

The Planet

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McKINLEY'S ADMINISTRATION IN THE TOILS OF THE TRUSTS.

The finish of the grand old Republican party in the States is in sight. It appears to have fallen bodily under the control of the trusts. John D. Rockefeller seems to have more power in its councils than President McKinley. He has only to pull the string and the administration at Washington jumps. It is alleged that Secretary Gage, of the Treasury department, was simply used as a tool by the money trust to raid the New York market the other day. As a consequence the trust wrecked a Boston bank, ruined a number of people, forced the owners of a lot of independent copper mines to sell out to the copper trust, of which Rockefeller is also the head, and incidentally made 100 per cent. per day during the squeeze on the millions they used to play the game. When an administration cannot rise above being parties to raids of this kind, beside which highway robbery is eminently respectable, its finish cannot be far off.

The Chatham Planet gives a list of inducements that that village offers to manufacturers seeking locations, and among other things states that it is the head of navigation on the Thames. They forgot to mention, however, that no vessel drawing over nine feet of water, can come up the river to Chatham, and they never even mentioned the depth of mud on the streets. Now, no manufacturer in search of a location could be so blind to his own interests as to locate in a muddy place like Chatham where navigation is so difficult, when within a few miles they can secure better inducements in every way, with the great advantage of a water way up which the largest vessels on the lakes, loaded to their fullest capacity, can come with ease. When it comes to offering locations for factories Chatham is not in it with Wallaceburg, and the people of that place are well aware of the fact.—Wallaceburg Herald.

Some of the above statements about Chatham are, of course, absurd. But we must say that Wallaceburg really is a lively, progressive place. In time when Chatham expands, we have no doubt it will make one of the Maple City's finest suburbs, and we will be proud to annex it.

If the second Canadian Contingent is to be of any service in South Africa, the Minister of Militia will have to put more life in the preparations. The delay in recruiting the force has been unaccountable.

The horrors of the South African war should be a lesson to partizan voters to put principle before party. The electors of Great Britain, who blindly indorsed the whim of an old man to make a dishonorable peace with the Boers two decades ago, are individually responsible for all the young lives that are now being blotted out in South Africa.

Not some wicked Tory journal but the respectable Liberal Kingston Whig, remarks: "It is not everything to say, as Mr. Tarte has done, that the Liberals have only added \$6,585,000 to the public debt while the Conservatives added \$16,808,000. These latter have been years of plenty, and if the public debt cannot be pulled down a bit when is the operation to take place?" Joseph's policy was good enough for Egypt; but the Whig is just a little too credulous in expecting its adoption by its friends in power.

The death of Dwight L. Moody removes a notable figure from the list of modern evangelists. His name, with that of his former colleague, Mr. Sankey, will long be memorable in the whole Protestant church as the leaders in the movement by which it was decided not to "let the devil have all the good music"—as the Salvationists have since said. The beautiful Moody and Sankey hymns have formed the model on which other hymnals have been arranged, but we can hardly re-

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We have all the leading lines, including many new colors in handsome packages. An inspection of our "Ebony goods" with Sterling Silver mounts, will well repay you, whether you buy or not.

Central Drug Store

C. H. Gunn & Co.

alize that hymn tunes as they are now known, were not used in many denominational churches twenty-five years ago.

A story comes from Bowmanville which doesn't show that place in a very favorable light. John Healey, a union glassblower from Findlay, Ohio, was found beside the railway with his ankle mangled and his feet and hands frozen. He was taken to the Bowmanville station and, it is alleged, left lying on a bench there all day, the mayor refusing to send him to the Toronto General Hospital for fear the town would be charged with his maintenance. Finally Hon. John Dryden came along, interfered, and induced his worship to take the awful risk. If this story is true Bowmanville easily takes the palm as the meanest place on earth. Even St. Thomas wouldn't be so inhuman.

"WOE UNTO YOU, LAWYERS."

Kingston Whig.
Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a recent address said: "I don't pretend to be honest. Few men are, and a lawyer cannot be." What has the profession to say to that? Is it a libel or a give away?

POSSIBILITIES.

Toronto Telegram.
Things will look brighter when "Bohs" proceeds to string out his title to Lord Roberts of Kandahar and Pretoria.

Maybe the Conners contract will kill Buffalo, and it is the hope of Canadians that incidentally it will kill Inspector DeBarry of that place. Numerous Grits will be shocked to learn that only \$150 a head is being paid for horses in war time. Many of them have known turkeys to run quite as high in the season of bye-elections.

JOKES IN SEASON.

Selected.
The ground hog—sausage.
It's easier to win a girl's hand than to foot the bills afterward.

The candidate who boasts that his friends are a unit would be considerably surprised to get but one vote.

When a husband and wife are continually patching up their difficulties their affectionate assume the kaleidoscopic aspect of a matrimonial crazy quilt.

"Nay I do not touch me!" cried the rich wife. The impecunious husband groined in an agony of spirit. "Not even for ten!" he asked. "Remember, Christmas is only eight days distant."

CHARGE OF THE CHRISTMAS BRIGADE.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Half a foot, half a foot,
Half a foot onward!
Down on the Christmas toys
Swooped the six hundred.
Grabbing for drum and horn—
Many a skirt was torn,
Many a toe was crushed
By the six hundred!
Clerks to the right of them,
Clerks to the left of them,
Clerks massed in front of them
Fumbled and blundered!
Things ripped to pieces there,
Arms reaching through the air,
Mad women jamming and
Grabbing things everywhere—
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LOSSES IN BATTLE.

