SCOUTS SIGHT EACH OTHER.

"Russian and Japanesa scouts," cables the Tokio correspondent of the Times, "sighted each other Thursday morning at Sukohen, 25 miles north of Ping-Yang, Corea, but did not come in contact. The Russians are not moving southward of the Tumen river, where the roads are extremely bad."

says, one of the Russian torpedo boats was destroyed. The text of the cable-gram is substantially as follows...—Vice-Admiral Kamimura reports on the 26th of February the following:—"According to the report from the torpedo flotilla, which was sent for the purpose of rescuing the crews of steamers sent to block up the harbor at Port Arthur, the Hokoku Maru, of the left side of entrance of harbor, near the lighthouse, and the Bushiu Maru, outside the entrance, were sunk purposely by the Japanese

MASON & RISOH WON

Judge Bill to-day gave judgment for the Plaintiffs in the case

A young lawyer concluded his argument in a case with the following sub-lime burst of eloquence: "If, gentle-men of the jury, the defendant's hogs

are permitted to roam at large over the fair fields of my client with im-

punity, then—yes, then, indeed, have our forefathers fought and bled and

Teddie-Pa, where do we get our milk

from? Father—From cows, my son. Teddie—And where do cows get their

A Man to Be Avoided.

Very Like His Dad.

M. Crapaud—Ah! So zis ees your leetle son? He look to be similaire to you. Popley—Yes, he's very much like me. M. Crapaud—Ah! How do you call eet? "A cheep of ze old blockhead," ees eet not?

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### PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W. Toronto, Feb. 27.-11 a. m.-Fine, becoming milder. Sunday, southeasterly winds, sleet or rain before

The fellowing figures were regis-tered to-day at seven a. m. at Turn-er's weather bureau; THERMOMETER

Highest yesterday, 21. Lowest during night, 12. This morning, 15. Barometer, 29.65. Direction of wind, east.

## THE LOCAL BUDGE

Warden Sifton was in the city to t William J. Taylor, of Mull, is a Chatham rigitor to-day.

Ex-Warden Frank Rankin, of Dover, was in the city yesterday.

E. E. Dadson, of Wallaceburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Ex-Warden A. M. Mason, of Camden, was the city to-day.

County Councillor Peter Haggart, of Blenheim, was in the city ito-day.

County Commissioner J. N. McCoy of Wallaceburg, is in the city to-day Brailt. Geo. Taylor was able to be out to-day. He has been confined to the house for the past four days. Mrs. C. Couse has returned to her home in St. Thomas after spending a few days with her son, James McLean, of Dover.

Squires Daniel Kerr, of Dover Township, and James McMullen, of Harwich Township, and Sheriff Gem-mill to-day halloted for the jurors for the June sessions.

Mr. Brown and bride (nee Miss Margaret Barassin) have returned from their honeymoon trip. While away they visited several points in Michigan.

The Harrison Hall committee of the County Council met to-day to consider providing Drainage Referee J. H. Rankin with an office in Harrison Hall. Mr. Haggart is chairman of the committee, and J. N. McCoy, Shepherd Somers and the Warden are members of it.

W. E. Gundy has received word from J. M. Pike and G. W. Sulman. They are now in New York staying at the Waldorf with the other incted milkonaires. Through the courtesy of Senator McLachlan, a friend of Mr. Pike's, the two Maple Cty men were shown through the White House,

THE

J. L. Scott has received eleves cars of coal during the past two days— nase cars to hard coal and two to soft—so that now the people of this city need not worry about the coal

many citizens who are becoming weary of the severe cold winter. One citizen, this morning suggested that the Board of Works get gangs of men at work cleaning out the gutters so that when the ice melts the sidewalks will be passable and not flooded with water.

Ernest Johnson, of Chatham Tp., paid \$1 and costs, \$6 in all, into the civic coffers for being drunk and disorderly at the C. P. R. station, last Saturday. He promised the Chief that he was going home and was going to be good in future. He came in on the Lake Brist train from the posth and didn't reach Chiftham till. north and didn't reach Chatham till noon. The train is due about nine

o'clock.

