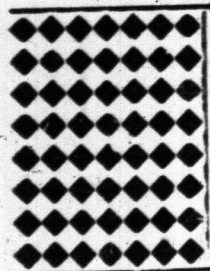


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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, March 20, 10 a. m.—Strong, westerly and northwesterly winds, fair and colder, with snow flurries. Wednesday, fresh to strong northwesterly winds, and moderately cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Will Reade, an employee of the Manson Campbell Co., has returned from a visit to Detroit.

The church practice for the opening of the new organ at Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, will be held this evening at 7:30 sharp.

The Road Etna Sailing Association will meet in the parlors of the Hotel Garner on Friday evening at eight o'clock. A full attendance of the members is requested.

An excellent program has been arranged for the Patriotic Concert to be given in the large lecture hall of the Canada Business College, Thursday evening next, by the members of the Literary Society of the College. Tickets 25 cents.

If you want to see something beautiful in the line of Neckwear come and examine the new lot of American Puffs, Four-in-hands and Flowing ends we are showing in our west window.—The 2nd Floor.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

George Summers, charged with vagrancy at this morning's police court, made affidavit that he was in regular employment and was released with a warning. O. L. Lewis appeared in his behalf.

The sale of tickets for the grand patriotic concert given in the Grand Opera House, Friday evening, March 23, is now on, and all 50c tickets are subject to rest except the two first rows in the gallery and the first three rows down stairs.

"Don't forget to mention in the paper to-night," said Supt. Jones, "that there is a splendid skating rink on Tecumseh Park. All along under the trees is covered with a smooth sheet of ice and all who so desired could enjoy a skate there."

Every person is anxious to have a share in administering to the comfort of our Chatham boys, now in South Africa. Show your appreciation by turning out on Thursday evening to the Patriotic Concert to be given by C. B. C. Literary Society on Thursday evening. A splendid program has been prepared. Tickets 25c.

A. F. Nash, Windsor, government inspector of gas and electric light plants was in the city to-day. Supt. Jones is estimating the cost of a storage battery to be charged from the electric light plant, to take the place of the electric light alarm system. If practicable it is the intention of the property committee to put in a storage battery, provided anything can be saved by doing so. Mr. Nash tested the strength of the fire hall batteries to-day, both in volts and amperes, for Supt. Jones, so that he would know the strength of the storage battery would require to do the work.

POLICE COURT.
Fred. Fuller and John Gillen, charged with drunkenness at this morning's police court, were dismissed. The case against Harvey Wilson for alleged assault was enlarged for a week. Emma Leavelle, convicted of vagrancy, was sentenced to six months in the Mercer reformatory.



ALWAYS A FEAST

For those who get their Bread at Richards', it is the white, sweet, at any time & in any bread that is baked in a bathhouse. It is uniform in quality of exquisite flavor, such as is no ready-made bread as taken from the home flour that is ground. Our cakes and pastries are like our bread, the best that can be made, always fresh.

W. S. RICHARDS Kent Bakery

Thos. Kime, jr., who recently had a growth removed from his knee, is doing well.

Ephraim Wright, an old and respected colored resident of the 10th concession, Chatham township, passed away Sunday.

Margaret Alice, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williamson, Kent Bridge, died Sunday. The funeral took place to-day at 11 o'clock to Maple Leaf cemetery.

Misses Agnes Wright, J. Randall and Byron, of the Thibodeau & Jacques millinery establishment, left for Detroit at noon to-day to attend the spring millinery openings in that city.

The tickets for the patriotic concert Friday, March 23, have been placed in all the banks in the city, and don't forget that the 35 cent tickets are subject to reserve as soon as they are secured.

The remains of the late Joseph Bechard will be interred on Wednesday in the large lecture hall of the Canada Business College. The funeral services will be held in the church there at 10 o'clock.

Lieutenant R. McNabb Kerr and Miss Maggie Kerr, who have been spending a few days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stone, Cross St., returned to their home in Detroit to-day. Lieut. Kerr served during the Spanish-Cuban war in the 33rd Michigan regiment.

