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Dentist

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Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Stone & Co. are offering great inducements in hats this evening. (Wm. Plummer, of London, is in the city on a visit.

Mrs. Hannah L. Johnson, Brock St., passed away yesterday in her 30th year.

John Fisher, of Harwich, fell through a culvert on his farm this week and broke several ribs.

Neff Bros. have opened a shop in Crow's old stand, Emma St., for the repair of all kinds of woodwork, wagons, etc.

Tonight take your choice of any Stiff or Soft Hat in Stone's Hat Store for \$2. No reserve. This includes all the best \$2.75, \$3 and \$3.50 hats.

Mrs. Edwin Jones, Raleigh, who recently had the misfortune to dislocate her knee, had the injured limb put in a plaster cast yesterday and she is able to be up today.

Furnished House to Let, on easy terms, or part of the house with convenience for housekeeping. Nice location. Address Box 249, Chatham, or enquire at Planet Office.

Miss Maggie Regan, of Bothwell, spent the day in the city and returned home this evening, accompanied by her mother, who has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, but has recovered.

On Thursday, while engaged at his work as a tinsmith in Ridgeway, Tom Kime severely sprained his knee and he was brought home. Mr. Kime has been suffering for some months from an abscess in the knee joint, and it left the leg in a weak condition.

John Plummer makes the sensible suggestion that Canada should coin her own nickels. Silver five cent pieces are too small to be handy and there is no reason why we should depend on the United States for nickels. The metal is produced in this country more abundantly than anywhere else in the world, and if we were to use it for coinage purposes the nickel mining industry would be largely encouraged.

LICENSE REFUSED.
The license commissioners met last evening. There were present Chairman James Holmes, Thos. Brady and Inspector Macneil. It was decided not to grant the petition of Mrs. Emily A. Bedford for a license for the Hotel Aberdeen. The commissioners refuse to give any reason for this action.

NOT HIS FOOT CRUSHED.
Jacob Kovinski, a Hebrew residing just beyond the G. T. R. track on William St., met with a bad accident last evening at 6.30. He is a junk dealer and was loading a freight car with iron. G. T. R. employees were unloading rails near by and one of them fell on Kovinski's foot, badly crushing it. The injured man was removed to his home, which lies adjacent to the scene of the accident, and Dr. McKough summoned. The doctor has every hope of saving the foot.

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IN GOLD, SILVER AND SILVER ENAMELED—THE BEST SELECTION IN THE CITY.
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Don't Forget Our
Optical Department
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SWELL ENGLISH SUITINGS

JUST NOW YOU CAN PICK FROM AN ASSEMBLY OF THE NICEST SUITINGS IT HAS EVER BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE TO SHOW, AND DO IT, TOO, WITHOUT GOING BEYOND A MODERATE FIGURE. FOR OUR GOODS WERE BOUGHT FOR SPOT CASH and BEHOLD the ADVANCE IN PRICE.

ALBERT SHEDDRICK
BERCHANT TAILOR & IMPORTER

NOW IT IS AUGUST

General Election May be Rushed on as soon as Possible.

Premier Laurier Said to Have Come to the Conclusion That Things Are Getting Worse Instead of Better.

Ottawa, May 12.—It looks as if the Government had abandoned its intention of having another session of this Parliament. Representations from enterprising supporters favoring a sixth session and the passage of a Redistributing Bill do not seem to have fallen on fertile ground.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues have scanned the political field, and it is not reassuring. They have come to the conclusion that delay is their enemy, not their friend, and that an early appeal to the country holds forth the greatest hope of success. By exceptionally high authorities it is stated that there will be no reassembling of Parliament till the people have declared their verdict at the polls. The Government is seriously considering the advisability of holding the elections in August next. This session will be brought to a close between June 23 and July 1st, and with a month and a half after prorogation the electors of Canada will, in all probability, be summoned to the polls.

NEW REGULATIONS
Proposed by the Property Committee for the Fire Department.

