Cor. 6th and King Sta., Over Geeo E. Young's Grocry.

HE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special. Toronto, Jan. 15-10 a. m.-Cloudy, much change in temperature. Local falls of rain or snow, more especi-

[To-night would be a good time to take a Turkish bath.

Miss Campbell, of the 12th con.,

Jacob Blonde, who has been donfined to the house for the past three weeks, is somewhat better. T. Henry O'Keefe left to-day for

Montreal, where he has secured good situation on the Herald. Lamon & Avechouser, merchant tail-ors, are offering \$16 suits for \$13, and \$1 pants for \$3, for the next 30 days.

These are snaps. Miss Barrie Weatherston, of Hamil-

ton, who has been spending a short time in the city, the guest of Mrs. Robert Gray, returned home to-day. Harvey Kennedy, a graduate of the C. C. I., now pastor of the Methodist church at Eaton, Mich., is holding re-

church at Eaton, Mich., is holding re-vival services in his church and re-ports that he is meeting with good success. He intends spending a week with Chatham friends in February. Wm. Smith, convicted of stealing a pair of rubbers, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at police court

this morning. The case against Geo. McCubbin, previously reported in The Planet, which appears to arise out of the disputed ownership of \$60, was enlarged for a week. Will Millard, the clever bicycle rider, will leave the Marks Bros, at the conclusion of their St. Thomas engage-ment. He has several good offers to travel through the larger cities of the states, and give his specialties, but he

had not closed with any of them when he left Chatham. At the conclusion of the Marks Bros.' performance Saturday evening, an amateur contest open to the city was put on. Some sixteen contest-ents had handed in their names, but only four put in an appearance. They were Rhea Martin, Jos. Tucker, J. Poole and Alfred Wrigley. Alfred Wrigley was awarded the prize of \$2.50 in gold.

The Rev. Mr. Colles held a special service, by request, in a private house seven miles down the river, on Sun-day afternoon, and baptized fourteen persons of various ages, between one and twenty years. Three others for baptism had not received word. Mr. Colles says that there is great need of a regular Sabbath service in that locality and a great opportunity for the local clergy to establish a mis-

sionary station SET BY AN INCENDIARY.

An alarm of fire was rung in from An alarm of fire was rung in from box 26, corner of King and Princess Sts. The department turned out in good style, and found the fire was situated in the last two houses on the north side of King St. East. The two buildings, one a story and a half and the other a two story, adjoint and were both empty at the time. Soon of the firemen sixt to work the firemen sixt to work the second of after the firemen got to work the flames were extinguished, but not beframes were extinguished, but not before-both buildings from the back forward had been partially burned. "The
brigin of the fire was clearly incentiary," said Foreman Dick Pritchard, of
the fire department. "When we arrived there were fresh tracks leading
into the word and out again. It is now in to the yard and out again. It is my impression that this fire and the one on Colborne St. were both set by some one who wanted the debris left for firewhod." The loss on to-day's fire will total several hundred dollars.



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W. S. PICHARDS

J. F. Cairns, of Buffalo, formerly of Chatham, is in the city on a visit. The Amethyst Club will hold an as-

sembly on 1st prox. Dan. McMullen, formerly of this city, and now a resident in Northern Michigan, spent Sunday in this city. J. B. Downey has returned ofter a boliday trip of three weeks spent in visiting friends in Toronto, Hamilton. and other eastern points.

To-morrow's Planet will contain several letters from Chatham boys with the first Canadian contingent at

the front. Tom O'Rourke, the popular book-keeper for Blonde Bros., reports the outlook for the building trade this ear to be exceedingly bright.

Trudell & Toney will commence making elterations in their store to-morrow for the receipt of their stock of Slater

"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 we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needrubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, 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. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. Michatyre, leading optician, opposite MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

On a Suitable Candidate for the County Court Clerkship

Messrs. Pardo and Perguson Hold Conference here-The Latter Insists on an East Kent Lawyer.

Robt. Ferguson, M. P.P., and T. Ledson Pardo, M.P.P., were in the city on Saturday last and held a private consultation of some length, the urport of which is understood to have been the filling of the vacant county court clerkship. But it is alleged that differences arose even between these two government representatives. Mr. Ferguson, it is stated, insisted that the appointment must go to a resident of his constituency, East Kent, while Mr. Perdo expressed an equally decided opinion that the position should be ticketed to the most deserving party worker irrespective of locality. The gentlemen are supposed to have parted without coming to a harmonious under

Mr. Ferguson, it is said, gave Mr. Pardo to distinctly understand he was running this nomination. Mr. Pardo could help to select the nomine provided he selected the man Mr. Fergusial of the letter declared decidents. son wished. The latter declared decidedly for a lawyer, and narrowed the choice down to John Coutts, of Thamesville, Walter Mills, of Ridgetown, and R. L. Gosnell, of Blenheim.

