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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special. Terento, Jan. 9.-10 a. m.-Turning cloudy and mild with rain to-night. Wednesday strong winds shifting to west and northwest and becoming

Sidney Wood claims that while driving down King street this morning he killed seven sparrows with one stroke of his whip. Who can beat this?

Marks Bros. will give a matinee in the Grand Opera House on Thursday afternoon commencing at 2.30.

Freeman's Sarsaparilia is a blood tonic that is having a large sale and that can be, purchased at all drug stores. Those who have suffered from La Grippe should use it. The doors at the Grand Opera House

during the Marks Bros.' performance will open each evening at 7.30 sharp. The first meeting of the second board of arbitrators, re S. S. No. 6, Orford, was held in Harrison Hall today. The board consists of Inspector Park, Henry Buchanan and Judge Bell. The board to deal with the changing ing of the boundaries of the school section.

The civic committees have appointed the following chairmen:— Finance, Ald. Stephens; Board of Works, Ald. McKeough; Property, Ald. Fleming; Parks and Cemeteries; Ald. Sulman.

W. A. Campbell, whose sudden death is noted in to-day's paper, was on his way to Toronto to bid good-bye to his son William, who was about to start for South Africa. Mr. Campbell car-ried \$3,000 insurance.

while the amounts for the members of the first contingent Major Rankin will hand to the commanding officer of the company, to be transferred in South Africa by him to the commanding offi-cer of company B of the first contingent, with which the first recruits are enlisted. Before leaving Major Rankin generously supplemented the portion allotted to each soldier with the sum of \$5 from his own pocket, so that every representative who recruited from this city will receive \$25.



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W. S. PICHARDS

The many friends of Mrs. Fred Jackson will be pleased to hear that she is able to be out again after her long ill-

Tuesday for their bome in Madison, Wisconein, after spending their holidays with his mother on Lorne avenue.

Latest word regarding the health of Caleb Coatsworth, ex-warden, Romney, is that he is holding his own and has strong faith of ultimate recovery. Dr. McCormack, of Wheatley, and Dr. Samson, of Windsor, are in consultation on his case. In his own words: "The way I feel now it will be some time before. I will be in Chatham," but thinks he will get well.

TOOK THE DOG, ALSO. William Plumridge, Lacroix street, has some exceedingly fine thorough-bred chickens. He prides himself on the excellence of his stock, so when he went out the other morning and found some of his choicest birds missing he netwells felt burt. So the found some of his choicest birds miss-ing, he naturally felt hurt. So the next night he locked his dog in the hen house. The thieves didn't seem to mind this for they returned and

MR. BOYES' FUNERAL. The funeral of the late Thos. Boyes took place yesterday afternoon. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hannon. The pall-bearers were chosen from the two lodges to which Mr. Boyes belonged. Those from the I.O.F. were Mayor T. A. Smith, W. Burrows and Fred, Jackson, and from the C. O. F.; Wm. Shaw, J. J. Couzens and Wm, Russell. The floral tributes were many. Amongst the number were noticed a spray of carnations and ferns from the family; a combination piece wreath and sheaf from Court McGregor I. O. F., a sickle on base from the Canadian Order of Foresters, a cross on base from the emeters. esters, a cross on base from the employees of Geo. Stephens & Co. and Gates Ajar from the firm.

MARKS BROS.

Bros. can draw such crowded houses," said a local theatre-going man last evening as he saw the large crowd filing into the Grand Opera House to way to forested to bid good-bye to his son William, who was about to start for South Africa. Mr. Campbell carried \$3,000 insurance.

THE MONEY FOR THE BOYS.

