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LOCAL BRIEFS

The county property committee met this morning and settled with the contractors for the jail improvements.

Wm. Howell, of the Planet, is able to 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.

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

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 meeting 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 passenger agent of the L. E. & D. R. R.

Fire at Essex destroyed Bennett Bros. foundry. The Laing-Kitchie 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 held in the Sunday school room on Monday evening.

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 later captured. They were not injured.

The rig was slightly smashed. Two rinks of the Chatham Curling Club defeated two rinks from Glenora 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. Munster, Wm. Young and Dr. R. V. Bray, skip; and Add. McCosg, Dr. A. Gray, John McCosg and John Dunlop, skip.



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Society Dress Hints....

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6 o'clock is the full dress suit.
There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo or dinner coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.
The livery 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.

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IS NOT CAPTURED YET.

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 of this place.
Yesterday evening, after the last gun had been fired, the Shropshires rushed forward 200 yards further towards 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 more.

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 men had met the same fate remained a rumor with no confirmation of any kind. The reported wounding of Gen. Cronje was also without confirmation.

Pretoria despatches gained publicity last night, saying that Cronje was holding his ground, had driven the British back in several storming attempts, and had sustained slight loss.

HAS CRONJE SURRENDERED?
London, Feb. 24.—The dispatch 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 hour the war office has no news and it is regarded as a curious fact that the first news of the surrender, if true, should have come from Durban, lacking better authority, the Durban dispatch is regarded as a doubtful announcement.

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 wait 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.

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 the Boers are opening negotiations for submission.

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

A special despatch from Arundel, under date of Feb. 23, says that a strong force seven miles west of here, Gen. 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 had been received.

MAKING ALSO RELIEVED.
New York, Feb. 24.—According to advices from London there are rumors afloat 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 heretofore, however.

So far no report contains any mention of the capture of the Boer big guns. Of all the artillery about Mafeking and Ladysmith only one disabled 12-pounder was found when the British occupied the ground. It is reported that the Boers started the guns from their places with orders to get them across the veld as soon as they learned Lord Roberts was in command at Mafeking River with reinforcements and moved himself with all the

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 position and determined to sit tight, until assured that the artillery had escaped.

The reinforcements Lord Roberts reports having scattered so easily are said to have been the Boer rear guard and artillery train, which was covering the movement to the north and east. There are no reports of any artillery fire in response to the British attack at Koodossrand.

Cronje's plan appears to be to hold all the British possible about his camp till certain his artillery retreat is assured.

The proposed armistice would have gained 24 hours for the retreat of the guns while the agreement would only have covered the fighting force engaged at that point.

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New Dress Suitings for 1900

The advance heralds of spring have already come to hand for our Dress Goods Section, and being here we cannot resist the temptation to give them immediate showing, 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 seersucker, 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 colorings, our prices at per yard \$1.00.

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

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5 pos. 42 in. wide, plain all-wool amazon cloth, in shades of copper, brown, new green, navy 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 value at per yard \$1.00.

3 pos. 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 at per yard 95c.

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