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What Shall I Do With My Money?

If that is what is bothering you my friend let us give you a little advice

Come to Our Annual Linen Sale

You will never be able to invest your money to better advantage—prices are advancing and if you do not buy now you will have to pay at least 25 per cent more after this lot is sold out—and we want to tell you that they won't last long (though the shipment was the largest we have ever brought to Chatham) for the reason that the patterns are the daintiest and quality the best our customers have ever seen. We have sold more linen in the last two days than ever before in the same length of time, conclusive evidence that the prices are extraordinarily low, note them

Full two yds. wide, grass bleached Irish Table Damask, guaranteed pure flax, extra heavy quality and satin finish, special value, at per yard..... 65c

72 in. grass bleached Irish Table Damask, guaranteed pure flax, extra heavy quality and satin finish, special value, at per yard..... \$1

Napkins to match, two yds. wide, Irish Table Damask, pure linen, half bleached, special per yard..... 50c

58 inch wide, extra heavy Table Damask, Irish manufacture, very special per yd..... 25c

Great Handkerchief Sale.

2 1/2 yds. wide, Grass Bleached Irish Table Damask, pure flax, satin finish, beautiful designs, regular price \$2 and \$2.50, extra special at per yard..... \$1.50

Table Napkins, dinner size, full 1/2 yds. wide, regular price \$1.25 for..... \$1.25

Table Napkins, full 1/2 yds. wide, slightly imperfect, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00 for..... \$1.50

We Sell Linens.

THOMAS STONE & SON IMPORTERS

Extra heavy Towels, size 18 x 42, fringed, with red borders, pure linen, very special at per pair..... 25c

Full Bleached Towels, pure flax, size 20 x 42, fringed, extra quality and finish, special per pair..... 50c

1/2 yard wide, bordered Huck Toweling, pure linen, special per yard 10c

22 inch Glass Toweling (note the width) pure linen, red and blue checks, special per yard..... 12 1/2c

Great Handkerchief Sale.

SURRENDER OR FIGHT TO THE DEATH

Lord Kitchener's Reply to General Cronje's Request for an Armistice to Bury His Dead.

The Boer Commander Decided to Fight it out and is Being Hotly Shelled by Half a Hundred Guns—The Enemy Trying to Concentrate an Adequate Force to Relieve Cronje.

Cape Town, Feb. 22, Thursday morning.—In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice of 24 hours to allow him to bury his dead, Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally. Gen. Cronje's position is reported hopeless.

A DODGE TO GAIN TIME.
London, Feb. 23.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—"Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice was a mere dodge to gain time to make trenches. Lord Kitchener refused, but gave him half an hour to consider whether he would surrender unconditionally or fight to a finish. The Boers having said that their intention had been misunderstood, and that they would fight to the end, the battle was resumed."

DRIVEN FROM A KOPIE.
The Times has the following from Paardeberg, dated Feb. 21:—"We have expelled 500 Boers from an isolated kopje about a mile south-east of Gen. Cronje's laager."

The Times says editorially:—"The fact that the Boers started to reinforce Gen. Cronje from Natal a few days ago is an additional reason why Lord Roberts should finish with him as promptly as possible. Small bodies of Boers, such as have already been broken up, are not very formidable; but a large body with guns and supplies would call for serious treatment, in which, no doubt, Gen. French would find congenial work. Lord Roberts at present sees the advantage of being nearer to his base than the Boers are to theirs, but that advantage will be reduced in proportion to his eastward progress, and it is important that bodies of the enemy should not hover on his right flank."

CRONJE'S LAST STAND.
London, Friday, Feb. 23, 4 a. m.—Gen. Cronje is seemingly making his last stand, and is dying hard, surrounded by our infantry, with shells from 50 guns falling into his camp. On the third day of the fight the Boer chief asked for an armistice to bury his dead. "Fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally," was Lord Kitchener's reply. Gen. Cronje's immediate sent back word that his request for a truce had been misunderstood, and that his determination then as before was to fight to the death. And the battle went on. This was the situation of Gen. Cronje Tuesday as sketched in the scanty telegrams that have been wired from the semi-silence of South Africa. Officially, Lord Roberts writes that he has scattered the advance commands of the reinforcements that were trying to reach Gen. Cronje. It is regarded as singular that Lord Roberts, wiring Wednesday, should not mention the appeal for an armistice on the previous day, and also that the War Office should withhold good news, if it has the scanty materials at hand, it seems plain that Gen. Cronje is in a

bad, and even a desperate situation, and that the British are pressing their advantage. While the attack on Gen. Cronje proceeds, there is a race for concentration between the Boers and the British. The engagement with Gen. Cronje's 5,000 to 6,000 entrenched men is likely to become an incident in a battle between the masses. The separated fractions of the Boer power are rapidly drawing together to attack Lord Roberts. Will Gen. Cronje be able to hold out until the Boer masses appear? or, if he does, will they be able to succor him? The British are facing the Boers on grounds where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them the advantage.

AGREE TO SURRENDER.
London, Feb. 23.—The Daily News has the following despatch from Modder River, dated Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21:—"The Boer forces under Cronje are estimated at 8,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of 24 hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender."

The British general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding and that he would fight to the death. The bombardment was then resumed and our lyddite shells set fire to the Boer wagons. We continued shelling the laager through the night and in the morning we resumed with Maxim and rifles, principally from the north side.

On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking, and the same result could have been achieved without it. During Monday night seven Boers made an attempt to break through our lines, but they were captured and their leader was killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that there was one other who got through.

Other prisoners say that Gen. Cronje marched from Magersfontein here without outspanning, a distance of 33 miles. Had he succeeded in escaping it would have been one of the finest performances in the annals of war. The Canadians made a gallant charge at the laager, but were driven back with loss. Gen. MacDonald and Gen. Knox are slightly wounded.

CRONJE MUST SURRENDER.
Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says:—"Lord Roberts, who was once an artillery officer, will take care that the artillery fire is properly concentrated. Prolonged shelling will compel the Boers either to bury themselves at the British infantry in the hope of forcing their way out, or to surrender. The best chance for Gen. Cronje would be to make a night attack, but the dayonet will serve the British at night as well as day. There are, of course, in war, all sorts of chances. A party of Boers from the north or south might conceivably fall by surprise on some point of the

investing ring, and thus gain a chance to escape for the beleaguered Boers; but the probabilities are that Gen. Cronje will be compelled to surrender, and that thus at Paardeberg will be effected the destruction of the first fraction of the Boer army."

BRACING UP AGAIN.
London, Friday, Feb. 23, 430 a. m.—Gen. Buller, according to a despatch from Chieveley, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in positions north of the Tugela, largely reinforced. This seems strange.

BRITISH LOSSES.
London, Feb. 22.—The war office, for the first time gave an official compilation of the British losses. The total is 11,349 to Feb. 17. This does not include, therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses, nor the Witwatersrand prisoners. The Press Association learns that the British losses at Koodoospan were 700.

HELLED BY FRENCH OFFICERS.
Paris, Feb. 23.—A letter from Col. De Villiers to Gen. Joubert's chief of staff, to whom the Boer victory at Colenso is mainly attributed by the French papers, is published today. In the course of this communication, the colonel says that two of the Boers' representatives rendered the Boers valuable aid. One named Greunberg, he adds, is the head of their artillery, and the other, Leon, is the head of their engineers. Leon directed the hoisting of "Long Tom" to the dizzy heights around Ladysmith, and also arranged for the victroling of the camps, which he himself located.

The writer expresses admiration for the organization and commissariat arrangements at the Boer camps. The burghers, he says, get excellent meat, bread or biscuits, coffee, rice, potatoes and other commodities with surprising liberality. He pays a high tribute to the unsuspected military capabilities of the Boer leaders, and declares every detail of the Boer organization works like clock.

