RIBBONS FOR TO-NIGHT AND MONDAY.

Ribbons just when you want them at unheard of low prices (20) pieces of them in width from 4 in. to 6½ in. in design, suitable for fancy work, ties, etc., regular value 25c. to 35c. a yard, on sale TO NIGHT and MONDAY, for a yard,

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Sale of Handkerchiefs Applique Pieces. To-night.

Fine embroidered Swiss Cambric Handkerchiefs. scolloped edges, regular value 20c. to 25c. each, slightly dam-aged with one or two unnotices ble ttle flaws in each handkerchief, on sale To-night and Monday, very special at each,

Ladies Ready-to-Wear Millinery at Falf-

Ladies' Felt and Camel's Hait ready-to-wear hats in every desirabl olor and in the most correct New York types, on sale To-night and Monday, at HALF-PRICE.

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Ladies' Ties.

Ladies' Silk Ties and Stock Collars nense variety and in every dainty 25c to \$1.50.

Open work, Tambour and Applique designs in D'Oylies, centre pieces, table covers, bureau scarfs, etc., in great variety of styles and prices. For a moderate priced gift these are very nice. Prices range from

15c. up to \$1.50.

Ready covered, ready for your own use, covered with colored lithograph tops, tapestry tops, Japanese tops, etc., and edged with cushion cords in the

\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25.

Rope Portieres.

oor and arch draperies, pretty color

\$8.50 and \$9.00.

THEARK

This is for your guidance. Just follow the crowd to "The Ark." On entering the store, to your right at

FIRST COUNTER is Purses, Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, Fancy Goods SECOND COUNTER, CUTLERY-Carving Sets, Steel Knives and

Porks. Plated Goods-Knives, Forks, Spoons, Etc. Games, Books, Stationery, Etc.

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In the Rear Room you will find the "Famous" Stoves and R nges nicely arranged. A few choice Stoves and Ranges to be rushed off quickly.

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} GRAND OPERA HOUSE Saturday Dec. 13

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Matinee, Commencing Monday, Dec. 15

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OPENING "THE DESERTER"

DEATH FROM ASPHYXIATION HOVERED OVER HOMESTEAD

Narrow Escape of Maple City Family Last Night-Two Ladies Collapsed Entirely—Gas Escaped From Coal Stove Burning in House,

Few experience such harrow escapes from death as did the North Chatham family who last night nearly succombed to asphyxiation.

The residents at the home of Amos Birch, St. Clair st.,-who included Mr. and Mrs. Birch, three children and a sister of Mrs. Birch-retired early. The three children slept upstairs but the adults occupied the lower rooms, ! in close proximity to the large coal awakening them, as they were in stove which was used for heating that

At an early hour this morning Mrs. mined to rise and secure a headache

As soon, however, as she rose she asphyxiation.

completely succombed and fell to the This awakened Mrs. Birch, who im ediately made an effort to rise with the same result, falling fainting to the

come to the rescue. Dizzily he made his way to the doors and threw them open, letting in the cold, clear air, He then went upstairs to the children experienced some difficulty condition of partial stupor. Dr. W. R. Hall was summone

after some difficulty the two ladies were brought to. The children to-Birch's sister was awakened by a were brought to. The children to very severe headache and oppressive day seem but little the worse for their dangerous experience, but both ladies are very seriously ill. The gas escaping from the coal stove evidently was the cause of their

FACING FAMINE

Scarcity of Coal Felt by the Railroads—Chatham's Supply is Being Bettered.

A terrific snow storm is reported o be raging all down east, as well as in this part of the country. London has good sleighing, St. Thomas

et ined somewhat by the storm, but ail oad men say that it isn't the eather which is making the train ervice so irregular, but the very or class of coal that is-being sup

is muning to The Planet, "to get p steam with the coal, or rather cum and rakings, supplied. Still it's It don't know what will be

Let situation is probably ittle esser. J. L. Scott got a car-oud the morning, while J. Gilbert

MINERS ARE SUBJECTED TO

litchell brows that Men Paid by Day Receive Higher Wages in Bitumacus Districts.

