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The county property committee met this morning and settled with the con-tractors for the jail improvements. Wm. Howell, of the Planet, is ableto be around again after his recent

severe illness. W. B. Dunn, wife and child, Rodney, who have been in the city the past week, returned home on Monday.

Oh page six will be found an exceedingly interesting sermon by Dr.
Talwage in which he claims that the natural life of man should be 500

R. A. Peterson, the new yard master at the L. E. & D. R. R. is moving his family here from St. Thomas. Robt. Bartlette is discharging Mr. Peterson's duties during his absence. Regular Ineeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian Church will be held after the evening service. Subject, "Humility." Leaders, Misses Davidson and Samson.

Allie E, Drake, a former resident of this city and a member of the Maple City baseball club, was in Chatham today on business in connection with his office as travelling freight and pass-enger agent of the L. E. & D. R. R.

Fire at Essex destroyed Bennett Bros. foundry. The Laing Ritchie Co. who purpose moving to Chatham had about \$1,500 worth of stock, tools and machinery in the building. Their loss will be considerable as they have only \$1,000 insurance.

It is requested that those assisting in the special services in connection with the new pipe organ at Victoria Avenue Methodist Church will attend the first practice to be beld in the Sunday school room on Monday even

The team attached to J. Terry's milk wagon ran away on Victoria avenue this morning. A collision with a telephone pole opposite Holy Trinity Church freed the horses which were e not injur ed. The rig was slightly smashed .! Two rink of the Chatham Curling Club defeated two rinks from Glencoe

yesterday afternoon by a margin of two shots, Dr. R. V. Bray's rink being up, six shots and John P. Dunlop's down four. The Chatham rinks were, J. C. Pritchard, E. A. Mounteer, Wm. Young and Dr. R. V. Bray, skip; and Ald. McCoig. Dr. A. Gray, John McCoig and John Dunlop, skip.



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W. S. RICHARDS

At 3.20 this afternoon an alarm fire was rung in from Mrs. Gould's on Joseph street. The fire proved to be the residence of Mrs. Finn, Baldoon

A WARNING.

street. The whole upstairs was burn-

It is to be hoped the property owners along King street will not be either thoughtless or disloyal enough to the city's interests to allow themselves to be pursuaded into attaching their names to any petition against a new pavement. Wednesday, we believer is the last day for presenting such a petition to the city clerk, and those interested should be on their guard against any "roorback" in the line referred to. It is quite true a majority of the property owners on the street may stop the work, but will it be wise for them! to 'try?

Will it be fair to their tenants? Will it be fair to the merchants along the street who are paying high rents?

Are they prepared to risk the city council tearing up the old pavement and leaving the street in a state of nature, as they have the power to

Finally, do they want to see their names published broadcast as signers of this petition to prevent an absolutely necessary work going ahead for the sake of saving them a few paltry dollars?

We hope not. In fact, we hope no such petition will be sprung, but if it is, public indignation should lead to its rejection by every public spirited resident of Chatham.

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## Society Dress Hints.

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occuring, after

There is but one exception permissable, that is the Tuxedo or dinner. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.

The Inverness is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.

The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

## But the Lines About Cronje Still Continue to Tighten.

Paardeberg, Thursday, Feb. 22.-There is little change in the situation. There was intermittent shelling today, and during the night a large supply column arrived. It is reported that 2,000 Boers are operating northwards

Yesterday evening, after the last gun had been fired, the Shropshires rushed forward 200 yards further tow ards the bed of the river; and found a number of Boer dead. Gen. French captured 75 more prisoners who had previously escaped the cordon, and a patrol of the westward side took 30

CRONJE WOUNDED. London, Feb. 24.—Gen. Cronje had not surrendered when the war office closed last night, so far as was officially known, A Durban rumor that the Boers had given up, that Cronje was wounded and that 1,700 of his man had most the same fate remained. men had met the same fate remained a rumor with no confirmation of any kind. The reported wounding of Gen. Kitchener was also without confirma-

Pretoria despatches gained publicitylast night, saying that Cronje was holding his ground, had driven the British back in several storming at-tempts, and had sustained slight loss'

HAS CRONJE SURRENDERED?

