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January Selling

We are strongly opposed to dull trade. In the natural course of events many merchants look for a falling off in trade during January and after the holidays. We don't want it that way and so for this year we have been just about as busy since the holidays as before, simply because we make shopping interesting for you every day. For Friday we make a special list of prices:

3 pos. good weight, striped Hemp Star Carpet, 18 in. wide, special on Friday for..... 60
2 pos. extra heavy Union Carpets, good patterns, 38 in. wide, worth regular 40c and 50c a yd., Friday for..... 30c

Black Goat Fur Capes, well lined with black satin, 24 in. long, wide swed, well made, regular \$11.00, Friday..... \$8.00

3 pos. fancy figured Denim, 34 in. wide, in brown, bronze and Welsh blue shades, reg. 20c a yard, Friday..... 12c

Men's all-wool good weight Shirts, and Drawers, regular price 50c, Friday..... 35c

18 x 33 Linen Towels, hemmed ready for use, good value at 11c each, Friday for..... 8c

The great event of next week will be our White Wear Opening on Tuesday. We have scarcely five dollars worth of last season's stock in the store, so that you are guaranteed a completely fresh and up-to-date assortment of gowns, corset covers, drawers, skirts, etc. Our embroideries are imported by ourselves direct from Switzerland and we have just to-day been advised by the customs house that they have arrived. The patterns, the qualities and the prices will please you

Jackets are going out rapidly at the unheard of prices. When you think that \$5.00 will buy you a \$10.00 Jacket you will smile.

\$10.00 Jackets.....\$5.00
\$12.00 Jackets.....\$6.00
\$15.00 Jackets.....\$7.50
\$3.00 Jackets.....\$1.75

The Dress Goods counter is a busy scene these days. Prices are a great attraction. A collection of cashmere, fancy checks and plaids, hosiery, silk mixtures, etc., worth from 50c to \$1.00 a yard is on a table for your inspection to-morrow for

25c a yard.

1 pos. good weight black Taffeta, slightly damaged in the dyeing, but good for facing or lining, reg. value 85c a yard, on sale Friday for..... 58c

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For House Wear

Another lot of Ladies' Black Felt Slippers, warm wool lined, elastic in front, several sizes, all sizes.

25 Cents.

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To make a close examination of the Ladies' Shoes which we are selling at \$2.50. We urge a comparison of this shoe with any sold in the city at \$3.00. This line is made by an American maker (for whose goods we are sole agents here) who get that JUST-RIGHT-FIT to his goods which so many shoe makers never learn. This is a high laced Black Vici Kid, on the new "1900" shape, kid tip, flexible sole in different widths, will please the moment you see it—made in Boston—and only.....

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Our January Clearing Sale

Is daily becoming more interesting. The large crowds that thronged our store yesterday shows that our efforts are being appreciated by the shrewd cash buyers of this city and surrounding country. For Friday shoppers we have some of the biggest snaps of the season. Would advise you to be on hand early, you will always find goods exactly as represented and your money back if you are not satisfied.

30 pairs Lace Curtains, Nottingham make, 3 1/2 yds. long, 54 to 60 in. wide, white and coral, handsome designs, edged and embroidered edges, sold regular at \$2.00 and \$2.50, sale price..... \$1.58
5 pos. Art Muslin, fine quality, 37 in. wide, choice patterns and colorings, reg. 8c, sale price..... 5c
3 pos. Tapestry Carpets, rich colorings and designs, sold regular at 40c, sale price..... 29c
50 Window Shades, in assorted colors, sizes 36x72 in., complete with rollers, sale price..... 25c
300 yds. Heavy Crash Toweling, pure linen with fancy borders, firm smooth finish, worth 7c, sale price..... 4c

1 pos. Turkey Red and White Tablecloth, 56 in. wide, fine quality, fast color, worth 30c, sale price..... 23c
4 pos. Crestonians, in new fancy designs, bright oblique colorings, worth 7c and 8c, sale price..... 5c
DRESS GOODS—Storm Serge, 52 in. wide, pure wool, firm weave, heavy weight, navy and black only, a special cloth at 75c, sale price..... 47c
Amaranth Suiting, a fine French cutting material, made in fancy herringbone effect, dark coloring, warranted not to shrink or spot, regular price \$1, sale price..... 68c
10 pos. All wool Black Pebble Cloth, Satin Cloth, Fancy Broches, Serges, Etc., sold regular at 60c, 90c and 75c, sale price..... 38c

19 pos. Colored Dress Goods, in tweeds, serges, checks, silk mixtures, covertes and fancy suitings, sold reg. at 35c, 40c and 50c, sale price..... 23c
MILLINERY—Jolly, Misses' Hats, silk velvet lace crowns, regular \$2.25, sale price..... 58c
4 doz. Fancy Wings and Birds, assorted colors, sold regular up to 90c, sale price..... 10c
2 doz. Felt Shapes, regular \$1 and \$1.25, sale price..... 25c
21 only, handsome Trimmed Hats, sold reg. at \$1.50 up to \$5, sale price..... HALF PRICE
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KENT LAW ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Kent County Law Association was held yesterday afternoon, some twenty members of the bar being present.

The secretary-treasurer, Ward Stanworth, reported receipts totalling \$839.50, while the expenditures amounted to \$760.83.

It is reported at Durban that the captured German steamer Bundesrath had on board five big guns, fifty tons of shells and 180 trained artillerymen.

ABOUT A SPOILED BALLOT.

A somewhat interesting point in ballot-marking has sprung up over the recent municipal elections. In polling subdivision No. 1 in ward 5, the deputy returning officer found one aldermanic ballot marked for Arch. B. McGee with a cross through which a mark was scrawled in the nature of a capital Z, which to all appearance seemed to be a marking out of the original cross placed opposite Mr. McGee's name.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.



GENERAL KITCHENER, CHIEF OF STAFF TO LORD ROBERTS, IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BIG BATTLE IMMINENT

Ladysmith in Dire Straits.

GEN. FRENCH HAS THE BOERS TRAPPED BUT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO CRUSH THEM.

London, January 4.—Gen. Buller continues his night bombardment and patrol surprises. As the Tugela River is again fordable and the stretcher-bearers have again been requisitioned at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, there is a disposition to believe that the British advance will not be long delayed.

A SUPREME EFFORT. There is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. General White reports a list of nearly twenty deaths from enteric fever and dysentery, and seventy-one serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jameson has all the work he can do. It is evident that the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass without striking a blow. Transports with fresh battalions and batteries have arrived at Durban, and within twenty-four hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort. The Boer line of defence is now described as 16 miles in length, having been extended up and down the Tugela in order to prevent a turning movement.

