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LOCAL BRIEFS

The county committee on the House of Refuge was in session today. Will Martin, an old Chatham boy, is visiting at the residence of Mr. Dennis, after an absence of ten years. A meeting of the ladies will be held in the Christ Church school room on Monday night to formally organize a Red Cross Society. A full attendance is particularly requested.

Conductor F. Marshall, of the L. E. & D. R. R., says the recent snow storm was the worst in years. At the Leamington grave pits his train, drawn by two engines, was hopelessly snow-bound in 20 feet of the drifted beautiful.

Miss Cathart, formerly milliner for Ferguson & Thibault, will open a millinery show room west of the Central Drug Store and opposite the new L. O. O. F. Temple, King St., and will be pleased to meet her old customers and many new ones.

Herbert Bennett has sold out his grocery business on the corner of Thames and Head streets to James Degge. Mr. Bennett will return to his old situation with Ex-Ald. Geo. S. Heyward.

Last night Court Hope, A. O. F., held their regular weekly meeting. The attendance was large and very successful initiation was held. It was decided to organize a subscription in the lodge to be forwarded to the Patriotic fund for use in South Africa. Next Friday evening the juvenile branch of the court will give the members, families and their friends a social evening consisting of a first class musical program and refreshments.

The weekly statement of the associated banks of New York for the past week as received by J. L. Atwater is as follows: Reserve, decrease, \$5,037,000; loans, increase, \$9,021,000; deposits, December, \$1,507,000; legal, December, \$707,400; deposits, increase, \$3,050,400; circulation, increase, \$902,800.

Fun makers of the first rank are always to be found in A. Q. Scammon's company of comedians. This season they present the famous comedy bit, "The Real Widow Brown." A widow, very much alive, endless misunderstandings on her account and the masquerading of a gay youth as the widow furnish a most laughable plot. It will be here on Tuesday evening March 7.

JOHN COUTTS MOBBED.

Reports from Thamesville indicate that the loyalists of that town put a fringe on their celebration of the relief of Ladysmith by ducking Barrister John Coutts and Bailiff Gregg, of the Division court, in the snow.

Mr. Coutts, it seems, was suspected of pro-Boer sympathies. He says the suspicion is quite unfounded but that made no difference to the mob. While celebrating the crowd met Mr. Coutts and promptly hoisted him into the nearest snow drift. No other violence was offered, and the matter might have ended there if the bailiff had not happened along. It is said he set the crowd going again by remarking it was a blank shame to treat a man that way.

"He's a Boer, too," shouted somebody.

That was all the crowd required, and into the snow went the unfortunate bailiff.

The make sure he would not get out too soon, it is alleged the mob proceeded to stamp him in. The bailiff was used much rougher than the lawyer, and is reported as laid up.

Mr. Coutts, it will be remembered, was and is, Mr. Ferguson's choice for the county court clerkship.



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WHERE IS MOSES?

His Case Was Called in the Police Court

But he Had Apparently Skipped His Bail Leaving \$500 in Cash in the Chief's Hands.

When Officer Tom Groves called for Moses O. Bennett at yesterday afternoon's special session of the city police court there was no response. Moses was not, but, five hundred good dollars, which belonged to Moses, were.

Panel readers will remember that on Wednesday last, the conjugal dew who goes by that euphonious but unpronounceable name, was tried before Judge Houston for obtaining some \$64 in money under false pretenses. Now Moses went into the witness box and after taking the oath in Jewish orthodox fashion, assured his worship that not only were there no false pretenses in the matter, but he did not even receive the money, and the whole matter "was von vile conspiracy against von poor, poor man."

This so riled the crown prosecutor that he preferred a charge of perjury against Moses and the trial was set for hearing yesterday afternoon.

Moses evidently had a horror of being herded with the un-Christian swine in durango vile and pleaded for permission to room at large until the trial, but the chief did not quite see it in that way. Moses persisted that he was a poor man and could not give bonds, nevertheless the hard-hearted officials of the law deemed that \$500 security was necessary.

Moses grudgingly bowed to the inevitable. He went down into the recesses of his apparel and produced \$500, from which he extracted ten \$50 bills and left them as his security. He then visited O. L. Lewis and ascertained that the statutory penalty for perjury was 14 years. Moses has not been seen since.

Judge Houston formally forfeited his recognition on his non-appearance and further reserved judgment in the false pretenses case. His honor remarked that it was the first time in 18 years' experience on the bench that a man had failed to make good a cash bail deposit.

A GREAT RUSH.

For the Paper That is to be Edited as "Jesus Would Edit It."

Topeka, Kansas, March 3.—Postmaster Guthrie has appealed to the Department at Washington to allow him an additional force to handle the Sheldon edition of the Daily Capitol, which is to be edited during the week of March 13 by Rev. C. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps." The force has already been augmented, but as hundreds of orders for the paper continue to be received the local post office bids fair to become completely swamped. Every State and Territory in the United States and most of the countries of the globe are represented on the mailing list, many single orders calling for thousands of copies. One of the leading dailies of London has called for permission to republish the edition day by day in England.