"Spring is here sure," remarked Dr. Musson this morning, "and I know it by a surer sign than seeing a robin. John White has again broke out about racing and he jentertained us yesterday at the Hotel Meraill to a history of past performances, and promises of equaling it not bettering his record this year."

Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding in regard to the publication of the usual Workmen funeral notice in the city papers, Pendisular Lodge, No. 2, did not attend the funeral of the late John Hendershoft, as is their usual custom, in a body. The breth, ren sincerely regret the occurrence. The late John Hendershott was a thember of the above lodge for a great many years.

### . OFFICERS ELECTED

The Bugle Band met last night and elected officers for the ensuing year, tresulting as follows:

President—Wm. Farby.
Sicretary—Bruce Symes.

Treasurer—Max McCornock.
Property Committee—Marsh. Taylor, Chairman; Alfred Morrell, Skipper Smith and Bob Turner.

For the presidency these were two

For the presidency there were two nominees, Alf. Morrell and W. Far-by. Morrell dropped out in favor of Farby, who consequently went in by applicamation. taker, salary to start March 1st.

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# KUREA JOINS

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carefully guarding against exposing his ships, keeping them in the har

Port Arthur and invest the city. The authorities admit they are mystified, but the prevailing opinion coninues to be that the Japanese will not hazard a landing at this stage of the campaign.

Nothing has been obtained con ning the reported Japanese landing at Possiet Bay. .

MAY INVOLVE FRANCE. Baris, Feb. 27.—In view of the decided intention of Korea to join forces with Japan against Russia a communication from an officer who was on the staff of Gen., de Boisdeffre when the latter was negotiating the military terms of the Franco-Russian agreement, published here, is of interest. The officer says that the general's purpose was to conclude with Russia a military convention directed exclusively against the triple athance. According to this, he says, France would have to provide both a military and naval contingent if Russia, being engaged in war, were to be attacked by a third power even in the far east." Nor need the third, power accessarily be European. The obligation would hold good if China, or even Korea, sided

with Japan. Washington, Feb. 27.-The text of the treaty negotiated between Japan and Korea by the terms of which the former government "guarantees the independence and the territorial integrity of the Korean empire" provides for the maintaining of a permanent and solid friendship between Japan and Korea and firmly estabdishing peace in the far east, the imperial government of Korea to place full confidence in the imperial government of Japan and adopt the advice of the latter in regard to improvements in administration;" "Japas shall, in a spirit of firm friend-ship, insure the safety and repose of The imperial house of Kores" and "cooperation in defensive and defensive operations in case Korea is attacked or threatened by a third power." JAPANESE STILL BOMBARDING

PORT ARTHUR. St. Petersburg, Feb. 27. - A spatch received here from Port Ar thur, dated Feb. 26, says:

"At 1 o'clock this morning Japanese torpedo boats were sighted ed from here with their sails set, for the purpose of disguising their character. The battiship hervizen and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing until day-break without any visible result. Af-ter daybreak a Japaness squadron, apparently convoying transports, was sighted. At a quarter past 11 this squadron came nearer and an engagement which dasted 40 minutes ensued. There was no damage. Few shells fell in Port Arthur.

"It is expected here that the Jap-anese will attempt a landing soon. "An inspection of the Japanese fire, ships sent into this harbor Feb. 24 shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of this cargo."

Lendon, Saturday, feb. 27.—A report which emanates from St. Petersburg says the Japanese Minister at Seoul, Corea, has requested the Corean Government to hand the French minister his passports.

A SUCCESSION OF ATTACKS.

official Russian and other despatches show that there has been a succession of attacks or demonstrations by the Japanese at Port Arthur, probably undertaken with the intention of ably undertaken with the intention of covering or preparing for a Japaness landing elsawhere, and possibly with the hope of inflicting further damage on the Russian warships and increasing the demoralization of the Russian forces. It would seem apparent that little damage was inflicted on either side, although the despatches leave the exact situation at Port Arthur in some obscurity. The reported landing of Japaness at Possiet Bay, near Vladivostock, has not yet been confirmed. This movement, however, is considered not improbable.

JAP MILITARY OPERATIONS.

