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News Carefully
Better yet—see the stock—you'll wonder
why you didn't see it sooner. Business of fabric
and perfection in the finished garments—
both from master hands.
Suits—\$15, \$18, \$20 AND \$22.
Our Spring Overcoatings are unexcelled.
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GARDEN HOUSE BLOCK

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BOOK STORE
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Arrived.
Good and Cheap.
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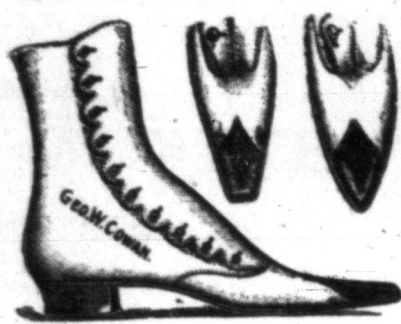
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Carpets, Curtains Window Shades

If we are anything we are house furnishers. We have made
immense strides this season towards perfecting our house
furnishings department.

Opaque window shades, mounted on spring rollers, with pull, complete. 25c
3 1/2 yards long, fine chenille curtains, dado top and bottom, heavy
fringe, per pair. \$3.00
3 1/2 yards long, satin finish derby curtains, reversible top, special at
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36 inch extra heavy union carpet. 40c
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Think of a Ladies' Button Boot

Made of fine Dongola Kid, hand turned soles,
flexible and easy, no squeaking, opera toe, made
by J. D. Kipg & Co., their regular \$3.00 boot on
sale for \$1.50 a pair.

Remember we have all sizes, this is no odd
end, but new goods just in. We got them at a
bargain on account of it being an order to the
factory from a dealer who failed about the time
the goods were ready to ship. While they last
we marked them \$1.50.

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..Saturday Specials..

Ladies' Shirt Waists
Corsets
Gloves
Hosiery
Veilings
Underwear
Ladies' White Wear

A. E. HAM & CO.

"STANDARD FASHION PATTERNS."
Millinery Show Room 2nd Floor.

Sit Down In the Poet's Corner

JIM BLUDSO.

He weren't no saint. Them engineers
is pretty much all alike.
One wife at Kitchener under the hill
An' another here at Pike.

He seen his duty, a dead sure thing
An' he went for it that at 'em.
An' Christ ain't goin' to be too hard
On a man that died for men.

—Col. John Hay.

The author of Pike County Ballads goes to England as representative of the United
States at the Court of St. James.
There will always be a difference of opinion both as to the literary ability and the
moral tendency of the few dialect poems which served to bring Col. Hay so conspicu-
ously before the public.

On, happily, his literary fame and moral character do not depend on his Ballads.
But these same Ballads were big advertising for him.
DO YOU CATCH THE POINT?
When this house makes bargain bids it has greater things back of 'em. It has
been a good while in the city. It has a name for keeping close to the fashions and
closer to cost prices. And whatever it advertises it has to sell.
YOU'VE BEEN PROMISING yourself for a few weeks a nobby spring hat and
a general outfitting. If you come here with your money, we'll honestly take care of it
and of you, too.

STONE, THE
HATTER

More
Than ever
Up-to-date.

White Shoe Store

TO BE TRIED BY JURY

The Alleged Crooks So Demand.

Evidence Against Them is
Very Strong.

THE POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS
—BOTH PRISONERS SHOW
THAT THEY ARE WELL
POSTED.

Judge Houston's instructions were
carried out at the police court this
morning, and a disappointed public
was excluded from the examination in
the McConnell robbery case. There
was an immense throng of curious citizens,
which thronged the doors
throughout the entire session, but the
court-room was clear and orderly.
The desperadoes, "Charles W.
Moore" and "Charles Brown," were
seated from the jail early this morn-
ing by Officers Darr and Dodson. They
appeared to be in the best of good
humor and greeted the Chief at the
station with a hearty "Good morning."
Their new demeanor and ap-
parent frankness would indicate that
they realize that the "game is up" as
far as legal exoneration is concerned,
and have but one hope to rely upon—
escape.
"We will proceed with the robbery
case," said Crown Attorney Douglas
in answer to the judge's query at the
opening of the proceedings.
Officer Darr put the men in the
prisoner's box and he removed the
cuffs. The charge was then read over
to them.

