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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Jan. 5—10 a. m.—Fair and mild. Saturday, fair, with stationary or a little lower temperature.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.

WEST—On Thursday, 4th inst., Mary Hannah, beloved wife of Silas C. West, in her 67th year.

Funeral will take place on Sunday, 7th, at 2 p. m., from her late residence, Raleigh St., to Maple Leaf cemetery.

CLEMENTS—On Friday afternoon, Alice, beloved wife of William Clements, aged 65 years, 6 months and 10 days.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the corner of King and Second Sts., to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Thomas Farrell, ex-mayor of Kimberley, and now among the beseiged in that town, is an uncle of the Marks Brothers, who appear at the Grand here next week.

A harmless imbecile, named Scott, who has been confined to Castle Mercer during the past two days, was released by Judge Houston at police court this morning.

Still going on. What? The great Slaughter Sale at Stone the Hatter's. Prices almost cut in two. Come while you may and reap the benefit of this great sale. Stone the Hatter, Garner House Block.

Over $10,000 has already been subscribed towards the peat fuel project and the company will be ready to commence operations in the spring at the Eau. So Chathamites can count on burning peat instead of coal next winter.

MRS. S. C. WEST DEAD.

At the family residence, Raleigh St., there passed away in this city on Thursday Mary Hannah, wife of Silas C. West, at the age 67. Mr. and Mrs. West lived for many years on the 10th con. of Raleigh, where Mr. West still owns a farm. Some 15 years ago they purchased the property on Raleigh street where they have since resided. Besides the husband two daughters and one son survive. They are Mrs. Campbell, Harvey street, a daughter in California and Blake who resides on the farm. T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., is a cousin. The funeral will take place Sunday at 2 o'clock from the family residence to Maple Leaf cemetery.

THE MAJOR'S BRIDE.

The Marks Bros.' Co., will open their week's engagement here Monday night, with "The Major's Bride." Speaking of the comedy-drama the Muskegan News-Chronicle says: "The Major's Bride," which they presented last night drew an exceptionally large audience. Tom Marks in the role of Major O'Hara, kept the house in a continual roar of laughter with his Irish dialect and witticisms. Miss May Bell, as Madame De Bois, carried her part with great credit, and many a sympathetic heart felt for her as the forsaken mistress. The scene opened in one of the aristocratic families of France and the French personality was well carried out by Mr. Alex. Marks as Mons. Jules Beauchamp. Among the specialties was the song "The Girl I Love in Sunny Tennessee," sung by Miss May Bell to the accompaniment of pictures representing the progress of her song. She was loudly applauded and is a great favorite. Mr. R. W. Marks, the manager deserves much credit for putting before the public so worthy a company.

Candy for Christmas

Should be above the ordinary—our rich and pure confectionery is always so excellent that you will make a big mistake if you do not come and let us show you what nice candy we can sell you. A one lb. box Creams for 20c. ½ lb boxes 10c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in and see them.

W. S. RICHARDS

MRS. WM. CLEMENTS DEAD.

At three o'clock this afternoon Mrs. William Clements, beloved wife of William Clements, died at the family residence, corner of King and Second streets. The deceased lady has been seriously ill for the past ten days, and Mr. Wm. Clements has the sincere sympathy of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The surviving children are John H., William H., Walter R. and Herbert S., and Mrs. Alex. Johnston, of Raleigh. Adolphus died in June last, and James and Chester some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Clements resided for many years on the River Road, Dover, and about ten years ago purchased the Courtney property in this city, where they have since resided.

THE BOER LOSSES

Around Colesburg Are Very Heavy so Far.

An Attack by the Enemy Repulsed—Dragoons Cut Their Way Through the Boers.

Rensberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 5.—Colesburg has not yet been occupied The Boers unexpectedly attacked the British left at daybreak this morning but were repulsed. They occupied hills to the north of the town, but were eventally riven out of their positions, after an hour's shelling by our guns. They still hold, however, the hills immediately surrounding the town, preventing the British from advancing along the railway. The British loss in to-day's engagement was light, while the Boers are reported to have lost 100, including 20 risoners who were taken by the mounted infantry about midday.

The Boer attackers numbered 1,000 men. The Inniskillen Dragoons cut their way through the Boers who were forced to retreat by a heavy artillery and musketry fire.

THE CRISIS AT HAND.

New York, Jan. 5.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: The clubs were crowded last evening until midnight, since there was a general impression that the crisis of the war had come, with a battle impending on the Tugela. This feeling of suspense was strengthened by bulletins reciting vigorous shelling of the Boer trenches with lyddite and the destruction of entrenchments, with constant outpost brushes, admissions of Boer deserters that Gen. Joubert's army was suffering from lack of food, and minor incidents—trifles light as air in comparison with the momentous conflict known to be imminent.