THE RIVER FORDABLE. The Tugela River has gone down to its normal height. A strong reconnaissance was made toward Slangweni Hill. Two hundred mounted troops, under Lord Dundonald, accompanied by Gen. Clery and Gen. Barton, pushed forward near the hill, where a comprehensive view was obtained of the positions held by the Boers during the last battle and also of the fords by which they cross the river. The British met with no opposition, and returned at two o'clock in the afternoon.

NO NEWS FROM MOLKENO. London, Thursday, Jan. 4, 4.30 a.m.—There is a complete absence of anything new from the seat of war. The report of the Boer attack upon Molkeno is not yet confirmed. Apparently Gen. French holds nothing within five miles of Colesburg Junction. His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to seize any of the crossings of the Orange River. It is possible that when Lord Roberts arrives Gen. French will be ordered to quit his present unsupported campaign and to concentrate his force at the Ar or Orange River. As the Daily Telegraph says:—"Gen. French seems to be in the position of a man having a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A dispatch from Dover Farm announces that Col. Pilcher has returned there from Douglas.

Normberg. The despatch adds that big developments are expected to-morrow.

BEHAVED LIKE BOERS. London, Jan. 3.—A despatch from Lorenzo Marques says:—"The Boers at Dundee behaved shockingly. The ambulance doctor and his assistants were imprisoned eleven days in compound. There was a terrible exhibition of rowdiness on Christmas day. Sixteen soldiers have died in the hospital since the British evacuated Dundee."

BOERS GOT THE SUPPLIES. London, Jan. 4.—The supply train, which ran away from Rensburg, ran into a broken culvert, and was wrecked. The Boers began looting it, and another Rensburg train was despatched to the spot in an attempt to recover the provisions. The Boers opened fire on the troops and natives accompanying it, forcing the second train to retreat after several of the natives had been killed.

The war office has issued a despatch received from Gen. French under yesterday's date, saying his position was the same as on the previous day; that with small reinforcements he could dislodge the Boers from Colesburg, and, in the meantime, he continued manoeuvring.

JOE'S CONGRATULATIONS. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The following cable has been received by His Excellency the Governor-General from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain:—

London, Jan. 3, 1900.—I congratulate Canadians on gallant behavior of contingent in engagement at Sunnyside. (Signed) Chamberlain.

WAR NOTES. Eight extra regiments of artillery have been called out. Seven are for garrison duty in Ireland.

Winston Churchill has been appointed a squadron leader in the South African Horse.

MOODY'S LAST WORDS. If This is Death There is Nothing Awful Here.

New York, Jan. 4.—Dwight L. Moody's last words, according to a Boston despatch, were:—"Earth recedes and heaven opens before me. If this is death, there is nothing awful here. It is sweet. It is bliss; do not call me back; God is calling me; I must go. There is no valley here. It is all beautiful." These words were taken down by Stenographer Ben Wright, of Boston, who had them directly after the death from Mr. Moody's son.

DISGUSTING BRUTALITY. Describing a recent cocking main in that city the Detroit Tribune says:—"There were 11 fights, and the experts appeared to think they were extremely good ones. The handlers of the birds showed a desire to get all the fight possible out of their fowls. They made one cock fight about 10 minutes with a broken leg, and until he was killed. They made another one fight after he had had both eyes pecked out. The experts commented on the skill with which the birds were handled and commended the handlers for their self-restraint, in that they wrangled very little. The battle was between Michigan and Canadian birds on the one hand and West Virginia birds on the other. Of the 11 fights in the main West Virginia won six.

MAYOR'S BLUNDER

He Talked in Peace-at-Any-Price Language

And the St. John, N.B., Council Want Him to Resign—A Fine How.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—On New Year's Day Mayor Sears sent the following cable to the Canadian High Commissioner:

Strathcona, London.—May New Year's blessings rest upon Her Majesty, bringing peace with honor. As a consequence, the Aldermanic Board are after the Mayor's scalp. At a meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday Aldermen Millege, Christie, Maxwell, Warring, McMulkin and others, indignantly repudiated the Mayor's right to speak for the people. The Mayor refusing to call a special meeting of the Council to discuss the matter, a meeting was called by eight aldermen and a hot time is expected. The Board of Works, before adjournment, adopted a series of resolutions setting forth that—

Whereas the expression "peace and honor" in diplomatic language indicates that a nation having suffered reverses may, without loss of dignity, accept the terms of its opponent, and as the unalterable opinion of this community is opposed to peace upon any other terms than the unconditional surrender of the national enemy;

Resolved, that the board regrets that, in a semi-official manner, the views of the people of St. John should have been set forth in the language quoted above, and desires to not only express the hope, but the firm conviction that Her Majesty's Government will prosecute the war in such a manner as to vindicate the honor of the nation and the cause of justice they have, as ever, undertaken to sustain.

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LET THE WORK GO ON.

The citizens must feel more or less disappointed at the views of some of the aldermen in reference to the question of necessary improvements, as expressed in The Planet yesterday.

Ald. McKeough suggests to look into the subject of pavements this year and do the work next. That was the song the last council warbled, and it is altogether too threadbare to last out another year.

Then, again, some other aldermen take the ground that the fate of these improvements, rests wholly with the property owners. This is partially true, but in reality the council has the say. If the property owners refuse to vote an issue of debentures spreading the cost over a period of thirty years, the council can still go on with the pavements and include the whole cost in the current year's taxes. However, with the feeling as it is at present, we have every confidence in the result of a freehold vote and can see no excuse for the new council trying to evade the matter, that is, supposing the new council does try to evade it, which is not probable. We believe the majority will try to keep faith with the people and carry out the promises held out last year from time to time.

THIS CITY LEADS THEM ALL.

Chatham has abolished the ward system.

It owns and operates its own waterworks system. It does the same with its electric street lighting plant.

It possesses the finest and most convenient of parks, several in number.

It also has miles of granolithic sidewalk.

The city owns several splendid iron bridges.

Almost every street has magnificent rows of full grown shade trees.

No other municipality in the Dominion of Canada combines all these advantages at the present time, though many are seeking them.

The people of London voted by a majority of 2,409 to abolish the ward system.

In St. Thomas ward abolition likewise carried by a large majority.

Ottawa voted to reduce the number of aldermen from 24 to 16.

In Ottawa, also, the ratepayers decided in favor of municipal control of the electric light franchises.

In Woodstock municipal control of electric lighting was approved by a vote of 457 to 105.

The town of Pembroke voted to purchase the local electric light plant.

Lindsay decided to acquire the local waterworks system, now under private control.

Hamilton voted to spend \$150,000 on improving its street pavements.

Now that Chatham is ahead in municipal progress, it should try and keep ahead. While other places are seeking what we already possess, let us perfect our street pavements and secure a creditable market structure.

A PRIZE SEED CONTEST.