The Shanghai correspondent of the baily Telegraph has sent in interesting news of Japanese military operations. He asserts that Port Dalny is eing evacuated by the Russians, who can't that they have mined the reakwater, wharves and railroad sailings there in order to prevent the apanese from making use of these acilities. This correspondent repeats hat the Russians have only supplies or five months at Port Arthur, and ays a large number of Japanese ransports have returned to Nagapaki, where they are busily engaged a embarking more troops to be taking to the vicinity of Port Dalny, Over transports have left Nagasaki since ebruary, 10, and a still larger abarkation has been proceeding om Ujina, near Hiroshima, on the land sea. Ujini, and not Kioto, JAP MILITARY OPERATIONS.

# the correspondent concludes, will be the army and navy headquarters car-ing the war. This correspondent has recently been in Nagasaki, and is pro-bably well informed. In any event, it is taken for granted in London that Admiral Togo's recent operations have been devoted to facilitating Japanese debarkation on the Liao-Tung Gulf or elsewhere. YOUNG'S

It is a recognized fact that we have the best cof-

ours. At 40c a pound we can give you a pure Mocha and Java Coffee that has no equal in Canada, that's not saying too much. We roast and grind all our coffees and in that way can give you better value for the same money than you would get from those that do not take the trouble to roast their own, but buy it already roasted. THE DAMAGED WARSHIPS.

A despatch to the Paris Matin from St. Petersburg says the repairs to the Russian warships which were damaged in the engagement of February 9th are almost completed. The battleship Czarevitch will be ready for sas Sunday, at the latest. The least advanced in the matter of repairs is the pattleship Retvizan, and it will be impossible to bring her into the harbor before six days.

STILL AT PORT ARHUR.

Try ours, 40c a lb., you will be bleased with it.

At 30c we have a good Mocha and Java that will equal most 40c coffees STILL AT PORT ARHUR.

Washingtod, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tekto under to-day's date, giving an account of ineffectual attempts made by the Japanese to blockade the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur, and also a brief account of the attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur, esterday morning. As a result of the attack yesterday, the cablegram says, one of the Russian torpedo boats was destroyed. The text of the table-For 25c we have a combination offices that is great value. And still we have a 20c coffee.

### Geo.A.Young OUR GROCER, PHONE 151

There was a very fair market this morning. There are no changes in the prices. At this time of the year there is not much competition and the prices are generally normal. Following are the prices:

THE MARKETS

IN THE SHEDS. Butter, per pound, 17c to 20c. Eggs, per dozen, 30c. Chickens, each, 40c to 50c. Turkeys, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Geese, 90c to \$1.00. VEGETABLES.

VEGETABLES.
Apples, per peck, 10c to 25c.
Potatoes, per peck, 20c to 25c.
Cabbages, each, 5c to 15c.
Squash, 3c to 25c.
Pumpkins, 40c.
Onions, 25c peck.
Savory, 5c, bunch
Celery, three funches for 10c.
Potatoes, per peck, 25c.
Carrots, per peck, 15c.
Persnips, per peck, 15c.

bor, near the lighthouse, and the Bushiu Maru, outside the entrance, were sunk purposely by the Japanese by explosion. The Tenshin Maru, the sunk themselves on the east of the Lao-Te-Shan. All of the crews of these steamers were picked up safely. Our destroyers and torpedo flotilla are unbarmed. On the night of 24th, our destroyers again went on a scouting cruise near Fort Arthur, and Dalny and Pigeon Ray. On the dawn of 25th our main squadron approached Port Arthur and bombarded the enemy's men of war, and the forts from a distance. We saw the Novik, the Askold and the Bayan fleeing to the harbor, it thus being apparent that the blockading operation had not much effect. Our squadron then fired into the harbor, and saw flames and considerable smoke. We withdrew after lifteen minutes shelling. While our cruisers were thus engaged in firing, we saw one of the enemy's torpedo boats destroyed. Our squadron received no damage. Admiral Togo is still on the scene." CHICAGO MARKETS Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, North wood Block, Chatham, Feb. 27, 1904. OPEN. HIGH. 1.951-1042 1.051 10(1 Faly ......968 958 967 Sept ...... 90 — 901 91 955 891 May.... July....