Mr. Coutts is first choice. Mr. Pardo. however, doesn't favor Mr. Coutte. He is willing to throw over James Holmes it is said and compromise on

John A. Walker, Q C.
Incidentally it is reported that the member for West Kent took occasion during his visit to bowl out a number of the applicants. Ald. McKeough and Messers. Thrasher, Bell and Macdonald he claims are all too young. It is time for them to look for government jobs when they grow old in the party

FERGUSON WILL WIN.

"It may be taken for granted that Mr. Ferguson will have his way," said a city politician to the Planet. "Even the influence of John Pleasance will not get Mr. Holmes the post, because Robt. Ferguson has double the influence at Toronto Mr. Pardo has. The latter has been too subservient. He has jumped every time the government pulled the string. He has Lever had enough independence even to differ with his leaders in caucus. So they "Oh, Pardo's all right anyway; he

doen't count."
"Now, as far as party subserviency is conterned Mr. Ferguson has made a pair with Mr. Pardo; but for several years he has been talking about retiring: Premier Hardy coaxed him to run last election and Premier Ross is going. to coax him to run again the next one. They do not like the risk of a new man at uncertain stages. So with Mr. Fer-guson's threat to retire before them the government will do almost anything within reason to please bim, while Mr. Pardo's lack of independence has killed the influence he ought to yield at Toronto. I wish we had a man with backbone like J. B. Rankin representing us now Robert Ferguson would scon find out then that he was not running the whole county of Kent. Mr. Pardo's a nice man and gentleman but he is not strong enough for the position. He's weak, very weak when it comes to a party scramble."

Dress Well!

It is poor economy to go around in ill-fitting ready made clothing when you can have a suft made to order for the same

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.

MORLEY & CO.

Lost!—On Saturday afternoon, a lady's gold watch, bunting case, between the cemetery and convent. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at With 11,000 Men--Three Battles in Progress.

London, Jan. 15.—A special from Cape Town, dated Friday, January 12, announces that General Warren has crossed the Tugela River. The despatch says: "The authorities have received news that Gen. Warren has crossed the Tugela with 11,000 men, and occupied a strong position north of the river. This report has been our rent since yesterday, but is discredited in official circles."

> THREE BATTLES RUMORED. transport.
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> If fighting really occurred at three points yesterday or Saturday, they would most likely be Mt. Hlangwana, Colenso and some spot north of Potgieter's Drift, marking a step in that process of enveloping the Boers to which Gen. Buller is obviously committed.

London, Jan. 15 .- London was full of rumors Sunday. It was freely reported that engagements had taken place at three different points along the extended Boer lines. As a matter of conjecture this may be correct for

pf conjecture this may be correct for there is reason to suppose that some movement was made against Colenso simultaneously with the seizure of Potgieter's Drift.

It is quite possible also that an attempt to flank the Boers may be attempted on both the east and the west, but the ground on the east is more difficult than that toward Springfield, and to make a wide detour in the direction of Weenen would tour in the direction of Weenen would ssarily require a large amount of

WAR NOTES.

which Gen. Butter is coviously mitted.

In this connection the dispatch to the Daily Telegragph from Frere dated Wednesday, in which Bennett Burleigh looks forward to some decisive event and is making preparations to take up a wagonload of luxuries for the troops at Ladysmith, clearly indicates that at Frere it was understood that the British attempt to relieve Ladysmith was about to be made.

The War Office has accepted Lord Strathcona's offer for a third contingent which it is estimated will cost \$1,000,

The Boers say their losses at Lady smith amounted to 54 killed and 96

Gen. Wood has occupied a post in the enemy's country, Orange Free State, without opposition. Orange Free It is said that Sir Wilfrid Laufier

will propose on the opening of parlia-ment a vote of \$3,000,000 to assist Great Britain in the war. The Boers offer \$50 a head for Canadians, whom they regard as sharp-

The traitors captured by the Canadians are now on trial at Cape Town.
It is feared that if they are shot the
Boers will retaliate on the British prise.

oners. Ninety-four privates and eight offi-Ninety-four privates and eight offi-cers of the Suffolks have arrived at Pretoria. The Boers say they found 27 corpses of the Suffolks within 21 yards where the fight took place.