WAR NOTES

Three thousand fresh troops will embark for South Africa today. The relative position of the combatants is likened to chess players, one of whom, from time to time, adds pieces to the board, while any loss to the adversary is irreparable.

The morning reports allude to the thoughtfulness of Lord Roberts in sending a despatch to the Earl of Minto, the Canadian Governor-General.

The military critic of the Times, urges the continuance of efforts to send more troops to South Africa so as to be ready for the many difficulties that must be surmounted, even after Lord Roberts has succeeded against Gen. Cronje. He adds:—"The splendid spirit shown in Canada, which has just received the first news of losses incurred in service of the Empire, should serve to impel us to greater exertions."

CHARGED BOER LAAGER

How the Canadians Fell in Trying to Rush the Enemy's Position.

Charge Boer laager.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 21, via Modder River, Feb. 22.—Gen. Cronje's magnificent night march from Magersfontein now appears likely to end in a terrible death trap. The enemy are hiding in the bed of the Modder, commanded by the British artillery and enclosed on the east and west by the British infantry.

Sunday witnessed a gallant stand on the part of the retreating foe. Tired, harassed, they still maintained a bold front. It is somewhat difficult to explain Sunday's action in which all the British force was engaged, in which Gen. Cronje, under difficult conditions, managed to hold his own. On Saturday night the British mounted infantry came into touch with Cronje's rear guard, driving them back upon the main body. On Sunday morning the action was renewed, but the Boers, who had entrenched the river bed during the night, prevented further advance of the mounted infantry in this direction.

Meanwhile the Highland brigade, consisting of the Seaforth, the Black Watch and the Argylls, advanced from the south bank and the Essex, Welsh and Yorkshires formed a long line on the left which rested on the river, on the extreme right being the Welsh. The whole line was ordered to envelop the Boers, who lined both banks of the river.

The firing soon became heavy. The Boers, holding a splendid position, covered the left of the Highland brigade, which advanced partly up the river bed and partly in the open. While the rest of the brigade with the other regiments swung round the front of the Highland brigade on the level, covered ground, exposed to a terrible fire

which obliged the men to lie upon the ground as they did the remainder of the day. This began at 7.30 in the morning. Through the dreadful heat and a terrible thunder storm our men hung to the position, answering the Boer fire and shooting steadily.

HEAVY SHELL FIRE.
In the meantime the rest of the infantry completed the enveloping movement, the Welsh regiment having succeeded in seizing the drift, this closing in the Boers who had fought throughout with splendid courage. Gen. Cronje's laager, full of carts, ammunition and stores, could be plainly seen near the north bank. General Smith-Dorrien collected a large body of men, including the Canadians, and crossed the river at Paardeberg drift, advancing toward the laager, which was being vigorously shelled. This force made a gallant attempt to charge into the laager, but failed. Before seizing the western drifts the Boers occupied a kopje on the south bank, running down the river. Therefore, their force is cut in two. The Boers hold the kopje and have one Vickers-Maxim, and probably one or two other guns.

Toward evening the battery on the south side opened, co-operating with the battery on the north side. A wonderful sight followed. The shells fell with amazing precision along the river bed, opposite the laager, which was shelled thoroughly, damaging everything it contained. One shell set on fire a small ammunition wagon, which burned nearly all day. Many other wagons were set on fire and the glare was visible at a considerable distance far into the night. The infantry also maintained a terrible fire which was answered vigorously. The scene toward nightfall was terribly picturesque, with the blazing wagons, the roaring artillery and the crackling rifle fire.

GEN. CRONJE SURRENDERS.

London, Feb. 23.—General Cronje has surrendered his entire force comprising about 10,000 men. During the fighting since Sunday it is reported that the Canadians have lost 15 men killed and wounded and the Highlanders 65. Above not confirmed. See Page 4.

LONDON'S GREAT FIRE.

The Masonic Temple There Totally Consumed—Loss About \$200,000.

A serious conflagration visited London this morning in which the Masonic Temple including the opera house on the corner of Richmond and King streets was totally destroyed. The temple was four stories high. The ground floor is occupied by stores, the opera house being to the rear part of the block. Offices and lodge rooms occupy the other floors of the building.

About 4 o'clock the alarm of fire was given. The blaze was discovered first in the opera house portion. A strong wind blowing from the northwest rapidly kindled the fire throughout the building and within an hour after the fire brigade arrived the block was enveloped in flames. The dome of the building was burning by this time and the west side was pretty far gone.

The firemen were working with 10 or 12 streams and their new aerial but they were powerless against the flames. The city was lighted up as bright as day and the reflection could be seen for miles around. Cinders were flying in clouds in every direction. It was impossible to stand within 100 yards of the building without being covered with brands. All that saved the fire from reading was the fact that it had snowed and rained during the week and there was three or four inches of snow on all the buildings around. Thus the neighboring buildings were protected from the blazing cinder.

All down Richmond and King Sts. there was a perfect river of sparks, and the G. T. R. platform and beyond was covered with several inches of charcoal. By 6.30 o'clock only the bare walls were left standing. There was some doubt early in the fire as to whether the city hall, next door north, would not go, too, although it was on the leeward side of the blaze, but the firemen were able to protect it.

The building was one of the finest in London. It was built 15 or 16 years ago by the Masonic Temple Co. at a cost of over \$150,000. This company it will be remembered raised most of the money by a lottery, the last permitted by the government. It was insured for \$75,000 about half its value. The loss on the

building and contents will be over \$200,000. Col. Leys, M. P., is said to be among those most interested in the property.

CHICAGO MARKETS.			
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ONE AMERICAN'S VIEWS OF THE BOER SITUATION.

Thomas C. Shearman, a resident of New York, writes to the editor of the Times of that city, as follows, on the Transvaal question:

In doing so, he says, I shall state only unquestionable facts. Those who desire to find chapter and verse, as authority for these statements, can do so by reading two books, Fitzpatrick's "Transvaal," written by an Irishman, on the anti-Boer side, and "Oom Paul's People," written by Howard C. Hillegas, exclusively in favor of the Boers, and avowedly suppressing all statements of any wrong acts done by the Boers. Nevertheless, the worst points against the Boers will be found in Mr. Hillegas' book.

1. In 1884 Paul Kruger was in London. He was so poor that he could not pay his hotel bill; and it was paid for him by a generous Englishman. He then expressly and publicly invited Englishmen and Americans to settle in the Transvaal and to conduct mining there.

2. Mr. Kruger afterwards sold one of his own farms to Englishmen for \$500,000, paid in gold. His friends and neighbors sold other farms at even greater prices, receiving altogether, from foreign settlers principally English, although including a considerable number of Germans, Frenchmen and Americans, many millions of dollars.

3. These foreign settlers produce every dollar's worth of wealth which can be exported from the Transvaal, and every dollar in excess of what will suffice for a very bare and dirty existence to the old residents. Every dollar of the wealth now possessed by Mr. Kruger, his son-in-law, his officials, and indeed any of the Transvaal population, has been produced by these settlers.

4. The taxes annually levied in the Transvaal, have exceeded \$20,000,000. Nine-tenths of this amount have been collected from the foreign settlers, whom Mr. Kruger invited into the country.

5. No appreciable part of the taxes is expended for the benefit of the foreign settlers. If this sum were equally divided among the Boers, it would furnish an annual income of about \$2,000 for each family, which would pay three times over all the living expenses.