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WILL PUSH ON THE WAR

The Boers Ready to Sue for Peace but it Will be Useless.

London, March 3.—President Kruger is said to have left Pretoria with the intention of meeting President Steyn. The place where they will meet is not mentioned, but is believed to be somewhere in the Orange Free State.

Those in South Africa who are conversant with the effect the recent reverses have had on the Boers express the opinion that the meeting of the two presidents is preliminary to a suggestion of negotiations for peace. But if this is the case, it must be due to the pressure brought to bear on the presidents by the burghers and Afrikaners in the British colonies rather than in the personal inclination of the two leaders.

All available information depicts them as being as determined as ever to persist in the war until the resources of the republics are much more enfeebled than they seem to be at present.

The closest observers do not anticipate any sudden cessation of hostilities, and, certainly, the reports from the theatre of war do not tend to encourage the advocates of immediate peace.

The Boers are apparently rallying with their accustomed ability after a temporary reverse, and Britain has yet to test their force as a defensive power under the new conditions of warfare.

Telegraphing from Oosfontein, today, thanking the lord mayor of Liverpool for his congratulations in behalf of that city, Lord Roberts says: "I trust Her Majesty's soldiers in this country will gain such further freedom and prosperity of South Africa."

MORE FIGHTING LIKELY.
London, March 3.—Renewed fighting can be expected any day, as some 7,000 Boers have been located in the vicinity. It is not thought these burghers intend to offer serious resistance to the British advance but that they will seek to retard and hamper the march to Bloemfontein.

The main Boer army from Natal is said to be concentrating at Wynberg, 70 miles northeast of Bloemfontein. Here the ground is favorable to defensive tactics.

If the Boers make no determined stand south of this place they virtually abandon half of the Free State to the British and also allow the railway from Bloemfontein to Port Elizabeth to fall into the hands of Lord Roberts, giving him another valuable line of communication. They will also leave the scattered forces at Stormberg and Labuschague's neck isolated.

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For these reasons it scarcely seems probable that they will abandon the Bloemfontein railway south without an effort. The Boers at Oosfontein have already crossed the Orange river, moving north to assist in the attempt to oppose Lord Roberts.

WHAT'S UP?
There is much grave surmise in the clubs and military circles as to the reasons which are responsible for Chamberlain's asking the Australian and Canadian premiers as to what number of colonial troops are procurable for policing South Africa in case the imperial troops are required elsewhere. There is a very uneasy feeling prevailing and many alarming rumors are afloat.

MAFEEKING SIEGE RAISED.
A Boer report is published from Brussels that the siege of Mafeking has been raised. The news is unconfirmed, but is probably true. A. A. Sterkboom despatch dated yesterday, says: "Gen. Gatacre made a reconnaissance in force toward Stormberg today. The Boers opposed him with two guns and the British artillery pitched some shells into the Boer laager."

Public interest in the war is already declining since the end is considered a foregone conclusion, tedious as may be the process by which it will be reached. The relief of two garrisons and the complete collapse of the dutch plan of campaign leave Gen. Roberts at liberty to concentrate his forces with the transport, as his chief difficulty to be overcome.

TO GARRISON HALIFAX.
Ottawa, March 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday informed parliament that Canada's offer to garrison Halifax and relieve the regular troops there had been accepted by the Imperial authorities.

Lord Strathcona cables for photographs of individual members of the Canadian contingents, for use in the London illustrated papers.

TILBURY.
March 3.—Dr. Holmes, of Chatham, was in town yesterday on professional business. The carnival last evening was a great success. As neither Glenora nor Chatham hockey clubs could come, a match was played between the local clubs here.

The first prize for ladies' costume was won by Mrs. Crawford, as "Daughter of the Regiment."

The young girls' first prize was won by Ellen Caldwell, as "Flower girl." Roy Struthers won gentlemen's first prize, as "Blind man."

Darrel Moffat as an Indian took boys' first prize.

A number of exciting races took place and the results were as follows: First race, boys over 16—Bruce Richardson.

Second race, boys under 16—Tom Mero.

Third race, barrels—Robbie Sloan. Fourth race, small boys—Charlie Stevenson.

Fifth race, couples—Sam Stewart and Annie Smith.

Sixth race, free to all—H. Sloan. Music was furnished by a Chatham orchestra.

George and Gordon Richardson, of Essex High school, are spending Saturday and Sunday at their home here. Sleigh loads from Merlin, Valette, Rossie and number attended the carnival here last night.

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Black Serges—A full range of black serges, in all the newest and best makes, our own importation, good weight and all-wool, bright finish, the width 42 to 54 in., our special low prices at per yard 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.

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