

G. W. Cornell

Dentist
 609, 6th and King Street,
 Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
 Dec. 15.—10 a. m.—Fair and decid-
 edly cold, some snow flurries; Saturday
 fine and colder.

LOCAL BRIEFS

G. E. Young.—To-morrow will have
 another shipment of fresh and salt
 water salmon, shrimp and oysters and
 clams in the shell.

You will have a lovely "time" if you
 are fortunate enough to get one of those
 pretty gold American watches whose
 faces smile at admiring audiences in
 front of Von Gunten Bros.' window.

Wood for sale.—Blonde Bros. & Co.
 have for sale a large quantity of hard
 and soft wood.

Don't purchase till you have exam-
 ined our stock. It is immense. F. O.
 Dunne & Co., Watchmakers and Jew-
 elers.

James McMahon, an old pensioner
 and an employee of the city for many
 years, who was mentioned yesterday
 as seriously ill, is expected to survive
 only a few days. He holds three med-
 als for service in the British army.

50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50,
 at the 2 1/2 for the New Method Suits
 and overcoats.

A dumb-bell and the wise belle. In-
 expensive and pretty these dumb-bell
 links with various beaded or faceted
 every colour. If you want to discharge
 your obligations for this flowers and
 drives and theatre tickets, now is your
 opportunity by calling on Von Gunten
 Bros.

WHO KNOWS THEM?

Theodore Bourassa, of the Montana
 House, yesterday received a telegram
 asking him to notify the friends of
 Mrs. Edwards, formerly Miss Powell,
 that she was dead. Mr. Bourassa only
 knows one family by the name of
 Powell, and they don't seem to be the
 right ones. He is at a loss therefore,
 who to deliver the message to.

HOLIDAY FURNISHINGS.

Our store is fairly resplendent with
 gorgeous colorings and richest fabrics.
 Every favorite of fashion is here and
 quality reigns supreme. The extent
 and elegance of our neckwear selections
 are things to be wondered at. Regal,
 Imperial, puffs, tecks, bows and
 strings, 25c to 75c. See window, The
 27's.

TO RENT—Good comfortable dwelling with large
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 THASHER & ARNOLD



Candy for Christmas

Should be above the ordinary
 our rich and pure confec-
 tionery is all-appealing and
 that you will make a big
 mistake if you do not come
 and let us show you what nice candy we can sell
 you. A one lb. box of Creams for 25c, 1 lb. boxes
 50c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages,
 especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in
 and see them.

W. S. RICHARDS
 KENT BAKERY

E. A. Hogan, son of P. Hogan, Ba-
 leigh, who has been residing in Wel-
 lington, Washington Territory, arriv-
 ed in the city to-day, and will remain
 for some time.

Wanted at once a man to operate
 planer, matcher and sticker, one who
 is capable of looking after a general re-
 tail lumber yard. Steady employment
 for the right party. Apply to H. L.
 Merritt, Blenheim, Ont.

SHOWED HIS APPRECIATION.

Last evening Sylvester White, of
 Charing Cross, gave a house warming
 in his new residence to the builders at
 Blonde Bros. and their wives. Messrs.
 Blonde Bros. drove out from this city.
 They were accompanied by Frank
 Phelps, of this city, who presided at
 the piano during the evening. Messrs.
 Blonde Bros. put up Mr. White's
 house and he is well pleased with it.
 It is one of the most modern in the
 city with every convenience.

EMPIRE AT STAKE

The London Papers all Urge the
 Government to Hasten

And Pour an Overwhelming Force
 into South Africa—What
 They Say.

London, Dec. 15.—The newspapers of
 all shades of politics face the situation
 courageously and demand the imme-
 diate despatch of reinforcements.
 Thus the Radical Star says:—The
 stake the gambler Chamberlain has
 thrown on the table is not merely
 South Africa, but the Empire. It is
 too late to regret the game. We have
 no choice but to play it, even if it in-
 volves sending abroad the militia. Our
 armies in South Africa must be amply
 reinforced.

The Globe says:—The country is
 prepared for any sacrifice. In the
 famous words of Gen. Sheridan, "All
 must now go in."

