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....NEW.... Black Silks

For Spring and Summer wear all over this big store new Spring merchandise blooms and blossoms with a myriad of brilliant colors—this is the greatest and most ambitious display ever put forth in this store. On every side, in every nook and corner, bright fashion blossoms may be gathered. We call your attention to-day to one.

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Peau de Soie, the best Lyons make, heavy weight and elegant finish, at

75c, 85c and \$1.00 a yard

French and German Taffeta, the best that can be bought in the world—quality and finish the best in the land, at

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Gros Grain Silk of extra quality and finish at

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China Silk with Taffeta finish, very handsome for shirt waists or dresses, at

50c and 65c

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Women
**The
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This is the shoe that makes walking a pleasure.

It has a heavier sole than an ordinary turn, yet perfectly flexible. Has a Live-Wool-Felt Pad insole, which absorbs perspiration. Prevents dampness, increases circulation of the blood. No jar is possible with the elastic pad. This shoe is strictly up to date in point of last.

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TURRILL, The Shoe Man

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Your House,
Your Yard,
Your Garden

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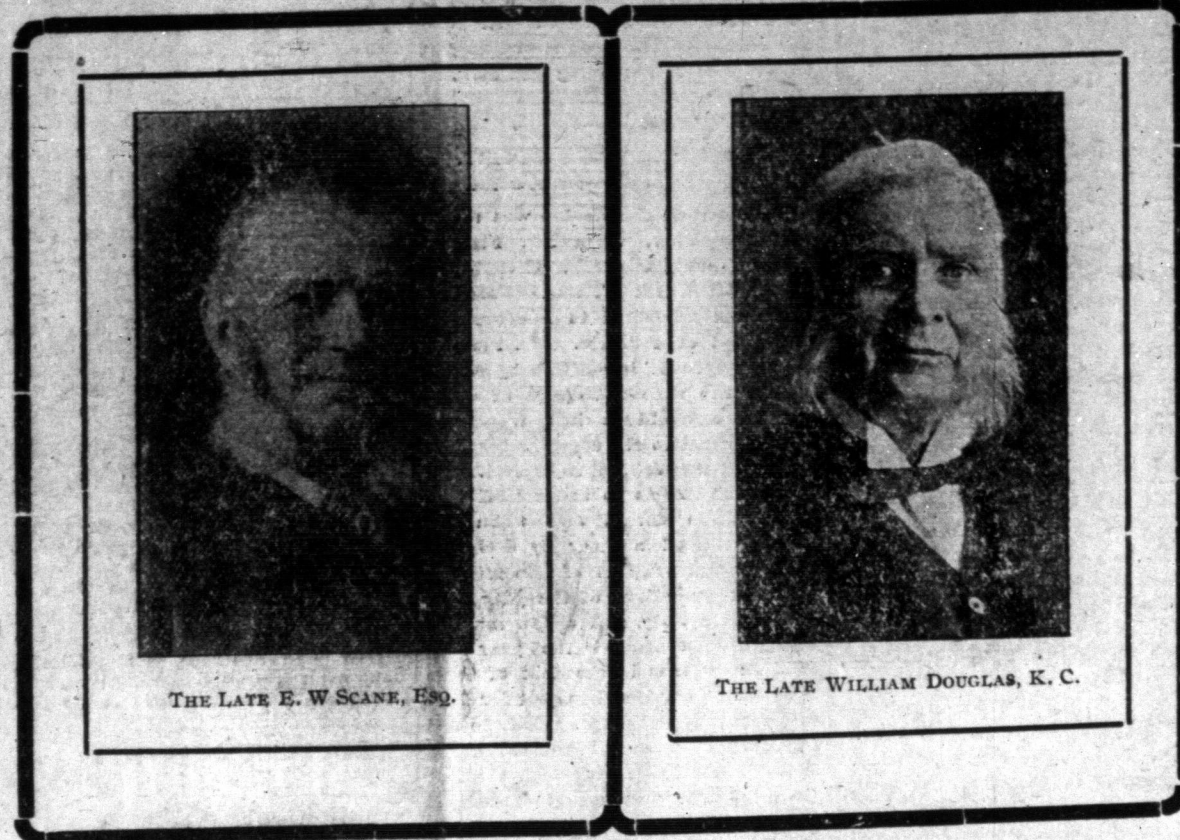
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"THE ARK"

Garden Rakes, 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c.
Carpet Whips, 2 for 25c.
Spades and Shovels, 60c, 75c, 85c.
Garden Hoes, 75c, 45c.
Tack Hammers, 10c.
Tack Pullers, 5c and 10c.
Step Ladders, 75c, \$1, \$1.25.

