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For Christmas Gifts

If you give it your attention the Christmas giving of 1899 will always be remembered by you for the remarkable buying power of small amounts of money. A sale such as the one we are now holding gives you an unusually good chance to buy your Christmas Gifts at considerably less than you anticipated. Thousands of dollars worth of goods now ordered by us especially for December and Christmas trade long before the sale commenced. And these have now been passed into stock and marked at sale prices.

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SMALL FURS

Such as Capelines, Collarettes, Gauntlets Muffs, for the Ladies and Children, all selling at reduced prices.

BRITISH SUFFER SEVERE REVERSE

General Gatacre Defeated With the Loss of Nearly 700 Men

--He was Surprised Himself Instead of Surprising the Boers.

London, Monday, Dec. 11.—The War Office here publishes the following despatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:—

Gatacre reports:—
I deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground.

Casualties so far as known at present are:—

Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles—Wounded—Lieut.-Col. Eager, Major Serton, Capt. Bell, Capt. Kelly, Lieut. Stephens and Lieut. Barkardston.

Suffolk Regiment—Wounded—Second Lieut. Maynard and 12 men. Missing—Capt. Weir, Lieut. Christie, Lieut. Rodney and 200 men.

74th Field Battery—Severely wounded—Lewis and three men. Slightly wounded—Two men.

77th Field Battery—Killed—One gunner. Wounded—Major Perival, Northumberland Fusiliers—Missing—Major Stevens, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Morley, Second Lieut. Wake, Second Lieut. Colson, Lieut. Radcliffe, and 300 non-commissioned officers and men.

Royal Berkshire Regiment—Killed—One private.
The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained.

SHORT AND SHARP.
Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10.—Gen. Gatacre left Potter's Kraal by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers, Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of artillery. The British were unopposed by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened on the advancing column. The engagement began at 4.15 a.m. At 7 a.m. after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno. Gen. Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

THE FIGHT.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10, 5.30 p.m.—Gen. Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Potter's Kraal shortly after noon yesterday with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men. Leaving Molteno at nine last evening he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about half past eleven. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of the destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "Halt!" under the belief that the Boers were near. Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje, and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column.

It was soon found, however, that this position was also covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime engaging the Boers, and covering the troops in their withdrawal. The action now became general at long range, and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward, with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north, and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland Regiment were sent out to meet it. It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face a terrific fire. Finding it impossible to hold the positions in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely and bringing two big guns to bear on the retreating column. It is believed here that the British casualties were not serious.

THEY LOST ONE GUN.

London, Monday, December 11.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Molteno:—"Gen. Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at Dawn to-day (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while still dark, and after a very trying march. Our retirement was effected in excellent order, there being no hurry even at the most critical time. The Northumberland and Irish Rifles behaved as if on review. I fear our losses are heavy. One of our guns we had to abandon."

UP TO THE FRONT.

Half the Canadian Contingent Moved Forward.

They Have Been Engaged on Some Hard Work the Last Few Days—War Notes.

Orange River, Saturday, Dec. 9.—Half the men of the Canadian contingent have gone forward.
Like the Australian contingent, they have been put to stiff work since their arrival, and have been building ridges, erecting platforms and rendering the usual routine service.
They are in excellent condition and very zealous.

WAR NOTES.
The railway bridge over the Modder was completed Dec. 7.

Methuen reports that he made a demonstration up the line of the railway with artillery. The enemy did not respond.
Methuen is receiving the remainder of his reinforcements and supplies. He has established detached posts on his line of communication.
Mafeking reports all well on Nov. 30th.

The New York Sun declares that Lord Methuen will fool the Boers by abandoning his march to Kimberley and striking directly across to the Free State capital.

According to the despatches from Ladysmith excursions are running weekly from Pretoria, bringing num-

bers of gaily attired Dutch women, who take up points of vantage on the hills, and closely scan the proceedings in the town.