The Transport Maori King, was fired by an incendiary in Sydney harbor the night before she was to sail with the second Queensland contingent; The fire was discovered and put out.

Mrs. Hamil, Murray street, who slip-ped on the sidewalk and broke her rm, last week, is doing nicely. Workmen are employed to-day tear-ing out the front of the store pext to Geo. E. Young's The old front will be replaced by a hadsome plate glass front for E. C. Radley & Co., druggists.

The great amount of design work lone at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the ex-cellence of the work. Nothing but the est at the lowest prices. Telephone

The case of John Piggott & Sons vs. Mrs. Craddock, et al, came up before the county judge this morning. The case is progressing slowly and the first witness was on the stand nearly all

day.

Mrs. Hoffman, San Francisco, and
Edward Vansacklin, Rutbury, are the
guests of the Misses Stephens, Wellngton street.

The case of Atkinson vs, Chatham, will be argued in Toronto to morrow on the question of right of appeal to the Supreme Court. Blake, Q. C., for Atkinson; Aylesworth, Q. C., for the

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The enterprising firm of Westman The enterprising firm of Westman Bros. has a large staff of working engaged tearing out partitions and making preparations for the new material that will go into their future places of tusiness, that they expect to occupy by the 13th of Feb. The store will have a frentage of 35 feet and will have a frontage of 35 feet and will extend back 190 feet, where there will be a rear entrance. The plate glass windows will be the largest in the city, and the store will be in every respect an up to date establish-

WALLACEBURG.

Jan. 45.—Miss Flossie Tooley is visiting friends in Harrietsville.

Dan. Little and sister Bessie, of Loraine, Ohio, are visiting relatives here.

A concert was given in the Opera House Saturday night. A wrestling bout between Casey Mack and Rebt. Brock was very interesting. Casey managed to throw Bob the greater number of times and came out victor.

TILBURY.

Jan. 15.—The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Richardson, will regret to hear of her death, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

The W. C. T. U. meeting was well attended on Saturday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Scriven.

We are assured by public opinion

We are assured by public opinion that wedding bells will soon ring in prominent circles here. Further de-

The Leading Tailor Mr. and Mrs. Harborn, of Minn., are are spending this week in Merlin.

SELLING OUT

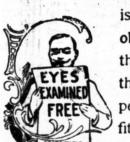
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DEATH OF MR. O'FLYNN.

Patrick O'Flynn passed away at noon to-day, in his 94th year, at his residence, Cross street. Old age was the cause of his death and, despite the fact of his extremely long life, he was able to be about up to last May. Born able to be about up to last May. Born in Ireland, he emigrated to this country when a youing man and resided in Brockville for some years afterwards, coming to Chalham prior to the rebellion of T837.—During the troubles of this year; Mr. O'Elyan was a member of the Chatham company and probably the only surviving member of the volunteers raised here. Mr. O'Flyan bought a farm in Harwich when he first came here, but didn't stay long farming and, returning to Chatham he worked at his trade of cooper. Mrs. O'Flyan died on December 19th last in her 84th year.

There is also a large family living. They are: J. B. O'Flyan, barrister; Mrs. A. McDonnell, of this city, Brother Al-

A. McDonnell, of this city, Brother Alfred, a Christian Brother in Philadelphia; Mrs. Mary Cox and Mrs. E. Sargeant, of Milwaukee; Mrs. Thos. O'Brien, Parkhill; Miss Julia O'Flynn

MISS BAXTER'S MUSICALE.

The pupils of Miss Blanche E. Bax The pupils of Miss Blanche E. Baxter gave an exceedingly pleasant musicale at the residence of W. R. Baxter, Delaware Ave., Friday evening. The work of the pupils evidenced the excellent training they had received from their clever teacher, and their work was of a very high order. The program was as follows:

Piano Solo—Miss Cornettet.
Sleep Little Baby of Mine, Chas. Dennee, Miss M. Sivewright.
Song—W. J. Rutley.
Home to our Mountains, Il Trovatoire,—Misses Dunkley and Baxter.
Because I Love You, Dear — Miss Fielder.

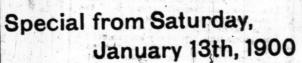
Reading—Miss Isabel Baxter.
Answer, Rebyn,—Miss L. Dunkley.
The Gallant Ship, Millard,—Misses Fielder and Side.
Sweetheart, I Dream of Thee, Davies,—Miss Darling.
Cradle Song, Kate Vannah,—Miss M.

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