Rates of Pay Also Fixed—Miscellaneous Business Transacted by the Committee.

The civic property committee met last evening. There were present, Chairman Dr. Fleming and Ald. Liddy.

The following accounts were investigated and will be recommended for payment: John A. Morton \$7.49, C. P. R. 25 cents, Bell Telephone Co. 30 cents, A. J. Bedford \$2.75.

The appointment of Chas. Ryall as call fireman will be recommended for acceptance.

It was decided to report to the council the request of the permanent firemen for new suits and suggest that tenders be called for.

The property committee will recommend that \$50 pound rent due Mrs. Henry Smyth be paid to C. B. Atkinson.

NEW REGULATIONS.
In reference to the new regulations for the fire department, the preparation of which was referred to this committee, it was decided to report to the council the following for their consideration: The chief should be provided with a book in which to enter the names of all the firemen.

There should be columns in the book devoted to the following: Place of fire, hour of fire, duration of fire, source of alarm—telephone, box, tower or still, absentees and their excuses.

It should be the duty of the chief to keep this book and enter it up at the first opportunity after a fire.

Within 48 hours after every fire, all absentees should report at the fire hall and give their excuses for not attending. This should be written in the book by the chief in the presence of the firemen. If any absentee didn't present himself within 48 hours, it would be considered that he had no excuse to offer and would be so entered in the register.

If any fireman should miss three consecutive fires, a pane in the register should be filled out pending an investigation by the council.

Any fireman not attending sufficient fires to show that he is doing his duty, shall be suspended by the chief and dismissed by the council.

RATES OF PAY.
The following schedule of prices for firemen was also embodied in the report:

For Firemen—\$400 for first year, \$440 for second year, and \$480 for the third and succeeding years.

Foreman—\$500 per annum, provided he has served three years in the department.

Chief—\$550 per annum.
Call men—\$75 per annum and sleep at home, or \$100 per annum and sleep at the hall.

AN EGGS-TRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF AUTOGRAPHS.
An autograph case of eggs reached the McNaughton-Walker Company here yesterday from Dresden. Each egg had a girl's name, and judging from them, the Dresden girls all have pretty names. Three of the names are quite undecipherable, here are the others: Estella Steeper, Jessie Tiffin, Bessie Wells, Ethel Badder, Laura Nelson, Georgie Blackburn, May Burnie, Lydia Nelson, Minnie Jeff, Charlotte Wicks, Daisy McDonald, Ethel Huff, Ida Heyward, Mabel Steeper, Violet Cuthbert, Elsie Dröder, Annie Herriman, Irene Terrie, Annie Sherburne, May Hazlett, Edna Huff, Nina Sharpe, Eva Alkin, Annie Chester, Trude Landon, Ruby Gordon, Lettie Hookwith, Pearl Sharpe, May McGraw, Daisy Cuthbert. These eggs, autographs and all, will soon be on their way to England and no doubt they will in time be again heard from.

Arthur McIntyre, the boy who shot his father, Tuesday, is to be hanged, not be 13 until June. The charge against him is murder, and he will be arraigned in the ch. ren's court.

Blown to Atoms.
The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel all poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and sick headache. Only 25c at A. I. McGill & Co's drug store.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

RATHER CONTRADICTORY.

Licenses May Pay by Installments but Cannot get Their Licenses.

The following communication has been received by the West Kent License Board, addressed to the Inspector:

Sir,—In reply to your favor of the 28th ult., I am directed by the honorable the provincial secretary to advise you that if the parties referred to in your communication desire to pay for their licenses in half yearly instalments you are authorized to acquiesce in their proposals. You will also give them to understand that no provision has been made by statute for granting permits in cases of payments by instalments outside of cities and as the statute provides that no licenses can issue until the full amount has been paid, you will advise the parties that they must assume all consequences that may arise by reason of their carrying on their business without having their licenses in their possession.

Also that should the necessity arise at any time between the first and second payments for the production of the license by the applicant, he should at once pay the whole amount of the license duties and take out his license.