Three bodies found after the Mooi River fight proved to be the remains of three scouts belonging to Thorneycroft's Light Horse. They had been captured by the Boers, and while bound had been riddled with bullets.
A copy of the Johannesburg Standard and Digges' News recovered here contains a list of the Boer casualties at Elandslaats. This list shows that the Boers' loss in that fight was 43 killed and 110 wounded.

LYNCHING JUSTIFIABLE.

The Macaulay club held its usual meeting Saturday night. There were present, the president, Fred Hall, Geoffrey O'Hara, Thos. Scullard, Jas. Fleming, Edwin Bell, John Reeves, Fred Stone, Dr. Holmes, Harry Stevens, S. B. Arnold, C. E. Beeston, J. W. Aitken, J. G. Kerr and J. W. Young. An amendment to the constitution was adopted limiting the number of members to 30. Harry Stevens read a number of extracts from Ruskin's "Address on War to Young Soldiers." The debate was, resolved that lynching is never justifiable. Fred Hall, C. E. Beeston, Edwin Bell, J. G. Kerr and Harry Stevens spoke for the affirmative and Geoffrey O'Hara, Dr. Holmes, J. S. Lane, S. B. Arnold and Jas. Fleming for the negative. Thos. Scullard who occupied the chair gave his decision for the negative. Fred Stone criticized.

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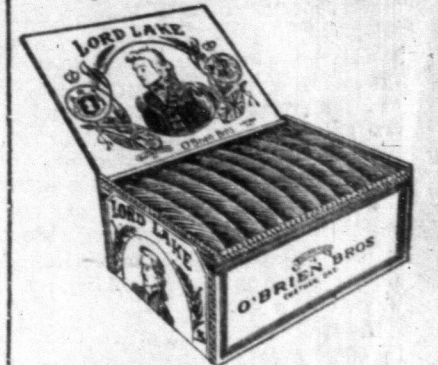
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The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Ontario's educational system, was severely criticized by Dr. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, at the first annual banquet of the Toronto Principals' Association. Dr. Parkin said that the school system of Ontario had absolutely impoverished public opinion. The teacher's salary in Canada, and especially in Ontario, as compared with salaries given in other spheres, ranked lowest. As compared with law there was only one schoolmaster in Ontario who received the salary a judge did, but the judge had the prospect of retiring after a few years on a superannuation of two-thirds of his salary, but unfortunately this was not the case with the teacher. He could not put his hand on a single man who got out of his profession, when holding similar positions in law, banking, railways, etc., received.

Heads of school institutions should be able to hold their positions with dignity, keeping in touch with the best in society, art and drama. It could not be done on \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000, not by the scale of life in Toronto. No young man of ability now stayed in the profession, and he would not advise any of them to stay. They went into it at present as a stepping stone to something better. This should not be, and Canada would never rise to the true level while it was thus.

The large schools in England were then examined. Harrow paid its master \$3,000 a year, and Eton and some others as much if not more. This resulted in the same type of men competing for the school positions as for the bench, the cabinet, or the highest to be had. The press, also, was anxious about the appointment of a master to one of the large schools as a cabinet minister. Here, after years of faithful service, teachers have to step out and have nothing either to live on or to leave to their families, while in England they moved into much better situations and could thus make the most of life.

It was deplored that school boards were now placed in such a position that they could dismiss old and faithful teachers, and at the same time know they were depriving them of their sole means of support.

A great campaign had to be begun in Canada. To talk of the educational system of the province of Ontario being the best in the world was actually ridiculous. What could it be when the average one-teacher now stayed in the profession was four years? It was the public opinion that was willing to take what was cheap and nasty that was to blame. It was absolutely perverted.

Dr. Parkin asserted that teachers should live equally well with the members of other professions, should be in touch with public opinion, and that a handsome residence should be in connection with each collegiate institute, allowing the master so to live that the pupils would look up to him as equal to other men. The house master was the greatest inducement to the best men in any country, because when they finished their college course, they generally wanted to marry, and a beautiful home was the greatest attraction. In other professions they had to wait longer before being able to support a home.