The St. James Gazette says:—When
 we have retrieved our defeats and
 have restored the supremacy of our
 flag, we can criticize and investigate.
 To-day we must act. Continuing, the
 paper urges the government to take
 the White Star steamships, from the
 Atlantic down, and send another army
 corps to South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette, Liberal
 newspaper, which had actively op-
 posed the war, says:—We are bound
 to carry the campaign to a successful
 issue, and adds, the reckoning with
 the government will come later.

FOUR BUCHANANS FELL AT ONCE.

Word has been received from South
 Africa that Robert Buchanan, for-
 merly of Toronto, was found dead on
 the battlefield of Elandsdlaagte near
 the body of his uncle, Capt. Buchanan,
 of the Gordon Highlanders, and the
 captain's two sons. All four Buchan-
 ans were killed in the one engagement
 almost simultaneously.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Do not leave off buying
 your FRUITS until the
 last few days. If you can-
 not come yourself, send in
 your Xmas receipts, we
 will give them special at-
 tention.

Quality the BEST.
 PRICES reasonable.

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CHRISTMAS = IMPORTATIONS

ALL SPECIALLY SUGGESTIVE FOR GIFT GIVING

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W. J. KENNY,

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CHATHAM, ONT.

THE ASSURANCE OF PERFECT FIT

Means more to some men than quality of material.
 They will sacrifice durability to style.
 But why not have both?
 The fabrics we are showing are made from the
 best wool by the best mills and finished in a superior
 manner at prices consistent with first class workmanship.
 The patterns are new, attractive and refined.
 We guarantee that the fit will be absolutely correct.

MORLEY & CO.

The Leading Tailors

NO ADVANCE YET MADE

General Buller Still Facing the Boers
Near Colenso--Latest War News.

Frere Camp, December 13.—The expected artillery duel between the Brit-
 ish and Boer forces did not come off to-day. The British bombarded posi-
 tions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

COULD NOT DRAW THEM.

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 12.—It is always the unexpected that happens.
 The Boers have not fired a shot to-day, but have kept a dead silence along
 their strong lines on the hills north of the Tugely River, including Grobler's
 Kloof.

We could see bodies of mounted men riding about and wagons trekking
 over the hills to their camps. Yet the Boers must and clearly did see our
 forces.

An attempt was made to draw them by sending men close to the river, but
 it failed. Evidently the enemy desired to mask their battery until our infan-
 try begins to move. Firing still continues from Bulwana against Lady-
 smith.

A SHARP SKIRMISH.

London, Dec. 15.—The War Office
 has received the following from the
 officer commanding at Orange River,
 Thursday, Dec. 14:

"Yesterday part of the mounted in-
 fantry, under Capt. Bradshaw, and the
 Yorkshires and Lancashires guides,
 under Lieut. McFarlane, patrolled in
 the direction of Ramah and Zoutpans
 Drift, about 10 miles east of the Orange
 River, to reconnoiter and report the
 strength of the enemy reported hold-
 ing the drift. The mounted infantry

found a strong detachment of the en-
 emy at the drift and a sharp engage-
 ment ensued. The enemy ultimately
 retreated to Goemansberg. Captain
 Bradshaw and three men were killed;
 Lieut. Gregson, of the East Kents, and
 seven men were wounded. The Boers
 had five killed and seven wounded."

Zoutpans Drift is below Belmont,
 where the Canadian contingent is be-
 lieved to be stationed, guarding Gen.
 Methuen's line of communication with
 Cape Town, which has been menaced
 for some days by raiding parties.

HOW THAT WOULD

London, Friday, Dec. 15.—Great ex-
 citement was caused all over England
 yesterday morning by the announce-
 ment that General Buller and General
 Clery had entered Ladysmith and in
 addition had captured 10,000 Boers. A
 despatch was rumored to have been
 received by a military officer in Lon-
 don from Pietermaritzburg, stating
 that General Clery had succeeded in
 getting to the north of Ladysmith
 with the above result. The effect was
 instant on the London Stock Ex-
 change. Rand mines suddenly jumping
 up 11. Enquiry at the war office, how-
 ever, resulted in disappointment.

THE BOER SIDE OF IT.