In cases in which the full amounts have already been deposited, the parties must take their licenses. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY TOTTEN.

ONLY EIGHT MILES
Now Between Lord Roberts and the Boers at Kroonstadt.

Enemy Abandon Their First Line of Entrenchments—French's Cavalry Seiz: a Crossing.

London, May 12.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Buschrand, May 12—9.05 a. m.—I am eight miles south of Kroonstadt. The enemy evacuated the first line of entrenchments during the night. We are now reconnoitering towards Kroonstadt. Gen. French's cavalry seized the drift over the Valsch river at 4.30 last evening just in time to prevent passage being opposed by the enemy."

Lord Roberts had previously cabled, under date of Geneva, Friday, May 11, evening, as follows:

"My headquarters with Gen. Pole-Carew's division, marched 20 miles to day and are now at Geneva Siding, 14 miles from Kroonstadt, and about 8 miles from Buschrand, where the Boers are holding entrenched positions. Gordon's brigade is in touch with them; Tucker's division is about 12 miles southeast, and Hamilton's force is still further east."

"Broadwood's brigade overtook a party of the enemy's convoy yesterday, at Potgieter's laager, southeast of Ventersburg, and captured several wagons and some prisoners. French, with Porter's and Dickinson's brigades and Hutton's mounted infantry, some distance, due north of this place."

"We have taken nearly 100 prisoners during the last two days. All the Free Staters who could give a good account of themselves have been allowed to return to their farms. The nights are getting much cooler."

Geneva Siding, Friday, May 11.—"Marching, Friday, May 11. The British are marching splendidly. Gen. French in advance. Firing was heard yesterday in the direction of his force. Some of the Boers are reported to be retreating. A force of Boers were concealed."

It is expected that the railway to the Zand river will be completed to-night. The line was almost entirely destroyed north of the river; but beyond, where the British are, the Boers retreated from their posts too hastily to do much damage of war. The Boers are reported to be entrenching themselves around Kroonstadt, 21 miles off.

BOERS ARE ACTIVE.
Eden, Friday, May 11.—The Boers retired somewhat to-day, but it is impossible to say where they may turn up next, owing to their great mobility. Gen. Grefell succeeded in pushing them back near Rapiuslop, while General Bullant pushed forward in the direction of the line with Gen. Grefell's division and the Sixteenth brigade. A body of Boers has appeared at Verona, on the Ladybrand road.

OOM PAUL FLARES UP.
London, May 12.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, graphically Friday, says: "The discussion in the Volksraad concerning the sale of undermining rights caused an exciting scene. President Kruger said the money was wanted for the purposes of war. Members retorted that this statement conflicted with the declaration in the presidential speech that there was ample funds for the prosecution of the war, and they accused the government of squandering money. Finally Mr. Kruger quitted the chamber in a fit of passion, declaring that he had done his duty and that he washed his hands of the business."

At the closing of the Volksraad, President Kruger cried out: "God of the Volksraad! Shall this be the final act? No, it shall not. God will be merciful and strengthen the right. Ours is the right." Then the President added that he had documentary proofs of a "devilish conspiracy to annihilate the republics."

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Books

Worth Reading

To Have and To Hold
By Mary Johnston, the most successful book of the year, 200,000 copies sold in six weeks.

The Farringdons
By Helen Thornycroft Fowler, author of "Concerning Isabel Carnaby," "A Double Thread," etc.

The Green Flag
By A. Conan Doyle. A book of short stories of war and sport. Dr. Doyle is at present serving in the British Army in South Africa.

Fine Stationery
We show the finest line of writing tablets and fine note papers to be found in the city. "French Crepon" and "Nebula Blue" are two new papers that are very popular.

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The wheel fitted with Dunlop Tires gives no trouble to the dealer after its sale.