Yeuknow

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Dr. Parkin talked round the question, yet failed to point out that the teachers themselves are largely to blame for the present condition of things. The qualifications for teaching have in the last 25 years gone away up, yet salaries have remained the same. In fact the only thing that has kept them from going lower as a result of the Ross policy is a wholesome public opinion. Yet nine-tenths of the teachers support the policy of the Ross government. And if they are satisfied with their lot, why should the public care?

A PREACHER WITH THE COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS.

It is not often that a beneficiary of the railway has the courage to speak his mind of a corporation which grants him favors, but Rev. Wm. B. Walker of Christ Church, Joliet, Ill., is not of the mealy-mouthed sort. He indulged in some rather caustic criticisms of certain features of American railway management. As a result, his clergyman's half-fare permit was revoked by the Western Passenger Association. Mr. Walker promptly appealed to the interstate commerce commission, claiming that the association was guilty of unjust discrimination, inasmuch as it freely gave half-fare permits to other members of his cloth. The passenger association evidently didn't want the commission to establish a troublesome precedent by rendering a decision in the case, so its chairman promptly restored Mr. Walker's privileges, and his fellow-preachers may now accept this customary courtesy from railroads without feeling that they thereby surrender their independence or contract to remain silent about any evils they may discover in the management of the great railroad properties of the country. United States congressmen which look to their pastors for light and leading on social, industrial and economic questions, must share the feeling of gratitude that is due to the Joliet man for his courageous action.

HERE IS THE PLATFORM HUGH JOHN WON ON.

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Encouragement to a better class of immigration.
Extension of the provincial boundaries to Hudson Bay.
That the province have complete control of school lands.

The Boers don't know what they miss when they neglect an opportunity to wait and see what a real British bayonet charge is like.

Nickel-novel reading, it appears, was at the bottom of the criminal degeneracy which led Henry Hamberger, aged 29, to murder and rob Reindel, the bicycle repairer, in Detroit.

It was during the Napoleonic wars that the phrase "to lie like a bulletin" was invented.—New York World.
The bulletins are not so bad these days; it's the war critics who cannot tell the truth.

The Globe yells fraud and corruption in connection with the Manitoba elections. It is quite likely. Three arrests along those lines have been made so far, all leading Liberal workers.

One feature of the election is worth noting. The election returns show that two out of the three, and perhaps the three French constituencies, have returned supporters of Greenway. This would indicate that the national schools are acceptable to the people of these constituencies.—Windsor Record.

It is quite true that the three French Canadian constituencies of St. Boniface, La Verandrye and Carillon went back on the Conservatives. It was the electors in these constituencies who wrecked the Conservative party wrecked itself to secure Separate schools for.

LET THE COURTS TRY THE CASE.

Hamilton Spectator.
We must put down corruption, shouts the Toronto Globe—no matter to what party the hoodlums belong they must be punished. And when Organizer Smith, of Manitoba, is arrested, charged with bribery, the Globe instantly declares him innocent, and says the arrest is an outrage.

DIED OF THE DREYFUS CASE.

Springfield Republican.
One by one the dramatic personae in the Dreyfus affair are dying, and it may be said that the victim of the conspiracy shall survive all his accusers. It is recalled that after the Parnell trial there was a similar mortality among those concerned, and the cause surmised was that over-excitement affected the nervous system and the heart especially.

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Hamilton Herald (Ind.).
Why does the government shrink

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HE HAS GOOD KENT BLOOD IN HIM.

Windsor Record.
Hugh Guthrie, the clever young lawyer who is conducting the Crown business at the present assizes, is a son of Donald Guthrie, Q. C., ex-M. P. of Guelph, a man long prominent in the legal profession and in Liberal politics in Ontario. His mother is a daughter of the late John McVicar, who was an extensive farmer and pioneer of Kent county. She is a sister to Principal McVicar, of the Montreal Presbyterian college, and of Malcolm McVicar, recently chancellor of McMaster university, Toronto, and now superintendent of Baptist colored schools in the Southern States. Young Mr. Guthrie was recently nominated by the Liberals of South Wellington to the House of Commons. From a Liberal point of view, if breeding counts for anything in such matters, the young candidate should pass.

