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LOCAL BRIEFS

Fishing in the river is good. Barrister R. L. Gossnell, Blenheim, is in the city today on business.

Mrs. Jno. Thompson, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Linton, Park avenue east.

The Chatham Brewery this morning shipped a consignment of beer to Ridgeway via the lake Erie.

Barrister Charles Macdonald, was in Ridgeway over Sunday bidding old friends good bye, prior to starting for Dawson City next week.

During the heavy thunder shower early this morning 32 tons of rain fell on the city. The rain was a fine, warm one and will do a world of good throughout the country.

Mrs. C. R. Atkinson, sr., is about the same today. Her condition, since her last rally, has not showed any perceptible change. Her attendant physicians, however, hope for the best.

The loss on the residence of Mrs. Park partially destroyed by fire yesterday, is estimated in the neighborhood of \$300. The insurance is in companies of which W. H. Harper is agent. The house was insured for \$400 and the contents for \$300.

Employees of the Chatham Gas Co. began yesterday to lay pipes from McConnell's grocery, Park St., to Waterhouse's bakery. The gas will be used to run an engine. Machinery is being put in for use in mixing the bread.

James Talbot, who has been employed all winter in the barber shop of Taylor & Simmons, will leave this week to again conduct the barber shop at the Anchor Line steamer India.

Mr. Talbot will meet his boat at Detroit.

The team attached to one of the Lake Erie drags ran away this morning, taking down Catherine St. to the waterfront, where, in making the turn, they broke the tie-post in front of the mill. In front of the C. P. R. Hotel they collided with another and were stopped.

A large congregational meeting of the members and adherents of Christ Church is looked for in the S. S. Hall this evening. This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in connection with the church.

The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church had a very successful and well attended meeting at the residence of Mrs. Charles Greening, Wellington street. It was decided to give a house social at the manse a week from tonight, May 15th. The contract for a new carpet for the church was also let. After the business part of the meeting, dainty refreshments were served.

Ernest Erastus Hitchcock passed away on Monday at his home on the 5th concession, Raleigh. Mr. Hitchcock caught a cold in the early spring which developed into pneumonia. He was a good citizen and was respected by the entire community in which he lived, and his death at the comparatively early age of 39 years is regretted by all. A widow and nine children survive. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

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THEY SEE DEATH IN TRAILS

Which the British Did not Fall Into--
News From Mafeking.

London, May 8.—The following despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office:

"Smaldeal, May 7.—The railway from Brandfont to this place has been considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rickrack have been laid under the rails. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered by a West Australian infantryman."

Winburg has been occupied by the Highland brigade. In spite of these wrecked railroads, the British advance goes on steadily. Lord Roberts' outposts are apparently about 12 miles north of Smaldeal. Gen. Brabant has joined Gen. Rundle at Thabanchu, whence they are moving forward. The country is all quiet in that direction. A reconnaissance made by Gen. Rundle of the Boers' recent positions at Thabanchu resulted in their being pronounced impregnable, and their evacuation is reported to have been due to the receipt of an urgent message from President Steyn.

BOERS FEAR BA-
DEN-POWELL.
A room of four guns convinced us that an attack was about to occur. But it became apparent that the Boer officers could not persuade their men to advance. Through glasses we saw the officer vainly urging the infantry forward. The enemy reformed and retired. Our men fired a shot in the hope of inducing the enemy to come to close quarters."

"The native distress has been alleviated, many of them sleeping through the line. The men of the garrison forego their sugar ration for the benefit of the women and children. After the bombardment April 24 all was comparatively quiet."

FOR A FINAL ASSAULT.
Lorenzo Marques, Sunday, May 6.—A dispatch received here from Col. Plumer's camp, bearing date April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced and their strength is estimated at 3,000. Col. Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons and is endeavoring to communicate with the southern relief column.

NEXT STAND OF THE BOERS.
Smaldeal, Orange Free State, Monday, May 7.—Gen. Bullen-Powell took up the colonial regiments is tonight settled at Welgelegen siding. According to reports the Boers intend to make a big stand near the Zand river. The railroad has been repaired the south side of the Vet river and the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed.

BOER VOLKSRAAD

It is Now in Session in the Transvaal Capital

President Kruger Says he Still has Implicit Confidence in the Afrikaner Cause.

Pretoria, Monday, May 7.—The Boer Volksraad convened here today. All the diplomatics and foreign attaches were present.

President Kruger, in his speech opening the session, alluded feelingly to the vacancies. Referring to Gen. Joubert he said: "Future generations will be able to judge the work of the deceased; whose demeanor inspired the enemy with respect, and whose humane and brave conduct gave fame and importance to the state among civilized nations."

He was profoundly struck, he said, by the proof of sincere friendship given by the people of the Free State, who had fulfilled their obligations to the Transvaal under the treaty. They realized that a united front was required, as an attack on the independence of the Transvaal meant a threat against the Free State. He had implicit confidence in the future of the Afrikaner nation.