In October last Prof. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, Ottawa, personally offered \$100 in 24 prizes to boys and girls for 100 heads of wheat and oats bearing the largest number of seeds. The farmers' boys and girls took the matter up with interest. All the provinces were represented in the competition. British Columbia took first prize for both wheat and oats. The prizes went to the provinces in the following order: Ontario, 13; British Columbia, 3; Northwest Territories, 2; Manitoba, 2; New Brunswick, 2; Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 1. Many very superior samples of grain were submitted and some of the competitors showed skill and taste in arranging the heads daintily and packing them carefully. However, some lots arrived in poor coverings and a generally dilapidated condition.

Prof. Robertson says that a gen-

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erous friend, who has the best interests of the farmers' girls and boys and of the agricultural community closely at heart, has made it possible for him to offer cash prizes to the amount of \$10,000 for a competition in the selection of seed grain in all the provinces during the next three years. Full particulars regarding this splendid encouragement to farmers' boys and girls will be published shortly.

The Toronto Star, Liberal, says:—The appeal which was threatened against the finding of the judges in the West Huron election case has not been pressed, and the time for entering it is now past. It is said that Mr. Garrow may not run again, and Mr. Dan McGillicuddy's name is mentioned. Mr. McGillicuddy is in the city to-day, but states that he is of the belief that Mr. Garrow will run.

The suggestion made at the last meeting of the school board that that body should adopt a progressive policy for the year is a good one. Chatham's schools should not be allowed to lag behind in efficiency. Any proposal for the improvement of the schools will meet with popular favor, while moss-back obstruction will find few sympathisers. But whatever the board does it should first of all take energetic measures to stamp out truancy.

When the railway, electric street car and natural gas companies found they were going to be legally taxed by the municipalities wherein their plant lay, they went to their protectors, the Hardy-Ross government, and got them to enact that the plants of private corporations could only be taxed for their value as scrap, that is, they could only be assessed for what they would bring if sold for old metal. Now, supposing the people wanted to expropriate these concerns themselves, would the companies be willing to have them expropriated on the basis of their scrap value?

The Ottawa assessment commissioner has issued a statement showing the exemptions granted for the year 1900 of whatever nature within the city limits. The Dominion Government is exempt to the amount of \$10,625,125. The exemptions in all total up \$16,025,725. Ottawa is now receiving \$60,000 a year from the Dominion treasury, which compensates it for the exemption of national property, but what about other cities. While the taxpayers everywhere are groaning under their burdens Government property and the churches are paying nothing for the benefits and advantages they derive. Who can blame the electors of Toronto, London and other cities breaking loose and voting for anybody who promises to even partially overthrow the present order of things.

The editor of the Ottawa Citizen proceeded to practice what he preached. He tendered his services for South Africa and was accepted. In his farewell he says the fact that his services have been accepted is an evidence that the militia department is making an honest effort to keep politics out of this matter, for the Citizen has no favors coming to it from the present administration. Candor forces us to admit that apart from the desire to vindicate the high principle of the press, we wanted to go anyway. The Citizen company has generously granted leave of absence "for six months or for the war," and we're off.

You can't refuse when you get the card, and the widow gives the party.

HOW SPIES ARE EXECUTED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London Daily Mail.

"You can hardly realize what an awful scene a battlefield is," writes a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery from Orange River. "The most painful thing to see was a Dutch spy, who was caught trying to poison some horses, and he was tried and sentenced to be shot. The fellow was marched to his own grave. He was stood over it, and then there were twelve soldiers marched out, who had to pick up rifles out of a group of twelve. There were six of these loaded and six unloaded, so none of the men knew who shot him. The poor chap never said a word. It was all over in a few minutes."

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CHILDREN'S RAILROADS.

A Great Many of These in existence at the Present Time.

Every boy and girl has seen the great steam engines that carry hundreds of passengers in the great, comfortable coaches behind them, and go thundering along the iron rails, whistling a shrill warning to all to keep out of the way.

But how many of you ever saw a little railroad built especially for children, with the cunningest little engine you ever saw, pulling the tiny cars behind it? And yet there are quite a number of such railroads.

You might call them toy trains, and yet they are big and strong enough to carry fourteen or sixteen passengers, not dolls, either, but boys and girls.

They are certainly delightful toys. A gentleman in Ireland once made one of these fine toys for his children. With the exception of the engine, he made the whole train himself at odd moments he had to spare, and he even put the engine together at home. He prepared the way, laid the rails, made the cross-ties, the turntable, and signal-box, built the sheds, and did every thing else that had to be done.

It took, in all, over three tons of rails to lay the track: each rail being about fourteen feet long.

Almost all of the cars are open, and can hold four or five passengers apiece. So with three cars, each having five passengers, and two on the engine, there are seventeen in all. It may be a little crowded but it is fun anyway, and perhaps more fun than if there were more room.

Like all trains, this train has first, second, and third-class coaches, and to make even more fun, each passenger must have a ticket if he wishes to travel.

A ticket may be bought from Belmore, one of the stations, to Lime-tree; then if it is only good to Lime-tree, you must get out or else get another ticket to take you further. Or, if you want to go from the Lime-tree back to Belmore, you must have a fresh ticket.

How fast can this toy train go? Ordinarily, with a fairly heavy load, the speed is about six miles an hour, say about as fast as a horse trots. But when the engine has no coaches to pull, it can go much faster. You may sit by the engine-driver on his little seat, and whizz through the air at a rate of ten miles an hour. Not that you could go ten miles—the road is not long enough for that. Altogether it is about a quarter of a mile long—long enough to give the young passengers a delightful ride.

The engine is worked by levers which the young driver or engineer works wack and forth.

Naturally, you would not expect a toy train to carry grown-up passengers, but this one does. Not, of course, so many as if it were children; but it can take up comfortably; seven without much difficulty, and eight at a pinch!

The engine-driver has a seat to himself, but he can make room for one beside him if the train is crowded.

Next to the engine is an open car—a second-class coach; next behind it, the first-class—a closed car with windows; and last of all, the third-class coach.

In Central Park, New York City, a railroad similar to this one was built just this past summer. For five cents you can have a pleasant ride between the green trees with the soft carpet of grass on either side of you.

"Oliver Optic's" School.

When "Oliver Optic" was a schoolmaster, away back in the '50's, in Boston—oh yes, he was a schoolmaster, and a good one—he was known by his real name, William Taylor Adams. It was at this time that P. J. Healy, now a prominent Chicago business man, made his acquaintance. Mr. Healy did not at first have the regard for Oliver Optic which I am sure you would have felt could you have known him. But you see, Mr. Healy was a mischievous boy then, and Mr. Adams was only "the teacher."

However, Mr. Healy still relates some amusing incidents of those school days, which may serve to acquaint you better with the personality of the rare story teller who has entertained so many thousands of boys and girls.