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BRITANNIA'S PIZZANINNY

London Outlook.
To the Editor of the Outlook:—A cutting from the Natal Advertiser, which will appeal to your readers. We are not very big, but we have done our best for the honor of the Empire and the integrity of South Africa, and ask for one favor, that the B. P. will not imagine that Natal is a town in the Cape Colony any more.
E. C. W.

Natal, October 20.
(Written by request, for "Our Boys at the Front.")

She's the smallest of the children In the dear Old Lady's shoe, And yet the lass has shown the rest The sort of thing to do: For while they have been waiting, Why, she's knocked things into shape And shamed Miss Wacht-en-Deetje And her cousins at the Cape.

Chorus.

She's Britannia's Pizzaniny; If she isn't very big, She's a daughter of the Empire. So she doesn't care a fig, Tho' she's landed in the front of it— And bound to bear the brunt of it; The grim and grisly brunt of it! Natal!

She's a plucky little midget If she doesn't run to size, And though she's but a feather-weight She'll wipe the Dutchman's eyes.

The way she peeled her jacket Shows the good old figure straining; And what Britannia's sons have done Natal will do again!

When they told her men were wanted Well, she vowed she would be first, And rolled her Volunteers along Before the storm should burst; So, while the Cape was wavering, And kept her colors hid, Natal flung her flag aloft

And just sat in and—did it! Yes, we love this Pizzaniny, And will gather round her shield, Swore to keep her motto stainless On the red and bloody field; For she's left her honor's keeping To fiercer volunteers. So they greet Natal's banner With a storm of ringing cheers.

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130 CASES OF SMALL-POX.

"Is there any such thing as a genuine case of small-pox in this part of the country?" was the question asked Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, Provincial Health Inspector, Toronto, by The Planet.
"Oh, yes. Why, if you will only come down where I have been staying for the last four weeks I will show you about one hundred and thirty cases, divided among Tibbary East, West and North, and also in Maidstone and Rochester. These cases have nearly all been smouldering since last summer, and although they are all very light attacks, they are, nevertheless, small-pox, and typical of the disease that has been going through the United States and Mexico during the last year."

"Where do you think it originated and how long do you think it will be before it is wiped out?"
"Well, as near as I can see, it came from Toledo, or thereabouts, and as for the epidemic, I think that all the cases will be cured by the first of the year. We have them all strictly quarantined and there is no chance for it spreading."
"There is one thing that I want you to understand, and that is, if any one says there are no cases of small-pox in that part of the country they are very much mistaken."

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Gordon's Annual December Clearing Sale

A MIGHTY OFFERING IN

Ladies' Tailor Jackets

MISSES' and CHILDREN'S, JACKETS, REEFERS and ULSTERS at THE GORDON STORE. Unusually mild weather has caused an overstock in this particular department. During our December Clearing Sale we will reduce this over-stock by immense reductions all along the line. We promise you such values in these Jackets as you have never had before. Our entire stock of heavy goods is marked for reduction, and these particular offerings are but samples of hundreds of others to be found all over the Big Store.



Look Out Below



12 only, Ladies' Heavy Cloth Jackets.....	Now 98 cts.
8 only, Ladies' Heavy Cloth Jackets.....	Now \$2.00
10 only, Ladies' Heavy Winter Jackets.....	Now \$2.75
15 only, Ladies' All-wool Frieze Jackets, assorted colors.....	Now \$3.58
5 only, Ladies' Black Beaver Jackets.....	Now \$3.49
5 only, Ladies' Fawn Beaver Jackets, pearl buttons, new front, new back, new collar.....	Now \$4.90
6 only, Ladies' light and dark Fawn Beaver Jackets, mercerized lined.....	Now \$5.50
5 only, Ladies' Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, deep fronts, new back, silk lined throughout, latest New York style.....	Now \$5.65
4 only, Ladies' Black All-wool Curl Jackets, silk lined, strapped seams.....	Now \$5.49
Ladies' Fawn, Blue and Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, lined throughout new fronts, a good \$10.00 Coat.....	Now \$6.59