6. No such equal division is made, but half these taxes have been spent in making preparations for war, and the other half devoted to the payment of enormous salaries to and jobs for Mr. Kruger, his son-in-law, friends and political supporters. Mr. Kruger himself has avowedly received \$30,000 a year salary, while, on repeated occasions, sums of \$15,000 and \$25,000 have been paid out for taxes for his direct and exclusive benefit, as appears by public records. How much more has been spent without public record can only be guessed. His son-in-law and private secretary owns (so says Mr. Hillegas) a single house costing \$250,000, and rolls in wealth besides, as he must, to support such a house.

7. The official records in a Transvaal lawsuit, arising upon a quarrel between two sets of Boer plunderers, show that every Boer official worth anything, including Kruger's son-in-law, received bribes from a Boer railroad company. The amount of each bribe was set forth in a bill of particulars filed in open court. Not one of these men ever denied the receipt of these bribes.

8. The foreign settlers, exclusively, built Johannesburg, a fine town, with (formerly) 50,000 inhabitants. They were not merely denied any rights to govern that city, they were denied any municipal government whatever. This is proved, not only by the explicit statements of Mr. Hillegas, the American representative of the Boers, but also by a proclamation of Paul Kruger himself, dated January, 1896, a copy of which I have. Mr. Hillegas states that not \$5 could be expended in repairing a bridge or road without first receiving express authority from Pretoria.

9. As a consequence of this total lack of good government, the death rate in Johannesburg has been constantly three or four times as great as even in our own badly governed city of New York. There is no use in comparing it with ordinary mining camps, because Johannesburg is a fine city, built by intelligent and educated men.

10. The foreign settlers in the Transvaal, were denied the right to bear arms, while every male Boer from 16 years and upwards, is heavily armed and drilled, at the expense of the foreigners.

11. By a press law passed for the avowed purpose of crushing the foreign settlers, all newspapers were placed at the mercy of President Kruger, who can suppress them at his pleasure.

12. By another law, passed for the same purpose, all meetings of more than seven persons in the open air are absolutely prohibited, while other meetings can be dissolved in an in-

stant, at the discretion of any policeman.

13. Another law was passed, absolutely prohibiting the presentation by any foreigner as even so much as a petition for redress.

14. When Mr. Kruger invited foreigners to settle in the Transvaal, full naturalization could be obtained within two years. After foreigners had accepted his invitation, he repealed all naturalization laws, absolutely. Then, under pressure, he restored the laws, but made the term fourteen years; but any foreigner desiring naturalization, even from his own government or the Boer government for fourteen years, during which time he would be a citizen of no country whatever, and have no rights which any Boer would be bound to respect. During these fourteen years he must be ready to serve in the Boer army on twelve hours' notice, and he would be frequently called upon to serve, without pay, clothing or even food, which he must provide for himself. At the end of these fourteen years of degrading humiliation he would not be allowed to vote for any office worth voting for, unless his humble petition was approved by two-thirds of his Boer neighbors, by the military chief of his district and finally by Mr. Kruger himself. Neither would he be allowed to vote even then unless he were forty years of age.

15. While nearly two-thirds of all persons residing in the Transvaal spoke only the English language, and less than one-third either spoke or could understand the barbarous Boer Dutch, the Boers insisted that all English-speaking children must take their education exclusively in Dutch.

16. President Kruger resisted the introduction of railroads for years in order to compel the miners to hire his private ox teams at enormous prices. When finally he did permit the railroads to be built, he granted the privilege exclusively to persons who would agree to give to his relatives a big share of the profits. He granted monopolies of several indispensable articles of supply to the miners, with the result of doubling the price at which they could otherwise have been obtained.

17. The whole Transvaal government was corrupt and rotten from top to bottom. No business could be done with them without bribing the president's son-in-law and hangers-on.

18. Having remonstrated against these things for years in vain, and having received frequent promises of reform, which were never kept and were never meant to be, a number of foreign residents, including more Americans, in proportion to their total number than of any other nationality, conspired together to compel these reforms to be granted, by force of arms. They collected rifles, gunpowder, etc., but never made any overt act, and never committed any overt act, their offenses were such as could not have been punished in the United States by more than a short term of imprisonment or fines not exceeding \$1,000. They neither planned nor desired to become a British colony.

19. The conspiracy being discovered before the conspirators carried it out, sixty of them, including six Americans, were arrested, cast into an indescribably filthy goal, and informed that unless they pleaded guilty they would be hanged, but that if they did plead guilty they would be let off with fines.

20. Being brought into court, they were charged with an offense, which, by the express statute of Boerdom, was punishable by nothing more than a short term of imprisonment. Being assured by the Boer prosecuting officers that they would receive no greater sentence than this, and would be allowed to escape with fines, if they pleaded guilty, they did so plead; although, as to many of them, the offense could never have been legally proved.

21. No judge then on the bench being quite unscrupulous enough to serve Mr. Kruger's turn, he imported an utterly unscrupulous judge named Gregorowski. This judge publicly stated that he came for the express purpose of making it hot for the Outlanders. After the prisoners had all pleaded guilty, this judge announced that as to the four leaders, he should not sentence them under the statute law, but would revert to the unwritten law of the Transvaal, which prescribed death for such an offense. Accordingly he sentenced these four (one of whom was a distinguished American, and probably the ablest mining engineer in the world) to death, and all the others to various terms of imprisonment and heavy fines.

22. Even the Dutch settlers of South Africa, being horrified at this sentence, and pouring by hundreds into Pretoria to remonstrate against it, Mr. Kruger graciously took the matter into consideration, but announced that his religious scruples forbade that he should commute the death sentence into fines, because such fines would be "the price of blood," and his reverence for the dear Lord forbade that he should be less scrupulous than the priests of Jerusalem.

23. The pious Boers therefore informed the prisoners that they could not be released on the payment of any fines, but if the prisoners would, of their own accord, "subscribe for charities" sums varying from \$25,000 to \$100,000 each, for the leading men, and

not less than \$10,000 for anybody, the merciful president might be induced to pardon them, without any fines or imprisonment.

24. Both the British and American Governments being at that time too chicken-hearted to intervene in these proceedings, this offer had to be accepted. The American citizens all made heavy contributions to "charity." Mr. John Hays Hammond paying \$100,000. No such penalties were ever exacted in the whole history of the United States, not during the last century in any civilized country.

25. These "charitable" contributions, amounting to about \$1,000,000 in all, were duly paid over to His Highness Paul Kruger or his son-in-law. It is needless to say that the "charities" have never turned up, although four years have now elapsed since the \$1,000,000 was safely deposited under the control of the pious Paul Kruger.

26. Both the British and the American governments meekly submitted to these outrages upon their citizens; more shame for both of them! No wonder that Kruger described both Englishmen and Americans as "dogs," who, if they were good, would lick his boots.

The advocates of the Boers in this country assert that these acts have occurred only since the Jameson raid of December, 1895. In this there is not one word of truth, except, of course, as to the trial and sentence of the Outlanders. All the other acts of oppression above narrated, and many, many more, were permitted and persisted in before the Jameson raid occurred. Mr. Kruger was not quite so confident thereafter that the Outlanders would never fight as he had been before. After that raid, and not before, he permitted Johannesburg to have some kind of government, insisting, of course, that this government be absolutely under the control of his own creatures. Still, it was much better to have a local government under his nomination than to have none at all.

The Planet will commence the publication of a new story entitled "Edith Norton" next Tuesday. Don't miss it.

The Canadians who didn't go to the front are so pleased at the way the boys behaved that they feel like getting half shot themselves.

DWINDED DOWN TO A FARCE.

The Mail.

Mr. Ross promised to investigate the wide range of election frauds. He limits his enquiry to West Elgin. Mr. Ross intimated that the West Elgin investigation should be full and thorough.