THEIR HOPE IS IN A JURY.
Both men briefly answered "not
guilty."
"By a jury trial, sir," emphatically
said the white man when asked to
elect.
"And me too," added his
colored confederate.
John McConnell, the complainant,
was the first witness called. He told
the story of the robbery as follows:
"About 10 o'clock on the night in
question a man entered the shop with
a handkerchief over his face, another
one following directly after. As the
first one advanced a few feet he brand-
ished two revolvers, one in each hand.
The revolvers appeared to be about the
same as those produced. The first man
then said:

"Keep quiet. If anyone moves I'll
blow their brains out, or shoot you to
the heart."
The man then covered me and ad-
vanced round the counter. I was not
looking at the second man at that time.
I was behind the counter at the time.
The first man approached me with the
two revolvers and said:
"Give me those bills out of your
pocket!" with an oath. I had \$24 in
bills in my pocket. I backed up. He
then repeated:
"Give me those bills. I mean busi-
ness. I'll blow your brains out."
I then threw the bills on the counter
and he picked them up and put them
in his pocket. Then saying down one
revolver he pulled the till open and
TOOK ALL THE MONEY.

It contained—He got about \$70 in bills
and silver. There would be about \$60
in bills and \$10 in silver. I saw the
second man then standing about three
or four feet from the door with two
revolvers covering the inmates of the
store. I didn't hear the man at the
door say anything.
"Of the money stolen one note was
a British North American bill for \$10,
and an American \$1 bill with torn
edges. I described those to the chief,
before the arrest of prisoners.
Mr. Douglas asked the witness if he
could identify the bills produced, and

STYLE

COMFORT
LOW PRICE

Together with long
Life, mark the
Points in favor of
Buying Peace's
Footwear.
A large stock
Now on hand to
Choose from.
Our goods are good.
Our prices are right.
A call solicited.

the prisoners held a whispered consul-
tation.

THEY'RE SHARP.

Prisoner Brown then rose. "May I
ask your worship if you allow the
counsel to make suggestions to the
witness?" Houston held that the point
was well taken, and cautioned Mr.
Douglas about "leading," as the pris-
oners had no counsel.
Mr. McConnell then proceeded: "As
far as I know the bills are the same as
produced. I got the \$10 bill from
George Quinn and the \$1 bill (described
from William Dolan). Both these bills
were in the till."

"The first man to come in wore a
blue handkerchief with white spots
over his face. The handkerchief pro-
duced answers the description. Both
men wore dark gloves. The man at the
door was masked with something dark.
They wore dark blue caps with peaks,
the same as those produced by the pris-
oners. The one who came behind the
counter had a sack coat."

"The white prisoner, Moore, was asked
to step out of the box and remove
his overcoat. He stood steadily in
front of the witness and gazed at him
firmly.
"May I ask the witness a question?"
he asked.
"When Mr. Douglas is through,"
said the judge.

From general description I should
say the white man is the one who held
me up and secured the money," con-
cluded Mr. McConnell. "There were
seven in the store, including myself."

CROSS-EXAMINED.

The colored man, Brown, rose.

"Are you under oath?" he asked Mr.
McConnell.

"Yes."

"Are you positive of these bills?"

"To the best of my knowledge."

"Do you know the numbers of these
bills?"

"No."

"Do you say positively that I was
in your store on the night?"

"To the best of my knowledge."

"That will do."

"I want to ask your worship a ques-
tion," said Brown. "Are all these wit-
nesses moved to remain in the room?"

"Not if you desire them excluded."

"It's a little late now, after they
have heard this man's evidence," the
judge remarked.

Moore had another whispered conver-
sation with his colleague, but did not
ask any questions.

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two men on the street outside McCon-
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"Well, you wouldn't like to swear
positively to the bill."

"Oh, no, I wouldn't."

"All right, sir. You're an honest
man," was Brown's comment.