Scranton, a., Dec. 13 .- The greater part of yesteray's session of the Anthra te Coal Stre Commission was taken up in presenng testimony tending to re has been excessive docking; the many men were discriminated again because they went on strike rather ian do the work of strike rather an do the work of strikers; that hey are paid one price for mine cars all sizes; that they do not get paid r all the coal mined; that they she have the eight-hour day, because mines are unhealthy and dangerous, d that they ought to receive higher was called to the witness stand and esented comparative figures, which sed that men paid by the day receive m 40 to 50 per cent. higher wages in a bituminous regions than they do inhe anthracite fields. His figures of thuthracite fields were gathered by his a officers, and a hurgathered by his a officers, and a hurried comparison to the figures handed to the commission the Delaware & Hudson Co., he t, showed that his were generally his.

SOUND AS A DOLLAR

The pretty passenger steamer City of Chatham is being remodelled and enlarged. The work has already been begun and will be continued during the winter.

"The deck will be widened 31-2 fee all around the boat," said W.m. Ball, president of the Chatham Navigation "The boat has already been all opened up, and the timbers were found to be as sound and as dry as the day the boat was built. The excellent state of preservation of the boat surprised everyone and shows that the "City" has been well taken care of The deck will be widened and the boat made more commodious to accomm the steadily increasing traffic Eight ship carpenters are engaged on the work. Between three and four thousand dollars will be spent on

MAY BE BOMEARDED

CRUISERS THREATENING REER

FOREIGN RESIDENTS FLEE TO WARSHIPS.

ASKS THE UNITED STATES TO ARBITRATE.

London. Dec. 13.-A London Daily Mail despatch from Willemstad, Curacao, dated December 11th, says that the foreign residents of Puerto Cabello are taking refuge on board the German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Ariadne, which vessels are threatening to bombard the town.

Washington, Dec. 13.-A cablegram received at the State Department yesterday from Minister Bowen at Caracas states that the Venezuelan Government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleg-ed damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be

submitted to arbitration. In conformity with the understanding already reached with the representatives of the British and German Governments here, this proposition from President Castro will be duly laid before those Governments, the State Department acting merely as a channel of communication. Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposi-tion, as it is felt the alfair is progressed

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U TILISE TECUMSEH PARK?

City's Histor Military and Aletic

Groun

"There is no reasiwhy Chatham winter," said a speman to Planet this morning

"If we can get notier suitable place why not flood umseh Park. This would be a goodan to adopt and I have spoken many who agree with me in this am sure that enough subscripts could be raised in the city which only cover all of the expense dooding it. You could either paye firemen ***** for flooding it and keep it in good

Proposal to Flo the Maple order or else engage the man who has been looking after the Park all "I am sure if Colonel Rankin were

approached he would give his free consent to have the Park used as a rink. The curlers, too, could then have a good place for curling. The part south of the granolithic walk could be used by them and the rest could be utilized for skating and becker I are told the the the nouse in question stood on the west side of Joseph street next to the residence of Mrs. Maggs and belongs to James Brackin. It was clap-boarded, and when the boards were hockey. I am told, too, that the grass would not be injured but would be benefitted.

The Planet would suggest that a brief and pointed statement policy accompany the request for votes.

GOOD WORK OF

THE GLEANERS

A Hint To The Civic Candidates

Within the next two weeks it is anticipated that a number

The formal appeal for the suffrage of the electors is usually nade through the columns of the local press, and the "Election

Unfortunately these are usually very disappointing-nothing very

electors would appreciate more of your confidence, Mr. Candi-

important civic issues for the coming year. Let the people

Cards" are carefully studied these days by all thoughtful ratepayers.

date. And the chances are that they would give practical evidence

Let them know "where you're at." Give them a brief statemen

the policy you propose, the platform which you will adopt

satisfactory about them, if one excepts the usual dip

sents of the season, etc., etc.

of their appreciation in the ballot booths.

TO PRINCIPAL

Dr. McKeough for Courtesies

Extended During Term.

Signed on behalf of the Model stu-dents;

NETTIE LEAK.

.The students also passed a vote of

struction to them on the subject of

Votes of thanks were also passed

At the conclusion of the meeting

the students adjourned to the hall, where ping-pong, dancing and other

AN OLD LAND MARK

A land mark is being torn down

this city. The building has quite a claim to fame in that it is perhaps

the only log house left in the city,

and soon it will no longer enjoy hat distinction. There was a time when

log houses in Chatham were con-sidered swell and this building was

perhaps as fine as any of the as it was built of hewn logs.

were indulged in.

NETA BOUNSALL,

ROGER HUTCHISON.

Successful Missionary Effort Mr. Plewes the Recipient of a of Energetic Junior Band Handsome Gift From of Busy Workers. Model Students.