On one occasion young Healy arrived at school very early and placed some pieces of candy in the desks of several little girls who most suited his juvenile fancy. This proceeding was strictly against the rules. After school had been in progress some time a girl raised her hand and said: "Please, teacher, Master Healy has been putting candy in the girls' desks."

Mr. Adams replied instantly: "Did he give you any?"

"No, sir."

"Then sit down."

On another morning young Healy and two other boys had given such brilliant recitation that Mr. Adams granted them the very unusual privilege of going home at 11 o'clock for the day. So delighted were the boys that they rushed pell mell down the wide stairway leading from the upper floor, making, of course, nearly as much noise as a small earthquake. Just as they reached the bottom they ran straight into the arms of the headmaster, a crusty old fellow named Kimball. The other two boys named Adams, then he departed leaving the culprit to be sternly dealt with. Oliver Optic had heard the headmaster's denunciation in silence, and he now asked young Healy for his version.

"Why, we were so glad to be let off early that we just ran down stairs as fast as we could."

"Well," said Oliver Optic, trying hard to look stern, "do you know what I think you had better do?"

"No, sir."

"Go right on," he pointed to the door.

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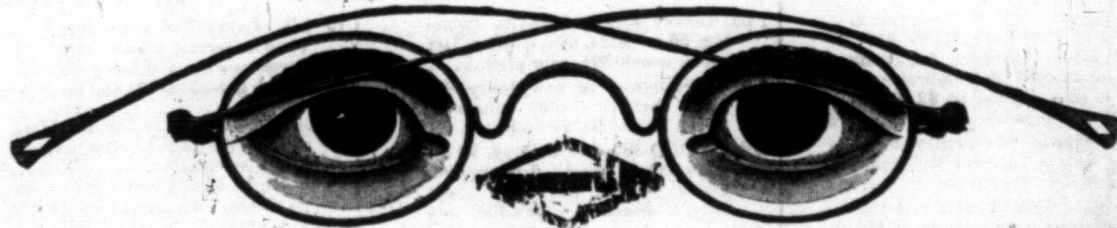
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SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAPTERS.

The story opens at Cairo, where Mr. Grimes, who passes as an American silver king, Sandy Barlow, a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Tanner, a millionaire traveller, and his daughter Molly, all meet. Mr. Grimes informs Grimes that his dahabeh on its way down the Nile picked up Mynheer Joe a messenger from Gordon. As both Grimes and Sandy know Joe they go down to the boat to find him. Joe gives them the first news of the fall of Khartoum and Gordon's death. They bring Joe up from the boat to meet Molly, Millionaire Tanner's daughter, who he recognizes as a girl he once saved from drowning at Malta.

Mynheer Joe obtains presents for the ladies from Mr. Grimes, who has an interview with Molly, who thanks him for saving her life.

Mr. Grimes is the only one who notices his departure, for the others are too interested in what is passing.

"And you saw him fall?" You won't mind telling me the sad story?" Miss Tanner pleads.

"If you will be seated, I will relate it just as I have to Sandy. In the morning all the world will know the facts. Surely, there have been rumors concerning this thing?"

"Yes, but people refused to believe them. They came from untrustworthy sources, and were hardly in before contradictions came after. We have all been waiting for positive truth. It comes at last with you. Now tell me, you who were with Gordon, how he fell?"

Mr. Grimes finds himself a nonentity, and, with a smile, betakes himself from the boudoir parlor back of the portiere. True, he has no telegram to send just yet, but he fancies he may make use of the wires later on, in connection with private business. At present he can amuse himself watching the bright scene in and before Shepherd's, and speculating upon the strange vicissitudes of fortune that one day have a man in rags and the next elevate him to a princely income. Mr. Grimes is nothing if not a philosopher.

The two left in the cosy little parlor do not miss the silver king at all, so wrapped up is Mynheer Joe in his companion, and so deeply interested does Molly become in his narrative.

He tells it modestly, for this man can never boast of his own exploits. Sandy, too, he is by force of circumstances compelled to give facts, and Molly is at liberty to draw her own conclusions. As she already has a high opinion of Mynheer Joe, she is apt to make a liberal judgment.

How her eyes kindle as she sits there, spellbound, listening to the story of Gordon's death! It is a tale to thrill the pulses of all who admire a brave, generous heart, devoted to the good of his fellowmen. Molly hardly seems to breathe as she drinks in his words. This man, in her eyes, is also a hero ten times over. Even had it not been his arm that plucked her out of the cruel Mediterranean sea, still would she accord him this exalted position. For he has not been with Gordon, and does not the reflected light of that great chieftain fall upon him? The man whose sword avenged the death of Chinese Gordon can never be aught else but a hero in her eyes.

It takes some time to tell all, for Mynheer Joe rather enjoys this tete-a-tete with the girl who has become the belle of European Cairo. Even when he rapidly sketches his late trip upon the Nile, and brings the story to a conclusion, she has many questions to ask that are right to the point, and which, upon being answered, bring the situation out in a clearer light.

Then Mr. Grimes—considerate Mr. Grimes—who believes he has left them alone long enough, makes his appearance. There does not seem to be any particular necessity for his coming, but he evinces an interest in the explorer that no person has ever seen him show for any one else. Sandy finds them still together when he returns after sending his wonderful dispatch—the great dispatch that will be the sensation of the day in London and America. Flushed with success, he appears before them and mechanically glances at his watch—a villainous habit he has upon every occasion.

The action catches Molly's eye, and with a little feminine scream, she snatches out her own minute time-piece, studied with diamonds, and looks at the tell-tale face, in consternation.

"Eleven o'clock! An hour and a half away from the hall-room! What will Lord Quincy and the baron think? And I had engaged a dance each with them! They will never forgive me!"

"I am sorry to be the cause of your trouble," begins the explorer, humbly.

"Please don't mention it! I wouldn't have missed this hour and what I have heard of brave Gordon for ten lords or fifty barons. It was only the governor I was thinking of. They must have asked for me, and the dear good man

will be fairly wild looking for me."

Mynheer Joe imagines an insignificant, baldheaded, good-natured, little man tearing around the hotel pleading with every one to help him find his daughter. If he comes across such an individual he will recognize him at once.

"You will excuse me, Mynheer," she says, holding out her hand again—the hand upon which flash diamonds that, with those in her ears, at her throat and in her bonny brown hair, are surely worth a king's ransom.

He murmurs that he will be glad to meet her again, perhaps in the morning, if circumstances are favorable, with a side glance at Mr. Grimes, that has no apparent meaning, and yet which causes a grim smile to appear upon the face of the silver king.

Then she glides from the boudoir parlor. Sandy holding the portiere aside, though he has to stand on his tiptoes in order to make it clear her head.

The three gentlemen are left alone. Sandy takes out a cigar and looks at the mute invitation, is immediately accepted, for a couple of hands are extended, and the weeds exchange owners.