London, Feb. 24.—The dispatch from Pastdeberg dated Thursday, Feb. from Paardeberg dated Thursday, Feb. 22, made public to-day, shows that the condition of Gen. Cronje, apparently, had not changed for the better or worse up to Thursday and confirmation of a Durban report announcing Cronje's surrender is eagerly awaited. At this surrender is eagerly awaited. At this surrender is eagerly awaited. At this hour the war office has no news and it is regarded as a curious fact that the first new of the surrender, if true, position should have come from Durban, lacking better authority, the Durban dis-patch is regarded as a doubtful an-

The arrival of the British supply column at Paardeberg may have given Gen. Roberts the opportunity to resume his fierce attack on Gen. Cronje's laager, for, doubtless, he could not keep up the vigorous cannonade with which he started. Possibly the long want may be due to a determination to endeavor to starve out Gen. Cronje's gallant force.

Other late Paardeberg despatches say the Boers' plight is still hopeless and that Lord Roberts is ready to meet all the reinforcements.

The Boers got their big 100 pound gun away from Kimberley with 32 oxen. It is now past Riverton to the north.

Cecil Rhodes thinks the colonial troops who defended Kimberley have not been given half the credit they deserve.

The Daily News' correspondent says there was much waste of life in attacking Sunday. Col. Smith-Dorien's charge on the laager, in which the

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From Gen. Buller there is nothing new, but the retreat of Gen. Cronje seems to be having an effect on the Cape Boers, as a Dordrecht despatch, dated Feb. 22, says they have opened negotiations for submission.

Gen. Brabant is treating with them, and in deference to the wishes of the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, is offering lenient terms, in the meanwhile ceasing offensive operations.

A special despatch from Arundel, un-

Clements has kept up a searching fire on their kopjes. We expect to take their position before sunset."

A war bulletin published in Pretoria, Feb. 22, said communication with Gen. Cronje was still open Feb. 21, and that reports of heavy fighting occurring east of Gen. Cronje's laager have been received.

MAKEKING ALSO RELIEVED. New York, Feb. 24 —According to advices from London there are rumors affoat that Ladysmith and Mafeking have been relieved and it is again reported that Cronje has surrendered. The war office, however, has not confirmed any of these stories. The rumors of British victories are received with more credence than beretofore, how-

So far no report contains any mention of the capture of the Boer big guns. Of all the artillery about Magersfontein and Kimberley only one disabled 12-pounder was found when the British occupied the ground. It is reported that Gen. Cronje started all the guns from their places with orders to get them across the vaal as soon as he learned Lord Roberts was in command at Modder River with reinforce-ments and moved himself with all the

## HAVE IT NOW

when paper hangers are We are showing samp'es for spring, 1900, and are prepared to give e timates for one room or a hundred; for the paper only or her the paper and hanging. We have all the new coors in Wal Papers - Reds, Greens, Blues, Terra Cottas, Ivories, Pinks, Bowns, Slates, etc., etc.



mounted Boers as soon as he learned of Gen. French's movement in his rear. Observers in London think he went as far as he could, then picked a posi-tion and determined to sit tight, until assured that the artillery had escap-

The reinforcements Lord Roberts reports having scattered so easily are said to have been the Boen rear guardand artillery train, which was cover-ing the movement to the north and east. There are no reports of any artillery fire in response to the British

attack at Koodoosrand. Cronje's plan appears to qe to hold all the British possible about his camp till certain his artillery retreat is as-

The proposed armistice would have gained 24 hours for the retreat of the guns while the agreement would only

WAR NOTES. Lord Methmen arrived at Kimberley

Tuesday, and will act as administra-tor for the district.

there was much waste of life in attacking Sunday. Col. Smith-Dorien's charge on the laager, in which the Canadians showed great gallantry and lest hamily account to the control of the co lost heavily, seems to have been a re-petition of the reckless valor displayed in so many previous actions. Gen. Roberts, the correspondent adds, has forbidden a renewal of such charges, and the same result will be achieved without them.

SUNDAY'S WAR NEWS.