Sampson Russell, the fifteen-year-old son of Wm. Russell, Charing Cross, was brought in to St. Joseph's hospital last night. He is lying very low with rheumatic inflammation of the heart.

WAR RELICS.
Ex-Ald. Geo. Heyward has his window decorated in honor of the concert of the Red Cross Society Friday night. Amongst the instruments of war is a collection of cannon balls used in the war of 1812. In size they range from the small grape shot to the heavy 24 lb. cannon ball.

These relics are the property of A. F. Falls, who secured them when they were dredged from the river at his old home in Amherstburg. Over a hundred cannon balls were discovered in that ancient town when some dredging was being done for the Cuddy-Mullen coal docks. How or where they came from no one seems to know. The window of Mr. Heyward is decorated with Red Cross flags, Union Jacks and pictures of the Queen and Canadian soldiers.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Chicago Young Lady Shot by an Unknown Woman.

Chicago, March 20.—Miss Annie Strother, cashier in a restaurant at 150 Twenty-second street was shot and instantly killed last night by a well-dressed, heavily veiled woman. The strange woman came in the front door and walking to the cashier's desk, fired four shots point blank at Miss Strother and escaped. No person except the cashier was in the front part of the restaurant at the time.

Three hours after the shooting Mrs. Charles Smith, 21 years old, wife of a saloonkeeper, was arrested and made a confession, saying she had shot Miss Strother because the latter had taken her husband's love.

SEED PEAS.

The Raleigh Agricultural Society has purchased a car of Seed Peas in the East, and will deliver the same at the C. P. R. station on Saturday, 24th inst. Farmers wishing them will apply at once to S. L. Wellwood, Pres., or A. H. White, Sec.

"Better late than never. It is best, however, to be never late about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify your blood. Take it now."

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Suit the Druggist's Old Stand.

RUSSIA'S REPLY.

It Will Make a Bluff at Britain Through Kruger.

A Bridge Blown up Near Bloemfontein—War Gossip.

Berlin, March 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Berlin paper telegraphs that the minister for foreign affairs has prepared an official communique, which will be published within the next day or two. It contains Russia's answer to President Kruger's request for intervention in South Africa.

The communique has been drawn up with the knowledge and consent of France and Germany, and has received the full approval of the czar.

As regards its contents, all that the correspondent has been able to learn is that the note is directed, with due precaution, against England, and its tone is very serious and will certainly not fail to make a deep impression.

BRIDGE BLOWN UP.

Bloemfontein, Monday, March 19.—The Boers blew up the railroad bridge over the Modder river, 14 miles north last night. The law courts were reopened to-day.

SETTLERS WANTED.

New York, March 20.—A despatch to the World from London says:—A part of the British plan for the pacification of South Africa is now prepared in the announcement that the British authorities there will make every effort to induce reservists, the time-expired men, the volunteers and the colonials from abroad to settle there, soon as the war is over, by giving them 240 acres of land each, provided they will occupy it for ten years.

The agents of all the colonies and the authorities of Rhodesia and British South Africa Co. in London are sending aid to the plan. It is said that the men who do not wish to take up land will be made tempting offers to enlist in the Chartered (British) South African Co.'s field force under Gen. Carrington.

It is declared officially that the war office will not sanction or encourage transfers from the colonials, volunteers or geomatic to the regular establishment of the British army.

FAITH OF JOHANNESBURG.

London, March 20.—It is reasonable to believe that the relief of Mafeking may be heard of at any hour. Cape Colony, without opposition, the insurgents lay down their arms, which, nearly confirms the previous reports of their willingness to submit. Gen. Roberts and Buller are still in action.

Considerable interest is attached to the fate of Johannesburg. Commenting on the reported consultation between Secretary Hay and the German ambassador at Washington, Dr. Von Holleben, is a proposition that both belligerents be urged to leave Johannesburg, alone, the Bell Mail Gazette says.

"This time Dr. Leyds has, as we may without impropriety assume, put in circulation the tale to the effect that the German ambassador at Washington and the American consul at Pretoria are concocting a little scheme of German intervention. This is a really glorious yarn and one which shows to what desperate straits the enemies of this country are reduced. Just imagine a government which has so recently declared all outside intervention permitting Germany to dictate the course of Lord Roberts' march to Pretoria. The German foreign office knows better than to involve the snail it would infallibly receive if it ventured to whisper so preposterous a proposal in Downing street."

