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The Announcement Made in the Commons by Chamberlain.

It is Believed that the Sentence of Hammon Will be Commuted.

London, April 28.-The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamber-lain, announced in the house of commons to lay that the five leaders of the reform committee of Johannesburg (J. H. Hammond, Francis Rhodes, George

berlain, when he was first arrested, asof Cecil Rhodes, formerly premier of Cape Colony, and an official of the British chartered South African com-

life of John Hayes Hammond. Mr. Wilson said that no communication regarding Mr. Hammond had recently en received from Washington, nor

had the colonial office been approached by the United States embassy. Therefore, Mr. Wilson refused to make public the nature of the steps which would be taken in Mr. Hammond's behalf until Mr. Chamberlain had seen what we would do without it." the United States ambassador, Thomas Washington, April 28.-When Senator

Stewart, who is a personal friend of Mr. Hammond, heard of his conviction, he immediately set to work to prepare a petition in Mr. Hammond's behalf, which he had circulated among the senators and members of the house. The petition is addressed to President Kruger and is a plea for pardon. It sets forth the high character of the accused and states that his family and associations here were of the best, and while it is conceded by the petitioners that the crime to which he pleaded guilty is a most serious one and is directed against a government for which the signers have a high regard, they still ask as an act of clem ency that the offence be condoned and the prisoner liberated.

The petition was signed by all of those to who mit was presented.
Washington, April 28.—U. S. Vice

Hammond graduated from the scientific gineer. Several years ago, while in by Cecil Rhodes to go to the Transvaal and take charge of his large engineering operations at a salary, it has been stated, of \$5,000 per month. His career in the Transvaal, it is said, has been quite a ssuccessful as in the United States. Some time after leaving college Mr. Hammond married into one of the most prominent families in Mississippi, and is said to have influential friends in all parts of the country. Mr. Whitney spoke of Mr. Hammond as a man of the highest character, and said that he had the reputation of being one

of the foremost mining engineers in London, April 28.- The Chartered South Africa Company has received a cable despatch from Johannesburg, giving further details of the judgment of the high court at Pretoria in the cases of the members of the National Reform committee. The despatch states that in addition to the sentence of death passed on the leaders of the reform committee, the other members have been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, a fine of £2,000 (\$10,000), and three years' subsequent nemt. The despatch adds: There is great excitement in Johannesburg, and unless the sentences are speedily commuted, trouble is expect-

London, April 29.—The Times this morning has a letter from Pretoria which describes the intrigues which the correspondent says were intended to prevent liberal minded judges from

German invasion. Warlike prepara-tions do not abate. Flying visits of prominent Boers to the colonies and to the Orange Free State, secret gatherings to meet them, war meetings be tween leading commanders on the Natal border all create anxiety."

A TALK ABOUT DOCTORS.

(Cor. Chicago Times.) A public banquet is one of the most wearisome of the minor miseries of To be compelled to sit in straight backed chair for three hours, eating badly cooked victuals, drinkeap wines and listening to the windy eloquence and ancient jokes of the speakers is a tiresome ordeal. The low at your elbow to talk with. For

CONDEMNED TO DEATH. a companion on such occasions I prefer to take my chances with a doctor, although any old lawyer will afford some julcy conversation. A doctor knows a lot of thinks worth telling if he has been a long time at his trade. A young doctor is usually a chump, who prescribes the medicines set down in his books, and who is far less useful in a sick room than a trained nurse. At a big dinner party not long ago I had a shrewd doctor for my right-hand neighbor. He said he divided his patients in his own mind into three classes. About one-third of them need nothing; they are malades imaginaries. Another third need a little advice. The remainded sured the state department that his in- medies of his school. The best reterests would be looked after by Great sults were had with the bread-pill Britain as if he was a British subject.

Col. Francis W. Rhodes is a brother

Col. Phodes, formerly premier of

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A doctor in New York city told me the beautiful daughter of a neighbor fell ill with the prevailing malady. The doctor and his wife were warmly attached to the girl. Feeling sure she would die like so many others of his patients, the doctor fell into a melancholy mood. Strolling through a piece of woods near his house he stopped at a little spring and almost automatical. of woods near his house he stopped at a little spring and almost automatically stooped down and filled a small vial with the pure water. Then an idea struck him. He went straight to the home of the sick girl, called her mother to her bedside and said in an impressive manner, "Madam, I have just received from Paris a potent remedy for your daughter's complaint. It is Washington, April 28.—U. S. Vice Consul Knight at Cape Town cabled Secretary Olney this afternoon that it was understood Hammond's sentence would be commuted.