Lord Methuen may talk about the bloodiness of his South African battles, but he can never paint a picture vivid enough to efface from Detective James McGregor's mind the gory slopes of Waterloo, as he viewed them after the famous day when the Duke of Wellington and himself broke the power of Napoleon forever. All day long the French Chasseurs had charged and hacked at the British squares. Finally, when night and the Prussians were both in sight, with odds in favor of the former, Napoleon ordered up the Imperial Guard. But it was no use. As the eagles of France were rolled back again General Lord Arthur Wellesley—he was not a duke then—turned to Detective McGregor and asked:

"Jim, what had we better do now?"

"Charge, my charge."

That stirred Wellesley up. Turning to the war correspondents he remarked, "Gentlemen, you may mention at this point that just here General Wellesley shouted, 'Up, boys, and at 'em.'"

FOR ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I again solicit your vote and influence for alderman. Circumstances prevent a personal canvass, which I trust will not influence your support.
D. G. FLEMING.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
JOHN HENDERSHOTTE.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and influence.
Faithfully yours,
W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain,
Yours truly,
GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,
Your obedient servant,
A. E. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900. As I will be out of the city during the coming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.
Respectfully yours,
GEORGE STEPHENS.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am,
Yours respectfully,
W. S. MARSHALL.

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Are the latest and nobbiest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot be without a Tweed Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU WILL BUY THEM

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We have this season made a special effort in selecting a special range of the best Imported Worsteds, Scotch, English and Irish Tweeds and Overcoats with a vast range of our own make. We guarantee to save you money and to make your clothes up-to-date and to give you the very best trimmings. OUR CLOTHING IS CASH.

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To the Electors of Ward No 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for public school trustee.
WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.
ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain, ladies and gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.
GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.
Yours sincerely,
ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,
ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Ward 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for School Trustee for No. 5 Ward.
JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

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45c on the Dollar--Cash

And will the Public the benefit of the deal.

We are simply cutting prices in two in every line.

Such an opportunity was never offered the general Public before

As a sample of our price-cutting, we mention the following lines:

Hats, Former Price \$3.00—Slaughter Price\$1.50
Hats, Former Price \$2.50—Slaughter Price\$1.25
Hats, Former Price \$1.50—Slaughter Price75
Hats, Former Price \$1.00—Slaughter Price50
Hats, Former Price 50c—Slaughter Price25

All other lines of goods in this store reduced in the same proportion.

We are simply giving goods away.

STONE & COMPANY Garner House Block Sign of the Big Hat.

(No goods charged—everything spot cash.)

BY ST. GEORGE RATHBORNE

CHAPTER I.

"Just the contrary. Listen to what I say: Old Tanner tells me his dahabeah or house boat, has just come down the river: they left it some two hundred

And, on my part, after all I'm surprised. It's just what I might expected, knowing what I do of

Meanwhile, they have been making progress in the direction of the

In any other city under the sun, a commotion at dead of night would create an intense excitement. Not in Cairo. The white walls shut out almost by minute windows the

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moon
cular

A lamp is turned low, so that a thing of a dimness rests upon the interior, but the sharp eyes of Sandy

We have a large quantity of Hemlock and Fir - bass lumber - a hand at present, also large stock of No. XXX Pine Shingles.

Please call before purchasing elsewhere.

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Shingles, Flooring, &c. No. 10, Hill Street, Mem-
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Fir, bass timbers, in hand at present, also a
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Cor. 6th and King Street,
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—10 a. m.—West-
ly winds, fair and continued cold to-
day and to-morrow.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Ald. Geo. Stephens is confined to
his residence from a severe cold that
will prevent him from continuing his
campaigns.

F. Star Jarvis is stopping with
Kingsley Holmes until to-morrow.
Star is in the employ of the New York
Life in New York.

Henry Porter, late of Ridgetown,
has removed his family to Detroit,
where he will resume the practice of
law.

Before Judge Bell in the county
court this morning Thos. Arnesu was
charged with an offence under the
Charlton Act upon one Emma Reame,
a girl of 14 years. W. F. Smith ap-
peared for the accused, while J. B.
Rankin, E. A. Q. C., was present on
behalf of one Fred. Beachill, whom the
defence alleged was connected with the
offence. Arnesu was convicted and
sentenced to four years in the peni-
tentiary.

At the meeting of Court Unity No.
6500, A. O. F., in the Oddfellow's
block, last night, Chas. R. Cape was
appointed Secretary pro tem, neces-
sitated by the death of the late Chas.
H. Sullivan, late secretary. The
charter of the lodge was draped for the
usual 30 days. A committee was ap-
pointed to get up a suitable letter of
condolence to Mrs. Sullivan on the
death of her husband. The smoker,
which was to have taken place last
evening, was postponed in deference to
their late secretary.

OLDERSHAW-PAXTON.

Rosedale Farm, the residence of
Isaac Oldershaw, Barwich, was the
scene of a very pretty wedding last
evening when Miss Minnie Oldershaw
was united in marriage to James Pax-
ton, of Dover. Rev. Dr. Hanson of-
ficiated. Miss Daisy Oldershaw acted
as bridesmaid while the groom was
ably supported by John McKerrall, of
the firm of McCornie & McKerrall.
Over fifty guests were present. Every-
one was in the best of spirits height-
ened by the music furnished by the
mandolin and guitar club and by the
sumptuous banquet which followed the
ceremony. The presents were numerous
and well chosen. The happy couple
left at a late hour for their new home.

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cians.



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Christmas

Should be above the ordinary
—or rich and pure and
——— that you will make a big
——— if you do not come
and let us show you what a big
——— we have for you. A one lb. box
——— for 25c. A large box of four
——— and packages,
——— especially adapted for holiday
——— and see them.

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Calanders, Cards, Toys and Dolls

What we don't want to carry over we will place at 25 per cent
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price.

A tailor makes it his duty to remedy your bad points,
while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve
all. A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made
clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus
they miss the latest and ever changing fads.

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BLEW UP A HOUSE

It was a Nuisance to General
Metheun's MenSo They Dropped a Lyddite Shell on
It—A Reconnaissance.

