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March 16 .- W. Riley, of Mooretown, was in town yesterday.

Miss Rose Hinnegan is visiting in

days at home.

R. Hays, of Leamington, is in town

this week.

The Electric Light Co. are putting lights in the new Presbyterian Church this week.

A large number of votes were polled yesterday at the different wards, but owing to the bad weather some were unable to come out. The vote for the \$30,000 bonus was carried, as follows: For the bonus, 325; against, 7.

DRESDEN

March 16.—Rev. Norman Lindsay, B. A., Presbyterian, and Rev. Jos. Galloway,

Methodist, will exchange-pulpits next Sunday evening, March 17th.

The I O. O. F. degree team of Wallaceburg will visit their brothers here next Monday evening, March 18th, and assist them in conferring degrees. An invitation has also been sent to the Florence and Thamsesville lodges. Thamesville lodges.

B. Bridgewater, who has been confined

to the house for sometime through illness, is able to be around again.

M. Houston, police magistrate of Chatham, paid Dresden a visit yesterday.

Mayor Ribble and G. E. Weir returned

home yesterday.

NEW GROWTH

May Follow Colonial Tour of the

Luxurious Preparations for the Trip ful Gowns for the Duches -- A Political Reason for the

New York, March 15 .- A cable although the constructors still are trying to do something with the topheavy new yacht which cost sev-eral million dollars, but cannot leave

eral million dollars, but cannot leave the drydock.

The Ophir is fitted up luxuriously for the royal trip around the world and will be constantly accompanied by at least two British cruisers, while a whole fleet will escort it through the Mediterranean. The Duke nominally is going to open the new Parliament of Federated Australia, but everyone knows that the real object of the visit, like the Queen's visit to Iroland, is to cement the British colonies, which lately have been growing very independent, more closely to the erewn.

Australia is so independent that it is not permitting the slightest Imperial interference in arranging the federation, and there is serious fear that she might cut off all allegiance

that she might cut off all allegiance tog the British crown. The recent al, Lord Hopetoun, to force the se lection of his titled candidate as th lection of his titled candidate as the first Premier was so effectually vetoed by the Australians, who calm-ly put their own unanimous choice, plain Mr. Barton, in the Premier's plain Mr. Barton, in the Premier's chair, that a royal duke is being sent out, despite the recent death of the Queen, to bring the Australians beek into line

COMPANIONS OF THE DUKE. The Duchess hates ocean travel, The Duchess hates ocean travel, but is obliged to go along for reasons of state. All the children are left behind. As equerries and companions the Duke is taking Prince Alexander of Teck, the Duke of Roxburgh, Viscount Crichton, Sir Charles Cust, all unmarried, who will do the society caper to dazzle aspiring. Australian materies and

tures, and several colonial officers and diplomats.

The Duchess is attended by Lady Mary Lygon, Lady Katherine Coke, and Mrs. Derek Keppel. The Duke will arrive at Halifax September 15, after coming by way of Cape Town, the whole length of the Atlantic Ocean. His itinerary does not include a visit to the United States, but it will be altered if considered politically advisable.

GOWNS OF THE DUCHESS. will wear during her visit to the col-onies are very beautiful. The rich-est and handsomest materials have been used, and by the express wish of the Duchess, wherever possible, only British and India fabrics are employed in the dresses and trim-

is avoided by the use of the most varied materials. For wear at the ceremony of opening the Australian parliament an extremely handsome, dress is made of black brocaded gauze, made in princess shape, wih a long train and a border deeply jet ornament at the left side, and is finished with a yoke of net finely embroidered in jet. A high collar is worn. The transparent sleeves to the elbow, almost tight, fall a trifle

the elbow, almost tight, fall a trifle loosely over the closely fitting long undersleeves of fine embroidery.

A mantle to be worn on the same occasion is of black vervet bordered all round with Chantilly lace in a beautiful floral design, this being let into the lace, showing black lisse underneath. The mantle is circular in shape and fits well over the shoulin shape and fits well over the shoulders. It is bordered all round with a deep, gathered frill, appliqued with lace. The yoke and high collar are drawn into several gatherings, trimmed with lace. Long ends of chifton, relieved with white chiffon, are softly frilled from the neck. The

only garment on which any white is seen.

Of the evening dresses, of which six are most beautiful, one in moire mousseline is embroidered with flow-ter-shaped applications of Chantilly lace, finely worked with jet beads and bugles. The bodice is finished at the shoulders with folds of jet embroidered net, held in the centre with a jet ornament. A black velvet belt broidered net, held in the centre with a jet ornament. A black velvet belt, like all those worn by the Princess, is slightly pointed in the front.