Washington, April 28.—Assistant Attorney General Edwin B. Whitney of the department of justice was a student at Yole was a student at Yole with the spring water to his other deciling Mr. Chamberlain's invitadent at Yale university with Hammond and knew him well. In speaking of him today, Mr. Whitney said that Hammond graduated for the spring water to his other patients. His success was surprising. The epidemic was stopped. The fame of the old declaration to visit England was assumed in order that there might be no mistake of the old doctor and his new remedy as to the actual attitude of the Transspread far and wide, and he soon had vaal towards Great Britain. department of Yale in 1876 and afterwards pursued his studies in mining in one of the German universities. Returning to the United States, he had a very useful career in the western states and territories as a mining entire the medical journals plainly narrations. We will not at present press a reconsistency of the medical journals plainly narrations with the agua. ing his experiences with the aqua London, Mr. Hammond was engaged pura. He made a great mistake. The other physicians denounced him as a charlatan who trifled with human life, and public opinion became so hostile to him that he was forced to leave the place. He removed to Iowa, where he

died three years ago at an advanced peated." The homeopaths still stick to their theory of specific remedies. According to Hahnemann nature has provided for every disease a poison which will produce the symptome of that disease if administered in large quantity, but which, if given in infinitestimal doses, is an absolute cure for it. This law of remedles he claimed to he as immutable as the law of gravity, and the homeopathic school is all the time experimenting with new poisons to find new remedies by what is calls "provings." The poison of a bee's sting and that of a rattlesnake's fang have a recognized place with aconite and belladonna in their pharmacopela. The theory is beautiful. I employ a homeopathic doctor myself, but I have never pathic doctor myself, but I have never been wholly convinced of the truth of the theory I note however that the

SENTENCES COMMUTED.

Further Details of the Closing Scenes at the High Treason Trial.

Cape Town, April 29.-Further details received here from Pretoria say that at the close of the trial of the need a little advice. The remainded require a little medicine. "Do you dose them all?" I asked. "Why, certainly I would soon lose my practice. tainly I would soon lose my practice if I told them the truth. I don't give them anything that will hurt them, however." He told me the story of a hospital physician in Paris who had pleaded guilty of high treason, but he expressed the hope that the executive should show the same Farrar, Lionel Phillips and Charles
Leonard) have been condemned to
death.

Of the condemned men, John Hayes
Hammond, manager of the De Beers
mines, is an American; but, Mr. Cham
a hospital physician in Paris who had a large number of charity patients
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Lionel Phillips is the president of the chamber of mines of Johannesburg.

Mr. Chamberlain's secretary, Mr. Wilson, was questioned this afternoon by a representative of the Associated Press as to what steps would be taken over a crisis with stimulants. We can independent of the country Life, published in Johannesburg.

Itor, if you were seriously ill and could take your choice between having a good nurse, but could not have both, which would you take?" I asked. "I would not hesitate a moment," he replied; "I would not hesitate a moment," he replied; "I would not hesitate a moment," he replied; "I would take the nurse. We do not cure diseases. We can tide a patient over a crisis with stimulants. We can the present of the present of the sentenced to the years' imprisonment, three years' actions between the banks, and to sub-stitute a more perfect for the present or derived with the greatest amazement here in Johannesburg, and even at Dretoria and caused the greatest exproduce certain effects of the system. We can increase or retard heart action, administer cathartics, produce perspiration, and, most important of all, we can alleviate pain, but it is all, we can alleviate pain, but it is throughout the colony and Transvaal a slow and tedious process and inmedicines. There are no remedies. were blocked with messages to and large sums of money. Under the new standstill everywhere and every man had a "what next" expression on his face. The attitude of the British a room that has been placed at their

lic will not at present press a reconsideration of the London convention and a substitution for it of a treaty of amity and commerce, but will rest satisfied with the pecuniary compensation and with the assurance that no violation of its territory will be re-

Later in the day the report that President Kruger had commuted the death sentences was confirmed, and there was still further relief on all sides and rejoicing in many quarters. The step, it is added, will have a decidedly beneficial effect upon the re-lations between the British and the Boers, even though it was anticipated and to a great extent discounted. But the strain will be resumed when the question of Great Britain paying an indemnity to the Transvaal comes up.
It is intimated here that the British government will endeavor to shift the whole responsibility in the matter up-on the shoulders of the British Chartered South African Co., and that the latter will have to foot the Transvaal bill of expenses when it is presented.

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th presiding at the reformers' trial. The letter says that there has been an extensive German immigration of men specially fitted to supply a corps of highly trained soldiers at the shortest motice, and who are at the same time fitted for useful trades.