Vote of Thanks Also Accorded ery Pleasing Program Present ed Under the Direction of Young President.

The little children of "The Glean for the last, time in the Central school last evening and took advant-Methodist Church, gave a very pleasage of the occasion to present their ant and creditable concert to their teacher, J. W. Plewer, with a handsome travelling case and an appro-priately worded address. parents and friends in the Sunday priately worded addresse.

This gift was given as a token of their appreciation for the kindness and coursesy that Mr. Plewes has shown than during the term. by members of this band, was keenly enjoyed and very enthusiastically received. To consisted of music, recitations and drills, all of which were gratten no under the personal directions. Mr. Plewes was completely taken by surprise, but in a few well chosen words he thanked the students very heartily for their gift. The follow-ing is the address. gotten up under the personal direc-tion of Miss Grace Jones, the presi-dent of the Gleaners. Miss Jones has spent much time and energy in the

We, the members of the Model and she has every reason to feel gratclass of 1902, desire to take this op-portunity of thanking you for the indeed to be complimented, not only infailing kindness and sympathy that upon the success of her entertain you have shown us throughout the ment, but also upon the splendid work which the society is doing under her cated a personal interest in the as president of the Gleaners and the whole class, and this interest has not society was never in the prosperous as president of the Gleaners and the been restricted to words but has condition that it is to-day. It is surbeen expressed in every action. At prising the amount of missionary work these little children are doing in the sacrifice of your own time you have endeavored by every means in their own small way. They have your power to assist in the further-since Miss Jones has become presi ing of our advancement and making dent, undertaken to educate one lit our stry in the city pleasant.

We cll feel the privilege that we Mr. McKenzie, and bring her out as have had in being permitted to pre-page for our calling as teachers ing one little girl in the Northwest, under your able guidance and direc- and have been doing so for a number tion, and we are now able to begin of years. Besides all this, they keep our life-work benefitted by your ad-vice and instilled with some of pital and have a number of home your zeal and enthusiasm.

We cannot let the occasion of our missions which they look after. There are not many grown up church sociedeparture from you, pass by, with- ties in the city who can boast of do

out giving expression to our feelings ing more in the mission field in some tangible way. We ask you, therefore, to accept this gift as a token of our regard for you, hoping dear Mr. Plewes that you will have odist Church. Cobbledick presided over Rev. Mr. the concert last evening and opened with prayer. The following program every success in your work, and be-lieving that you will still more diswas rendered,tinguish yourself in the calling that you have undertaken,

Selection, 24th Rogt. Orchestra. Gleaners' Hymn, Lloyd Wanless. Recitation, Miss Bessie Burgess. Instrumental, Miss C. Fleming Kindergarten drill, by 12 little girls f the society. Club swinging, Misses Edna Hicklin and Edna Reddick.

Selection, orchestra Recitation, Miss M. McLean. Solo, Miss G. Potter. Recitation, Miss P. Graves. Duett, Miss Rose Swan and Benj. to the Model school committee and Mr. Heath, president of the Literary

Bromley Cornet solo, Guy Philp Recitation, Miss E. Hicklin. Instrumental, Miss E. Shepley. Selection, orchestra. Solo, Miss Grace Jones.

Searf drill by 20 little girls. Miss Jones' solo was "Happy Days. The orchestral accompanines: was especially arranged by E. T. Jones, of Saginaw. The arrangement was very clever and the effect was a most deightful one. The proceeds of the co cert will go towards assisting the work in hand by the society. The following are the officers he society,-President, Miss Grace Jones.

Vice-Pres. Mrs. H. Knott. 2nd Vice-Pres. Miss Meta Kirg. Secretary, Miss Dot Wing. Treasurer, Mrs. Jos. Hadley.

NASTY ACCIDENT

BIG MAPLE CITY FACTORY

Milner Carriage Works Visited by Flames This Smouldered all Night, but did not Break Gray Watchman Gave Alarm.