"Let's go outside. The house is no place for smoking, in my opinion," remarks Joe.

So the trio adjourn to the piazza. More than one curious glance is cast toward them; for, in spite of the secrecy that has been exercised, rumors have gotten around concerning the truth. It is strange how these things leak out—a word is sometimes enough to start the ball rolling, and people, once interested, add a little here and a trifle there until a story has been manufactured out of whole cloth.

Hardly have they reached the piazza and Joe stops to light his weed, when a dapper little fellow, Sandy's counterpart in nervous ways, steps up and taps him on the arm.

"Beg pardon—do I understand you have arrived from up the river, sir—from Khartoum?" asks this sprightly chap, apparently not noticing Sandy in the background.

Mynheer Joe puffs away, and between each puff he nods his head up and down in an affirmative way that sets the little man fairly wild with suspense. He will speak soon—when he gets ready—but not until that time comes. It is plainly evident Mynheer Joe knows how to manage the creature known as a press agent.

Sandy is chuckling near by, dreadfully tickled at the thought of having for once obtained an advantage over his rival.

"You are quite right, sir. I have arrived this evening from Khartoum," he finally admits the object of all this attention, having reduced his weed to a point of subjection, where it would burn without much care.

Out come the pencil and note book. "Would you mind giving me a little information regarding the state of affairs at Khartoum when you left? I represent the New York Herald, the London Times and the Paris Figaro. I shall be pleased to take your views, sir, and give you every courtesy in my power," rattles on the little correspondent; then catching sight of Sandy, his face blazes up, he waves his hand as though in warning, and cries:

"Too late, Barlow—you're left! Fall to the rear! I may let you pick up some crumbs presently, but don't bother now. As you were saying, my dear sir, at the time you quitted Khartoum, matters were assuming a serious aspect?"

"Very," replies Mynheer Joe, gravely. "And Gordon—you left him well, hoping for the coming of the British line even now on its way there. His views and yours would be very acceptable reading for the world. A vast audience, indeed, sir. Would you kindly relate your story in detail, or at least that portion of it concerning Gordon?"

His manner is persuasive, his voice honeyed, and better would fail to melt in his mouth. Unfortunately, he has laid hold of the wrong man. Mynheer Joe lays a hand on his shoulder and almost crushes him.

"For particulars, I must refer you to my press agent. Just now I am engaged. Your arm, Mr. Grimes, if you please."

"But where can I find him. I beg that you will inform me? This is a matter that concerns the whole civilized world. Think of it, sir! Tell me the name of this gentleman," and the excited correspondent even lays hold of the explorer's coat in his eagerness to gain his attention.

"You will find him yonder. Sandy, will you attend to this gentleman."

"Great Scott! Barlow knows all. I see it now! A grand conspiracy to beat me off! Well, I've picked up all the rumors, and I'll consolidate them into a sensation that will equal the truth. Catch a whiff of sleep, eh?"

He is just about to rush off when Sandy laughs.

"Left again, old fel. The wires are entirely at my service from now until seven o'clock in the morning. You couldn't get a line out now on your individual responsibility if the khedive committed hara-kiri."

"Barlow, let me into it a little. Is Gordon dead?"

"Yes."

"And Khartoum truly fallen?"

"Without a doubt."

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"What will you give in promises for the future for a few crumbs, my boy?"

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the piazza sagging. Sandy has just waited for this hour; his cup is full and running over, pressed down with good measure.

Meanwhile the other couple move along the piazza in an opposite direction, enjoying the delicious atmosphere, their cigars and the bright scene.

By this time the great crowd have in a measure ceased to jostle elbows in the square called Eschibeyeh, for the hour grows late. Still there are enough present to keep up a lively appearance—to please the eye of the observer with the change of colors as they pass to and fro.

Something is on the mind of Mr. Grimes, but he perhaps thinks the present moment is hardly a propitious one in which to speak. Several times he opens his mouth, as though the spirit moves him, but on each occasion he shakes his head and remains silent.

As they cross the light thrown from the windows more than one curious glance is cast upon them, for already has word been whispered around that Mynheer Joe has come from the scene of action, and there is an air of mystery thrown about him, which his personality increases rather than diminishes; for, as has been said before, his face and figure are such as would attract attention even on Pall Mall or the Champs-Élysées.

Looking into the dance room, they see Molly Tanner gliding about in a dreamy way with a foreign-looking man wearing an immense mustache that curls up to his ears—no doubt the baron. She nods her head to them and smiles as she glances toward her partner in the dance.

There is something so spicy and rosiest about it that Mynheer Joe feels drawn toward the girl more than ever.

"She's a dandy," the effervescent correspondent had said to him, while on the way to the hotel, and the more he sees of her the better this peculiar comparison applies, though upon trying to analyze it, he is bound to confess the meaning ambiguous and a trifle dim.

From the window they walk down to the end of the piazza. Here an acquaintance seized hold of Mr. Grimes and began a few minutes' private conversation with him, which, of course, he gives, asking Joe's pardon for leaving him.

The latter steps down to the square to walk a little upon the cool flags.

The events of the night have been more than singular, when his fortunes are concerned, and he has plenty to reflect upon as he strolls there in front of the hotel.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Thos. McCrossan, of Winnipeg, is visiting Mrs. Goodyear.

Mrs. John Dolsen, Duluth, Minn., is seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs.

Miss Gertrude Barclay, of Detroit, is visiting Mrs. Caspar Schwenker, William St.

Walter Clements, of Chicago, is in the city owing to the serious illness of his mother.

J. H. Osterhout returned this morning to resume his studies at the University of Toronto.

The Amethyst Club will give its first semi-monthly hop at Northwood's hall this evening.

The organization meeting of the city council-elect will be held next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. It is probable that a general caucus will be held to-morrow evening.

Detective Heenan brought in a prisoner Austin Middlemiss, from Ridge town, who was sentenced to 60 days in jail for stealing a caddy of tobacco from the M. C. R. there. He was caught in Windsor.

The funeral of Mrs. Reame took place this morning at St. Joseph's church and thence to St. Anthony's cemetery. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. Fr. Herman. The pall-bearers were Fred Deloge, Nelson Rocks, Napoleon Ebare and William Chrysl-r.

So far there has been little talk concerning the composition of the civic committee and the aldermen-elect are very reticent on the subject. It is said that the finance chairmanship is likely to go to Ald. Seane or Ald. Stephens, the board of works to Ald. McKough and property to Dr. Fleming.

Private Banker W. E. Merritt has received notice from the Dominion Bank that some of the \$10 uncounter-signed bank notes stolen at Nanaimo in August, 1898, are in circulation. The bank also offers \$2,000 for the return of the whole of the uncounter-signed notes and proportionate rewards for the return of any part of them.