"There is no doubt," the letter continues, "that the largely increasing state artillery will soon be in German state artillery will soon. Warlike preparations do not abate. Flying visits of The same and Woodstock.—

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nato company.

London, April 2.9—The secretary of state for the colomes, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has received the following despatch, dated today at Pretoria, from Sir. J. A. DeWett, the British Clemency—Mr. Chamberlain's agent there: "Levds (Dr. W. J. Levds, secretary of state of the Transvaal) has just told me that the sentence of death has been taken off the four prisoners (Hammorid, Rhodes, Farrar and Phillips). It is undecided what punishment will be substituted me. ment will be substituted. The executive council is now engaged in considering the sentences of all the prison-

FIRE AT MACCAN.

The Residence and Outbuildings of George O'Brien Destroyed.

Amherst, N. S., April 28.-The resiof Geo. O'Brien, the well known horsethis morning. Mrs. O'Brien and her to valuable additions to the library, sister barely escaped with their lives, the rear part of the house being all in flames when they were aroused. A number of carpenters' tools, wagons, carriages and some hay were destroyed. Mr. O'Brien is in New York. There was seven hundred dollars insurance on the buildings.

BANK CLEARING HOUSE.

Pretoria, and caused the greatest ex- system will be in working order. Now were blocked with messages to and volves carrying through the streets A doctor in New York city told me this curious story and vouched for it from personal knowledge. One of his friends was a physician in good practice in a manufacturing village in Connecticut. An epidemic broke out in the village and the doctor lost one patient after another until he became greatly discouraged. After some weeks the beautiful daughter of a neighbor

mission and to retain the rank of captain on retirement.

To be captain: Lieutenant James Hodge Hawthorn, vice Pinder, retired.

To be lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Andrew George Blair, jr., vice Hawthorn, To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally:

Sergeant Albert Edward Massie, gentleman, vice Blair, jr., promoted.

A very important change is made by adding to paragraph 156 R. and O. 1887 the following sub-section: "All ap-pointments as commanding officer after the first of July, 1896, are for a tenure of five years. Any extension of tenure will be for three years and will only be granted upon the recommendation of deputy adjutants general com-manding districts, who will submit

said recommendation at least one month before the expiration of the ten-It has been a matter of complaint throughout the dominion that promotions to the higher positions are not frequent enough to be an incentive for officers to remain in service to obtain them. The remedy suggested is rather a drastic one, as it may compel some corps depending upon a good com-manding officer to part with his services in exchange for those of a less efficient man.

Another important change is the creation of an officers' reserve, which is to be composed of graduates of the R. M. college, who are unattached of-

PINE HILL CONVOCATION.

The Halifax Presbyterian Theological College Has a Good Year.

Halifax, April 29.—The convocation of the Presbyterian Theological col-lege took place in St. Matthew's church this evening, in the presence of, it is said, the largest audience that has ever gathered in connection with Pine Hill.
Rev. Dr. Currie presented the report.
In it the past session was referred to
as the most successful in the history
of the college. Fifty-four students had been enrolled. The earnest appeals of a few years ago in the interests of the college had evidently not been in vain. dence and large buildings at Maccan The report referred to the increasing of Geo. O'Brien, the well known horse-man, were totally destroyed by fire provement connected with the college, follows: James A. Crawford, P. E. Island; J. B. Cropper, St. Lucia, W. I.; R. J. Crant, Sunnybrae, Pictou; V. F. Lobb, Great Village; P. M. Macdonald, Pictou; I. D. Mackay, Earltown; G. S. Milligan, St. John; L. W. Parker Kings Co.; G. C. Robertson, Scotland: G. E. Ross, Hants; W. H. Smith , Pic-

tou; G. P. Tattrie, Pictou. A very interesting feature of the evening was the conferring of degree of D. D. upon Rev. Neil McKay of Chatham, N. B., in recognition of his faithful and valuable services in the church extending over a period of forty years.

The principal said that he had known Dr. McKay for the forty years to which he referred. He first saw him in an open boat on his way to P. E. Island, where he had just begun his

Dr. Pollock referred to Dr. McKay's successful pastorate in Murray Har-bor, St. John, Summerside, and now lately in Chatham. He had been a prominent a vocate of temperance and education. He had been the means of leading not a few young men to

SHORT TALKS ON ADVERTISING.

(Copyright by Charles Austin Bates.) A great many merchants cut down their advertising in the summer. Some even stop it altogether.

In everyday life, when a thing is hard to do, it only calls forth greater effort. If the laborer can't move the stone, he gets a crowbar and a block of wood. He makes a lever—and the stone moves. If the crowbar isn't long enough he gets something longer. He doesn,t give up because the stone has got to be moved.