For Misses and Children

Misses' Jackets. Covert Cloth, half lined, new deep front, new collar, new sleeve.....	Now \$4.49
Children's Reefers, Blue and Black, and Red and Black wool Curls, numbers 1 to 6, fit from 4 to 14 years, prices.....	Now \$198 to \$289
Children's New York Reefers, heavy Cheviot, new blue, braid trimmed.....	Now \$4.50
Children's Reefers, new Blue and Black Curl, fancy braid trimmed, with capes.....	Now \$3.75
Children's Brown and Gray Tweed Reefers, Caped and Braided.....	Now \$2.75
Children's heavy Tweed Ulsters, sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, Now \$2.69, \$2.79, \$2.89, \$2.99	

We make our December Clearing Sale as valuable to You as to

THE GORDON STORE

Early Holiday Buying

If you have holiday fruits to buy, this is the best time to do it. Holiday fruits are ready for you in large quantities, and there's nothing to be gained by waiting until next week. Many are buying now, and are getting the best goods, best attention and prompt delivery. Our advice is SHOP EARLY.

Raisins, finest selected, 3 lbs. for 25c.	New Dates, 3 pounds for 25c.
Currents, thoroughly cleaned, 3 lbs. 25c.	Shelled Almonds, 10c for 1 pound.
Mixed Peel, 20c a pound.	Shelled Walnuts, 10c for 1 pound.
Extracts, all flavors, 2 bottles 25c.	Cooking Figs, 5 and 10c a pound.
Iceberg Sugar, 3 lbs. for 25c.	Table Figs, 20c a pound.
	Pure Ground Spices, 10c for 1 pound.

We have received some of the direct shipment of Nuts—the choicest Grenoble Walnuts that ever came to this country—20c a pound.

Tarragon Almonds, 20c a pound.	Finest Brazil, 20c a pound.
Sicily Filberts, 15c a pound.	Choice Pecans, 15c a pound.
	Fine Mixed Nuts, 15c a pound.

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MR. MARTIN'S GOOD WORK.

South, Burton, Dec. 3, '99. To the Planet—Your correspondent bearing of a Sabbath school being carried on in the school house, Sec. 4, Raleigh Plains, made a visit there to-day, and found a lively Sabbath school being carried on there, Mr. A. S. Shreve and Mr. R. Rosell, acting as superintendent and assistant, and Miss May McNeill as secretary and organist, Mrs. A. Rice as assistant. The attendance was 75 despite the inclement weather. They had raised means sufficient to purchase a new organ, which was being used for the first time and they are now organizing a choir. This work was set on foot about four or five months ago by Warren Martin, of Chatham, who has given every encouragement to the school by his presence and active work in bringing over able workers to aid in the conduct of the school. A series of religious meetings have been carried on in connection with the school, with good effect, and during the third week of November Evangelist Robinson conducted a series of meetings which were largely attended. On Sunday night he was assisted by Rev. F. Brooks, of North Buxton, and quite an interest is awakened. There is a bright future for the Raleigh Plains people in this line of work, and as there is no church for some miles, rumor has it that a petition will be circulated among the people looking to the building of a church in the near future.

A child feels that life is worth living when it is allowed to drive without some grownup holding the reins back of it.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

To-morrow the Ontario bye-elections take place.

The Greenway press in Manitoba now admits defeat. It claims 16 seats out of 38.

The Methodist Century fund has now reached \$508,556.61.

A temporary injunction has been issued at the instance of the Montreal Corn Exchange prohibiting the harbor commissioners alienating parts of the water front to the Connors Syndicate, of Buffalo, for elevator purposes.

SHE STOPPED THE STRIKE. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 11.—By remaining at her loom in defiance of 800 strikers, one little girl prevented a tie-up at the Altoona silk mill. One hundred weavers employed at the mill stopped work because their demand for increased wages was refused. A general strike of 800 operatives had been planned, but when an effort by John Burns, a boy, to throw the bolts off the loom at which the one girl continued at work was frustrated by the foreman, 700 employees returned to their work. The 100 operatives who first struck are still out.