Modder River, Dec. 25.—A reconnais-
sance by the British this morning
drew out a heavier artillery fire than
has been experienced since the Boers
occupied Magersfontein.

The British had determined to de-
stroy a house on the bank of the river
from which their sharpshooters picked
off incautious British soldiers.

At dawn the 12 pounders and the 4-
inch lyddite gun, with three wagons,
escorted by the 12th Lancers, moved
out to attack the Boer lines in front of
the kopjes. The wagons were fasten-
ed behind the river bank.

As soon as the British were seen by
the Boers they opened fire upon them.
There was a party of Boers station-
ed 20 yards from the well, near Gen-
eral's cottage. A detachment of Lan-
cers attacked them, but they scattered
unharm.

The Boers worked another gun from
the railway track to the north.
Altogether they had four guns, be-
sides two quick-firers. These guns
were mostly mounted beyond the crest
of the kopje. The heaviest fire was
directed against the Lancers.

The object of the reconnaissance was
successfully carried out, the house on
the bank being blown up, creating a
great dust.

The Boers fired a few shots after-
wards, but the British made no reply.
Four of the horses of the Lancers
were hit by a shell. None of the men
were hurt.

The enemy have brought their
trenches a thousand yards nearer to
the British lines since the repulse of
the English at Magersfontein.
The reconnaissance established the
fact that they have not advanced many
of their guns. Their vanishing gun is
nearest the British lines.

CIVIL MARRIAGES.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis has
issued a decree, authorizing the cele-
bration of civil marriages in the Phi-
lippines, and Secretary Root has ap-
proved the action. Hitherto all mar-
riages were celebrated by the Catholic
Church, so that Protestants and non-
Christians were prohibited from marry-
ing. The decree does not interfere
with the Catholics, who may be mar-
ried according to their own rites, but
extends the privilege of civil marriages
to those who desire it, just as is prac-
ticed in the United States.

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TO BULLER'S AID.

Canadian Contingent Have Lost
Their Brigade Commander.How Lord Methuen Almost had the
Boers Defeated.

London, Dec. 28.—Cape Town des-
patches say: Col. Bessard, command-
ing the Canadian contingent of troops
is to join the staff of Gen. Buller, all
the members of which are proceeding
to Natal, indicating that Gen. Buller's
sphere will shortly be confined to Na-
tal.

A man named Green, a former ser-
geant-major of the British balloon de-
partment, is among the Boer pris-
oners captured at Magersfontein.
Green, who deserted from Aldershot in
1893, admitted that he had been some
time in the service of the Boers and
had instructed them in trenching. He
says there were 23,000 Boers at Ma-
gersfontein, 21,000 of whom were en-
gaged the day of the battle. The Boer
losses, he also asserts, were very heavy
the trenches being full of dead. Green
further declares that if the attack
had been pressed the Boers would have
yielded. He says the Boer horses have
to be taken to the Modder river, as
water is so scarce at Magersfontein.

London, Dec. 28.—The War Office
has received the following from Cape
Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 27:
"Gen. Methuen reports as follows:
"At 9.30 o'clock yesterday evening the
Boers on the south side of Magersfon-
teine opened a very heavy fire for some
time. This morning the naval brigade
fired at the enemy at the west part
of Magersfontein. The cavalry bri-
gade is reconnoitering in a northeast-
erly direction."

"Lieut. Masters has made an ex-
tended reconnaissance westward and
northward of Enalein, and reports all
well. The farmers were glad to see
our men. They were suffering from
want of food."

"I have established a market here,
where I can purchase fresh milk and
vegetables, selling to the farmers tea
and other articles which they cannot
otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell
last night."

"Gatote and French report no
change in the situation. Bidden-Pow-
ell reports all well Dec. 12."

A SECRET TREATY.

New York, Dec. 28.—A despatch to
the Herald from Berlin says: The
Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents
of the Anglo-German-Portuguese se-
cret treaty. This treaty will have
executive force as soon as the Swiss
jurists, Messrs. Bissler, Hensler and
Goldau, have given a decision in the
Delagoa arbitration. The decision, it
is expected, will be given in January
or February, and will probably be in
favor of England, in which case Portu-
gal must pay to Great Britain and the
United States an indemnity of \$9,500,000.
Great Britain in 1891 obtained
from Portugal the right of pre-emption
in Delagoa bay. The gession of
Delagoa Bay to Britain may therefore
be expected in March, and it is possi-
ble that President Kruger may de-
clare war on Portugal and attack
Delagoa at once.

To prevent any interference by
France or Russia, Britain concluded
a secret treaty with Germany regard-
ing the complete partition of the Por-
tuguese colonial possessions. Germany
is to receive all Portugal's Asiatic pos-
sessions—that is to say, Timor, Goa,
Dampni, Macao and Dia, with 20,000
square miles of territory and a million
inhabitants.

Germany further receives in Africa
all Portuguese territory north of
Mozambique except the strip of land
three miles wide for Cecil Rhodes's
trans-African railway. For this the
German government will pay Portugal
25,000,000 marks.

Britain receives the remaining Afri-
can possessions of Portugal, which
contain 2,000,000 square kilometers and
have 3,000,000 inhabitants. The con-
sent of Portugal to this arrangement
has already been obtained in principle.

Gen. Warren has arrived at Chic-
ago.

General White photographed that all
was well in Ladysmith on Tuesday
last.

