 40c is certainly a winner. We have ever so many customers that won't have anything else. It is entirely a blend of our own, and is composed of certain tain extent and draws like a 50c, black, and has that rich flavor, that only good tea should have. We can recommend this tea to you and will guarantee that it will satisfy 60 per guarantee that it will satisfy 60 per cent of good tea drinkers. We have yet to find one that is not pleased with our 40c Bend. Ask for it.

COFFEE.

for that article will show. Our 40c, is still in the lead, and as the coffee selves it will be impossible for you to obtain the same rick, f.ns flavor that our 40c has. Only a trial will

Geo. A. Young,

OUR GROCER, Phone 151.

TO THE ELECTORS OF DISTRICT NO. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have been requested to again offer myself as a candidate for commissioner in this district. If my past record in the Council has met with your approval I would solicit your vote and

influence. Iwill endeavor to serve and fight for the rights of our dis-Wishing all the compliments of the season. I am

Yours respectfully, ARTHUR STEWART.

TO THE ELECTORS OF RALEIGH AND DOVER.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for County Councillor in your division, and as it is impossible for me to call on every one, I take this means to reach you and ask you for your vote and influence. If elected will look after your interests to the best of my ability. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, I am,

Yours very truly.

Yours very truly, S. L. WELLWOOD. TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN-

SHIP OF DOVER

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the office of ouncillor for the Township of Dover for the year 1903. Therefore, I re spectfully ask your vote and influence on election day; and, if elected, will do my utmost to further the best inter ests of the township.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hoping you may see many of them, I remain, Yours truly, GEORGE KING.

TO THE ELECTORS OF DISTRICT NO. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have entered the contest for commissioner, and if my past service in municipal work has met with your approval I would solicit your vote and influence

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am, Yours truly, THOS. HAYS.

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