Pretoria, Dec. 15.—The following
 official announcement has been made:
 "Gen. Cronje reports that yesterday
 there was desultory fighting till six,
 when heavy cannon fire was resumed.
 The Scandinavian element a difficult
 position, but it became untenable and
 they suffered severely. I was unable to
 send help. The British were in over-
 whelming force, but must have had at
 least 2,000 men put out of action, either

in killed or wounded."
 Another official report from Capt.
 Finhart says:—

"There were no signs of surrender,
 the burghers fighting with conspicuous
 bravery and maintaining their posi-
 tions under heavy British fire. Our
 cannons were of very little use."

Although undated, this dispatch
 doubtless refers to Monday's fight at
 Magersfontein.

CAPTURED A FARM HOUSE.

New York, Dec. 15.—A despatch to
 the Herald from Arundel, Cape Colony,
 says: With two expeditions—one to
 seize Vaalkop and the other to punish
 Lieut. Colli's assassins—matters
 have been pretty brisk for General
 French's column.

The latter force, which was under
 the command of Major Spot, of the
 Sixth Dragoon Guards, and the Car-
 biniers, composed of the Inniskillen
 Dragoons, Carbiniers, and a section of
 the Royal Horse artillery, with

mounted infantry as escort. They
 were ordered to shell a farm house
 five miles East of the Boer position,
 which was occupied by sharpshooters,
 who had frequently fired on patrols.
 Nothing like to bring on a general
 engagement, however, was to be
 risked.

The force proceeded within two
 miles of the farm. The artillery went
 forward and shelled the building. After
 shelling for some time, Carbiniers
 surrounded the house and found the

It's going to
 be a great
 Christmas

(No
 Pessimist
 Here)

We have got the goods and make the prices
 that fill the stockings And do it reasonably
 too

Don't cry "can't afford it," but come to Sulman's Beehive and
 see for yourself how easily and economically you can get nice
 presents for your relatives and friends

We have got a full stock of things everybody wants and at
 prices that are bound to please intending purchasers

Rattles for the Little Babies,

Dolls for the Little Ladies,

Sleighs for Little Boys,

And all Kinds of Little Toys

We have presents for old and young, costing from
 a mere trifle to as high a price as you wish to go.
 Come and see us, it will do you good.

Sulman's
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200 Toy Books

At half-price

Just in time for holiday buyers we
 secured a lot of Picture Books, which
 we can let you have at half price.
 They're on sale now:

200 Children's Picture Books, board
 covers, beautifully illustrated, size 8x10
 inches, averaging 125 pages in each,
 eight titles to choose from
 —the books usually sell at
 50c each—our price while
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And innumerable other things.
 We'll be glad to have you
 inspect our stock.

Dingman's
 King Street,
 Chatham.

body of Sergt. Freeman inside. They
 were about to make prisoners of nine
 Boers there, when from the Boer main
 position a "Long Tom" opened fire,
 necessitating retirement. The troops
 withdrew steadily under a heavy
 shell fire, the Carbiniers sticking
 closely to the guns.

The Vaalkop expedition found the
 Boer position had been evacuated and
 the camp destroyed by the shelling.

HOW IT AROUSE.

New York, Dec. 15.—It is said now
 that the reported capture of 10,000
 Boers near Ladysmith, was gotten up
 by a clique which was endeavoring to
 stop a slump in South African shares.

THE SESSIONS.

At yesterday afternoon's sitting of
 the sessions, Arthur Kemp was on
 trial on the charge of recklessly set-
 ting fire, by which the property of
 Edwin C. Lewis was alleged to have
 been damaged. The accused was de-
 fended by J. B. Rankin, Q. C. After
 hearing the evidence for the crown
 and cross-examination, the jury re-
 turned a verdict of not guilty, with-
 out retiring.

In this case George Kemp was al-
 leged to have recklessly set fire to
 brush on his property in Tilbury East,
 by reason of which bolts and logs be-
 longing to Edwin C. Lewis were de-
 stroyed. Lewis said he warned prisoner
 of the danger of setting the fire as the
 wind was blowing a "terrific gale."
 Kemp denied nearly all of Lewis's
 statements.

This morning the crown applied for
 a forfeiture of bail and the issuing of
 bench warrants for John Alexander
 and John Adair on charges of assault.
 They were granted.

The trial of Arch. Patterson, for
 perjury is now on. Elen James is
 again the chief crown witness.