A telegram to the Daily Chronicle,
from Ladysmith, explains the British
casualties on Dec. 22, reported yester-
day, eight of the Gloucestershire Re-
giment being killed by a single shell.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

This morning, shortly after nine
o'clock, Donald Burky, of Bothwell,
a section man, was instantly killed
about two miles west of the diamond
on the G. T. R. Particulars of the
accident are meagre, but Burky was
facing the fast express and didn't no-
tice it or hear it coming along, on ac-
count of the wind. The body was badly
bruised, both legs were broken and
the face smashed. The remains were
brought to Chatham, where they were
taken in charge by Undertaker John-
son. Coroner Bray decided to hold an
inquest, and with the assistance of De-
tective McGregor, empanelled a jury
this afternoon. The remains will be
taken to Bothwell at 8 o'clock to-
night. Burky was 57 years of age and
leaves a family. The G. T. R. are lay-
ing new rails between Windward and
Chatham, and every morning the con-
struction train runs out from here
with a force of laborers. Mr. Burky
belonged to this force.

At Hunterville the six year old son
of J. T. Burke broke through the
ice on the river and was drowned.

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tions for any Newspaper
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Chatham.

FILBURY.

Dec. 28.—Rev. Robert Wilson, of
Burr, is the guest of his brother here,
A. A. Wilson.

Miss M. Kingwell and niece Maggie,
of Chatham, are visiting relatives in
this vicinity.

It appears we are to have a new
election in the council after all, as Mr.
Stewart who was elected reeve by ac-
clamation, refuses to act.

Miss Irene Sadler, of Brandon, Man.,
is the guest of her sister here, Miss V.
Sadler.

Miss Maggie Courier, of Chatham, is
visiting at home here.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale
at Johnson's Drug Store.

BLENHEIM

Dec. 28.—At the Presbyterian manse
last evening, Rev. J. W. McLaren
married Miss Josie Sterling to Harvie
Hidreth, a prosperous young farmer
living near town.

Master Clarence and Miss Rosa Hig-
ley are spending their holidays in
Chatham at Mr. Hughes'.

Installation of officers in Kent
Lodge, A. F. & A. M., was postponed
last night, the district deputy being
unable to attend. After lodge duties
were over the brethren adjourned to
J. B. Pickering's oyster parlors, where
a very tasty supper had been gotten
up. After the good things had dis-
appeared R. L. Gossnell, Past Master,
acted in the capacity of chairman,
Loyal and patriotic speeches were
made by T. B. Shillington, R. M.
Thompson, Dr. Storey, J. K. Morris
and others.

H. L. Merritt, the popular lum-
berman of the West End, was made the
recipient of a handsome chain and
addressed last Tuesday evening at the
Sheldon House by the employees of the
mill.

Miss A. L. Samson left last night for
Chicago.

A live pigeon shoot took place yes-
terday under the auspices of the Ben-
heim Gun Club on the Park grounds.
After the shoot, Miss Host Vester, of
the Royal Hotel, furnished supper for
22 hungry marksmen. The following
is the score:—E. Ramsden 6, W. E.
Hall 7, C. Scott 8, H. Bates 10, J. D.
Clute 7, J. Wetherford 2, R. J. John-
ston 6, W. Lane 5, W. Johnston 5, A.
McRichee 8, W. Bates 6, W. Samson 7,
A. Vester 6, D. Bates 8, Sam Burke 4,
C. Lewis 3, M. Parlo 3, C. Brown 3,
M. Samson 5, Sam Burke 5, Marshall
Barks 3, J. English 8, James Burke 5,
A. Ramsden 4. Shooters were present
from Ridgetown, Merritt, Cedar
Springs, Fargo and Bridge End.

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Monday, Dec. 25th, taking money be-
longing to myself, my son P. G. Murphy
and the C. M. B. A., and also for the
recovery of the stolen money.

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That we want to emphasize in this advertisement is its truth, not strained, stretched or garbled, but plain unvarnished facts.

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Here are some prices for the wind-
ing up days of the year:

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Heavy all-wool f. f. z. in fawn, black, gray and claret, regular values at \$6.50 and \$7.00, put in at

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Over 100 Suits to choose from, made from all-wool tweeds, worsted and novelty rough goods, sold all season at \$9, \$10 and \$12, clearing at

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Men's Dress Overcoats

Men's special all-wool Baver. Dress Coat in black and blue cloths, imported by ourselves, made equal to any custom made garment, all French faced and silk piped edges, perfect fit, all sizes 34 to 44, our great special at

\$10.00

Boys' special 2 pc. Suits—\$2.50

Made from solid wearing Tweeds, double breasted style, dark colorings, values at \$3.50, all sizes for ages 7 to 13 years.

Boys' Pants

900 pairs Boys Tweed Pants, heavy, for ages 5 to 16 years, very special

50 cts.

Men's Pants

See our specials at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and

\$1.75

Men's Furnishings

Men's Underwear—a big lot of Men's heavy O.K. rib Shirts and Drawers, in gray and flesh, good value at 50c and 75c, to be cleared at

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Men's leather faced Mitts, 25c and 50c

All knitted and fleece lined, heavy leather facings, solid comfort

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Butter Scotch, 25c a lb.
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H. Malcolmson

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

The Ontario Legislature will meet about Feb. 7.

The London Normal School will be ready for occupation by the students after the Christmas holidays.

Volunteers for South Africa are turning up by the dozens at London. Col. Holmes is still without orders concerning the number to enlist.

The German residents of Vancouver held a protest demonstration in a downtown cafe on Christmas night. During the evening some Britishers, who were also celebrating, broke in, and if the police had not interfered there would have been a free-for-all fight, with about a hundred people in the mix-up.

THE CANDIDATES.

The following candidates have issued cards to the electors, which may be found on page two of this issue:

For Aldermen.

Ald Geo Stephens.
Ald W S Marshall.
Arch. B McCoig.
Ex Ald. John Henderson.
Ald W E McKinnon.
Ex Ald G G Taylor.
Ald Geo Sulman.
Ald D G Fleming, M. D.

For School Trustees.