He excludes the "machine" from it, and restricts it to an examination of the acts of "returning officer, deputy returning officers, and poll clerks." Mr. Ross declared that justice would be done.

He knew at the time that the ballot, the strongest evidence in the case, had been made away with.

THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT-CLAD BRIGADE.

Upon the first Canadian contingent arriving at Cape Town it was discovered that while the complement of tunics was complete, there were lacking four hundred breeches. Mr. Henry Duff, late of the Montreal Star, who has wooed the muse, at the dinner given by Sir Charles last week, voiced the plaint of the light-clad brigade as follows:

The bravest palled when he was told That somebody had blundered; And the corps' supply of pantaloons, Was minus just four hundred.

Our hearts are brave, and yet we grieve At prudence so neglected; They send us to the front and leave Our rear quite unprotected.

We marched for many a weary mile, In a costume, light and airy; A little in the classic style Of Grecian statuary.

Of course we met some very hard, Some trying situations; It took us all the time to guard Our base of operations.

Our sufferings would be less keen; Were there any chance of getting A box or two of vaseline; And a little mosquito netting.

We've scissors and needles and cotton and pins; But nowhere to put patches; We've pipes and tobacco and that sort of things, But nowhere to strike matches.

This thing is getting monotonous; And we long for the sake of variety, To tuck our shirts into divided skirts As they do in polite society.

Our statesmen talk of glory? Why! We've no heart for glory now, sirs, We'll talk of medals bye and bye, Just now we want our trousers.

We long to meet the foe man's steel, To hear the welcome rally; "Come on, ye royal sons of bitches," "Charge! Borden's corps de ballet!"

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PART I.

Opening Address—Mayor T. A. Smith.

Selection—City Band.

Chorus—The Maple Leaf, with solo by Mr. Harry Horstead.

The Bugle Call—Brassley Quintette Club, consisting of Geo. Grant, Benj. Talbert, Dollie Scott, Mary Bryant and Minnie Russell. Pianiste, Mamie Howe.

Violin Solo—Mr. Henry McCaw.

Vocal Solo, Who Carries the Gun?—Miss Lizzie Smith.

Recitation, Pro Patria et Gloria—Miss Gertrude Mae Swan.

Quartette, Little Cotton Dolly—Messrs. Horstead, O'Hara, Sheldon and Wilson.

Vocal Solo, Will ye no' Come Back Again?—Miss Eida Idle.

Vocal Solo, The Man Behind the Gun—Mr. Wm. Wilson, with male octette chorus—First tenors, H. W. Anderson and James Rhody; second tenors, J. W. Mann and Geoffrey O'Hara; baritone, Milton Fox and Ross Ball; basses, Morton Sheldon and Arthur Gammage.

Selection (a medley)—Mandolin Club.

Vocal Solo, Her Majesty, Stephen Adams—Mrs. James.

Recessional, Kipling-DeKoven, with harp solo by Mr. William H. Brackin.

PART II.

Opening Address—Warden John Davidson.

Selection—Excelsior Band.

Chorus—Soldiers of the Queen, with solo by Mr. J. G. Mullen.

Solo—Mr. Alex. McPherson.

Recitation, The Absent Minded Beggar—Miss Maud McCosh.

Vocal Solo, The Union Jack of Old England—Mr. S. H. Marshall.

Quartette, Just as the Sun Went Down—Mrs. Cooper, Misses Blight, Simpson and Ross.

Vocal Solo, The Widow of Old Windsor Hall—Dr. C. B. Oliver.

"To Mr. Kipling" (a reply to the Absent Minded Beggar)—Miss Lydia Kathleen Duffus.

Quartette, The Old Brigade—Barrie.

Mrs. W. R. McGregor, Miss M. Carmichael, Messrs. J. D. McPherson and Peter Haggart.

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Lieut. Col. Holmes, D. O. C. M. D. No. 1, of London, is registered at the Hotel Garnier.

Ward Stanworth is the first to occupy the new offices in the I. O. O. F. building. He moved in yesterday.

Fred. Stone, of the firm of Stone, Houston & Co., is in Ridgeway to-day holding Division Court for Judge Ross Woods.

Mrs. T. D. Rankin and daughter Leotta, who have been guests of Mrs. A. W. Gould, Joseph St., for the past week, returned to London to-day.

Mrs. Gordon Everett underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Immediately on the receipt of the report of Commandant Cronje's surrender this morning the flag on the Kent Mills, which had been trailing at half mast for the Canadian dead, was lifted to the very top of the pole and proudly unfurled in the breeze. It was followed by the flags on the Post Office and other buildings.

A TOBACCO DEPUTATION.

The mayor this afternoon received a telegram from Ruthven, signed J. S. Bruer, asking him if he could meet a deputation here to-morrow about noon at the location of a tobacco factory in Chatham. This makes four firms his worship is in negotiation with.

SICK AND WOUNDED.

A Cape Town despatch says that Pte. C. E. Finch, of "B" Company, the London company of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, is seriously ill. He was a member, before enlisting, of the 9th Fusiliers, London. Private Beers, of Windsor, is believed to be among the wounded. The name "Threves" was probably meant for him.

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DIED SUDDENLY

The sudden death occurred yesterday afternoon of S. D. Fisher, at the residence of his son-in-law, James Innes, King street west. He came here from Toronto about six years ago. He was aged 73.

TRANSVAAL ALARMED.

Lorenzo Marquez, Thursday, Feb. 23.—The Transvaal government is reported to be seriously alarmed at the defeat of the Boers at Kimberley and the retreat of their famous general, Cronje.

The newspapers are most reticent, but the Standard and Diggers' News claims that Gen. Cronje's movement is beneficial, as it "increases the mobility of the burghers' army, enabling it to conduct more effective operations on a carefully prepared plan."

There are persistent reports that the seat of the Free State government is being removed to Wyburg.

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LADYSMITH SHELLS BOERS.

Boer. Ladysmith, Wednesday, February 22.—There was very heavy fighting all Monday and Tuesday, and it still continues since early this morning. Our officers hope to dislodge the British from their position.

Last night a body of British troops tried to cross the river, but were beaten back with heavy loss. Our loss was slight.

Our positions are being bombarded from Ladysmith at a point where the Klip river passes through the hills. Our long Tom is replying with good effect.

SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—As night fell, after the terrible fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of fire as both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wounded proceeded, and the men slept where they had fought the whole day.

The action was one of the most fully contested in the history of the war, for the Boers were grimly fighting for their lives, while the British determinedly harassed them. The mounted infantry did good work and the Highland brigade fought steadily and sternly. The whole force behaved well.

Sunday evening the cordon around the Boers was completely closed on every side in perfect silence. A few Boers came into camp during the night and confessed that they were sick of fighting and that Gen. Cronje was being urged to surrender.

All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst, as it was impossible to transport water. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, however, considerably relieved their sufferings.

Lord Kitchener was present with the force. Gen. Macdonald was wounded in the foot, but not severely.

Gen. Cronje's force occupies the river bed. Our men marched splendidly to overtake the retreating Boers. Deserters say that a great number of

the Boers lost their horses. Trek-oxen are daily seen wandering over the plain and many come into our lines.

BOER FLANK WAS TURNED.

Monday morning broke finding the Boers in the same place, they having during the night constructed entrenchments around the laager, which was still threatened by Gen. Smith-Dorrien.

The mounted infantry and a battery of horse artillery started to observe the Boers who were holding a kopje, but while riding around the southern side of the kopje they received a heavy fusillade and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualties, another proof of the bad Boer marksmanship.

Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable distance west, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defensive position which was garrisoned. They continued the movement and completely turned the Boers, whose left was held strongly by a farm house, which was vigorously shelled.