HONORS FOR COLONIALS. A day gown, princess pattern,

Around the World- any Beauti-Vielt.

the Journal from London says: The Duke of Cornwall and York sails for Australia next Saturday on the steamship Ophir. No royal yacht dares to venture into the open sea,

aspiring Australian matrons and debutantes. The other older and more serious members of the suite include Sir Arthur Bigge, Lord Wenlock, Com-mander Faussette, Major Bor; Chev-alier Martino, who will paint pic-tures, and several colonial officers

The dresses the Duchess of Cornwall

Every gown is of black. Monotony woven in a design of flowers and laces. The bodice has soft folds across the front and fastens under a

lining is of white satin. This is the

cloth with strippings. bodice is laced on each side of the front and down the back over a full under bodice of crepe de chine. To wear with this there is a small cloth

oat with a short basque cut urves, with reveres and cuffs fine silk embroidery on peau de soie.
The garment fastens with salambo buttons. It is expected that the Duke of Cornwall will create a large crop of Australian and Canadian "Sirs during his coming tour, and a great number of ambitious persons are said to be awaiting his arrival. It is understood to be the desire of the Crown to bestow knighthoods Canada and Australia with mu greater liberality than in the past and to attach the more prominent men of all parties more closely to

the monarchy by endowing them with a dignity which would be worthles n a republic. Heretofore the policy, or rather th custom of Great Britain has been to foster democratic tendencies in the colonies by extending to them only a most limited share of the titular ranks which in England are the body-guard and mainstay of noyalty. Queen Victoria was very conservative on this subject, but King Edward is understood to take a broader

view, and it would not be surprising to see Canadian lords and dukes, as well as Canadian knights, form a new well as Canadian knights, form a new growth of nobility in the Western Hemisphere to offset the very decayed and effete condition of England's ar-istocracy at home. Such titles as Duke of Quebec, Earl of Montreal and Marquis of Tornlo are fully within the possibilities of the next few years.

AFTER EFFECT OF GRIP

he next few years.

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auch a thing as the grip.

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An illustrated book, which will be of much interest to all who are expecting to take advantage of the low rates to California this summer, at the time of the Epworth League Convention, to be held in San Francisco in July, has just been issued by the Chicago & North Western R'y. Much valuable information is given relating to the state, variable routes, etc. The rate vis this line will be only \$50.00 for the round trip from Chicago, wish corresponding rates from other points. Copy of this book may be had free upon application to Mr. W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

UNCLE TON

New York Telegraph Discovers Him in a Former Resident of Dresden.

A Sketch of is Enteresting Caree : no Life Fuli of Incident.

A writer in the New York Telegraph has the following to say of Josial Henson, who died in Dresden a few

This statement will, doubtless, be great blow to the multitudes who nightly see Milton Lackrage brutally murdered by Theodore Roberts at the Academy, but the fact is that Mrs. Stowe took historical liberties with Uncle Tom, as well as the blood

whose daughter read to him out o the bible. After he had earned \$500 to ward his freedom, he was taken to New Orleans by his master's son to be sold, but before reaching the block, Massa was taken down with yellow fever and the faithful slave nursed him back to health.

It was this breach of faith concern

of Dresden, Ont., upon his property.

At the age of fifty-five he learned to ead and write, and composed his own autobiography, which was published in Boston, with an introduction by Mrs. Stowe. When he was eighty-nine he went to England, and was entertained at Windsor Castle, by the late Queen

Victoria. It was the story of this simple God-fearing negro which helped lead inspiration to Mrs. Stowe for the nemarkable work

The writer was once introduced to the "original Uncle Tom" at a per-formance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," given in a western city. The good old colored brother had never seen the play before, and was strangely excited by it. Between acts he received a great ovation from the audience and made an eloquently pathetic little speech.

DARING ATTEMPT

Prison Almost got Away Last Night.

on guard at the state penitentiary, prevented the escape of 12 convict rom that institution

through an iron grating and big iron bars at the lower end, the twelve prisoners looked over the top edge of the front wall down to the road below, only to see four vigilant guardsmen patrolling ceaselessly along the front of the building. Though the criminals had rope ample to lower them to the ground they dared not risk a meeting with the militiamen, and cowed from the accomplishment of their purpose. the accomplishment of their purpose, they huddled down together in the great drain trough along the edge of the roof just behind the abutting wall and lay there shivering, some with-out shoes, and others only in their underclothing, till they were discov-ered by Deputy Warden Bowers in the dark dungeons below.

