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Washington to investigate the cause of High School at Mes the Maine disaster has the loss of the buffleship wits Spanish outside explosion and Government has been officially notified to that effect. The Spanish Governs ment has cabeled officially to Washington that the Spanish in al commission holds the disaster to be of in-ternal origin. The situation between the person of Mr Jew 120 oven late mission holds the disaster to be of inthese countries is now critical, and of Priceville, who took charge on 23rd what the immediate outcome may be is March. He is an include infler, so these countries is now critical, and of Priceville, who too hard to conjecture. In the mean time every person says, to the war preparation on an almos; unpreedented scale is being hurrie to com- ghter, Miss Jenny, wheel fir ends in

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While we in Canada joying throughout the hand of March beautifully fine spring farmers in many place Great Britain has bee snow and suffering fr patches from London storms raging through Kingdom, railroad trail snowdrifts, telegraph in some places people

Mr Louis P Kribs, t respondent to the Mail died after a few days ill with hemmorage, at Ottawa on Mr hribs was a well kill a racy writer and the newspaper man. He of news editor on the cral years and aftrower conducted the Advoc His remains were inte ily burial plot at Hes

A deputation on be a distributch of Cana the Metho nsisting . o Revs Dr Carmon, Dr Dr Sutherland and Dr Saunder d on Pre unice Laurier and Minis Fisher and Fielding at Ottawa c arsday last asking that the quest of bitiqu plebiscito be offe bich a dir ect yes or no answer be given, The Premier, in rel ed that he was open to conviction Lequestion that he had great res r the views of the Methodist churc presenting as it did, a large part people. He was not prepared to he ground that direct taxation llow- prohibition. He had nord ll. however on a public platform question would be divorced consequences and rs; inciden therety. Mr Fisher nized that prohibition the of the cardinal beliefs of the dist church and that the argumd esented by the delegation had

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ere in town last we Woll we had the we Miss Engine Price Attract after-pending a few days in the country, I think we will hat

ling before long. Ke Hing, Arthur East Mountain. sulluaking is it Spring is here and

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Marter's one day last Mr. Geo Smith has re Eest's furm. We exter welcome.

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Toronto last week.

Mr Wes Prowd of Desboro visite his brother Mr T G of this place

Mr Alex McLennan a quiet old becheor near this place had 4 young fellows up before Jos Rodgers J P near Woodford on Saturday, afternoon last for abusing him. Two of them were for \$14.96 each while the other two got with 85.52 each. This ought to teach them a lesson.

Mr Geo King's horse ran away past riday but very little damage the plow Mr Geo McCauley of Owen Sound was visiting friends in this place on old. Des

Saturday. Mr Will Marshall and Wilson Williamson returned with hi Owen Sound to spend Sunday. Mr J W Speck of Speckville. stoning bee last week also a h night. We did not hear of any p

taking so sick as to need brandy.

Rev A C Crew's of Toronto gav interesting address in the Methodist church here on Tuesday evening of last week at the close of which a collection was taken up in behalf Klondike mission, fund of the A

A meeting of Beecroft & Tal here on Monday. Mr M. Richarlson hands and said, "Sister, sister, won't was called upon to preside. Mr R N. you try and keep people out of that signce. Messrs M Richardson and W It ha ssets and liabilities not yet avai Mr J E Moore is negotiating with ne Mr Bunt of Woodbridge for the sale of his furniture and undertaking ousiness here and expects to clo leal to-day (Tuesday). Mr Moor oses taking a holiday and making a ospecting tour through Califor Mrs Linton jr, daughter of Mr

Mrs Win Hopper, 9th con Arteriesia, lied-early last week after but a liness, aged 23 years Her re vere interred in the Salem cem tery, Rev Mr Thom officiating. The so ng young husband and parent the symplathy of a wide circle of f

in their bereavement; Lawyer Lamon of Dundalk town on Monday on Beccroft and bot business. Dr Sproule als tended the meeting as a creditor Dr Carter had a severe tussle v grippe during the past week Dr Christog's old heart troul

finled him of its presence a ined him to the house for affew out he, too, is about again. Miss Edith Richardson, wh een confined to her room for nouths is on the mend and her riends hope soon to see he gain in her wonted strength,

Mr R Pedlar has been conf he house for a couple of weeks evere cold. Mr R MeGirn ied. Mitchell & visit the begin

be week. Miss Zilla Trimble has returne prolonged visit with her aun Dr. Reid at Shelburne. Rev Mr Thompson of Wyon isiting his brother-in-law Re

lahan hére this week. Dr Mahan has been assisti comett in practice at Rocklyn the pas

cek. Mr and Mrs Samuel Rainey en are visiting the former's khill" Mrs Thompson sr, att "Broc

Mrs W P Crossley left on Tu norning for Sault Ste Marie, Mich,

ying dangerously ill.