MR. HOLMES' PLATFORM.

"Yes," said Ex-Trustee John
 Holmes, "I am again a candidate for
 school trustees. You see, like Dr. Mc-
 Keough, I don't believe in that three
 million dollar increase in the teachers
 salaries at the Central school. Such a
 large advance at this time I think is a
 reckless waste of public money. You
 know I prided myself on the money I
 have already saved the city by cutting
 down teachers' salaries and I am go-
 ing to do it again. I think I am the
 man for the work and you watch me
 go in and win."

THE GIRL AND THE PIMPLE.

Newspapers contained last year the
 account of a girl who committed sui-
 cide, because she had a pimple on her
 face. Merrill's System, based on its
 blood purifying and blood strength-
 ening qualities cures not only Pimples
 but blotches of all kinds, also Scrofula,
 Eczema and Salt Rheum. Three
 weeks' treatment 50c. Sold at Central
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A Special Opportunity

Big Sacrifice Sale Of Jackets

We have decided to clear the balance of our stock
 of Ladies' Cloth Jackets irrespective of cost. We have
 a good assortment of all prices from FIVE DOLLARS
 to \$12.50, this seasons tailor made up-to-date goods. Our
 policy is not to carry one Jacket over and in order that
 all may be cleared before Xmas we are going to offer
 them at the hitherto unheard of reduction of 33 1/3 per
 cent. off the price of Jackets. This means in every case
 selling below the original cost. The opportunity rarely
 occurs—better take advantage of it.

The Sale Commences
Saturday Morning Dec. 16th

All our regular \$5.00 Jackets will be sold for..... \$3.34
 All our regular \$6.50 Jackets selling for..... \$4.33
 All our regular \$7.50 Jackets selling for..... \$5.00
 All our regular \$8.75 Jackets selling for..... \$5.83
 All our regular \$10.00 Jackets selling for..... \$6.67
 All our regular \$12.75 Jackets selling for..... \$8.50

We Believe this to be the Greatest Jacket Bargain ever
 offered in Chatham

A Clearance in Millinery

Any trimmed Hat in our show room Half Price. All lines of Wings, Birds,
 Etc., at clearing prices.

Suggestions for Xmas Gifts

A big stock of Tapestry and Chenille Table Covers are here to select from,
 something good and serviceable and always required in the home. Prices range
 from 50c upwards, some choice lines being shown at \$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.

Curtains

Handsome patterns in Lace, Chenille and Tapestry Curtains, prices from \$1
 per pair to \$10. You will find our stock attractive and complete.

Notions

None so early to plan and select your gifts. We make a few suggestions that
 may help you. Come and see our varied stock of suitable and serviceable gifts.

Furs

Nothing more appropriate for the Christmas season than a fur ruff, collarette
 or gauntlets. We handle only reliable goods that we can guarantee and show a
 complete stock of all lines for ladies and children.

Fur Sets for children, black and white and gray, with mercerized lining, in
 light colors, at..... \$1.25 and \$1.50.
 1 only, Child's Gristle Set..... \$2.50
 Fur Ruffs, from 50c to..... \$3.80
 Fur Collars and Capelines, from \$2.30 to..... \$13.00
 Children's Astrachan Gauntlets, gray or black..... 50c per pair
 Ladies' Astrachan Gauntlets, gray or black..... 75c and 98c per pair

Christmas Novelties

Fancy Stick Pins fleur-de-lis, horse shoe, crescent and other popular designs,
 with brilliant settings, at..... 35c and 50c
 Enamelled Collar Clasp and Belt Buckles, new patterns, at..... 35c and 50c
 Steel and Gilt Belt Clasp at..... 40c
 Pearl Paper Knives with gilt or aluminum handles..... 35c
 One of our Fancy Work Boxes would be a very useful gift, we have them in
 assorted shapes and sizes, with colored satin lining and trimming, 25c and 50c
 Assorted Colors in frilled elastic garters with clasp and satin bow..... 25c pair
 Tops for shopping bags, round or oval with assorted settings..... 35c each
 Enamelled Brooches and Watch Pendants, at..... 50c, 65c, 75c
 Sterling Silver Thimbles, very pretty designs, assorted sizes..... 50c, 65c, 75c

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