Brushes for all purposes and prices to suit everybody.
Folded Soap, 20 bars for 25c.
Sweet Scented Soap, 6 bars for 25c.
Brooms, 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c.
Ready Mixed Paints, best brand, 35c per quart.

H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"



BOER LEADERS WON'T BUDGE

Steyn and DeWet Reported as Irreconcilable as Ever—Troops to Count.

DeWet Influencing Steyn not to Meet Schalkburger—Communication Opened.

Kroonstad, Orange River, Tuesday, April 1.—The Transvaal delegates are still here. It is believed that General De Wet is influencing President Steyn not to meet Acting President Schalkburger.

STEYN IRRECONCILABLE. Pretoria, Wednesday, April 3.—Communications have passed between President Steyn and the Transvaal mission at Kroonstad, but nothing is yet known of the result. The majority of the military men and civilians here expect more from the continual pressure of the troops than from the present negotiations. It is pointed out that once before, when hard pressed, the Transvaalers showed a desire for peace, but this was promptly over-ruled by President Steyn. Nothing in the present situation, as far as known, indicates that President Steyn is less irreconcilable than previously. Indeed, the known facts seem to point to a greater determination to continue the struggle.

STEYN HAILED AS A LEADER. London, April 3.—The Times' correspondent, writing from Vauxhall, says that among some Boer papers captured March 25 were copies of two addresses of welcome to Steyn and De Wet, signed by De la Rey, Commandant Liebenberg, and others. In one of them Steyn is apostrophized as "leader and counselor," and the address continues:—"We thank God for your manful and steadfast attitude. We pray that it may be granted to you to come forward as head and leader of united South Africa."

A proclamation issued by Schalkburger in Lydenburg district ordered that March 25 be observed by the burghers as a day of intercession for the restoration of peace and the independence of the Republic.

NEGOTIATIONS OPENED. Kroonstad, Orange River Colony, April 3.—Acting President Schalkburger has opened negotiations with President Steyn, who has been located with Delarey and Kemp, but the whereabouts of the party has not been ascertained. De Wet has been located near Boshof.

TOLD HIM WHY

"I hear the insurance companies are backing against these Carnegie libraries, all along the line," said a commercial traveller to a well-known alderman this morning.

Of course the alderman got curious and was sorry afterwards.

When asked why the man replied that it was on account of the magazines the library would have.

PRESENTATION

A presentation was made yesterday to Mrs. Ed. Taylor, by the Ladies Aid and Aitar Society of St. Joseph's church of a dozen very handsome silver spoons, with Mrs. Taylor's name and that of the society engraved thereon. Mrs. Taylor and family will leave Sunday for Chicago, where they will join Mr. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was a zealous worker in the society and will be much missed.

OVER THE FALLS.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 3.—Della Tansey, of Buffalo, went over the American falls at 6 o'clock this evening. It was the most sensational cataraet suicide in years. The woman jumped over the railing of Goat Island bridge about ten feet from shore. William Connors, of Liverpool, Eng., who was on the bridge at the time, ran down the shore and waded into the river. A rake was passed to him, which he succeeded in fastening in her clothes. Miss Tansey begged pitiously to be saved. He tried to draw the woman toward the shore, but her clothing tore and she was carried over the brink of the falls. Two hundred people saw the woman go to her death.

TWELVE HOTELS BURNED DOWN

Result of the Big Fire at Atlantic City—Several Persons Injured.

Militia Called out to Police the Town—Origin of the Conflagration Unknown.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 3.—Twelve hotels and more than a score of small buildings adjoining the Boardwalk, which is built along the ocean edge, were destroyed to-day by a fire which swept the beach front for two long blocks, from Illinois avenue to New York avenue. The loss, it is believed, will exceed \$750,000. In this respect the conflagration is the most disastrous that has ever visited this city. The loss will be only partly covered by insurance, as the rate of 5 per cent. charged by insurance companies on property here, is regarded as almost prohibitive. Fortunately no lives were sacrificed, though probably a dozen persons were slightly injured and burned during the progress of the fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but is said to have started in either Brady's bath or the Tarlton hotel, which adjoins the baths at Illinois and the Boardwalk.

The city tonight is guarded by a company of militia who were requested by the municipal authorities to aid the police in the prevention of looting. About a dozen men were arrested during the day for robbery.

FIRE SPREAD RAPIDLY. The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and for nearly five hours the flames raged with such violence as to threaten the city with destruction. All of the burned buildings were frame structures and the flames, fanned by a strong south wind, sprang along the beach front with amazing rapidity. The Tarlton hotel was soon a pile of smouldering debris and the flames fed on the small stores and booths between Illinois and Kentucky avenue until they reached the Stratford hotel, which was soon enveloped. The flames leaped to the New Holland, the Bryn Mawr, the Elvord and the Stickney, all located on Kentucky avenue, near the beach, where they doomed.