The detachment returned to camp at nightfall, leaving a garrison on the ridge. Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essexes were attempting to push up the river.

About midday the cry that Gen. French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our force. When Lord Roberts arrived he addressed several regiments and was vigorously cheered.

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—Story of the Search.

St. Louis Republic.

Separated from his mother while he was yet a little child and placed in a convent in London, Ontario, Claude Pippin made a vow that he would search for her and his father until he found them.

It took twenty-three years of toil and waiting and disappointed hopes to carry out the childish oath, but it was done, and on Sunday, in this city, the boy, now grown to manhood, clasped his mother in his arms and kissed her.

The story of his wanderings in search of his parents, the clues he followed in vain, the happy accident which finally restored him to the woman who loved him with all a mother's passion for her first-born, form the most interesting feature of the story. The fact that young Pippin's discovery may result in his receiving a large inheritance from his paternal grandfather adds an interesting feature to the denouement.

The story begins with the separation of the child's parents, Peter and Alice Pippin. They had been married for a few years, but Alice, by a misadventure, was afterwards remarried at Alton, Ill., in order to satisfy the bridegroom's father.

Two children were born to them, Claude and Clara, the latter now being the wife of R. D. Jones, of No. 2319 Olive street, whose home is in Kirkwood. After about six years of married life the couple separated at Lakefield, Ill., and shortly afterwards the boy was taken from his mother by some one. From that day she never obtained even the slightest clue to the fate of her son until about a week ago. Her husband had disappeared, and she supposed the boy was with him. In reality, the boy was placed in charge of the sisters of

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.

at London, Ontario, by a man who represented himself to be the child's father. The man never called at the convent but once afterward, and the boy does not have a very clear recollection of him. Claude remained in the convent from October, 1877, until 1881, when he went to live with a farmer named Alexander Cook, near Tilbury Centre.

KENT COUNTY.

Ontario. He remained there three years, and then went to live with another farmer, Reginald Trudell. Later he was employed by P. T. Daniel, of Pain Court. While there he made a vow that he would find his mother and his father, and he has never since lost sight of his life's aim.

One day the question came to him, "Who am I?" He was puzzled. Other boys had fathers and mothers and other relatives, but for him no one seemed to have any particular regard. He remembered what the sisters at the convent had told him, but that night, feeling more than usual the weight of his utter loneliness, he went out into the fields by himself.

There, with only the eternal stars for witnesses, he knelt down and with unbroken head and face uplifted vowed that he would find his parents though the search might take all the rest of his life.

"Somewhere I know my mother is waiting and longing for me. I know she loves me and for the sake of that love I am going to her," he said to himself.

Filled with the thought of his new purpose, he left the home of the Canadian farmer and went to Detroit, Mich. He obtained work on a boat under the command of Captain Hull, who now lives in retirement at Ogdensburg, N. Y. In the spring he went on a lake steamer, and worked until he went to Port Huron, Mich., and obtained employment at the plant of the electric lighting company. After he had saved up a little money, he went to New York, hoping to find some people of his name who might be able to tell him something of his family. He never missed an opportunity to make inquiries which might result in finding something to throw light on his origin.

At New York he met with little encouragement. He visited Boston, Philadelphia and many of the smaller towns in the vicinity with material result. At last his money gave out and he had to give up the search for a time. Obtaining employment with the Utica Electric Light Company, Utica, N. Y., he learned the trade of electrician and worked his way up to a responsible position. But he did not forget his purpose nor the vow made under the stars in the loneliness of a Canadian farm. He saved his money, and after four years of continuous work at his trade, he resigned and again took up the search for his parents.

He came West this time, and made the rounds of the towns whose name ended in "field," for he dimly remembered that such a name was associated with his childhood.

SEARCH STILL CONTINUED

Finding no clue, he returned to the convent at London, and asked the sisters to show him the records connected with his stay there. He learned nothing new, but was sure that the name he bore was the one given him by the man who placed him in the convent. Then he came back West, and at Springfield, Mo., found a man, named John Pippin, whose father, named Pippin, lived at Almartha, Ozark county. He visited the older man and told him of his desire to find his mother and his father.

To find his parents, the young man decided to return to work for a while. He spent several days in St. Louis, not dreaming that his mother was here. Later, he went to Chicago and obtained work at his trade. When he had a sufficient sum of money saved up he went to Texas and found County. Again he found that his hopes were in vain. But while he was

at Whitewright, Tex., he received a letter addressed to Jackson Pippin. No one knew anyone of the name, and he at once sought the writer, Alfred Stiger, who lived at Cookeville County, Tenn. Stiger said he was pretty sure Jackson Pippin must be in Texas, near Whitewright, and back to Texas the young man went. This time he found his man, but with the discovery came another disappointment, for Jackson Pippin was no relative of his.

Thoroughly discouraged, the young man went to Memphis to obtain work, coming by way of St. Louis last December and, remaining there several days, a little later he went to Little Rock, Ark., and found a good position two weeks ago. In the meantime, he had kept up a constant correspondence with all the Pippins he had met, and had given each of them his photograph. It was through the picture he gave to George Pippin, whom he affectionately calls "uncle," and who married J. H. Lyles, a carpenter, at Hillsboro, Ill., and they are living at No. 1228 North Twelfth street in this city.

A niece of Mrs. Lyles, whose name is Mrs. Clara E. Lyles, lives at Joplin, near the home of "Uncle George" Pippin. Two weeks ago, while she was visiting at the Pippin home, she saw the picture of the lost boy, and was struck with the very strong resemblance it showed to her cousin Clara, now Mrs. Jones, of Kirkwood. She made inquiries about him, and wrote an account of the facts to her mother in Iowa. The latter at once forwarded the letter to her sister, Mrs. Lyles.

MOTHER FOUND AT LAST.

The mother hurriedly wrote to her niece at Joplin, asking for more particulars. Then, eager to find the truth, she wrote a letter addressed to Claude, and asked him to reply to it at once, and to come wherever he might be.

This letter reached him last Thursday. It mentioned several little marks by which he could be sure that he was Jackson Pippin. Lyles had lost, among others, a mole on the back of his neck. Everything tallied perfectly. Claude telegraphed at once that he believed himself to be the son of Mrs. Lyles, but made certain before he wrote a long letter, telling of the two or three incidents of his childhood, which he could dimly remember, and enclosing his photograph. Mrs. Lyles received the letter Friday, and replied to it at once, adding some details to the incident revealed by the young man.

That settled the last possible doubt in the mind of either, and on the very first train out of Little Rock, the long lost boy, a boy no longer, started for St. Louis.

"The train could not go fast enough," he said yesterday, in telling of the story. "And when I arrived in the city, it seemed an age before I stood at last on the step of the home where I knew my mother lived." The door opened and she stood before me, she looked at me for a moment, doubtfully, and then held out her arms, saying, 'My boy! My boy!'

"Just what happened next I cannot remember. All I knew was that my mother's arms were about me and my long search was ended. After we had been together for an hour or two we started for Kirkwood to meet my mother's mother, and since she was a very small child, the moment I met her I recognized her eyes, the one feature that had not changed in all the years. Since that I have been getting acquainted with her and her relatives, and I find that I have as many now as anybody."

The grandmother of the young man, Mrs. Josephine Pippin, is still living at St. Pie, Quebec, and has several Pippins in no sense to know. He was last heard from at Viola, Wis., nine years ago. He had married and had one child, a daughter. (Claude returns Claude will fall heir to all the property of his grandfather, which is said to be considerable.)

ALMOST SOLD OUT.