THEY'RE OFF.

The western sections of the contingent left London for the front yesterday and were given a great send-off. Representing Chatham Gunners are R. Shore and V. R. Skirving and Driver R. J. Coogan went with the artillery, and Private W. M. Glover and Frank C. Peck with the mounted infantry.

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IN ANOTHER SKIRMISH.

The Canadians at Belmont Again in Touch With the Enemy.

Orange River, Jan. 3.—There was a small skirmish near Belmont this morning. The British fired a few shells, but the Boers did not respond. A detachment of about 40 Boers attempted to rush Klooffontein this morning, but were beaten back by the mounted infantry. Possibly this force consisted of fugitives from Sunnyside.

ANOTHER BOAT BEING SEARCHED.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The imperial mail steamer General has been detained at Aden and occupied by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discharged. The General is owned by the German East African Line, the owners of the Bundesrath, previously captured by the British Cruiser Magicienne, off Delagoa bay. Although the manifests of the General, show no war material on board, she was compelled to discharge her cargo.

RUMORED CHECK OF GEN. BULLER.

Paris, Jan. 4.—A report was current on the bourse to-day that General Buller had met with another check in his efforts to relieve Ladysmith.

FRENCH STILL BATTERING 'EM.

London, Jan. 4.—There is great satisfaction here at the news that De Aar has been able to send Gen. French reinforcements of guns and infantry, of which he appears to be so much in need.

The fighting in the hills is incessant. The latest telegrams say Gen. French has almost surrounded Colesberg, but that the Boers are stiffly defending all their positions close to the town, preventing the British from capturing it. A despatch from Rensburg this morning says the heavy artillery duel recommenced at daybreak.

THEY CARRIED THE BABIES.

Belmont, Jan. 4.—Col. Picher, it is officially announced, being only on a raiding expedition, and for military reasons being unable to occupy Douglas permanently, has evacuated the town, bringing off all the loyalists. He has now returned safely to close proximity to Belmont. When he announced the necessity of evacuating the place, the inhabitants of Douglas declared their lives were not worth five minutes' purchase after the troops left.

Col. Picher, therefore, invited them to accompany him to Belmont. The preparations were speedily completed, but the vehicles of the town were totally inadequate to convey the refugees, so the troops gave up the transport wagons to the women and children.

The Canadians acted as an escort of the refugees, carrying babies for the women and kept everybody lively by singing as they marched pluckily along in spite of the pickets, occasioned by the heavy sand, which made marching extremely tiring. The force received Gen. Buller's congratulations on the success of the expedition with great satisfaction.

WAR NOTES.

Gen. Joubert preached in the Boer Camp New Years day.

It is rumored the Bechuana have risen against the Boers.

Capt. Thornycroft's patrol found the enemy in some force at the Little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a lieutenant of that party have not returned.

Federal scouts yesterday penetrated into the British camp. Upon returning, the British camp, discovered them and wounded one Boer. Gen. Lucas Meyer resumes command of the division here.

At midnight New Years' Eve the garrison at Ladysmith threw two shells into the Boer camp, killing a burgher. New Years morning the Boers threw shells filled with confetti and greetings into Ladysmith.

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He Uses Traps, Tongs, Ferrets or His Hands and a Bag, as Circumstances May Dictate—The Method of Attacking a Stable Described.

Professional rat catchers, who devote themselves exclusively to freeing buildings from rats, are found in only a few of the very largest cities of the country. There are rats everywhere, and so it comes about that the rat catcher is more or less of a traveler. Trips of 50, 100, 200 miles and more in various directions out of the city are not so unusual as to be considered remarkable. These include trips to cities and towns and places in the country. The structures that are freed from rats include not only private houses in city and country, but also factories, and ships, and stores, and hotels, and storehouses, and stables, and in fact buildings of all sorts. The rat catcher makes contracts to free a building of rats, and also to keep it free, by the month or the year. A rat catching contract running up into four figures, that is to say of \$1,000 and more, would not be an unheard-of thing.

City rat catchers lay their work out in routes for greater convenience in handling, and the places on these routes are visited as often as may be necessary to keep them free of rats. There are three or four professional rat catchers in the city, each employing a number of men.

Rats are caught with traps and with tongs, the greater number with traps. Both catch traps, in which the rats are caught alive, and spring traps, that kill them when caught, are used, the larger number of the traps used being of the last described kind. Ferrets are also sometimes employed in rat catching.

The means adopted for catching the rats may depend on the place and the circumstances. The rat catcher looks the place over and determines on the way in which to go about it. Perhaps he stops up most of the holes and establishes what are practically runways that lead the rats to his traps. There may have been a dozen traps in the house and rats caught in none of them. It might be that a trap would be set right over a rat hole and that a rat would come up and crawl under it to get into the hole, but keep out of the trap. It is not likely to be so with the rat catcher's traps. He knows enticing baits or a preparation to put on baits that makes them so attractive that the rats cannot resist them. He catches the rats when the amateur in that line, the householder, fails. The rat catcher varies the trap arrangements according to circumstances and uses the tongs in various places, perhaps in kitchens or in picking rats off pipes or elevated places or reaching into recesses, and tongs might be used in catching rats in stables.

In a stable the bait would be scattered in various places where it would be convenient to get at the rat with the tongs while it was feeding. The feed, second with the enticing preparation, is put in the same places and at the same hour for two or three nights in succession. The bait is not in large chunks, as of bread or cheese, that the rats could pick up and carry off, but it is in pieces, oatmeal, which it can pick up only a grain at a time and which it must stay there to eat. The preparation put upon it is so attractive that it might induce a wild rat to take the food from the rat catcher's hand. The work is not done on moonlight nights, when moonlight coming in through open doors or windows or spaces might cast shadows that would alarm the rats. The operator carries a small lantern with its inner reflecting surface fixed so as to throw but a slender beam of light.

When everything is ready, he throws this beam upon the place where the rats are feeding to locate them. There may be one or there may be more of them. The light dazes the rats for a second or so, and the rat lifts up its head to look. In that brief period the rat catcher gets it with his tongs. If there is more than one rat, he sweeps the first one caught around the other, on the ground, which helps to keep the other there until he can reach for it. He may have arranged ten places in the stable and gets rats in every one. He will reach into the manger with his hand, where there may be two or three rats, and sweep them together in such a manner that he can grasp the bunch by the tails. He lifts them up with a swing that dazes them for a moment, at the same time calling to a keeper who goes with him on such occasions, holding the bag into which the live rats are tossed.