Ward 1—Wm Robertson.
Ward 2—J A Wilson, and Alex Gregory.
Ward 3—A H Von Gunten and Dr. Geo T McKinnon.
Ward 4—Andrew Thompson and John Holmes.
Ward 5—J E Johnson and A J Pike.

For councillor—Jim McCormick.

For Reeve—E B Toles.

OUNGAH SCHOOL CONCERT.

It was a Great Success in Every way—Very Large Attendance.

Never since Oungah had a school has there been held a concert which in any sense compares with that of Friday evening, Dec. 22, either in excellence of program or in proceeds. The concert was held under the auspices of the Oungah public and Sunday schools. It was a brilliant affair and a magnificent success. In anticipation of a large audience the school room was cleared of desks and seats in such a manner that runner that every foot of space could be utilized. The walls were handsomely decorated with streamers of "Red, White and Blue." The Christmas tree was a lovely sight, drooping with its burden of Christmas gifts. A large, beautiful, and well-lit chandelier began to glow long before the time of commencement every available inch of room was literally thronged with an expectant crowd. Some, even, were obliged to go away, being unable to get within the doors.

In due time, the chairman of the evening, James Clancy, M. P., arrived and opened what proved to be an admirable program with a very appropriate address. The music of the Ballad orchestra and the Sunday school choir, the solos of Mrs. Purdie, Mr. Fred. Parkyn, and Mr. McCarty, and the recitations of Gordon Stewart and Miss Adams, were highly appreciated. The part taken by the school children was performed with credit to themselves and to their teacher, J. C. Stewart. The dialogue, "The Sam-bambulist," and the farces, "That Trascal Pat," and "No Cure No Pay," with their Irish witticisms and drolleries, brought down the house.

At the close of the program Santa Claus made his appearance and cheered the hearts of the little people by distributing the presents from the tree. A vote of thanks was tendered to the outside talent and to the chairman. Mr. Clancy fittingly responded and advised the committee to take their next concert to the Grand Opera House, Chatham, where there was ample room for their many patrons. Proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$51.

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WILLS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTH.
THORNTON.—On Wednesday, Dec. 27, the wife of Dr. A. W. Thornton, of a daughter.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Read the Messenger from Khartoum in to-day's paper.

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Ald. E. W. Soane is in Ridgeway to-day on legal business.

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G. E. Young will have to-morrow fresh salt water blue fish and salmon, shrimps, oysters and clams in the shell.

Geo. W. Quinn, of Brantford, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital, left to-day.

Peter Tschirhart, of Harbor, Mich., is visiting his son, Frank Tschirhart, Raleigh St.

Post office store to rent in the village of Port Alma. No opposition. Box C, Port Alma, Ont. 1w

Miss Louise Hillman, William St., is spending the holiday vacation with friends in London.

Miss Mary Lecoq, of Fletcher, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Maud Dyer, of Grey St.

Master George Dyer is spending a few days with his cousin, Samuel Lecoq, of Fletcher.

Miss Maggie Lecoq, of Fletcher, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Annie Kerr, Lacroix St.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies for the Home will be held Friday afternoon in council chambers at 3 o'clock.

Bruce Steele, of Sycamore Station, who has been ill with typhoid at St. Joseph's hospital, returned home to-day fully recovered.

Dr. Francis McDonnell, House Surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, returned to Detroit yesterday, after spending Xmas with his parents.

The Catholic Order of Foresters held their annual meeting for the election of officers to-night. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

The spring assizes will be held before Chief Justice Armour and will open on April 24th. There will be no non-jury court until June, when Judge Meredith will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dezelia entertained a large number of friends at their residence on the corner of Sinclair and Lowe streets. About 40 guests were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent in pedro.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Phone 181.

The Poole Comedy Company, a local organization, under the direction of Alfred Wrigley, who are reputed to have gained considerable skill in the dramatic art, will present "The Sly Detective" at the Grand on Friday night.

Toronto Saturday Night: The most successful canvasser for the Christmas number of Saturday Night was a little Chatham girl, Miss Shirley Errett, who sent in the names of 123 subscribers and broke the record for this year.

Miss Errett is very bright and winsome child, whose canvass was apparently irresistible, and comes of a remarkably clever family. She is also our youngest agent.

London Free Press.—Matters were at a stand still at Wolsey Barracks yesterday with regard to recruiting for the second South African contingent. Official orders were not received up to noon, and Surgeon-General did not examine any volunteers yesterday. If only ten men are to be sent to the front from this district, the surgeon seems no good in examining the whole country.

The will of the late T. W. McKee, which was somewhat tangled, has been settled, and Mrs. McKee, of Woodstock, will receive her share, \$5,000.

This was in stock in the Permanent Loan Society, Woodstock, and the money had been placed there by Mr. McKee while he was acting as manager of Mrs. McKee's estate. The remainder of the estate goes to Mrs. McKee.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork; and then, because they were tired, rubbed them to make them work better; in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

WINDSOR IS GROWING.

Alex. Black, assessment commissioner of Windsor, has prepared some statistics in regard to the assessment and population of the city. The population is 11,446. Of this number, 3,398 are ratepayers. The religious classification is as follows: Roman Catholics, 3,491; Methodists, 1,976; Baptists, 1,809; Presbyterians, 1,096; Episcopalians, 510; Lutherans, 177; Congregationalists, 30; Salvation Army, 71; Jews, 132; colored Methodists, 648; colored Baptists, 214; colored Catholics, 24, 38 scattered among several other denominations; 469 persons, religion unknown; 143 admit having none. The revised assessment of the city is placed at \$5,315,530. The exempted property is valued at \$803,025. Of this, \$175,000 is in school properties, \$113,000 in houses, \$227,125 in city property, and \$75,000 in government property.

HARWICH TAX NOTICE

I will be at Geo. Stephens store, Chatham on Saturday Dec. 30th, and January 13th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to receive tax-
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DRESDEN.