Monor Roils Report of Holland Coutre, 4th exam for March. Subjects, Art, His, Grain, Phys, Praw and Geo. marks obtainable 300. Bert 259; Lottie Hampton 228, Willie Batty 296, Clara Price 187, Nellio Hastle 169. Annie Telford 153, Mabel Roulson 131, Marshall Crwin 59, Willie Hamp Everit Erwin 10. B L Butty; to

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4 sr, N' King, M McQ aker, McCullough, G L Mower, T Hanbury, C Brown, L Seabrook, J. Walter. 4 jr, L Scablook, L Olmstead, 3 sr, C King, L Kirkham. O E Scabrook, A Smith. 3 jr. M King, E Caswell, A Da

M Delerce, V Freeman, A King, A 2, R Lemon P Smith and R ham equal, M King; G Boundl, R Wickham, A. Torrie, M Lemen, R help; to-morrow it may be too late. Shapherdson, M Dyce, N Speck, R Dayman, E Prolemy.

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Matrimoniai A very pretty house wedding Richardson of the townline rasin on Wednesday evening veck when their cousin Miss of Euphrasia. The wedding mar played by MIss Read of Cherry with beaded frimming, silk lac ribbon to match the also wore a of orange blossoms in her hi surried a boquet of natural flow per hand. After the ceremon

igh esteem in which she was hold. Headquartors for the greatest variety No person who has the welfare of our latter is proving fully as good risks as the largest stock, the best selected of athletes at heart will refuse to connect the sterner sex. The next annual

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Why Don't the Christians Help?

—by mrs esther t housh— The words were intense with pleading. I shall never forget how all else paled into insignificance before that cry of a soul just on the border of the cry of a soul just on the border of the Heavenly Land—the pleading of a sister beloved. She thought a great pit lay in the paths of men, and they were constantly falling in. The green grass grew up to its edge, the flowers drooped over. It had no barriers or lights

of warning. "There !" she would call, "the dearest friend I had slipped in, a boy went over, and you never told a boy went over, and you never told and you never tried to stop him; and him there was a pit there. Can't you save that girl?" she cried. "Oh! the world goes by, the great thoughtless world, and it jostles people in. Where are the Christians? Why don't the

Christians nelp?" "If I could live," she said in colmer tones, "If I could live, I would spend every day of my life keeping people out of that pit. I would doubt a way so high no little child could climb over. or I would cover it so deep that none could fall in." . Then, looking at me with eyes luminous with the light of notel the world beyond, she clasped my hands and said, "Sister, sister, won't

It has come to me far over the years, and a power I cannot resist impels the Wright, solicitor. A full statement of sending out of her warning erv. with the hope that someone may be saved from the pit by the friendly hand of the one who reads it. Brothers, sisters, we know the pit is there, right in the way of life. What are we going to do

> Is it a pit grassed over, flower-decked? Do birds sing in the archways, and beautiful visions, tempt beyond? The pools that offended the sight are bridged over. The great pit is made respectable by law. It is the High License saloon. Christians, have you uttered no warning cry? Where are the danger signals? Must the young men, the pride of our lives, go unwarned? Will it be less a death of nanhood if buried beneath the costly Moloch ? Will the home be less shadowed because the tax that made the saloon lawful swelled the state's re-

> sources ? But the danger lies not only here Look, opening on every side, quicksands of impurity ! Nay, we see not, we cannot believe there are pits there. Yet who that reaches them comes up he same ? Perhaps the steps were imoure pictures and stories, hidden books, idle conversations, foolish company, sinful amusements. They were such little steps; just down a plane outside of mother's or father's care; where the Sunday-school did not reach, and away from the teacher's guidance, Sucl little deviations from the right way. But the boy "went over, and you never told him there was pit there," and

> you never tried to "save the girl." What can be done to make safe gaths. for the children ? is the great question of to-day. The friends of education are building a wall of knowledge so high that a little child will not climb over to the pit of ignorance. Warning lights are burning all along the way that science treads Are the Christians are groused to see that the Sunday schools and the churches stand shoul

der to shoulder with the toteliers on this question? In some districts the people are to decide whether or not their boundaries where her sister Mrs Joseph Love is saloon, the distillery and the brewery, whether a wall shall be built between the home and the enemy of the home, or the pits of temptation still be open to lure unwary feet. In this hour of decision "where are the Christians?" The battle will be sharp, and vietogy

must depend much upon the acts and

influence of the Christian men and Does the fact of only 293,000 Christ-an women banded together in the Women's Christian Temperance Union to defend the home from the saloon by organized effort which means righ home training, right education of head, heart and hand, and righteous laws enforced, that shall both warn the young feet away from the pits of temptation and in time take away the temptation itself-touch not your heart, oh, Christian women not vet enrolled in the glorious army? Where are the millions of mothers and home-keepers who can arise in the majesty of womanhood and say, "The saloon shall no more tempt our sons and destroy our daughters"

The emergency of the hour, the knowledge of our national and social danger call for action. To-day we can Dear Christian brother and sister, won't you try and keep people out of that pit ?"