To-night the patriotic concert will be held in the opera house. There has been an immense sale of tickets. C. H. Gunn, of the management of the Central Drug Store, states that the sale of reserved seats in a record-breaking time, to last evening 5500 90 worth of reserved seats had been purchased, including 153 at \$1, 158 at 75c, and 184 at 50c. This does not include the top gallery. Ivor E. Brock, of the firm of Thomson Storer & Son, has been at work decorating all day. Seating for chorus is draped in white and gold, the top gallery in red and gold, the balcony in blue and gold and the boxes in red, white and blue. The management desires to call the attention of nervous patrons to the miniature cannon which discharges with a report, but there is the slightest danger. Ladies will consequently kindly refrain from fainting. The fires have been going all day and the house will be admirably heated.

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ANNUAL BANQUET

The Macaulay Club Held the
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An Interesting Toast List—What the
Speakers Had to Say.

The 18th annual banquet of the Macaulay Club was held last evening in the spacious dining hall of the Hotel Garner, and proved the most successful in its history. The room had been tastefully arranged, a large Union Jack adorning the wall.

The President of the Club, A. E. Jewett, led the way to the banquet hall and took his place at the head of the table. On his right hand were Col. Monteith, Dr. Holmes, N. W. Wilson, C. C. E. Beeston, J. G. Kerr, S. B. Arnold, Edwin Bell, Thos. Scullard, J. O'Neill, J. S. Lane, Wilson Taylor, Fred Stone, Wm. Mowbray, Norman McEwen, C. C. E. Beeston, Dr. Musson, Dr. Garnet Holmes, C. F. W. Atkinson, H. J. Stevens, Fred Hall, W. McCorvie, J. W. Aitkin, D. A. Hutchison, O. L. Lewis, Robert Brackin and J. N. Young.

After a blessing by Rev. Robert Sims, ample justice was done to the capital repast provided.

THE TOAST LIST.

A. E. Jewett, the chairman of the evening, then introduced the toast list with a brief but pleasant speech in which he made a request for brevity in the speeches.

The Queen was responded to by the whole assemblage joining in a hearty outburst of the National Anthem. Colonel Monteith, the U. S. Consul, replied to the toast to the President of the United States. He said that the day was a great day in the history of the United States, as on Feb. 22nd George Washington had been born. The four great rulers of the age were Washington, Lincoln, Queen Victoria and McKinley. The quartette made a galaxy of true worth and noble character.

Canada was then introduced, and with it were coupled the speakers of Mr. Wilson, C. C. E. Beeston, J. O'Neill, The Maple Leaf was sung by C. F. W. Atkinson immediately following this toast.

Mr. Wilson delivered a most patriotic address on this subject. It is too good to abridge and will be given in full to-morrow.

A PATRIOTIC SPEECH.

C. J. O'Neill made one of his happy addresses. He said that God made Canada beautiful and her sons and daughters have done much to bring out the innate beauty of the country. Many present had watched her constant progress of Canada, had seen how these beauties had expanded and how they had grown. But Canada was only a part of the Great Empire and every Canadian had as much right to be called a British subject as any resident in the heart of the British Islands.

Such language as this a few years ago would have been regarded as the epitaph of jingoism. The proof of Canadians being citizens was exemplified in the act of the young Canadians who had laid down their lives for the Empire in defending the honor of old England.

The speaker trusted that their sacrifice would be a ledge for ever of that inalienable union which would forever connect Canada with the Empire of which the fair Dominion is an integral part.

The toast to the Empire was coupled with the names of Dr. Holmes, S. B. Arnold and Edwin Bell.

Dr. Holmes said it afforded him great pleasure to acknowledge the advantage he had derived as a member of the club. Other empires had been born, risen, flourished, disappeared and passed into history, but the empire which Victoria ruled had proved to be of a finer stability. The years of her reign had only served to

multiply the empire's blessings and increase its power. The British subject loved his empire, not because it comprised one-fifth of the earth's surface, not because of its thousands of million inhabitants, not because of its wealth, not because its navies ruled the sea, not because its armies had won glories in war, but the British just loved the Empire because freedom and a fair regard for the rights of others had always characterized the British nation.

Mr. Arnold made a delightful speech in which he said the citizens of the Empire felt that their country contained all the elements of strength which went to make a stable and long-lived nation. Freedom of thought was characteristic of it, and this was a remedy for all that tended to the destruction of a great nation.

Mr. Bell is one of the most brilliant speakers in the Macaulay Club and his remarks last evening well sustained his reputation. The position of the Empire, said Mr. Bell, was unique. There was no empire that afforded a parallel to our own. Other empires had been constructed by conquest and the genius of some man but England had been made by the whole people of Britain.

As a fitting close to the replies to this toast, C. F. W. Atkinson sang "Soldiers of the Queen."

The Army and Navy elicited speeches from Mr. Beeston and Mr. Pike. Mr. Beeston contrasted the sadness in Canada just now with the rejoicing of the British Empire of the continent. The British Navy was a terrible weapon of destruction, the creation of the hands of her sons. The army guarded the outlet to the Mediterranean while the British navy searched out her enemies. The British Lion stood at Gibraltar and said to the other nations, "You shall not go in or come out unless we, the Empire, choose."

Mr. Pike in response to the same toast said he was proud of his country, its army and navy, and was glad to stand up for it. He was glad to give him for the Empire. It was a pleasure for him to have his name coupled with this toast that he might add his little mite of admiration for the two bulwarks of the Empire, the Army and the Navy, in a masterly manner. In concluding Mr. Pike added a tribute to the achievement of the United States which brought Col. Monteith to his feet to propose a toast to the success of the Empire.

Ad. Sulman was called on for a recitation and rendered in his entertaining style, "The Enchanted Shirt."

A TOAST TO THE CLUB.

The toast to the club was coupled with the names of Thos. Scullard, Fred Stone and J. G. Kerr.

Mr. Scullard dealt with the art of speaking. The Macaulay Club, it must be understood, was not a speaking but an educational institution.

Mr. Stone took as the basis of his remarks the effect of the Macaulay Club in moulding public opinion, the work it covered, the benefits accruing from membership in the club and the educational advantages which it afforded. The finished product of the club was a self-reliant man.

Mr. Kerr, speaking to the same toast, said the club was nothing if not patriotic and the fires of patriotism were not allowed to burn dim on its altars. There was now an outburst of loyalty and patriotism from the Anglo-Saxons of the world. The word Empire would from now take a new meaning. Its principles were broad and were based on the people's will.

The field of literature was second only to the field of battle and the history of the world.

At this juncture the toast list was handed to Vice-President J. S. Turner, who made a neat speech in introducing the remaining speakers.

The subject of letters found worthy exponents in the persons of J. S. Lane, W. Mowbray and J. S. Black. Mr. Black gave an interesting address on the subject of the English language was the letters of the alphabet and they were certainly damnable. Of these two were duplicated for a equalled by, and x was only twenty-three distinct letters, and these 23 were used to represent 45 distinct sounds. Mr. Black closed his

remarks by drawing attention to the great necessity for some improvement in the English language in this respect.

J. G. Kerr sang Tommy Atkins in a capital manner.

Clever addresses were given George Mussey, Dr. Musson, H. Stevens and Fred Stevens, on the subject of Canadian sports.

The toast to the press was responded to by J. W. Young and R. L. Brackin.

The ladies found able and enthusiastic champions in J. W. Aitkin, Fred Hall and Wilfrid McCorvie.

Dr. Musson then proposed a silent toast to the memory of the dead Canadian boys, and it was drunk with all the silence and solemnity that befitted it.

The toast to the host was warmly introduced, and responded to by Mr. Eberts.