Gen. Buller, since his recent reverse, has called into Natal every battalion and battery possible, and has stiffened his force in every way practicable for a supreme attempt to break through the Boer lines and relieve Ladysmith. Even the stoutest-heartest Englishman has been constrained to hold his breath until the issue of the battle is known.

BURNED THE TRAIN.

New York, Jan. 5. — A despatch to the Herald from Rensberg, Cape Colony, says: The British set fire last night to the cars of the wrecked train and their contents and they are still blazing. The New South Wales Lancers performed the duty under a heavy shell and rifle fire, to which we replied. This lasted until midday, the Boers trying to loot the burning trucks, but being compelled to retire. Shrapnel burst right among them several times and must have done considerable damage, many riderless horses rushing about the veldt. Some of the Boers took shelter in the station house, but were shelled out. The survivors galloped away.

We have the Boers partially surrounded. Their lines of communication are cut off and the roads and ridges are held. This accounts for the strenuous efforts which Boers made to loot the wrecked food trucks.

MR. SEMLIN DEFEATED.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 5. — The Semlin Government was defeated on the first division by a vote 18 to 17. In the first test of strength between the Semlin Government and the Opposition, reinforced by Joseph Martin, late Attorney-General in that Government, and Mr. Higgins, late supporter of it and ex-Speaker of the House, the Administration was defeated by a majority of one.

BOER HIGH SHERIFF.

Cape Town, Jan. 5.—The Transvaal's high sheriff, Juta, while attempting to sail for Delagoa bay today, was arrested here. He was subsequently paroled.

BOOK BINDING.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at The Planet office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be amade of magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals boud or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices.

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A FRIGHTFUL LOSS

May Be Looked for in the Coming Batile

But the Engagement will be a Decisive One—The Opposing Forces.

London, Friday, Jan. 5.—The critics, in summing up the probabilities of General Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men, with 66 guns, including six howitzers, against General Joubert's 25,000 men and 60 guns, but whose position and mobility will more than counterbalance the numerical superiority of the British. The critic of the Morning Post labors daily to prepare the public for heavy losses. He says to-day: — "Once General Buller sets out, his object will be to win a decisive battle. His aim will be to inflict the greatest possible loss on the enemy, and, if he can, to crush or cripple the Boer army. It will be necessary for that purpose that he does not spare his own force."

PLENTY OF LOOT THERE.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The rumor is spreading here that the De Beers Mining Company hoarded diamonds worth £6,000,000 in the cellars of the company at Kimberley before the war. This was done for the purpose of upholding the price of diamonds. The story goes on that the Boers have promised to divide a portion of these spoils among the troops when Kimberley falls, and that this accounts for the rush of volunteers from all quarters of the globe to the Transvaal. It is believed in Paris that the inspirations for the military generalship of the Boers emanates from Berlin.

WAR NOTES.

An army order has been issued directing the embodiment of sixteen additional battalions of militia.

The Diggers' News, of Pretoria, prints a rumour to the effect that Longwood, Napoleon's residence on the Island of St. Helena, is being renovated for the reception of President Kruger after the war. It adds that the report has created the bitterest feeling in Boer official circles.

The London Morning Post's expert, after complimenting the colonial troops on Col. Pilcher's operations, says the news of Gen. Buller's second attack on Colenso may be expected any moment.

THE BATTLE ON.

London, Jan. 5.—Afternoon—A despatch from Pietermaritzburg says General Buller attacked the Boers at Colenso at daylight driving them across the Tugela and is following up up his success. The advance was made under cover of darkness.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

Last Meeting of the 1899 Board—The Recent Election Report Received and Adopted.

The Separate school board of trustees as constituted for 1899 met for the last time last night. The new board will hold its first meeting on Jan. 17.

Those present were the chairman, Joseph T. O'Keefe and trustees Robert, Gordon, Lajoie, Welsh, Reardon, Flynn, King and Gerber.

Returning officer, D. J. O'Keeffe, reported the result of the nomination meeting held on Dec. 27th, 1899. The report was unanimously adopted.

Banner Printing Co. account of $2 40 was referred to finance committee.

A letter from Rev. Fr. Solanus, P.P., St. Joseph's church, was read asking that in future the time for holding the regular meetings of the board be changed from Thursday to some other day of the week. The communication was on motion of Trustees Gordon and Welsh, referred to the incoming Board.

Moved by trustees Robert and Flynn, that J. P. Dunn audit books for 1899. —Carried.

The action of the chairman and secretary-treasurer in paying teachers' salaries for month of December, during the holidays, was approved of.

Principal Finn reported net receipts of recent concert $72 70.