A Faster Game Markdale Aberdebn Amateur Athletic Association or commonly known as the four A's met in the chib room on Thursday evening last for general business. The president, Mr I B Lucas M P P, presided and addressed the members in his pleasing manuer with place at the residence of Mr and Mrs J regard to sports. A constitution was Suph- submitted and adopted with some last amendments. Mr A Sproule, chair-Sadie man of the hockey committee, read an lowe was united in the bonds of holy encouraging detailed report of the seamatrimony to Mr Alfred G Taylor also son just closed. Lacrosse is to be "the h was game" this summer and a committee rove of three was appointed Eight memand the recenony was performed by bers were nominated and it required the Rev M M Goldberg of Markdale. four ballots to decide who they should The bride was assisted by her raised Miss Minnie towershile Mr Will Tay-lor brother of the groom perform dethe strong as the chosen. A communicaduties of groum's man. The brides of the strong as the chosen. A communicaduties of groum's man. The brides of the strong as the chosen. A communicaduties of groum's man. The brides of the strong as the chosen. A communicaduties of groum's man. The brides of the strong as the chosen. A communication was received from Owen Sound asking to be admitted in the league. sister be and the last announced Messrs A and which is now composed of Markdale, reath Flesherton Dundalk and Shelburne. and This was left to the decision of the rs in league association meeting which will the be held in the near future. Some of guests numbering about sevenly sat the members were in favor and reafter marked that they intended to play a var- faster game this season. One article The of the constitution will no doubt, in bride was the recipient of many hand- fact it should be of interest to the some and useful presents showing the sporting public, viz: that the fee has hand- fact it should be of interest to the and fraternally. Quite a number of

practically assist.

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New Dress Goods, New Silks, New Trimmings The styles and colors as well as the great range of new dress goods for this season's trade which we have now on display will demonstrate over again the emphatic truth of the above well known expression "MoFar-land's for Dress Goods." No prettier fabrics are made

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Sapply Wedded esidence of Mr Thos Sargent, was the scene of a happy on Thursday eyening, 24th inst, when his second idaughter, Mar-Arm, was united in marriage Richard Jacques of Belfountain, Those present were: Mr and Jaques of Caledon, parents of i; Mr and Mrs Edward Sardaughter, Berkeley; Mr and McCland and son, Mrs illan, and son, Hamilton argent, Mr and Mrs Wm Berkeley; Mrs John Sargent, Iblland Centre; Mrs M J Erown Mr and Mrs Jas E Lesli ul family, Owen Sound Mr. and Mrs ed Staford and Miss L Stafford, blland: Mr and, Mrs Henry Linker, Mr and Mrs Bobt Lackey Mr and Mrs John Wright. Mr Wm and Miss E Black edon; Mr and Mrs Jas Wilunily, Berkeley / Mrand Mrs , Berkeley; Rey and Mrs R B Holland Centre Miss Minnie Holland ; Misses Sarah and lay Prown, Misses M E and Ada liss Sarah Stout and Miss hrah Williams, Berkeley; Miss K Me-Durham; Mr Jas Brown; Mr Geo Stafford and Mr W erkeleit tolland and Mr I no Harrison, . The arrangements were pervery detail and the guests redived and cared for with that generhas hospitality for which this home

always been characteristic. the interesting ceremony took place at pout 7 d'elock. Rev R B Beynon officiating. The groom was supported by bride by Miss Emma Blackwood, of Caledon. The bride and bridesmaid. were similarly attired in becoming spring color. They tables were tastefully and temptingly aden, the variety of food seemed to be endless, and the mality was such as would satisfy: the inost exacting. Supper over the guests were soon in full passession of the spacious residence. Sparts and plays were then the pastime of the evening. The high esteem of the friends was shown to the bride by the many valuations. able presents presented by them. We wish the bride and groom a long and happy journey through the. Com.

Chosen Friends The eleventh annual convention the Canulian Order of Chosen Friends was held in Toronto of Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The convenrised one representative from each subordinate cour and there were over 330 present. The reports present ed were gratifying to the Order show ing an excellent and prosperous con dition of Mairs financially, numerically nesentatives were present. been placed at only \$1 a year, such fee The Grder is composed of about equal to be paid to the treasurer by May 1st. numbers of male and temale and the

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