\$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at The 2 T's for the New Method Suits and overcoats.

Minard's Liniment for sale every where.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proceedings at the Present December Session of that Body.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Mr. Gosnell for the road and bridge committee, reported that the petition of Dover re-closing of road be granted, that all papers in connection with the Fancher Creek bridge be forwarded to Lambton council, that \$200 be granted for drainage over two creeks between Kent and Essex, provided latter grants like sums, that accounts for care-taking and repairs be paid. The report was adopted.

Mr. Marshall for petitions and legislation, reported that the co-operation of educational fees and for assessment of telegraph, gas and railroad plants, be granted. Report adopted.

Mr. Caughill, for the special committee on legislation, submitted draft for petition to government for post office at Ridge.

The following by-laws were then put through their final stages. To legalize grants made at this session.

To provide for extension of time for collection of non-resident taxes.

To provide that Judge Bell, Robt. Park, and Henry Buchanan be arbitrators in matters in dispute in S. S. No. 6, Orford.

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A resolution appointing Chas. D. Macdonald as police magistrate was passed, the council then adjourned to allow the finance committee to complete their work.

On resuming, Chairman Davidson presented the report of the Finance committee and moved its adoption.

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ADMITTS THE DEED

Young Hamberger Tells How he Killed Reindel

While Sitting in his Bicycle Repair Shop in Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—The youth, Harry Hamberger, yielded to police persuasion by unbending his tortured conscience and confessing to the cold-blooded murder of John M. Reindel, the bicycle repairer found beaten to death in his shop on Griswold St.

"I don't like the idea of a life sentence," said the boy hesitantly to the police, "but when mother says that club is hers she tells the truth. No, I didn't kill him with the club."

"What was it?" "It was the gaspette. I went to the shop that night and stayed there while Reindel went after his meat and shoes. When he returned he sat down in a chair and started to read a paper. He was reading about the war and he read out loud. We had some argument about the war and he was mean. He was always that way—liked to contradict people. He got up a couple of times and went to the door and looked out the time."

"I struck him from behind, as he sat in the chair. I hit him twice with the club. He yelled once and turned part way around. Then I picked up the gaspette and struck him with that. I afterward laid the gaspette across his body."

"I got the money in his pants pocket. I went out the front door, caught a car at Adams avenue, went home, had supper, took a bath and went to bed."

"Yes, I washed the club. I washed it in the tub in the shop. I did not Reindel the gaspette. No, I didn't get any blood on my hands. I brought the club down to Reindel's about a week before. He was going to fix it up for a saloon-keeper, that wanted one to chase away bums."

During the "sweating" process Hamberger said that Reindel, when he hit him, had kicked him once. He did not state whether the kicking took place before or after he used the club.

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NEWS S. O. E. OFFICERS.
Thames Lodge, No. 101, S. O. E. B. S., spent a very pleasant evening on Friday. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:—
Past president—J. J. Couzens.
President—Chas. E. Cape.
Vice president—T. J. Walters.
Chaplain—J. Westmore.
Lodge surgeon—Dr. W. R. Hall.
Secretary—C. F. Chanter.
Treasurer—T. W. Smythe.

THE BICYCLE TEAM RACE.

New York, Dec. 11.—Charles W. Miller, of Chicago, the champion long distance rider of the world, and Frank Walker, the Dutchman, won the six-day bicycle race which began at midnight last Sunday at Madison Square Garden. They finished at 10 o'clock Saturday night first by two laps, with 2,733-2-5 miles to their credit. Otto Maya, of Erie, Pa., and Archie McEachern, the Canadian, were second. Louis Grimm, of Pittsburgh, and Burns Pierce, of Boston, were third, one lap behind the second men. Fischer and Chevallier, the Frenchmen, were fourth, only two laps behind, and Earl D. Stevenson, of Buffalo, and Charley Turville were fifth, separated from the Frenchmen also by two laps. Finish score, 10 o'clock: Miller-Walker, 2733-4; Maya-McEachern, 2733-2; Grimm-Pierce, 2733-1; Fischer-Chevallier, 2732-9; Stevens-Turville, 2732-7; Babcock-Simson, 2732-2; Schinner-Forster, 2565-5.