Dec. 28.—Invitations have been issued by the married men of Wallaceburg for a ball to be given on January 10th. A number from here will attend.

Miss Kate Garrett and Miss Cora Merritt, of Chatham, are the guests of Mrs. Joshua Wright, Hughes street.

Miss Ada Collinge has returned from her trip to the States.

Messrs. O. B. Craig, T. N. Wilson, and R. McConnell, of Detroit, who spent Christmas in town, have returned home.

Candidates for the council of 1900 are busy canvassing for votes and influence.

W. R. Ward, of Toronto, is visiting his father, Wm. Ward.

WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 28.—A large crowd skated on the river yesterday. The ice is the finest in many years.

The Baptist S. S. entertainment is to be given in the Opera House.

Miss Ada Collinge has returned home, after spending the summer and fall in Detroit.

The Separate school board held a meeting yesterday.

Mrs. A. Wills and Miss Graham, of London, are the guests of J. W. Pilews.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of the Y. M. C. C. the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Rev. Father Salanus—Hon. President.

Rev. Father De Paul—Spiritual Adviser.

Rev. Father Herman—Hon. Vice-President.

E. Dupeyron—President.

F. Crump—Vice-President.

Harry Crump—Fin. Secretary.

T. G. Roark—Sec. Secretary.

A. J. Baker—Treasurer.

Chas. Wood—Guard.

P. Keenan—Marshal.

Executive Committee—M. J. Doyle, J. Brennan and H. O'Keefe.

HIS SECRET DISCOVERED.

This extract is from the serial story, The Messenger from Khartoum, which commences in this issue.

"There is no need of concealment between us, Mr. Grimes. You may derive these good people at the hotel, but I have heard of you, sir."

"Oh!" mutters the individual who breaks the silence.

"Yes," murmurs Joe Jones, quickly, "you pass as a silver king at Cairo. Across the water, Mr. Grimes, you are known as one of the shrewdest detectives in the country."

He pauses again as if to let this shot go home. Both puff away at their cigars as though the action may clear their brains. It is the explorer who breaks the silence.

"You don't deny the soft impeachment, Mr. Grimes?" he says, with a query in his voice.

"I have no reason to, with you, sir, although I should not like this subject to become common property," replies the stout man, in a singularly cool tone.

"Perhaps I can even guess the object of your visit to Egypt in this year eighty-five."

"Make a try at it now."

SMITH ACQUITTED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—At the police court here, when the case against J. Obed Smith, the Liberal organizer, charged with bribery in connection with the recent Provincial election, was called, the prosecution announced that it had no evidence to offer, and Smith was accordingly discharged.

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BOOMING BULLER.

Young Mr. Churchill Sets out to do it.

A Masonic Lodge Wiped Out—Plot at Cape Town Nipped in the Bud.

London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of Dec. 28, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived:—"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commanders-in-chief, and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, however, is difficult, the base position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth range of mountains, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

WAR NOTES.

The Hindoos of Bombay are praying for the success of the British arms.

The day after Christmas the naval guns shelled the Boer position at Chieveley for two hours with lyddite.

A cable from Belmont on Christmas day, says the Canadians are all right. This dispenses of the story about the picket being captured.

M. Pere Perrot, recruiting for the ambulance corps for the Boer army, suspended operations to-day, on account of the failure to receive an expected draft from Dr. Leys.

It is stated that every member of the well-known Ernde, Netherlands, while fighting on the side of the Boers, the fact is believed to be unique in the history of Freemasonry.

A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Stork, says:—"Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose reaction is shown in the removal of railway bridges, the obstruction of bridges and culverts and attacks upon solitary horsemen."

Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was accepted to:—"The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

FOR KINDNESS TO THE OLD PEOPLE.

The undersigned, in behalf of the county of Kent, wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who presented the inmates of the House of Refuge with candy and shawls. Also the Epworth League of Park St. Methodist Church, who contributed twenty-seven pairs of carpet slippers and magazines. A. T. Arnold, Mgr.

GRANTED A PARDON.

This morning Mayor Smith received a communication from the secretary of the Governor-General announcing the pardon of a lad named Arthur Darling, who went down to the Reformatory for three years for theft. He has served about a year.

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House Blankets from 50c to \$2.00 each

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CHATHAM.

HORNE—THOMPSON.

In the presence of about 70 invited guests, Miss Jennie Horne, youngest daughter of James Horne, Delaware avenue, and Fred W. Thompson were united in marriage last evening.

The bride presented a charming appearance in a beautiful dress of white organdie, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, chignon and baby ribbon. She carried a bouquet of roses and chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Bertha Cotsworth, wore a gown of white organdie adorned with a turquoise blue sash and collar and trimmed with lace. She carried chrysanthemums and carnations. The young couple were the recipients of many tokens of esteem from friends and relatives.

The Victoria Ave. Methodist Church Epworth League, of which Mr. Thompson is president, sent a beautiful parlor lamp. The firm of Wilson, Kerr & Pike, of which Mr. Thompson is bookkeeper, sent a clock for \$25. A delightful wedding repast was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will take up their residence on Head street.

ROW BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

There is every likelihood of a lively time at Belle River before the Separate school will be established in that village. Three of the trustees who are favorable to the Separate school have placed new locks on the doors and gate, and forbid the other trustees to trespass on the premises. Those adverse say that they will secure possession of the school in some way, as it is a public school and has been paid for out of the general tax fund and not by the church.

HAS A GRAND EFFECT.

Quebec, Dec. 25.—W. H. Wiggs, of the Mechanics' Supply Co., of this city, has just received a personal letter from a prominent member of the British House of Commons, Charles E. Shaw, in which the writer says:—"You cannot imagine how the colonial aid, so freely and spontaneously given, has touched the heart of the people here. Deep, deep down it is, and will never be forgotten."