Same way in business. Trade is

stone. The funny thing is that the stone. The funny thing is that the lighter it gets, the harder it is to move. It can be moved, though. You may have to have the lever lengthened. Certainly you ought not to shorten it. The best business lever is advertising -newspaper advertising is the longest the greatest effort and the most money. People don't usually ask for what they have already. Advertising is merely asking for trade. When the store is full every day cut down your space. Don't expect that you wil get a big trade in dull times, but keep count, and you'll find that the advertising was profitable. Profitable right at the time

more effective.

Common sense has a great deal to do with advertising. Think about it from a common sense standpoint it.

New pamphlet sent free te any address. more effective do with advertising. Think about it from a common sense standpoint. It may take same "nerve" to pay out money for newspaper space when the business isn't paying expenses, but it

in the country would be ahead if they could shut up for three months in the summer, but they don't do it. Why? Simply because they can't afford to. People would forget them. Same way in advertising. Think about it.

PROVINCIAL COMPETITION KEENLY FELT.

A Boston letter to the Northwestern Lum-

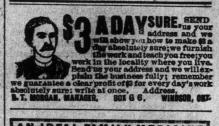
SCOTCH WIT. Two friends, riding in the north of Scotiand, stopped opposite a hole in a steep bank, and one said to the other:

"John, I saw a brock (badger) gang in there."

"Did ye?" said John; "haud my horse, and I'll grip him." Away rushed John for a spade. After digging for half an hour till he was well nigh speechless, he gave it up, saying. "I canna find him."

"Deed," said the wag, very coolly' "I wad hae wondered if ye had, for it's ten years since I saw him gang in."

The new spring comets are a little lighter in color than formerly and have very long tails.





SAINT JOHN DYE WORKS 36 PRINCESS STREET.

Ladies and Gentlemen's Clothing CLEANSED OF DYED at Short Notice.



APPLE TREES.

Wealthy, Walbridge, Haas, Ben Davis, Tetofsky, Hyslip Crab, Etc., Etc.

THE Undersigned not being in a position to canvass for or deliver personally the tress noted above, wishes to self the whole lot outright. The unresry is located in Stanley, York Co. It will be to the advantage of any person wishing to set out a lot of trees to send for terms by the hundred. Circumstend Dull times are the times to put forth the greatest effort and the most money.

send for terms by the hundred. Circumstances over which I have no control have thrown these trees upon my hands, and they will be disposed of at a bargain.

HENRY T. PARLEE, Westfield, N. S.

ACTUAL BUSINESS

FROM THE START profitable. Profitable right at the time and enormously profitable after awhile. The very fact that only a few merchants are wise enough to advertise in dull seasons makes it all the more profitable for those who do. You are there when others are not. It gives you greater prominence. It will make your advertising in busy times much selecting more effective.

Since showing this wonderful system at the Exhibition held in this city last September, our attendance has increased to such an attent that two more teachers being required were engaged, and a new bank built and placed in our Business Department. The cew bank is 35 feet long, with glass front and seven windows, the ret of books in it.

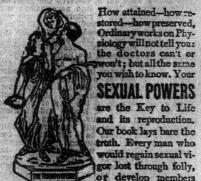
There is nothing to equal it this side of Beston.

CURRIE'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, Opposite Opers House, St. John, N. B.

More than half the business houses SEEDS! SEEDS

> Fresh and Reliable Vegetable, Garden, Flower and Field Seeds; also Ensilage, Corn, Grass Seed, Glover and Lawn Grass.
> We have the largest and most complete stock of Fresh Seed, including almost all kinds, of any house in the city. W. ALEX. PORTER, Grocer and Se Corner Union and Waterloo and 72 Mill Street, St. John, N. B.

PERFECT MANHOOD!



SEXUAL POWERS

are the Key to Life
and its reproduction.
Our book lays bare the
truth. Every man who
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weak by nature or wasted by disease, should write for our sealed book, "Perfect Man-

hood." No charge. Address (in confidence),

ERIE MEDICAL CO., Buffalo, N.Y. Gagetown Clearance Sale.

In order to make room for Spring Goods I will sell from this date until the let of April DRY GOODS AT COST;
FANCY GOODS AT COST;
BOYS AND MEN'S CAPS AT COST;
WOMEN'S BOOTS AND SHOES AT COST;
WOMEN'S OVERSHOES AT COST;
MEN'S OVERSHOES AT COST;
FOUR GALLONS, BEST AMERICAN OIL for IL.00.

My stock of Choice Groceries is complete; my prices are down on hard pan. Terms man or approved payment. 20 Tons Pressed Hay for Sale. C. S. BABBITT