This bag has attached to it at the top a tape, not as a gathering string, for there wouldn't be time to close the bag in that way, but to hold on by, held between the bag holder's teeth, thus giving him both hands free with which to open and close the mouth of the bag quickly. When the rat catcher calls, and swings the rats around, the bag holder opens the mouth of the bag, and the rat catcher drops in the rats. They recover almost instantly from their temporary bewilderment, and the instant they strike the bottom of the bag they start to scramble up the sides to get out, but the bag holder closes the mouth promptly and keeps it so till there is occasion to open for another rat.

It might be that working along with the tongs and lantern the rat catcher would come upon rats unexpectedly, or when the bag holder was not at hand. Then he would swing the tongs right around under his arm and close his arm down on the rat and draw the tongs away and leave the rat there, giving it another soon for company if possible to help keep it quiet, as it would be more likely to remain with another rat nestling up against it. If a rat catcher should swing a wild rat up in the air and catch it when it came down, he could lay it on the outside of his arm and it would stay there, for a moment at least, perfectly quiet, so surprised would it be by that extraordinary experience. Rats caught in such ways would, of course, be got rid of as promptly as might be into the bag.

While of the traps used the greater number are of the kind that kill the rat when caught, still with traps and tongs many rats are taken alive. Years ago thousands of live rats were in the winter season collected for rat pits. The number gathered nowadays for this purpose is everywhere very small owing to the intelligence and activity of societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. A few live rats are sold to physicians for experimental purposes, but substantially all of the great number of rats taken alive by professional rat catchers are destroyed.—New York Sun.

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An Interesting Letter From Private H. Burrell.

Post-d. at Cape Town on the Arrival There of the First Contingent.

Daniel Martin, of Crow's coal and wood yard, North Chatham, has received the following letter from his friend, H. Burrell, a former fellow employee, who is now with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. The letter was posted immediately on Private Burrell's landing at Cape Town:

Cape Town, South Africa, November 28, 1899.

Dear Daniel, Daniel, I now sit down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living, and I hope this will find you in the same place. I suppose you are still working at the same job. I would have written you before this, but I had nothing more to say, and now since we have reached the land, I know something about it. We left London on the 25th day of October and we got to Quebec on the 27th. On the 30th we left Quebec for the Transvaal and we never saw a sight of land until the 12th of November. It was the Cape de Verde Islands. We reached them about 3 o'clock in the morning, and lost sight of them again at 4 in the afternoon of the same day. A pretty sight anyone wouldn't wish to see. The mountains were of a moss color and at a terrible height. That was the last of anything we saw until we met the steamer Kangaroo, and she stopped and some of the crew got our mail away on her. We had a very good sea after we left the shores of Newfoundland. For four days we had it very rough while along the shores. We had the misfortune of losing one of our soldiers. He was one of the soldiers of C. Co. There were eight companies on board, A. B. C. D. E. F. G. and H., in all making about 1150 soldiers and about 40 officers. The ship's crew was 80, so that made 1270 it crowded for us. That number made it crowded for us. We were furnished with a quarter of a pound of tobacco once a week. (Dan, I wish if you could send me one Planet paper, I would like it very much. If you see fit to put this letter in the Planet, send me a copy. When you address a letter or paper be very careful and put the right address. Address as follows:

"H. Burrell, via Cape Town, South Africa, Canadian Contingent." And put on left hand corner of envelope, "R. C. R."

We have a kit inspection once a month. That is to see that every man had what was issued to him, and if he hasn't got everything he is then charged up with what is lacking and it is taken out of his pay. If you see fit to put this letter in the Planet, send me a copy. When you address a letter or paper be very careful and put the right address. Address as follows:

"H. BURRELL,
Cape Town,
South Africa."

A HOWARD WEDDING.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Everitt was the scene of a very pleasant event the other evening, being the marriage of their daughter Emma to Archibald McTavish, of Botany, in immediate friends of the contracting parties. About five o'clock the beautiful strains of the wedding march brought the bride and party to the drawing room, where the impressive ceremony of the Methodist church was performed by Rev. Mr. Burdette, of Ridgeway. The bride looked very handsome in a dress of organdie, trimmed with valenciennes and carrying a bouquet of chrysanthemums. She was assisted by her sister, Miss May Everitt, while Alexander McTavish ably officiated in the capacity of groomsmen. After the wedding supper had been enjoyed by all present, the company was entertained by the Everitt quartette, and

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other high class musicians, until about mid-night, when the newly wedded pair left for Grand Rapids and other western parts. The happy couple, after a short honeymoon, will take up their residence at Botany, where they are general favorites, and will be welcomed by a host of well-wishing friends.

ROBBERIES IN DRESDEN

Have Led to the Arrest of Three Persons—Traced by a Butter Tub.

Dresden, Jan. 4.—For a considerable length of time past some sneak thief or thieves have been entering the houses of Dresden's citizens and carrying off such articles as sides of pork, jars of fruit, tubs of butter and other eatables. A few weeks ago the grocery store of Jesse Rubie was robbed of a considerable amount of canned goods and tubs of butter.

Tuesday night the village was the scene of a robbery more daring than any previously reported. Ward's jewelry store was entered with a false key and the cash box, which was not in the safe, rifled of \$17. No jewelry was touched nor was the safe tampered with.

In the meantime Mr. Rubie has been following up the robbery of his place. He was fortunate enough to secure a clue and by having his name written on a butter tub traced the missing goods to the house of a Frenchman named Beaudry living on Queen street. The result was the arrest of Joseph Beaudry, Asa Beaudry and Sandy McDonald.

A VERY GOOD IDEA.

Four young men from this locality have already gone to South Africa, and several more are about to go with the second contingent. The towns and cities of Canada have vied with each other in giving their citizen soldiers a good send off and a few bright coins for their pocket use when they arrive at their destination. Chatham must not be behind in this respect, and all that is needed is a little effort. With this end in view Barrister Chas. MacDonald and Manager McEwen, of the Opera House, have put their heads together to accomplish something and as a result on Friday, Jan. 28th there will be given a grand loyal and patriotic concert at the opera house for the benefit of the lads from here who are fighting their country's battles. The concert will be high class and will consist entirely of patriotic and national music, vocal and instrumental and also recitations. The concert will likely be under the patronage of His Excellency, Lord Minto, and the mayor and council of the city. Messrs. MacDonald and McEwen are confident that the public will respond to this appeal.

Mable and Birdie Fisher, daughters of Wm. Fisher, Adelaide St., who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Pollock, Dover, returned home this morning.

IRWIN'S CORNERS.

Our annual school meeting was held on Wednesday last. William Irwin, of the 5th Con., was elected school trustee, Charles Lenoir retiring.

George Davidson has the contract for the school wood.

Mrs. Montgomery, who has been ill for some time, is not recovering very fast, but we hope she may soon regain her health.

James Fleming, jr., and Fred Suter have purchased cream separators, and if they prove a success other farmers will also purchase.