The Planet will post up as usual all der date of Feb. 23, says:

"The Boers have formed a strong force seven miles west of here. Gen. Clements has kept up a searching fire clements has kept up as earching fire clements has kept up as earching fire clements has kept up as usual and the clements has a clement and the clements have a cl

A.O. U. W. GRAND OFFICERS

Toronto, Feb. 22,++The A. O. U. W yesterday elected Capt. T. M. Cornett, of Gananoque, Grand Master Workman, by unanimous vote in succession to G. P. Graham, M. P. P.; Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll, Grand Foreman, George Rosse, Hamilton, Grand man; George Ross, Hamilton, Grand Overseer; M. D. Carder, of Toronto, Grand Recorder, and F. G. Inwood, Grand Receiver.

### THE LATE MR. FISHER.

The late & D. Fisher, father of Mrs. The late S. D. Fisher, latter of Mas-James Innes, King street west, whose death occurred on Thursday evening, the 51st anniversary of his marriage, was born at Maysville, Kentucky, on July 17, 1827. On Feb. 22, 1849, he mar July 17, 1827. On Feb. 22, 1849, he harried Miss Nancy Barnett at Crawford-ville, Ind., and the union proved a long and happy one. Twelve years ago Mr. Fisher moved to Toronto, where he was largely interested in the Smead-Dowa Heating and Ventilating Company. A little over six years Company. A little over six years since he removed to Chatham, where he purchased the splendid McKellar property down the river in Raleigh. There he erected a handsome residence with all modern conveniences, and the with all modern conveniences, and the place is now admitted to be one of the finest in the county of Kent. This winter Mr. Fisher's health had been far from good, but his death was altogether unexpected. He came to Mr. Innes' last Thursday to remain a few days. In the morning about 10 o'clock Innes last Thursday to remain a few days. In the morning about 10 o'clock Mrs. Innes found him in a semi-conscious condition, from which he never recovered. Death was apparently due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain. The late Mr. Fisher was a generous leganial whole souled old You can have that room papered now with less inconvenience to yourself than you can later on, ed and liberal member of the William St. Baptist Church of this city, and also a member of St. Andrew's Masonic lodge, of Toronto. The funeral is announced for to-morrow afternoon. The pall-bearers will be Judge Houston, Judge Bell, W. E. Rispin, George Heyward, A. F. Falls and Hugh Macaulay. The Rev. J. J. Ross will officiate.

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## **New Dress** Suitings for 1900

The advance heralds of spring have already came to hand for our Dress Goods Section, and being here we cannot resust the temptation to give them immediate howing, you'll likely be as glad to see these new early spring cloths and suitings as we are to show them. These are some of the new fabrics that are getting first showing.

2 specials, in plain navy and navy and white striped sicellian, pure alpaca, a pretty cloth for shirt waist, you should see the value, our special prices at per yard 40c and 50c.

8 pos. French broad-cloth, pure wool, in the new soft clinging finish, not too heavy weight, 52 in. wide, in all the newest coloring, our prices at par yard

4 pcs. pure wool Halifax home spun suiting, 56 in. wide, in choice shades of gray, bronze, fawn mixed, gray mixed, excellent cloth for seperate skirt or at per yd. 75c.

6 pcs. fine Scotch pure wool home-spun, in neat check color combinations, the newest fancy cioths for costumes or skirts, 54 in wide, see our special prices at per yd \$1 25.

3 pos. dark worsted plaids, especially for skirts, the very newest ideas, only short lengths, come and secure your skirt, they are pretty, our special price at per yard \$1.50.

5 pes. 42 in. wide, plain all-week brown, new green, ravy blue, cardinal, myrtle, green, perfect finish, special value at per yard 50c.

5 pos. French poplin, pure soft wool dress cloth, 48 in. wide, in shades of new blue, new green, blue gray, pearl gray, choice designs, this season's, extra ralue at per yard \$1.00. 3 pcs. French covert suitings, 48 in. wide, a firm made cloth, suitable for tailor made costume, pretty shades in blue mixed, fawn mixed, green mixed, no better value as per yard 98c.

5 pcs 42 in. wide covert suiting, in mixed green, mixed blue, dark gray, light gray, blue gray, new goods just passed into stock, see the value, at per

4 pos. whipcord, in pretty colors, 40 in. wide, in shades of copper, brown, new blue, royal blue, light fawn, excellent value, new this season, come and see them, our special price at per yard

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