The excellent music during the evening was furnished by Frank Phelps, piano; Walter West, guitar; and Claude K. Eberts, mandolin.

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THE DISTRICT

TUPPERVILLE.

Percy Farrel, of Croton, visited friends here Sunday.
Miss Belle Wainman and Annie Watson are visiting in Croton.
Miss Jessie Ferguson is attending the Normal school at London.
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Young, of Croton, called on friends here recently.

SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Geo. Stevens has returned from a trip to England.
Some of our young people attended a party given by R. Craig, Troy, on Thursday last.
Mr. and Mrs. Thorold, 10th Con., spent Sunday the guests of Mrs. Geo. Stevens, Scotland.
Miss Louise Harrison, Ridgetown, has returned to her home.
A number of our young people attended an oyster supper at Raglan on Friday last.
Miss Lulu Devereux has returned to her home in Ridgetown, after spending a few days in this vicinity.

IRWIN.

We are sorry to report that Grace, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, is ill in St. Joseph's hospital. Consequently there has been no school.

An special collection was taken up Sunday for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those who have gone to South Africa.

The Messrs. McKinney and Webster, who have been guests at the home of H. Webster, have returned home.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Miss Dora Bennett, the first Thursday in March.

Several of the farmers of this place have been having their corn shelled and disposed of while the roads are passable.

Miss Richardson is the guest of her cousin, Miss Margaret Lenover.

We regret to report that Mrs. W. Davidson, who has been ill with consumption for some time, passed away Sunday morning and was buried on Tuesday. Rev. W. R. George conducted the services. All sympathize with Mr. Davidson and family in their sad loss.

NORTH THAMESVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mifflin, of Merlin, are the guests of Mrs. Geo. Dent.

Miss Carrie Dickson is visiting Mrs. F. Avery.

Mr. B. Crowder is on the sick list. Miss Mabel Cansyde, of Jerseyville, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Ellwood.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Alford, of Hamilton, who died on Monday last, was brought here for interment. Rev. Mr. Fanjoy conducted the services. The heartfelt sympathy of the neighborhood is extended to the bereaved parents.

B. Brown, of Manitoba, is visiting his uncle, Edward Brown, of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Criderman and Miss May were the guests of Wm. Criderman on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser, of Chatham, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

A. G. Hoves was the guest of Zone friends on Friday evening last.

James Tweedie is getting out the materials for a brick house which he intends building in the spring.

Alonzo Wilcox visited friends in Ridgetown a few days last week.

Samuel Betts, of Bothwell, was in this vicinity on Monday.

Wm. Cutler has sold his farm to Jas. Hassen, of Appleton.

MORPETH.

John Huffman and wife left in Preston, where Mr. Huffman has secured a lucrative position.

A son was born to D. Myers and wife, Talbot street, on the 9th inst.

Skaters in this vicinity are enjoying the fine ice on the lake at present.

Rumor says J. D. Conway, near the lake, has purchased the 80 acre farm near Botany owned by Miles McDonald, Talbot street, for the sum of \$1,000.

Miss Dunlop, formerly principal of our school, left on the 9th inst., for Cowley, Alberta, where she has secured a school.

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Mrs. Charles Wood, west of the village, is recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Julia E. Handy and Mr. Ransom, from near Bonheim, were united in marriage on the evening of the 7th inst. Miss Handy is a daughter of Collins Handy, sr., Talbot street.

William Spencer, Talbot street, is recovering from his recent severe illness.

Horace Hope, employed by George Fisher, west of the village, had the misfortune to fracture one of his legs while working in the bush one day last week.

At the concert under the auspices of the League on Tuesday evening of last week, Rev. E. G. Powell gave an excellent lecture on "The Boers," which the few in attendance thoroughly enjoyed.

Clarence Nottingham and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a son on the 10th inst.

John Wade, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, has joined Mrs. Wade who has been visiting her parents, William Spencer and wife, for the past month. Mr. and Mrs. Wade will remain in the vicinity for several weeks before returning home.

At the meeting of the Oddfellows in the village, several candidates were initiated, after which a supper was served at the Erie House. Representatives from the lodges of Ridgetown, Thessville, Bonheim, Highgate, and Palmyra were present.

We are pleased to state that Miss Hattie, Talbot street, who has been ill for so many weeks, is somewhat better, though still very weak.

"The District School of Alden Line," a drama presented in the A. O. U. W. hall, on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the Ladies of St. John's Church, was greeted with a full house, and all pronounced it one of the most enjoyable entertainments held in the village this season. The Palmyra orchestra was present and rendered some excellent music during the evening. Proceeds over \$30.

BLOOMFIELD.

Mrs. Ed. Grandbois and son Charlie have returned home, after spending a week with relatives here.

Miss Abraham, our new school teacher, has a large attendance. It is reported here that Chas. Parker will soon return to this place.

Thos. Grandbois is very low. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Vince have returned home, after a two months' visit with their daughter in St. Clair.

Chas. Wilcox is recovering, after an attack of lagrippe.

A. J. Dolson has had all his cattle destroyed.

A number of young folk from Chatham visited this place on Sunday last.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Miss Steinhoff, of Glenora, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. Shaw.

Messrs. M. and A. Shaw entertained their friends on Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Fields entertained a party of young people from Tibury on Tuesday evening.

Milton Shaw gave an oyster supper to a few friends the first of this week.

F. B. Stevens was here on business last Friday.

Rignold Joyce shipped two tons and a half of fish on Monday.

G. Reaume was in Detroit on Saturday.

Miss Walker, of Port Rowan is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser.

Mrs. Koutze entertained on Tuesday evening.

NORTH BUXTON.

James Doo has the contract for repairing Mrs. Brooks' store.

A fine specimen of greyhound is the latest acquisition to the canine population of this burg. Andrew Newby would like to find the owner.

Miss Patterson has had the new screens placed on the school windows, so that the children in playing in the yard do not run the risk of breaking the panes of glass.

The case of assault preferred by Miss Nellie Newby against Wm. H. Moore, of this place, comes off before Squire Hickey in Merlin.

Miss Johnston, of Dresden, preached at B. B. M. E. Church last Sunday. There were large congregations both morning and evening.

Miss John will be at the revival services during the week and will take an active part.

O. H. Shupe is advertising some very fine prints and wallpapers for spring, and advises an early selection.

MULL.

Mrs. Geo. Russell is very ill. Dr. Quackenbush, of Bonheim, is in attendance.



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UP THE CREEK.

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Good prices and quick sales were the prevailing features at Andrew Smyth's sale of stock and implements yesterday.

The captain and secretary of the Rangers will line up our riflemen on the range Thursday.

Angus Walrath, who has been so dangerously ill, is slightly improved.

Contractor Gibb, Wallaceburg, has commenced work on the new bridge at the cemetery.

Ringworm prevails to an alarming extent, both on people and cattle, on the creek.

John McGarvin, Essex Centre, is visiting friends here.

John McKellar was able to get out yesterday for the first time in six weeks.

Councillor McCormick would have his constituents to know that the ac-

MITCHELL'S BAY.

A stage load from Wallaceburg came out Saturday for a day's fishing. They took back with them about sixty lbs. of fish.

A number of Mrs. Huff's friends, from Tupperville, came out the other day for an ice-boat ride.

James Flinn gave a dancing party to the young people last week.

Mrs. Phil. Loyd had a quitting bee Thursday, and when the quiff was completed a number of young people gathered and all spent an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allen gave a party Tuesday night to some of their friends.

Hugh McDonald had an ice-boat and succeeded in getting his boat out in one day.

EAST BRANCH.

W. Birmingham is preparing to build a fine cellar.

Mrs. Laura Heyward attended the Valentine social, under the auspices of the Lady Macabees, in Wallaceburg, on the 14th.