Mrs. Frank Suter's sister, of London, is visiting her this week.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Sam Holmes says that the statement that Archie McGill is the youngest member ever elected to the council board is not correct, and that John Northwood was first elected to the council when he was 17. Ald. Sullivan claims that he first had the confidence of the people when he was 25 years of age.

A shooting accident occurred near Leamington on New Year's day. Wm. Jansen and Charles Johnson went out shooting rabbits. Johnson's gun accidentally went off, the whole charge going through the fleshy part of Jansen's thigh, inflicting a terrible wound. He was taken to a farmer's house and his wound was dressed by Dr. Ede.

A GREAT WHITE SALE.

Wm. Gordon, the enterprising proprietor of the large Gordon dry goods establishment, has introduced to the Maple City the large special sale of white goods in January, in order that the ladies may utilize the dull winter season in making up their spring and summer muslin underwear. The introduction has proved a popular success. As in former years there has been demand for a large quantity of underwear and material for the manufacture of ladies' undergarments, of which material needle work, insertion and embroidery are especially popular and are exhibited from the lowest and cheapest qualities to the finest and most costly. These form an important part of the white goods sale. The finer classes of lawn cloths, laces, muslins and cambrics are greatly in demand by the ladies for making up their spring and summer outfits. As usual the windows and show-rooms of this enterprising establishment are draped in a tasty and appropriate manner and their large store looks what their advertisement claims it to be—really a White Fair.

HAS A SON IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Solomon Lashinger, calling on his friend, Mr. Cunningham, of the firm of King, Cunningham & Drew. Mr. Lashinger's son is a civil engineer at the mines in Johannesburg, but on the outbreak of the war he was forced to leave the Boer city and seek the protection of the British government at East London. Although of German parentage, Mr. Lashinger, jr., is not in sympathy with the Boers. He writes his father that the British government had offered him £300 a month to act as guide. Having surveyed a great part of the Transvaal, the Canadian boy has an exceedingly useful knowledge of the land. He, however, did not accept the offer, but is living at East London, being allowed by the mining company £25 a month, which is half his regular pay. Mrs. Lashinger, who is a Waterloo girl, is with her husband. She went out to South Africa last year, and was married in Johannesburg.

MUST MAKE ROOM.

Thibodeau & Jacques, the well-known dry-goods merchants, are preparing for the splendid improvements which they contemplate making in their store, and when they are completed this firm will have one of the handsomest establishments in western Canada. Owing to the masons and carpenters requiring the space, the store will have to be considerably reduced, so it will be necessary to dispose of a large part of the stock. In consequence of this, it has been decided to hold a monster sale beginning on Saturday, Jan. 5, to permit of all goods being marked down to the lowest of prices. The stock in the millinery and ready to wear departments has been almost doubled. In fact, every department throughout the store, has been crowded by the increasing business of the firm, making it of the utmost necessity that the space should be about doubled in capacity. Never believing in doing things by halves, the firm of Thibodeau & Jacques decided on remodeling their store to make it as convenient as possible. It will be all oak finish throughout and special attention will be paid to lighting the store. Such care has been taken in the architecture that both by day and by night the store will be the best lighted in the west.

"We know our goods," said Mr. Thibodeau, "and we want our patrons to know what they are buying. We don't require deceptive lights to see our merchandise, and we don't want them."

It is expected that it will take about two months to make all the improvements intended, and the contract calls

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION FIGURES.

RALEIGH.										
For Reeve:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10—Total
A. Pardo.....	53	72	12	53	35	48	63	28	20	30—414
N. H. Shepley.....	25	39	61	62	55	62	47	64	37	56—507
For Councilor:—										
Jas. Clayton.....	22	46	19	23	39	66	58	82	35	74—464
A. J. Crow.....	63	83	50	39	29	55	42	27	37	39—464
P. J. Doyle.....	36	70	31	49	86	73	47	60	28	27—507
J. R. Irving.....	30	46	54	89	46	69	58	46	35	26—499
George McKay.....	36	47	17	39	31	56	63	49	27	40—405
Reeve, N. H. Shepley.										
Councilors, P. J. Doyle, Jas. Irving, Jas. Clayton and A. J. Crowe.										
CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.										
For Reeve.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10—Total
George.....	15	25	24	10	15	31	59	33	28	9—249
Holwell.....	120	37	49	47	43	11	25	87	9	23—461
Shepley.....	79	27	31	49	64	20	30	19	32	48—399
For Councilors										
Armstrong.....	64	31	26	38	35	29	32	121	15	14—406
Abraham.....	185	39	49	65	43	34	65	15	19	54—548
Blackburn.....	58	39	20	10	13	9	18	22	9	13—211
Cunningham.....	82	43	89	60	60	33	71	25	34	39—437
Harper.....	18	19	12	21	33	37	63	44	43	7—287
Overstreet.....	18	9	27	15	48	4	3	2	1	14—141
Tompkins.....	69	29	31	44	26	16	37	8	36	31—327
Wickens.....	57	57	37	59	41	50	88	47	51	34—521

for the work being finished by the first of March. A handsome millinery department will be added to the rear of the store.

"The business for the past year," said Mr. Thibodeau, "has shown a remarkable increase over previous years. In dress goods and ladies' small wear our business was very great in 1899, and the same can be said of our staple department. In our new store we intend to have a special space for lace curtains and draperies, and our millinery department will be one of the most elaborate and fashionable in the west. While the improvements are being made, we will be glad to have our many patrons take advantage of the excellent bargains which we are forced to offer."

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Up.	High.	Low.	Closes
Wheat—Dec.	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/2
May	70 1/4	70 1/4	70	70 1/4
July	70 1/4	70 1/4	70	70 1/4
Corn—Sept.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
May	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
July	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
Oats—Sept.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
Dec.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
May	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
Pork—Dec.	10.80	10.82	10.80	10.80
May	10.80	10.82	10.80	10.80
Lard—Dec.	5.87	5.87	5.87	5.87
May	5.87	5.87	5.87	5.87
Ribs—Oct.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.55
Jan	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.55
May	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.55

To the Electors of Raleigh.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I desire to extend my hearty and sincere thanks to the electors of the Township of Raleigh for the very large majority rolled up in my favor in the election just past. You gave me a good general support all over the township, and I extend my most sincere thanks to my supporters in every division, especially FLETCHER, the golden city. I appreciate your verdict and my victory all the more, ladies and gentlemen, because it being against my principles to treat, I appealed to you through your intellect, on your intelligence, if you will, and I can assure you the way you responded to my appeal is very gratifying to me indeed. And now that I am elected it will be my one purpose to safeguard the interests of the township to the best of my judgment and ability. Every courtesy will be extended, and every explanation cheerfully given to any elector who wishes to see into workings of the council for the present year. Thanking you again and wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain your obedient servant,
N. H. SHEPLEY.

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:: Our Business ::

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