J.B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., left for Toronto on the midnight express this morning, carrying with him the civic grant of \$200 to the Chatham recruits of the two Canadian contingents to South Africa. Major Rankin will visit Stanley barracks to-day, prior to the departure of the recruits for headquarters, and personally give each member of the second contingent his cheque, A. Bell, as Madame Du Bois, took their parts with their ac customed skill receiving also splendid support from the other members of the company. A continuous performance is given and the specialties between

May A. Bell sang a number of songs illustrated by pictures. Her rendition of Please, Mr. Conductor, particularly, brought down the house plause reached the climax of enthu plause reached the climax of enthusiasm when the lady sang a song of the South African war, composed by Manager Marks. Baby George is a little fellow, but as an entertainer he is without a peer. His songs and dances would make a grown-up man famous: McDowell, in his imitations of the over-grown boy, was an entertaining feature of the performance. Petite Gracie and Miss K. Braham, in their songs and dances, made great

in their songs and dances, made great its, and well they deserved it. W. Millard, the bicyclist, was recog-W. Millard, the bicyclist, was recognized on his appearance and warmly greeted. However, owing to the sand on the stage this clever rider was unable to do his whole act. He is assisted in his acts by Ernie Marks, one of the Marks Bros. Chris. Allen, in his specialties with the bones gave an excellent imitation of shaving and of boot-blacking. The whole company is stronger than ever, and their plays are among the best ever seen here. To-night the company play the entertaining comedy drama. The Soldier's Sweetheart, a splendid patriotic and military piece. military piece.

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A British Warship is Said to Have Fired.

Peerage for General White-Demenstration a Failure-What is Buller Dung?

London, Jan. 9.-A special from Amsterdam says an uncredited rumor is current that a British cruiser has fired on the Dutch cruiser Friesland, near Delagoa Bay, and that a Dutch officer was killed.

THE OPPOSING ARMIES. New York, Jan. 9.-The Herald disussing Gen. Buller's predicament, The Tugela river's two fords re under the guns of the Boers, whose earthworks fully command thean, and are further defended by barbed wire, Entrenchments extending from Springfield, almost due west, to Mount Inhlawe, about due east of Colenso, have been described as offering a front of 16 miles nearly as strong as the works which defended Plevna. Un-

the works which defended Plevna. Under European officers these defenses are said to have been brought to immense strength, with railway lines for the rapid movement of cannon from point to point, as the attack may demand.

Besides these, Buller capped by the great difficulties of transportation and the lack of mounted men, which makes his column heavy and unwieldy in comparison to the extreme mobility of his opponents. Latest estimates place the numerical strength of the respective forces at strength of the respective forces at 22,000 infantry, 3,500 mounted men. 2,000 artillery and 70 guns under Buller, and 18,000 mounted men, 1,500 artillery and 60 guns under Joubert.

STRONG BOER POSITIONS. Reports have shown that there are strong Boer positions on the south of the Tugela, both at Springfield and on Mount inhlawe. It was from the lat-ter point that the forces under Lord Dundonald suffered most severely in the battle of Colenso, Dec. 15, Gen. Buller has been severely criticised for failing then to concentrate an attack on the stronghold in an attempt to cut off its force from the main Boer body. There has been no information since to account for that failure, or the ab ence of a similar effort since that

It was from Mt. Inhlawe that the British were outflanked and the effec-tiveness of their batteries destroyed, leading to the loss of their guns i With his present force it would appear that only lack of mobility is holding Buller in check, and how that condition is to be changed for the better is not appeared.

WAR NOTES.

Advices from the Modder river say the Boers continue to extend their works, and it is estimated that 30,000 men are required to defend them. From the Boer headquarters it is reported that Gen. Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad from the main line at Colenso, westwardly, in the direction of Potgieter's drift.

Gen. Buller's demonstration at Colenso, Saturday, proved futile. After shelling the Boer trenches and get-ting no reply his troops were march-ed back to camp again.

The London Times shows that the The London Times shows that the Canadians and Queenslanders at Belmont have been so active that the whole district is cleared of the enemy, and that the papers captured in Col. Pilcher's raid on Sunnyside reveal a videspread conspiracy in that section Gen. White's blunder at Nicholson's Nek has already been minimized by the defeats sustained by other Generals, and he is destined for a persage in consequence of this splendid exploit, following as it does many gallant sor

A private letter from Pretoria says that in order to accommodate the prisoners of war who are crowding into Pretoria, an immense enclosure has been constructed to the north of the town in three long streets named Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking

The Boers played an amusing trick on the British at Ladysmith. The lat-ter think they destroyed the Creusot cannon, "Long Tom." The truth is the Boers removed the cannon and substi-tuted the trunk of a tree, which was smashed by the British shells.