After referring to the peace proposals of the presidents of both republics to Lord Salisbury, President Kruger said: "We have proved by legislation and our dealings with Great Britain last year that it was our desire to preserve peace, and now that war has broken out we will do everything to restore peace."

After alluding to the deputation now on a mission to Europe and the United States, and of the presence of so many attaches, proving the intense interest of the powers in the republics, and to their methods of fighting, he said he hoped to see that the sympathy of the world was on their side in the war, that ambulances had been sent and that their friends were united in endeavoring to alleviate the distress caused by the struggle.

After references to the alleged violations of the Red Cross convention and to the consequent protests of foreign powers, President Kruger continued: "Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances, I am glad to say that our finances will enable us to bear the great expense of the war and that the mines are flourishing."

Fifty out of a total of 60 legislators were present, several of them still suffering from wounds.

Troubles of a Minister.
To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Verbon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without relief. I used a bottle of Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well." Sore, Eruptions, Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum show impure blood. Thousands have found in Electric Bitters a grand blood purifier that absolutely cures these troubles. Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded by A. J. McCall & Co. Large bottles only 50c.

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IN OLD LONDON

This Former Chatham Pastor Now Lives—Here on a Visit.

Rev. John F. Porter, of Darnley Road, London, England, pastor of the Primitive Methodist church here 27 years ago, is in the city. Mr. Porter has since leaving Chatham been in charge of a parish in old London, England. Mr. Porter has been in attendance at the International Mission Conference in New York and embraced the opportunity of visiting his old parishioners. He was pleased to see so many of his friends still living and the place improved so much.

The Primitive Methodist Church was situated on Wellington street opposite Harrison Hall and was built while the Rev. Mr. Porter was pastor here. For a number of years Mr. Porter was associated with Professor Huxley on the London school board of which Prof. Goldwin Smith was also a prominent member at one time. Mr. Porter was the guest of Dr. T. K. Holmes last evening.

A son of the reverend gentleman's has just graduated from the English Medical University and he during his course of study has succeeded in taking a greater number of scholarships and prizes than any other contemporary student in England. Perhaps it is unnecessary to add that this boy was born in Chatham.

BITS OF FUN

Though this is the age of the athletic girl.

Who is proud of her palms covered over with blisters. I notice that now, when the snowball she'd twirl.

Her aim is, as poor as her old-fashioned sister's.

Alice—I thought you were going to marry Miss Grout?

Algy—Well, I guess not. I proposed to her by letter and she accepted me on a postal card.

Alice—She's just the girl you want. You can bet she'll be careful of your money.

Father—That man should be an example to you, my son. He entered a store as office boy and worked himself up until in a few years he owned the business.

Son—He could never do that in these days, pa, when they have cash registers.

Our new baby is like the grand opera. Though perhaps with diminished delight.

There's the singing, grand marches and dances. And loud calls for the author each night.

Jaggles—What did your friend mean when he said this country would never be better off if there had never been any negroes here?

Waggles—I suppose he meant we wouldn't have any eon songs.

"Let me see the letter," said Kilduff. "I am familiar with his handwriting."

"But this is typewritten," said Teapop. "I can tell that, too. I know his brand of spelling."

It takes all kinds of curious things. To make this world of ours complete.

Folks in a suite may find life flat. And those in flats may find it sweet.

Julius Donath, an old artist, with all the eccentricities of genius, lives in Budapest in a dirty old street. One rainy day, strolling from his studio, he found the unpaved, unadorned street knee deep in filth.

As he emerged into the more European Bajaz street, he met the mayor of the Hungarian Capital, who inquired at what he was laughing.

"Laughing?" cried the old fellow. "I am not laughing. I am fairly weeping for shame and anger."

"Why, what is the matter?" "Matter enough. See, here is a letter" (feeling in his pocket). "I must have left it at home, but that doesn't make any difference. I received a letter saying that his Majesty would honor me with a visit in my studio on Thursday. Now, just look at this street!"

"Don't make any bad jokes, Donath!" "It's no joke. The King wants to see my soldiers' monument."

The mayor hastily took his departure. Late in the night the artist was awakened from sound sleep by the sound of pounding in the street. Pulling aside the curtain, he looked out of the window and saw hundreds of water-pipes. He concluded that it was, and he was cold, returned to bed. Suddenly he burst out laughing, beating the bed clothes and fairly shouting his glee.

"I have it—the mayor, ha—the King, ha, ha—what a joke, ha, ha!" In the morning the conscientious mayor came to see how the workmen were progressing, for to-morrow would be Thursday. The mayor was satisfied with the paving and called on his friend, the artist, to inquire at what hour the King was expected. Donath had lost the letter, but remembered that the King was coming at 9 o'clock.

Needless to say, the King has not come yet. Whenever Donath goes out in the rain he laughs heartily. The street really looks very nice. And now the mayor laughs, too.

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