The secretary-treasurer, as pro requirements of Separate School Act, declared Peter Blonde, William O'Brien and John Welsh duly elected trustees of ward 2, 3 and 5 respectively for term 1900 to 1901, until their successors are elected.

The new board consists of trustees Joseph T. O'Keefe, Peter Robert, James A. King, John Welsh, Frank E. Gerber, Edward Reardon, James Flynn, John Stephens, William O'Brien and Peter Blonde.

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BANQUETTED THE G. P.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren of Chatham Encampment No. 10, I. O. O. F., in their hall last night. The occasion was the official visit paid by Grand Patriarch of Ontario Wm. Potter, and also the installation of newly elected officers by L. G. Sides, of Wallaceburg, D. D. G. P., The room had been set with long tables and the whole hall presented a splendid appearance. There were some eighty of the members present and they were addressed by Grand Patriarch Wm. Potter, whose words were listened to with marked intent. Bro. Side, D. D. G. R., then installed the officers. They are C. P., W. F. Fife; H. P., W. H. Carswell; S. W., Hiram Winegarden; R. S., E. Wing; F. S., A. M. Lafferty; Treas., John Turner; J. W., H. W. Smith; 1st Watch, C. A. Austin, 2nd Watch, Dr. Thornton; 3rd Watch, Geo. James; 4th Watch, W. A. Wanless; Guide, W. Terry; 1st. Guard, S. A. McCornock; 2nd Guard, H. Garrett; Inside Sentinel, S. Tilley, Outside Sentinel, T. Smith. After the ceremonies attending the induction of the new officers had been concluded, a most palatable banquet was given, presided over by O. B. Hulin, the veteran Oddfellow. Mr. Hulin made a neat speech in which he referred in terms of eulogy to Mr. Potter, a member of their own encampment, who had been honored with the highest position in the gift of the Ontario Oddfellows and who was being welcomed to-night in his official capacity.

Mr. Potter briefly replied, thanking Mr. Hulin for his kindly remarks.

Speeches were also delivered by Bro. Robertson, of Minneapolis, District Deputy G. P., L. G. Sides, and Patriarchs John Turner, Isaac Smith, C. A. Austin and R. Wing.

Bro. A. M. Lafferty recited the Charge of the Light Brigade with fervor and in capital style.

At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the committee on entertainment for the exceedingly fine spread which they had provided. Patriarch W. H. Carswell, on behalf of the committee, replied in a fine manner.

The committee on entertainment were W. H. Carswell, Thos. Smith, Herb. Avichouser, W. Wanless, W. Terry, Jos. Northwood and Fred. Phelps.

The proceedings closed about 12 o'clock with the singing of God Save the Queen.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closes
Wheat—Dec..	....	....	....	....
May..	69½	69½	68⅞	68⅞
July.	70½	70½	69⅝	69½
Corn—Sept..	....	....	....	....
May...	33½	33½	32½	32⅝
July.	....	....	....	....
Oats—Sept..	....	....	....	....
Dec..	....	....	....	....
May...	42	24	23½	23⅝
Pork—Dec...	....	....	....	....
Jan...	....	....	....	....
May...	10 95	10 95	10 75	10.77
Lard—Dec...	....	....	....	....
Jan...	....	....	....	....
May..	6 05	6 07	5 97	5 97
Ribs—Oct...	....	....	....	....
Jan...	....	....	....	....
May...	5.80	5 82	5 72	5.72

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$3 48

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BOYS' 3 PC. SUITS, made from imported serges and worsted tweeds, fine and dressy, best in the city, sizes from 28 to 33, single and double breast, regularly sold from $6 to $7, mark down price
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BOYS' 2 PC. SUITS, made from reliable wearing tweeds and serges, range of sizes 22 to 30, regular prices $2, $2.50, $3 and $3.50, mark down prices
$1.48, $1.98, $2 38, $2.95

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$3 95

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MEN'S Heavy FRIEZE ULSTERS, special coat in heavy cloth, with big storm collar, slash pockets, all tweed lined, just a few left, value at $4, mark down price
$3 48

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BOYS' ULSTERS, for the little chaps, just the thing, heavy cloths, big collars, all tweed lined, reg. value $3 and $3 75, for ages 3 to 12 years, mark down price
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MEN'S BEAVER DRESS OVERCOATS, in single and double breast styles, all French faced, well lined and made, blue only, reg. value at $8, mark down price
$6 50

MEN'S BEAVER MELTON and NOVELTY CHINCELLA DRESS OVERCOATS, in blue, gray and brown shades, nice velvet collar, handsome fitters, best sellers this season, regular value $9 and $10, sizes 36 to 42, mark down price
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