Sept....... 544 May..... 45 for the Plaintiffs in the case of Mason & Risch vs. George Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a store keeper at Hanwick. He signed a contract for the purchase of a pianolo from the Mason & Risch Co. for \$275 and \$15 worth of music. Mr. Thompson wrote on the contract subject to approval. He refused the pianolo and was sued for the value of it. He held that "subject to approval" referred to the whole contract and the Company contend that it referred to the music. The Judge held with the Company.

O. La Lewis for plaintiff and W. E. Gundy contract the defendant has expressed his intention of appealing. July ..... 361 364 May .... 1625 1637 1607 1612-July.... 1642 1642 792 1610-May...... 805 807 July..... 877 822 Ribe 815 862 802 July...... 807 810 805 805-May wheat sale at \$1.06 was cancelled.

Hardert Spencer in Mentreal.

Mr. George Iles, in a personal article on Herbert Spencer in The Outlook, tells this characteristic anecdote: "Spencer was a very set' man. At Montreal I told him that the view from the summit of Mount Royal commands superb stretches of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valcure But the view from half-way up leys. But the view from half-way up the acclivity contented Mr. Spencer. He had found views thus restricted more pleasing than wider vistas, and not one step further would he budge, although twice invited. Not far away a costly mansion was being finished for a multi-millionaire, whose fortune had been won with whose fortune had been won with little scruple. When it was suggested that his carriage should pass this mansion, he was indignant. 'It is largely,' he said, 'the admiring the ostentation of such men that makes them possible. Baron Grant, the fraudulent speculator, sent me an invitation for the inaugural of Leicester square, his gift to London, before a party of friends I tore the card to pieces. Such men as Grant try to compensate for robbing Peter by giving Paul what they do not owe him.'" milk from? Father—Why, Teddie, where do you get your tears? Teddie (after a long, thoughtful pause)—Do Briggs—Here comes Gidson. Let's cross over. Griggs—Why, I thought he was a friend of yeurs. Briggs—He used to be, but now he's my deadly enemy. He's the unspeakable villain who recommended a place for me to spend my

The most skilled stone throwers in the world are the natives of Terra del Fuego. Sailors have been struck by them with stones thrown by hand when they considered themselves out of musket stot.

The Best 5 Cent Magazine on the Market—The Four-Track News for March, On sale at all newsstands.

Visitor (calling on friend in hospital)

Sorry to find you here, old chap; badly hurt? Patient—Yes, I am afraid I
nm. I heard the doctor say I was a
"beautiful case." Pineapples. Of two heroes, he is the greater whe Grape Fruit, Cucumbers.

Lettuce and

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Black Grepe De Ohine, 60c, 75c. \$1.00. Black Volles, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Black Royalette, 50c and 75c. Black Lustres, from 200 to \$1.25 per yard. Black Obeviots, 500, 750, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Black Canvas Effect, 500, 750 and \$1.00.2 Black Broad Cloth, \$1.00 to \$2.00 per yard.

WANTED.—Three dressmakers' apprentices to commence work next week.

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AT FROM \$1.25 TO \$2.50-In every price step we supply a curtain worthy the "Bargain Cen-tre," bought from the mills. We have these staple qualities Right. BOBBINETS-

A light pretty frilled Bobbinet, 3 yards long, at \$1.75 pair.

Our price for better goods of this ourtain are at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, 5.00 up to \$8.00 per pair.

REAL GIMPURE-This curtain is offered: to-day at much below regular market prices, deservedly popular in genuine hand work border, linen ground, at \$4.50, \$5.00, \$7.00 and \$9.00 a pair.

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Some very nice draperie, fine close fish net body, in plain or figured centres, heavy all-over edges or light border design. LAMBOUR- LAS NO FILE

Swiss Lambour, very light and lacy strong cord edge and in best effects, a credit to any drawing room, at \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 pair. REAL BATTENBURG-

In heavy cable net and body, genuinely good, at \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$13.50 a pair. PT. ARABIAN- !

In Econ and London smoke shades, very effective, a drapery that is sure to iplease, at from \$5.00 to \$16.50.

Spring Styles in

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