By an explosion in a coal mine near Tacoma, Wash., 32 miners lost their lives.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Wear the Harrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents.
Miss Sylvia Seale, of Wallaceburg, spent Saturday in the city.
Miss Holly Lott, of Port Lambton, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Bunn.
Edwin Green, of Windsor, formerly of Chatham, spent Sunday in the city.
J. A. Waffle, of Dresden, spent Sunday the guest of friends in this city.
Miss Grace Spohr, of Detroit, is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

Judge Hughes will have been county judge of Elgin for 46 years to-morrow.
Ebony goods at A. L. McCall & Co.'s Drug Store.
Jno. Giles, of Portage la Prairie, arrived in the city on Saturday to spend the winter.

Mrs. Hickey and her youngest daughter, Bessie, have returned from Detroit, after spending a few days with relatives.
Rich. A. Wilcox, Bloomfield, is visiting relatives and friends in Detroit and Windsor.

Wear the Tiger Brand of Boys' Clothing at the 2 T's.
Thos. E. Sumerville, conductor on the Santa Fe R. R., Albuquerque, New Mexico, who has been on a two weeks' visit to his parents on Stanley avenue, left for home this afternoon.
A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eye-glasses for Xmas presents. These certainly make fine gifts.

Next Thursday evening a party of young men consisting of Richard Walters, Leslie Ryar, Herbert Terry and Richard Carter will give a basket assembly in Northwood's Hall.

Thos. Scullard will give an interesting lecture on "The Unity of the British Empire," before the Young People's Society of Christ church on Monday evening.

If you want your watch or clock cleaned or repaired cheap and well, go to W. Molish, Fifth St., under Butler's Photograph Gallery. Gasoline Gas Lamps also sold.

The Rev. J. P. Rice, of Blenheim, gave two able discourses in Victoria Ave. Methodist church, yesterday. While in the city he was the guest of ex-Ald. J. W. Dyer.

Lost!—On Sunday evening, between Hyslop St. and Park St. Methodist church, a pair of gold-rimmed glasses, with blue glasses, in black case. Finder will kindly leave at John McConnell's grocery, Park St. east.

J. E. Tillson, travelling passenger agent for the L. E. & D. R. R., left two handsome photographs at the Planet office to-day of the Steamer Shenango, taken by Photographer J. A. McGregor. About twenty views were taken at the Eau yesterday that are on exhibition in the Chatham Drug Store windows.

Buy the Tiger Brand clothing for boys. The 2 T's, sole agents.
Last evening Officer Dezela arrested a young colored boy wearing the coat of young McCoy, which was stolen from the Central school last Tuesday. His trial took place at this morning's police court. He was convicted and let go on suspended sentence.

The eyes have a potent influence over the mind—first, by strain accompanying impaired vision, and then by the tax on the nervous system. No one knows like a nervous person these peculiar mental conditions. My glasses relieve the strain by removing the cause. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Exeter Advocate:—The fourth anniversary of the new Main St. Methodist church was held Sunday and Monday, Dec. 3rd and 4th. The Rev. H. W. Locke, of Chatham, a former pastor of Main St., preached two splendid sermons on Sunday. It was noticed that several of the strangers who heard him in the morning were among the first to present themselves for seats at the evening service. The church had not been so well filled since the opening of the new building. Mr. Locke was acknowledged by all who knew him to be an excellent preacher when he was stationed in Exeter two years and a half ago, and he is a better preacher now.

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Choice Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Fresh Pork, Poultry of all kinds.

We now maintain all kinds of Superior Pure Pork Sausages (guaranteed) 10c lb. Fresh Frankfurters (made daily) 12c lb. Liver Sausage (very nice) 10c lb. Bologna Sausage (guaranteed) 11c lb. Blood Pudding (guaranteed) 10c lb. Good Corned Beef 10c lb. Biscuits and Rolled Ice, etc.

Order your meat early and we will deliver promptly.

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