The cell from which the attempt was made is the only portion of the peni-

tentiary which was not destroyed in the fire two weeks ago. The men 285 in number, are herded there in a bunch at night and sleep on impro-vised wooden bunks.

McConnell's PARK STREET

Only a few words about dishes. McConnell, Park street, will sell for cash, Saturday, March 16th. (This is for one day only.)

Saturday, March 16th

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There have been as many claimants for recognition as the original "Uncle for recognition as the eriginal "Uncle Tom" as there are pieces of the true cross, but the best authenticated of them all was the Rev. Josiah Henson, who died peacefully in Canada twenty years ago at the ripe old age of ninety-four years, instead of being brutally smashed over the head with a bottle by a Red River slave owner.

Josiah Henson himself worked for an easy-going master named St, Clair

It was this breach of faith concerning the \$500 which subsequently prompted Josiah Henson to escape. He was tracked through the swamps by bloodhounds, but with his two children on his back and his wife by his side, he threw them off the scent and safety to the Canadian side, where he betting the state of the state o abolitionist lake captain conveyed him safely to the Canadian side, where he settled down as a farmer and waxed rich through the founding of the town HE WROTE HIS OWN LIFE'S STORY

which sold half a million copies in the North, within the first five years after publication.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16 .- Only the presence of the Nebraska militiamer

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Kent Children's Aid Society.

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Frank Knight and Alex. Tait, of Blenheim, are visitors in the Maple city to-day.

Miss Samson, professional nurse, Blenheim, is taking care of Mr. Pol-son's child, ill with pneumonia. Father Duprat's physician, Dr. Mc-Keough, reports that the aged priest of Pain Court is somewhat improved to-day. Starley McKeown Brown, the Mail & Empire war correspondent and W. J. Robson are spending Sunday in town at the Rankin House.

Gidiou Albert Jewell, son of Mrs. Hy. Jewell, Northwood, who is now in South Africa, proved himself one of the best marksmen by securing 19 points out of a possible 20 and 4 out of 5.

The Kent Law Association are in resision this afternoon in Harrison Hall to consider the candidates this society would support in the election for Benchers of the Upper Canada Law Society, which takes place in the early

part of next month . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vince enterts ined number of their friends to a pedro party evening. Miss Aggie Laris Prisoners in Nebraska's Ruined and Mr. John Barr won the two first prizes, and Mrs. John Barr and Mr. Ed. Pritchard the two inferior prizes. After supper they all enjoyed dancing till a late hour,

PASSED AWAY. The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Josephine Martin. of the 3rd concession, Harwich. The deceased was 45 years of age and leaves beside her husband ten children to mourn her loss. The cause of her death was pneumonia and heart trouble. The funeral will take place from her late residence to-morrow morning at 8 a. m. to St. Patrick's cemetery.

WILL EXHIBIT POULTRY. The poultry fanciers of this city' met in Wm. Robinson's office on Thursday night. President Geo. A Sayer of the association occupied the chair. Messrs. Sayer and Handcock were chosen to work with Messrs. McGeachy and Plumridge, of the Agricultural Society's poultry committee to make tural Society's poultry committee, to make this year's poultry exhibit at the fair better than ever. The secretary was instructed to write to outside fanciers and invite them to exhibit at Chatham this fall.

TECUMSEH CLUB RIFLE SHOOT

Some Splendid Scores Made by Local Marksmen in the Re-

cent Competition. Arnold's riflemen lined up for the initial match Thursday on Tecumseh Rifle Range. The condition of the weather was of the meanest kind for rifle practice. Only three of the men were able to guage the dull light and drifting wind. Two matches were fired.

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FATE OF BOERS

United States the First Power t Notice Britain's Annexation of the Republics.

New York, March 16. - A special from Washington says; The United States has given official, although indirect, recognition to Britain's annexation of the two republics with which it is at war in South Africa. This recognition is accorded in the state department's annual review of the commerce of the United States with foreign countries, issued to-day.

In this publication the republics, which have previously been known as the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, are referred to in every instance as "the Transvaal" and the "Orange River Colony," which are the names Britain's annexation States has given official, although in-

proclamation applied to them. A foot note says that the former republies have been annexed to Britain and are now only colonies.

The United States is the first power to recognize the annexation, all other powers having taken the stand that recognition of the annexation is not in order until they have formal notice of it, which Britain has not yet given.

given.

Boer sympathizers are considerably wrought up over the fact that the United States should be the first to accord recognition to the disputed annexation.

The Baptist College at Woodstock has been formally closed owing to the epidemic of scarlet fever that prevails

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