The skeleton of Sir Arthur Curtis, an English baronet, who perished on the way to the Klondike, has been found near Mud Creek, on the fatal Ashcroft trail.

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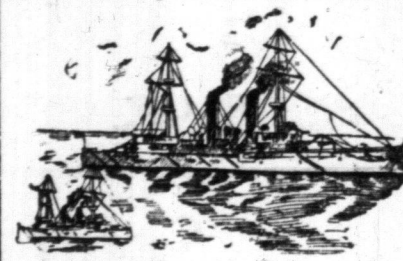
RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

SHOULD THE CZAR AND MIKADO COME TO BLOWS.

Comparison of the Military and Naval Forces Which They Could Put Into the Field—Russia's Preponderance Would Be Three and a Half Times That of Japan on Water and Seven and a Half Times on Land.

Constant rumors of war preparations on the part of Russia and Japan have turned the eyes of the civilized world eastward. These two nations, one of which has figured prominently in all the modern history of Europe, and the other of which has but recently awakened from a hibernating sleep of centuries, are the two powerful political factors in the eastern development, and both are seeking supremacy in the portion of the globe which they would dominate.

Close students of eastern politics have predicted that before the vexing questions were settled the two nations would clash over the complications which the questions have produced. That such a thing is possible the continued rush of military preparations on the part of both nations only serves to illustrate. The news columns of the daily press tell us, and reiterate the story day after day, that the Japanese Government is issuing rush orders to the firms of shipbuilders who are constructing new vessels for the Japanese navy, and the same thing is true of the Russian Government. Each day seems to bring the two powers nearer



A COMPARISON OF THE NAVIES OF THE CZAR AND MIKADO.

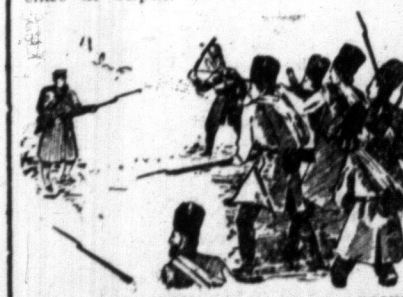
er to the final arbitration of arms than to a peaceful diplomatic settlement of the questions causing the controversy. Japan is yet resentful over Russia's meddling with her settlement with China whereby she would have secured Korea had Russia not prevented such a settlement of the war in which Japan was victorious.

That their victory over China had much to do towards raising the Japanese estimate of their powers is certain, but should the good opinion of themselves produced by that conflict carry them to a clash with Russia, the estimate of their powers would probably have a rude shock, unless they could make alliances which would override the preponderance which favors Russia's naval and military resources.

In view of the possibility of war between these two nations, a comparison of their naval and military strength is not without interest. On land both countries could put enormous armies in the field, but Russia's military resources in the number of men which she could muster for war if they were needed is so much greater than the best that Japan could do that a comparison seems farcical. The total strength of the army which the Czar could put in the field should occasion require it would be 7 1/2 times greater than any which the Mikado could muster to meet it.

The total force available for the military service of the Czar, including the active service, the reserves and men for the national defense, is 2,798,000. To meet this force Japan could muster not more than 373,720. Even these figures, great as the comparison is, do not give the full extent of Russia's advantages. For the war of the present day the trained and organized troops are superior to the new levies, which lack not only the training and organization, but the equipments to fit them for the field as well. In this class Russia has still a greater advantage than that shown in the grand total of the forces of the two nations. In what she classes as her active service, that is, men thoroughly organized, disciplined and equipped—she has the enormous number of 1,269,000, while in the same class Japan has but 78,540.

In naval strength the comparison is not nearly so one-sided, although the Russian navy is far ahead of that of Japan in both men and

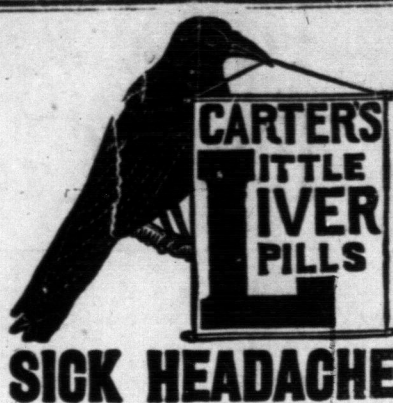


THERE WOULD BE SEVEN TO ONE AGAINST JAPAN ON LAND.

ships. The number of Russian ships is 3 1/2 times greater than that of Japan, Russia having 240 vessels of all classes, to 70 for Japan. But such figures express a greater advantage than Russia possesses, for her navy is not as modern as that of Japan, and, besides, she has a greater proportion of light boats of the torpedo class than Japan has. Of the boats now being built both nations have almost an equal number, Russia having 39 and Japan 36 now under construction.

In men Russia has a naval force of 41,915 enlisted men to man the guns of her fleet, while Japan has but about 15,000 in the same class. But Japan has a larger class of seafaring men to recruit her naval service from than has Russia. In case of war the little island empire could place a large force of seafaring men aboard, recruited from the multitude of fishing and coasting craft in Japanese waters.

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ships between the two nations would be far from complete without some reference to the conditions under which they would probably fight, as well as the inability of Russia to utilize her entire army in a warfare with the Japs.

A war between these two nations would undoubtedly be fought in the east, to reach which Russia would have to transport her troops across the wide reaches of Siberia. At the present time that would not be an easy matter to accomplish, for as yet the Siberian railway, of which so much is expected, is far from complete, and even that part of it which is finished is not equipped for the transportation of large bodies of troops. Russia would also have to maintain garrisons along the line of this road to prevent its destruction by unfriendly natives of Siberia; it would also be necessary to maintain the Russian army in Poland and along the Turkish border, all of which would reduce the total of the Russian force to a great degree and bring it much nearer the maximum force which Japan could put in the field against the armies of the Czar.