The local fire department worked well and willingly, but was unable to cope with the flames and it was found necessary to send to Philadelphia and Camden for aid. The former city sent three engines and two came down from Camden. The engines were brought here on two special trains and they made the run of nearly sixty miles in 55 minutes. Their presence was of vast assistance to the local firemen, but it was not until an

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DUNDONALD FOR CANADA

Will Assume Command of our Militia—Sent Message to Canadians.

He Praises Those who Served Under Him in South Africa—Citizen Soldiers.

London, April 3.—There is authority for stating that Lord Dundonald will assume command of the Canadian militia at the termination of O'Grady-Haly's term of office. Lord Dundonald is now at Ascot, awaiting the gazetting of the appointment.

Lord Dundonald has a tremendous belief in the Empire, the state providing freely everything to secure his efficiency. He points to his experiences in Natal in the dark days of 1899-1900 as proof of the splendid work in the field civilian soldiers are capable of doing when formed in regiments under good regimental officers. He says on the true recognition of the citizen soldier depends the solution of one of the gravest political problems before our race, and insists on the paramount importance of good shooting to make the Empire safe.

Such are the changed conditions of warfare that we must be a match for the enemy at a thousand yards or more away. This can only be attained by constant practice in rifle shooting.

Lord Dundonald anticipates his work in Canada with the keenest interest, and fully appreciates the conditions of Canadian life, which must guide him, if he is to avoid the pitfalls of his predecessors.

Lord Dundonald sends me this message for publication in Canada:—"The Canadians who served under me in South Africa were men from the top of the head to the soles of their feet. To be more explicit, there are persons with rifles and men with rifles. When a general has men under him with rifles, he knows what he can do, and what risks he can take. Dundonald."

AVENGE MURDER

Crime for Which Two Australians Were Court Martialled and Shot.

London, April 3.—Lieut. Witton, one of the Australians sentenced to life imprisonment at penal servitude at the same time the Australian officers were sentenced to death for shooting and robbing Boers, who were travelling to Pietersburg with the object of surrendering, has arrived at England to serve his sentence. He gives an account of the affair as follows:—"One of their (the Australian) officers had been murdered by Boers. Shortly afterwards the Australians captured a number of Boers, including one wearing the uniform of the murdered officer. They immediately held a drumhead court-martial, found the man guilty and ordered him to be shot. For this the Australians were arrested in October and tried by court-martial. Their sentences, after revision by the Imperial Government, were communicated to them in February. Two of the Australians were shot."

ANOTHER QUESTION.

"He's a poet."
"Yes, I know. But what does he make his living at?"

Even if work were the sole aim of life, it would be folly to neglect relaxation, for no labor can be efficiently and permanently carried on without it.

MANY GRAVES ON THE VELDT

Over 200 Canadians Fell in South Africa for the Empire's Cause.

Of These the First Contingent Lost Sixty-Eight Men—Dentists Want to Serve.

Ottawa, April 3.—The total number of Canadians who have died in South Africa since the commencement of the war in 1901. It would appear from the detail that the first contingent suffered a heavier loss than any of the other contingents. The first Canadian contingent of infantry lost 68 men from wounds and disease; the second contingent, consisting of mounted rifles, dragoons and artillery, 47; Strathcona Horse, 30; Canadian Scouts, 10; South African Constabulary, 45; Second Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles, Canadians in various other corps in South Africa, 6; total, 207.

It is understood that the militia department will offer the services of about half a dozen dental surgeons to the Imperial War Office. The department has been besieged with applications from young dentists who are anxious to gain experience and to serve the British army. There is little doubt but that these men can be profitably used at the base hospitals and in the general hospitals along the line of communication.

GAS EXTENSIONS

The Gas Company have extended their main on Joseph street to the residences of N. H. Rathven and A. W. Gould.

This street is now one of the finest in the city. During the last few years a number of new residences have been put up, are lamps placed along the street, granolithic walks put down, new sewers put in, and the gas main extended.

These two citizens have been largely instrumental in having the gas main extended and in having these improvements made. If matters continue as they are, Joseph street will soon be classed among the best in the city. This should prove an example to the residents on other streets to improve their street and make our city look as pretty and attractive as possible.

Ladies' Oxfords

We have an endless variety of Ladies' Oxfords and Southern Tie Shoes in all the different leathers—heavy and light soles—at prices ranging from 75c. to \$3.00

Ladies' Toe Slips in one, two and four straps across instep, from \$1.00 UP.

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