Mrs. I. Shaw is on the sick list.

J. Greenwood, of Loraine, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Mickle, for a few weeks.

Quite a number around here are afflicted with cold and sore throat, a disease similar to the grip.

Miss Jennie Seward left this week on an extended visit among her old friends and neighbors in Wabash.

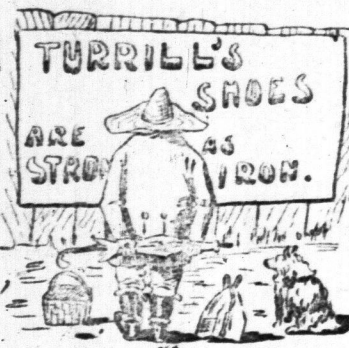
Lorraine, is expected to come this week.

Rev. Mr. Haylock called on some of his members here this week.

Several of the young people from this vicinity attended the Valentine social at the parsonage.

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, marked tender, until noon Thursday, March 1st, 1900, for the erection of a frame summer residence to be erected at Eris Eau. The plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Archt. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. GEORGE T. McKEOUGH, M.D., Chatham, Ont.

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Tenders Wanted.

Whole tenders for the erection and completion of the House of Refuge of the County of Essex, will be received up and including Saturday, March 17th, 1900, by Mr. Geo. F. Cronk, chairman of building committee at Leamington, Ont., and at the office of H. J. Powell, Stratford, Ont. Separate tenders both for stone and hot water will be required. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A marked cheque for 2 1/2 per cent. of the amount of the contract must accompany each tender, such cheque will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers. Successful tenderer will be required to give good and sufficient bonds for the due performance of the work.

H. J. Powell, Architect.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Little Incidents Interesting the Citizens at Present.

"I went to the Central drug store at half past nine Thursday morning," said Chief Detective Archie Skirring of the L. E. & D. R., "and it was 10 45 before I could get my seat. The crowd was extremely heavy. I think that the concert should be repeated and a percentage given to all who are taking part. The performers have all been to a lot of trouble and I think musicians of this city are doing nobly for the Patriotic Fund. Nothing I think would give the citizens greater pleasure than that the concert should be repeated for their benefit to recompense the musicians for their time and trouble. It must have cost them something, too. One of them informed me that he was out of pocket \$9 through not being able to give lessons which conflicted with the concert practices. I merely make this suggestion in the hope that it will meet with public approval."

SEPARATE SCHOOL LAW.

Belle River Trustees Claim it is Being Used for the Oppression of the Minority.

At the last meeting of the Belle River school board the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by V. Cloutier, seconded by M. L. Menard, that

(1) Whereas it is desirable to have the intention of the law in the Separate School Act of Ontario properly understood regarding the establishment of separate schools, and (2) whereas to further avoid such intention of the law being perverted in obtaining charters for separate schools, be it resolved that this board of public school trustees of the village of Belle River ask the co-operation of other boards of trustees in North Essex and West Kent with a view of presenting to the consideration of the Minister of Education in parliament assembled through our local representatives the immediate necessity of revising sections 21 and 22 of the separate school act so as to meet the correct intention of said act in the interpretation of said clauses thereof.

(3) That correspondence be now initiated upon this important subject from secretaries of school boards and teachers of school sections with a view of petitioning the Legislature in the near as soon as possible, viz., during the present session of the Provincial Legislature.

(4) We fully believe that much misunderstanding and conflict will be avoided in the future if the correct intention of the law be followed when properly understood.

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Foresters in New York Quit the British Order.

New York, Feb. 23.—At the last meeting of the United Ancient Order of Foresters, Brooklyn, the court withdrew from the British order and joined the Foresters of America. The Boer flag was unfurled and greeted with much applause.

Court Jacques but a membership of 14, and each member was required to pay a per capita tax of 30 cents each year to the grand lodge in England. This tax was increased to 50 cents some time ago. It is said that the increase was in a measure a tax on the English order for the Boer war. The members refused to pay and were suspended. An application was made to the American Order of Foresters for admission, which was granted.

In a show window of the assembly room is an effigy of an English soldier behind a wooden cannon, and a placard which reads: "The first English prisoner captured by the Boers of Dutch town." Inside the hall is a glass contribution box to receive funds for the Netherlands Red Cross in aid of the Boers.

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Dr. DeCaw, conductor of the orchestra for to-night's Patriotic Concert, requests all the members to be in their places in the Opera House as near 7 o'clock as possible.

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The Head Camp of the Woodmen of the World, at London, is discussing the advisability of raising the rates 10 per cent.

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A splendid rehearsal of the choruses for to-night's Patriotic Concert was held in the lecture hall of the First Presbyterian Church last night. There was a large attendance and the final rehearsal was held this afternoon in the Grand.

The Ladies' Aid and Star Society of St. Joseph's church will give a tea in their rooms on the corner of Queen and Cross street, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, from 5:30 to 8. As it will be Shrove Tuesday, hot pan-cakes with maple syrup will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come.

A delightful entertainment was held last evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church. The excellent program rendered included vocal soloists by Miss Gertrude Fiedler, Miss Orla Norton and Miss Wm. H. Brackin; recitations by Miss Eva Barrassin, and instrumental solos by Misses Mary Brackin and Nellie Emery.

SURPRISE PARTY.
A number of the young friends of Miss Gertrude Fiedler gave her a surprise party the other evening. The crowd met at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Side, Joseph street, where they formed into a company and marched two by two to Mrs. Fiedler's at the head street. The early part of the evening was spent at progressive pedro and croquet and as morning drew nigh the party took to a number of pleasant, interesting and exciting games which were continued until the sun was thinking seriously of coming up.

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THE DISTRICT.

TILBURY.

Feb. 23.—A. A. Wilson is in Toronto this week attending the annual Workmen's convention in Toronto, as a representative of Tilbury lodge, in place of F. Couture, who is ill.

Mrs. Frank Brusseau died here yesterday, and will be buried on Saturday in St. Francis Cemetery.

John Jubinville, Tilbury East, talks of starting a milk route here.

Chas. Fielding, Tilbury, and W. Caynaugh, Tilbury West, left here this week for Onaway, Mich. Mrs. Hornick also will shortly rejoin her husband there.

Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson and Mrs. W. J. Moffat were in Detroit yesterday. Harry Doherty's bakery was burned at Harrow the other night. He loses \$200, upon which he had no insurance. He is a former Tilburite.

The Daily Planet is on sale at John-son's Drug Store.

BLenheim.

Feb. 23.—The bachelors of Blenheim gave a very successful At Home last night in the opera house. Progressive euchre was played until eleven o'clock, refreshments served and dancing the balance of the evening. The young men conducted the affair very nicely and too much praise cannot be given them for the manner in which they conducted the affair. The hall was beautifully decorated.

Miss Dollie Sheldon, of Chatham, was in town yesterday.

Rev. R. J. Freeborn, Huron, O., returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. R. M. Thompson.

Rev. Rural Dean McCosh will take the anniversary services at Trinity church Sunday next.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered to any part of the town.

THAMESVILLE.

Feb. 23.—The tennis dance promises to be the success event of the season. The opera house had a narrow escape from fire Wednesday afternoon.

The patriotic concert given under the auspices of the Daughters of Rebekah in the opera house Wednesday evening was in every way a grand success. The crowd was as good as could be expected considering the unfavorable weather. Miss Walker presided as chairlady in a very creditable manner. The program throughout was of a first class order. The proceeds amounted in the neighborhood of \$100, which will be forwarded to Ottawa.

Mrs. F. J. Lawrence, who has been indisposed for some time, is slowly recovering.

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