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The Millinery... ...A Wakening

It was a wonderfully charming sight, so much to see—so much worth seeing. A congress of the most approved styles designed by master minds. This opening event creates a lively interest among the best dressers of the city, who recognize this as the one place to form correct ideas of fashions and styles. Those who came yesterday were highly delighted with the beautiful display we made, and we numbered among the visitors many eager buyers who appreciated the satisfaction of getting first choice from the best novelties. The display will be just as attractive and interesting for those who come today or tomorrow, and no one should think of missing it.

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The only tailor made suit worth the name is the one that fits—fit is the vital feature, the life of every Ladies' tailored garment—one wrinkle ruins the effect. The kind we sell don't "wrinkle" or "pull," or "draw" at any point. Every seam and edge is perfectly finished—no bumps, no welts—they're made by expert tailors, made of the finest imported "Homespun" and "Serge," and the prices are

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Fine Boxcloth Jackets, tailored in first-class style, this season's latest shape, 19 inches long, nicely stitched with silk, box fronts, buttoned with six pearl buttons, lined with checked silk, colors light and mid. fawn, blue and black only \$5.00. Finer qualities \$7.50 and \$10.00.

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Moreen, mercerized satens, metallic printed satens, in new styles, tucking, flouncing and frills at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.

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THE HOSTILITY TO MR. BLAKE

Was Due to His Recent Reference to the Fenians.

London, March 23.—The hostile manifestations at the Nationalist St. Patrick's day banquet here on Tuesday evening, directed against the member for South Longford, Hon. Edward Blake, who was proposing the toast, "Ireland a Nation," originated with some hot-headed members of the extreme Irish party, about fifteen of whom attended the banquet with the sole purpose of interrupting Mr. Blake. The hostility was occasioned by a speech delivered in Ireland a short time ago by Mr. Blake, in which, commenting on a threatened invasion of Canada by Fenians, he said he would in such a case be willing to return and carry "A Mauser to defend his home from his brother home rulers." Some of the more prominent of the disturbers were promptly ejected by the police, and quiet was restored.

HOTEL CHANGES

All the Ridgetown hotels have changed hands. Mr. Cameron has secured the Lozar House from Mr. Stockton. Last week Mr. Hopkins, of Coatsworth, took over the Benton House from Wense & Merrifield, and the latter have made a deal with Handford Reep, of the Queen's, by which they became proprietors of that hotel. Then Mr. Reep bought out P. R. Campbell, of the Arlington. Last week Sam English purchased the liquor business of E. J. Peltier.

For the first time in 30 years, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, commander of the forces in Ireland, has visited Belfast on a tour of military inspection. He was enthusiastically received.

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Summer is now near enough to crowd your interest upon new things to wear, whether the need be dress goods, millinery, tailored costumes, gloves, hosiery, parasols, carpets or curtains. We are better prepared than ever to serve you. We might write pages with buying economy as the text, but you wouldn't read it. But there's nothing like comparison the more you will look around and compare, the better satisfied you'll be to leave your money with us.

FOR SATURDAY BUYERS.

35 pr. Lace Curtains, 2½ yds. long, taped all round, special per pair 25c
20 pr. Gum's Prints, the best make on the market, in choice light and dark patterns, absolutely fast dyes, reg. 12½¢, special 10c
Waist Silks, new corded gelines and plaid sarans, good heavy weight, pure silk quality, in rich colored stripes and tarts, would be good value at 65c and 75c yd., special 50c
500 Dress Goods, an unusual offering, new stylish weaves, in all the spring colorings, including 44 in. all-wool venetian covers, 44 inch pure mohairs, in plain and figures, silk and wool checks, homespun suitings, French poplin cords, cycling tweeds, new check and mixed tweeds, serges, etc., not a yard but what is worth 50c to 75c, Saturday special 50c
New Spring Jackets, fine Victoria cloth, in shades of fawn, made up in latest

American style, fly front, welt seams, a perfect fitting and dressy garment, very special \$4.00
Fine Covert Cloth Jackets, lined with rich colored Roman satin, velvet collar, fly front, pearl buttons, silk stitched throughout, a jaunty garment and perfect fitting, special \$5.50
Spring Jackets, in fine kerseys, beavers and covets, extra quality, handsomely made and finished, very special at \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50 and \$8.00
New Shirt Waists, in prints, muslins, percales, dimities, piques, bedfords, zephyrs, lawns, etc., new styles in beautiful patterns and colorings, at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.40 and \$1.50
Dress Skirts, an immense range to select from, in serges, mohairs, in plain and figures, fancy satia cloths, plaids, checks, covets, etc., latest cut, linette lining, velvet facings,

ready-to-wear for almost the cost of material, special at \$1.95, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50
Undershirts, fancy metallic cloth, in choice stripes and patterns, moreous in black and fancy shades coloring, made with single and double corded frills, full width, very special at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Satin Under-shirts, extra rich heavy quality, in stripes designs of white and black and mauve and black, deep blue corded ruffs, lined throughout, very special at \$4.50 and \$5.00
Special—only Ladies' Tailored Costumes (suits and skirts) homespun, chevrons, victoria cloths, pearl cloths, etc. coats lined throughout, skirts lined with best linenette, late New York cut, worth \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00, Saturday... \$7.45

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WILL MAFEKING FALL?

No Prospect yet of its Relief

THOUGH RUMORS ABOUT IT CONTINUE—KRUGER AND STEYN ISSUE COUNTER-PROCLAMATIONS—FIGHTING AT WARRENTON.

London, March 23.—Again there is a persistent rumor that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the War Office has received a despatch positively announcing the relief, but that publication of it is withheld because the form of the message admits the possibility of mistake. The War Office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and that no further news on the subject is at hand.