Robert Milner's carriage factory in the starm from Box had a very narrow escape from being totally burned this morning at 5.40. day for repairs in the blacksmith department, where a new engine is being out in. A fire was lit in the force to heat the room, and this fire was still smouldering when the men left

It is supposed that the fire, which was confined to the floor, caught up from this forge. Mr. Milner believes that it was smouldering all night but did not break out until this morning. The fire was first noticed by Gray's night watchman, who saw the reflection on the windows. He at once sent

pediately. The fire was

Had the fire been left much nothing could have assent the ing as a very strong win The firemen wor

well. When they got there the fl were blazing up quite in in another five spread to the walls and prove youd control. The men, howe ceeded in completely stamp in fire after then and we for alone an hour. Mr. expressed his

MUCH ENJOYED

Royal Course of Entertainments, being given in St. Joseph's Hall, Cross street, was held last evening. The entertainment was Rev. Father Her-

man's celebrated views. The hall was fairly well crowded with an audience which thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The first set was an illustrated song, "Dear College Chums," sung by Burney Welwho is the possessor of a rich voice. The pictures were very

The celebrated paintings of the Saviour by the famous artist Hoffman, were, with others of Christ, shown.
Miss Delia Tremblay sang "Come

Home to Dad," which was illustrat Many other very beautiful scene

JUDGES DISAGREE AS TO PER-

SEAT TO MR. CARSCALLEN.

LAWYERS SAY THE CASE WILL BE APPEALED,

Toronto, Dec. 13 .- By the judgof the election cour yesterday the petition against the re turn of T. G. Carscallen in Lennox is dismissed, and Mr. Carscallen retains his seat. The election Judges, Justices Osler and Maclennan, disagree as to the charge of personal bribery, Mr. Justice Maclennan holding that it was proved. Separate judgments were read. In egert yesterday Mr. Geo. Watson, K.C., represented the petitioner and Mr. Edmund Bristol the respondent. The case will undoubtedly be appealed. As to the cross-petition against M. S. Ma-dole, Mr. Bristol asked that it be allowed to stand over for the naming of a date on which it would be heard.

The particulars in the petition contained 52 charges, 22 were tried out and the rest were abandoned and dismissed. Of those actually tried seventeen were dismissed, and on five judgment was reserved. One charge, No. 22, was a personal one, that the respondent had bribed one Whisken, caretaker of the Bath Town

him to vote for him after a meeting

MOTHER ERRED

Judge Houston's Str of Advice to Parents of Mil behaving Children

One of the lads charged ing clothes-line wire fro Patterson's didn't appo l'atterson's didn't oppes police court yesterday when lads received a lecture Houston's private office. gave the boy a little talk the

The lad, who is only 13 reason he hadn't come the day seedn't come because he

Judge Houston read a ture to the boy's failber, "cannot be expected to think of steading if the mother said the Judge, "The pole, trying to deal mildly with because of their age, and or a register of the names on court blotter. Then the mea the best means to har name recorded at the pole The mother seemed to mone issued for her son. ous charge of theft houghn. allowing him to go to the have the charge disposed

CLASH AT MARSEILLES

FIRST COLLISION FRINES STRIKERS AND POLICE.

Butchers and Bakers Have Forced Strikers-Measures Taken to 1 vent Bread Famine.

sion between strikers and the persons on both sides, including missary of police, were injured. clash was an outcome of an acquire the part of strikers to destroy the in in front of a car loaded with coal, as was being sent to the port. Then teen arrests. The remainder of strikers were dispersed. Cordens troops now guard all approaches to port and disperse all assession as strong force of soldiers and pSAME. Travall, the headquarters of the sters. When a detachment a surroughed the Bourse will be approached the Bourse abres they were met by prevent a bread famine the

ENTERPRISING CHATHAMITES TO INVESTIGATE OIL FIELDS

Have Secured Lease and Will which is being shipped bereg Initiate Options at Once--Success Will Mean Refinery.

Dr. W. R. Hall and J. T. O'Keefe out in Raleigh yesterday and decided to bore for oil on Mr. Edwards' place, which the company has leased. Mr. Edwards' farm is on the 8th boarded, and when the boards were removed in the process of demoletion, the original log house was revealed. The primitive structure was erected some 80 years or more ago. The first owner got in debt and ran away. Then Mr. McFadden, of Fletcher, bought the house about 50 years ago at a sheriff's sale, He sold it some 10 years ago to Mr. Brackin and now, there having come a time of Darrell, has been postponed till the latter part of next week.

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The primitive structure was erected the work this morning.

The final game in the Peninsular League, which was to have been played here to-day between Windsor and Darrell, has been postponed till the latter part of next week.

The derricks are being of Mr. Edwards' farm now a expected that the drills

bakers in the 15th Army Co.

DEATH'S SUMMERS

Mrs. Louisa Davis, who poss fully away at the home of Bar