Stephen C. Smith said bill produced
was like the one he paid Dooling, but
was not at all positive.

THE BOY'S STORY.

William Miller, a little colored lad of
11 years, was examined by the magis-
trate before he was sworn, but the
little fellow knew the nature of an
oath. He testified that on the night
in question he saw two men on the
corner of Prince and Park streets.

They came across the street to Mc-
Connell's after putting their masks on.
They went into McConnell's store. I
heard one say as they came across the
road:

"Hold up that nigger there first."

The taller man spoke. One had a blue
handkerchief with white spots and the
other black. They had on dark
clothes. Witness did not know their
color, but they each had two pistols.

They wore dark blue caps and gloves,
the latter being torn. I think the
prisoners are the same men.

"That boy's been well coached,"
was Brown's only comment on this
evidence.

TURNED THEIR BACKS.

Frank Heath stated that he was
passing McConnell's on the night in
question and saw two men, who turned
their backs to him.

Mr. Douglas asked prisoners to put
on caps and turn their backs to wit-
nesses.

Object to our being fixed up to
suit the crown's worship. Are we to
be compelled?" queried Brown.

"You have the right to refuse."

"We then refuse. If the crown at-
torney had acted more fairly in the
course of this case I would not object
to assist him by posing, but the coun-
sel has been too much of a witness
himself."

This sharp retort brought a broad
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"The first good meal I've had since
my arrest," said Moore to The Planet.

"It's a pleasure to eat again."

Both prisoners appeared much more
friendly than at any previous time.

"Oh, yes. My hand's ever so much
better thanks," said Brown in answer
to the reporter's query. "Still the
shot is still in there, and I don't sup-
pose anything more will be done. You
see they don't care what happens to
us."

"There is still nothing you would
like to say or make public?" the re-
porter asked.

Both answered in the negative.

"Oh, yes," added Brown with a smile.
"I wish you'd tell them that we're
not wild beasts. There's nothing
especially terrible about us. And
though it may be hard to convince
them, you might say that we haven't
committed all the worst crimes in
Canada and the United States during
the past ten years. That's all."

"Did you know Mahoney was getting
better?"

"That's good. There shouldn't have
been any shooting at all. I told them
we'd surrender before I got shot, but
they seemed bent on hanging away, so
I kept shooting out in the water out-
side the car to keep them off."

"How many shots were fired?"

"I'm sure I don't know. Didn't
count."

"Did Moore shoot as well as you?"

"I don't know that either. Look
here, friend, don't you think it would
be fairer to wait till I see my lawyer
and get my story when I tell it to the
court? We've got nothing else to say?"

The men continued chatting good-
humoredly on other topics, but refu-
sance to the cause of their incarceration
was avoided.

WILL DIE OF DROWNING

If it rains Next Fair time that will be the As-
sociation's Fate.

The Spring Fair to have been held
on Saturday afternoon was called off
and will not be again heard of until
next spring, and perhaps not then.

"Upon what will it depend?" Secre-
tary A. E. Ham was asked.

"Entirely upon the success or fail-
ure of our fair this year," was the
unhesitating reply. "Last fall we wa-
ded around in several inches of water
and did the best we could in view of
the fearfully wet weather, but our best
was not very good. Then the spring
fair is knocked in the head by the rain;
and if the same thing happens this fall
the directors will undoubtedly throw
up the sponge, and the West Kent Agri-
cultural Association will be allowed to
die of drowning."

A meeting of the directors has been
called for Wednesday afternoon at 2
o'clock in the old town hall.

Thursday excursions to Detroit, via
Grand Trunk Railway, at \$1 for the
round trip, will be resumed on Thurs-
day next, 5th May, tickets good to go
on any train Thursday and return any
train Thursday or Friday. Tickets can
be procured from W. E. Rispa, City
Office, 115 King street.

TO KEEP
YOUR LAWN
LOOK ITS BEST

The grass requires to be cut often. If
you want the MOWER which you can
use with pleasure and ease, get the
genuine Worthington High Wheel. The
price is lower this year. We sell the 14