PERSONAL POINTS.

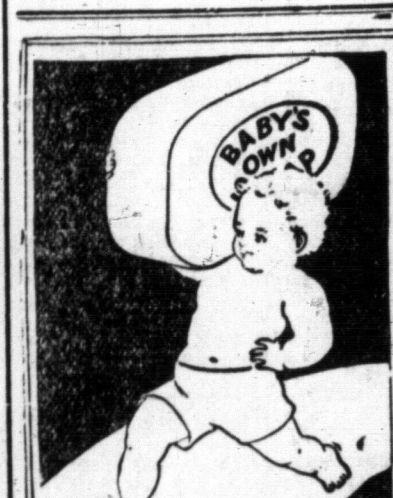
Henry Waters, of Baltimore, has given to that city \$45,000 to build two public bath-houses.

Rosa Bonheur made a particular study of lions, and literally lived among them. A lioness actually died in her arms, and she was greatly affected when the animal in its last moments licked her hand with its rough tongue.

The Earl of Rosebery has just presented to the trustees of the British Museum an interesting autograph letter, which he received in 1893 from the late Prince Bismarck. It is a brief reply to a communication congratulating the aged ex-Chancellor on his birthday. The reply is exceedingly laconic, and written in a bold, firm hand, the letters averaging about half an inch in size and showing no signs of failing strength.

"It is rather odd," says the Philadelphia Press, "that the next geological survey of Chester County is to be made by a woman—Florence Bascom, now a professor at Bryn Mawr College. She has been employed by the National Government to supervise this work, and it is said no complete survey of this county has been made since 1840. Dr. Hartman, of West Chester, however, made a good map of localities in 1857, showing where minerals are to be found and the kind of rock underlying."

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J. K. Meekins, formerly a government special agent, says that the Mohaves are the most superstitious tribe of North American Indians.

"The Mohaves," said he, "believe in a god, Mat-o-we-la. He is the maker of all things. He has a son, whom they call Mas-zam-ho, who is king of the departed spirits. Mat-o-we-la, they say, conducts the movements of the sun, moon and stars. He sends the rain and the sunshine and decides whether the season shall bring feast or famine. He guards the hunting ground. Mas-zam-ho has full charge of affairs in heaven, or White Mountain, as they call it.

"They believe that the spirit dead go up to White Mountain in smoke and that all the personal property destroyed in the flames with the deceased will go with him. There pots are constantly boiling, filled with the choicest things to eat. They invariably cremate their dead that Mas-zam-ho may be appeased, and the funeral pyre is made ready for the corpse as soon as life is extinct, in order that the spirit journey to White Mountain may be accelerated.

"I witnessed about 12 months ago the cremation of an influential subchief, whose death was deeply mourned. The funeral pyre was made near the temporary village, just off the reservation at Fort Mohave. Shortly after nightfall all the inhabitants of the village gathered about the pyre. The body, wrapped in a gorgeous Mohave blanket, with the fringes artistically worked in beads, was carried on the shoulders of four braves from the lodge to the platform of inflammable firewood.

"Following the pallbearers came the women and children and near relatives. The family group crouched near the pyre. The chief of the medicine men offered first words of praise and thanks to Mat-o-we-la for making the elements favorable to an easy passage and then a supplication to Mas-zam-ho to receive the spirit of the departed chieftain with due honors at White Mountain.

"Then the dead body was placed on the pyre, the fire was lighted, the crackling flames swept fiercely up about the corpse, and the spirit was on its way to its eternal home on White Mountain. Friends and relatives chanted songs of lamentation and moaned piteously while the flames devoured the body. At short intervals the four pallbearers cast upon the flames personal property of the deceased in the expectation of its going up in smoke with him to White Mountain, thereby adding to his comfort.

"The mourners also contributed some of their choicest personal belongings, so that in his new and eternal home the absent one might have about him the remembrances of their affection. To the women of the immediate family was granted the privilege of contributing portions of their hair to the flames. After the incineration was complete Mohave etiquette forbade the friends and relatives to eat salt or wash themselves for four days.

"It is a belief firmly fixed in the Mohave mind that all Mohaves who die and are not cremated turn into owls. When an owl is heard hooting at night near their village, they think it is the spirit of some dead Mohave returned. If by chance an owl falls into their hands, the bird is properly cremated, in the belief that the wandering spirit of its Mohave occupant will thereby be quieted and thus enabled to approach Mas-zam-ho, confident that its petition to be allowed to enter the promised land and thereafter rest in peace among the other good Indians of White Mountain cannot be refused.

"Until very recently the Mohaves held yearly a mourning festival. It was the annual burning of personal property in honor of the departed members of the tribe. At the hour deemed most propitious by the medicine men to both Mat-o-we-la and to Mas-zam-ho the Mohaves assembled in an open spot near their village, a high knoll usually being selected. The pyre had been prepared as though for the cremation of the dead. When the fire was hottest, each member of the tribe contributed to the flames some bit of personal property held in choice esteem.

"As the thick smoke floated skyward the mourning Indians were consoled for the loss of objects of personal adornment, apparel or of hunting implements by their firm belief that the curling smoke rings were wafted straight to Mas-zam-ho, king of the departed spirits, and that their loved ones on White Mountain were soon in possession of these proofs of their lasting love and remembrance.

"Under the influence of their agents the Mohaves have abandoned the annual sacrifice to the dead; and, except at Needles, off the reservation, it is not now observed."—Washington Letter in New York Sun.

Dancing.

In the earlier ages dancing was advocated as a cure for sickness. Lycurgus brought back from India and Egypt to Lacedaemonia notions of medical-religious dances and enacted that the Spartan youth should be brought up gracefully and symmetrically. In Greece Socrates commended dancing with a view to educating the mind and body, for he looked on it as a health giving device.

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