No attention is paid in any quarter to the wild Boer rumors of Commandant Oliver's victory over Gen. Gatacre, which are only designed to revive the drooping spirits of the burghers.

It seems certain that Mafeking's only chance lies in relief by the column supposed to be advancing from the south or in the possibility that Col. Bullen-Powell is still strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer guns at a time when Commandant Snyman has withdrawn his men to oppose Col. Plummer's advance.

All the reports regarding the British operations in the Free State continue most satisfactory.

Nothing has developed regarding Gen. Buller's intentions, but it seems hard to believe that he is again embarking Gen. Warren's division.

It is reported from Lorenzo Marques that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years, and that the Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer arms are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria.

It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has declined to intervene.

A despatch to the Daily News from Springfield, dated Wednesday morning March 2, says: "Gen. Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some Kaffirs who had looted Boer farms have been tried and severely punished, to the great astonishment and gratification of the Boer residents."

A despatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy, after repeated dissensions, has withdrawn from Brandfort northward. He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will make a stand anywhere south of the Vaal. I cannot personally share such optimism."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Thursday, says that Sir Charles Warren's division is embarking at Durban for East London, Cape Colony.

FIGHTING AT WARRENTON. Kimberley, Thursday, March 22.—There was a smart artillery duel near

Warrenton yesterday morning. A battery under Maj. Blewitt, supported by the Kimberley Light Horse, located the Boers, who employed four guns, two of which used cordite, but ineffectively. The British battery replied with effect and silenced the Boer fire. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not damaged.

A scouting party got too close to the bank of the river and encountered a heavy fire. The men were unable to get away and it was impossible to relieve them without loss, the party being obliged to wait for darkness in order to escape.

The reconnaissance succeeded, and Maj. Blewitt retired with only one wounded.

This morning brisk firing was resumed at Warrenton about 6.30, but it has now slackened up.

A detachment of Fusiliers has arrived. Two Vryburg inhabitants who had been imprisoned by the Boers, were sent into Warrenton under a white flag, after being taken from larger to larger around the district. They say that the big gun from Kimberley has been taken through Christiania to Pretoria. Trains now run within eight miles of Warrenton. There are women and children in every laager.

THEY ARE ON THE OUTS.

London, March 23.—A special correspondent of the Times at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Yesterday Mr. Kruger issued a proclamation annexing the Free State to the Transvaal. Mr. Steyn immediately issued a counter proclamation declaring the Free State intact."

The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn will meet at Kroonstadt in the Orange Free State, on April 4, to discuss the future program. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very bitter."

A REVIEW.

Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field operations in the Morning Post, says: "The rumors of Boer victories are not worth much, but they may serve to remind us that for a day or two there has been no specific account of Gen. Gatacre's movements. It is probable that his force is moving northward on the east side of the railway. Interest in Mafeking increases in acuteness. Commandant Snyman evidently writes highly-colored despatches, which seem a pity, for his tactics are sound. Lord Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him; and he is pausing so as to ensure, when he next moves, the mobility and handiness of all his columns. By this time he has taken the measure of all his generals and troops, and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will be directing the movements of two, if not three, armies, and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers."

IT IS TIME FOR A

Change in the Cedar Springs Mail Service

So the Residents of That Place Have got up a Petition to Post-master General.

The good people of that thriving and enterprising village on the lake shore, Cedar Springs, have a genuine grievance against the post office department which will no doubt be remedied now it has been brought to light. It seems that their mail each day is taken only as far as Blenheim, and then held over until the next morning. Even during the most exciting periods of the war they could not get their daily Planets with all the fullest and latest details until the day after issue. They have got tired of this sort of service, and a few days ago a petition for a change was drawn up. The residents of Cedar Springs have signed, and this morning Messrs. A. McPherson and J. C. McGregor brought it to the city to get the summer cottagers to add their X marks to the document. It will then be forwarded to Ottawa. The petition sets forth as follows:

THE PETITION.
The petition of the undersigned ratepayers and residents of Cedar Springs in the county of Kent, setting forth their desire to secure a mail service that will give to the residents of this place and surrounding country a daily paper on the day of publication of the same. The petition respectfully sheweth:

That the post office is an important one, handling a large amount of mail matter for a large section of country, yet the residents labor under the serious disability of not being able to get a daily newspaper on the day of publication.

That other villages of far less importance have a far better service in this respect than Cedar Springs.

That this accommodation could be secured if the stage which carries the mail from Blenheim to Wheatley were to connect with the five p. m. mail on the L. E. & D. R. R. at Cedar Springs instead of at Blenheim.

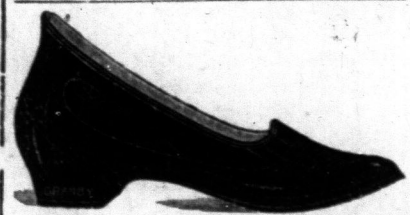
That the arrangement would shorten the present stage route by at least four miles.

That this would not interfere with the present mail service between Cedar Springs and Wheatley.

Your petitioners would therefore pray that this change be made in the mail service of this place affording

the accommodation asked for. The petition is signed by Rev. C. F. Clark, C. W. Maine, Edward Corcoran, Samuel McDowell, R. McNeill, E. W. Dalton, and about 100 others.

March 21st, 1900.



A Little Rubber Talk

Maybe all rubbers look alike to you—but there is a difference. All rubbers are not good rubbers. All rubbers do not fit properly. Unless the quality is good and the fit right, you will not get SATISFACTORY SERVICE from them. Our rubbers are the very best quality and we see that they are fitted right.



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