The chief concern for Gen. White The chief concern for Gen. White is in respect of ammunition. Sixty-eight days ago his artiflery had 300 rounds per gun. Some of the batteries have been in action frequently since then, and all were probably engaged last Saturday. His stock of shells, consequently, must be low, and this consequently, must be low, and this will make it difficult for Gen. White o co-operate in a movement by Gen.

The remarkable revolution in Boer tactics has been another complete sur-prise to the British, who had not prise to the British, who had not reckoned on the weakened garrison of Ladysmith being subjected to such a courageous assault, and it is realized that Gen. (White's troops cannot be expected to greatly prolong such an arduous defense. In some quarters it is considered unaccountable that Gen. Buller did not press his attempt to of-Buller did not press his attempt to effect a passage of the Tugela river while the Boers were engaged northward, and the coments on his apparent supineness are nowise compli-

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3. "I have lived here 47 years," says Mr. Gonne, "and always spent every cent I eyer made here. My property is in Chathem, and my family live here. Last fall I got a little work in Detroit. When I went there I did not take any money from this city. in Detroit. When I went there I did not take any money from this city. I only had a \$5 bill in my pocket. But all the money I made while away I sent home and it was spent in Chatham. Those are the facts, and I regard the attack on me yesterday as yery unfair."

the Costiy Blunder at Magersfontein.

Gen. Wauchope's Last Words-Gatacre Killed a Guide With His Uwa Hand.

London, Jan. 9,-Lord De la Warr, in graphic description of the battle of Magersfontein, says:-"It is useless to disguise that a large percentage of the-troops are losing heart for a cam-paign comprised of a succession of frontal attacks on an invisible foe, securely entrenched and unreachable. Our men fought admirably, but they were asked to perform miracles. Dep't blame them and don't blame the gal-lant general who was the first victim of the terrible disaster which over came the Highland brigade. The his numberless friends. There was no accord between Methuen and General Wauchope in regard to the best method of attack. General Methuen's

plan prevailed, and the mistake cos A private of the Irish Rifles, who A private of the Irish Killes, who fought at Stormberg, in a letter to his home, says that when General Gatacre saw the position the guide had led the troops into he shot the guide dead with his own revolver. Telegrams from Reneburg say seven officers and thirty men of the Suffolks were killed and shout fifty compraved by the Research

and about fifty captured by the Boers England is preparing freeh armaments and twenty-two transports will be on the way to South Africa during the present month. According to the pro-gram 25,000 additional troops and 72 guns will soon be afloat. The government has ordered the Maxims to manufacture as many 1.7-inch and 6-inch quick firers as can be turned out until otherwise notified.

SMASH IN THE YARD.

Last evening the G. T. R. local freight east, that goes through here between six and seven o'clock, had been doing some shunting. The caboose was on the siding above Queen St. and the driver had just started ahead to get the caboose and proceed when the Wabash through freight pulled by engine No. 1578 crashed into the rear car. It was a flat car laden with lumber. The force of the contact drove the lumber-laden car under two box cars, and the engine piled up on the wreck. The lumber was scattered in every direction and the two box cars were stove in. The whole three were almost completely wrecked. The engine had the cow catcher and its lamps both broken off, and the driving rods broken by one of the wheelsof the flat car which the engine ran over. The wrecking train arrived from Windsor about 10.30, but it was not ftill very near noon to-day that the track was cleared. Two other freight cars besides the three mentioned were slightly damaged. The accident, it is said, was due to the Wabash freight coming in against the semiphore. SMASH IN THE YARD.

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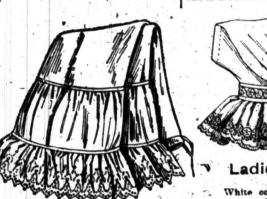
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