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Connected with the Lemen Brothers World's Monster Shows there is in all probability the grandest and greatest Hippodrome ever seen on any ellipse since Rome exploited the first. Scores of fearless horsemen and horsewomen, there are Steeple-chases, Hurdle races, Flat, Trotting, Racking and Running Races; there are Pig and Pole, Sack and Wheelbarrow, Man vs. Horse, Whiffel Dog, Indian vs. Indian Pony, Obstacle, Pony and Monkey, Clown, Mule, and Goat Races, Elephant and Camel, Deer and Hound, Man vs. Man, and Woman vs. Woman Races. In a word, all kinds of races ever ran will be duplicated and many novel ones introduced at Lemen Bros. Big Circus here on Tuesday, May 22, inst.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Opportunities for Business
All towns on the new lines of the Chicago & North-Western Railway are summarized in a pamphlet that may be obtained upon application to W. B. Kiskern, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, 22 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. we a21, 22,m5

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box. 1y

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Our Mixed Paints are the standard of quality—true to color—pure, and fresh from the makers.

A Home Test
We establish their superior qualities. Made for inside and outside work.

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for house cleaning call and get a supply of these pure Paints.

Alabastine
in sixteen tints and colors and white.

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stained, White Leads, Paint Oils, Varnishes, etc.

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for paint, varnish, kalsomine and every purpose in great variety.

Our Prices
will interest you and our goods will be found the best value in the city.

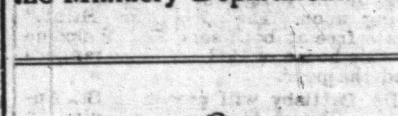
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Dress and Millinery Goods | C. Austin & Co | Carpets Clothing

Dress Making...

In order to accommodate many of our lady customers we have added a Dress Making Department in order that every want in the Dry Goods line can be satisfied here.

MISS HILDRETH, who has just returned from a six months course of instruction in CUTTING and FITTING TAILOR-MADE GARMENTS, in Detroit, will take charge on Monday morning next. Reception and fitting parlors adjoin the Millinery Department.



Ladies' Parasols

Good Parasols always at this store. But goodness runs side by side with stylishness and attractiveness. So that our parasols are not only worthy but desirable. No matter how low the price quality must be there. We could not afford to endanger our good name by offering "trashy" parasols. Remember this when reading what follows:—

Children's Parasols, at..... 25c
Children's Fancy Parasols, with frill, at..... 40c
Children's Silk Parasols, pink and white or blue and white fancy check, with frill, at..... \$1.00
Ladies' Black Parasols, absolutely fast color, good strong frame, at..... 60c
Parasols, good quality Gloria cloth, rustic or smooth finished handles, at..... 75c

I.—Our assortment at \$1.00 defies competition. Our Special Black Parasols at this price is a good quality silk and linen mixture, with extra strong frame and rustic crooks, knobs or fancy bone handles.

II.—Our \$1.00 assortment—Five Finished Satin Parasols, in cream, cardinal or navy.

Ladies' Parasols, in small navy and white or black and white, at..... \$1.75
Extra Fine Qualities, in silk and linen mixture, which cannot fail to please, at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and..... \$2.50
Black Parasols, with frill, pure silk, at..... \$2.50
Silk Parasols, in blue, brown or green, fancy plaids, at..... \$2.75

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Seasonable Bargains.
Desirable Bargains

When offering Bargains two things are to be considered.

FIRST—Are They Seasonable?
SECOND—Are They Desirable?

Bargain success with this store comes of being timely in these matters, offering you goods that are useful to you at the particular time. Goods that are desirable in quality and price. We furnish illustrations of what we mean in special bargains for Saturday.

2 Big Specials for Saturday, May 12th

SEE WINDOW I **SEE WINDOW I**

Men's Hats **Men's Neckwear**

We have just passed into stock two immense cases of New Felt Hats, direct from the makers in England, consisting of seven different styles, nice shades of PEARLS, TOBAC, SEAL BROWN, CASTOR, BLACK, MID-BROWN. These Special Hats are desirable fedora shapes and are sold by many houses at \$1.25 to \$1.50, see them.

Our Special 98c **Our Special 25c**

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