WILL REMAIN UNITED.

Chatham matters occupied some time at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Church of England, in London. Holy Trinity and St. Thomas Church, Dover, have for many years been supplied by the one clergyman, who receives his stipend partly from each congregation, but some of those connected with the Dover Church favored a change, and some of the members of the executive committee thought that Holy Trinity alone should be now self-sustaining.

St. Thomas Church, Dover, should be connected with some weaker church in Raleigh or at Mitchell's Bay, so that the endowment for St. Thomas Church should, with contributions from the congregation, maintain a separate clergyman, resident in Dover, but giving services also at weaker outlying places. The Rural Deanery of Kent seemed to favor joining St. Thomas with missions in Raleigh, while the missions committee reported that it should be separated from Holy Trinity and joined to Mitchell's Bay. After a long discussion and after the deed of the late Miss Smith had been read and re-read and explained by the Chancellor, whose opinion was very decided that the income from the endowment is now being applied in the way authorized by Miss Smith, the donor, it was decided by the executive committee to leave St. Thomas and Holy Trinity churches united, as heretofore, and to request his lordship to make some arrangement with the rector of those churches to hold a weekly or other service at Mitchell's Bay.

WAS FOUND DEAD.

Illinois Man Had been Treated by a Faith Curist.

Havana, Ill., March 20.—Henry Taylor, who had been under the treatment of a faith cure doctor, was found lying dead in his home yesterday. It is not known how long he had been dead, as a paper was found pinned on his breast on which was written: "This man is not dead, but in a trance." The authorities are looking for the faith cure doctor.

FIVE VIEWS OF A MAN.

A healthy man, a man with a cough, a man with congested lungs, a man in consumption, a dying man, a dead man. All from neglecting, when the cough started, to take Four T's, the great guaranteed one day cough and cold remedy. Price 25c. a bottle at the Central Drug Store.

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The eyes change. We will examine your eyes free, and will only recommend a change if absolutely beneficial.

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CHATHAM, ONT.

THE HOG CASE DISMISSED.

Before Judge Houston at the police court this morning the case against John Duff was heard.

In the matter that defendant is alleged to have sold hogs on Nov. 22, last, knowing they were affected by a contagious disease. The evidence put in by J. A. Walker for the prosecution was that Mr. Duff, the accused, bought 18 hogs from his brother, George Duff, a farmer in Harwich. These hogs were thinned and the custom among hog dealers is to give thinned hogs out to be fattened. The 18 hogs were sent to Thomas Montgomery, of Raleigh. He kept them a week and one of them died. He then brought them in and delivered them back to John Duff, who shipped them the same day.

The evidence of Dr. Kime showed that it was impossible for any person to tell whether the hogs were affected by the disease known as swine plague or not, except upon examination of the carcasses after being killed and could not be fattened. Those in question, Thomas Montgomery, the prosecutor, stated that although he had the pigs in his possession for a week he could not say what was the matter with them, excepting that they had not fed well. Mr. Montgomery's son gave substantial evidence.

J. B. Rankin, Q.C., appeared for the defendant and moved for the dismissal of the case. The judge held that the statute provided that the person tried must be shown to know the animals were affected and as this was not shown against the defendant, the case must be dismissed.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S TREAT.

Miss Ida Compiments Manager (Yeoman on Securing (A)le Trebell).

Mr. McVean, Q.C.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to express my pleasure on seeing by Saturday evening's papers, that you have engaged Middle Trebell, for a concert here this week.

I have had the pleasure of hearing her on several occasions in Toronto, and I am delighted to know that the young singers of our city are to have the privilege of hearing such a gifted and brilliant artist. I hope they and the musical profession and public generally will show their appreciation of your effort in providing such a treat, giving you a full house.

Yours truly,
ELDA IDLE.
Chatham, March 18th, 1900.

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And take it to your druggist, A. I. McCall & Co. who will present you with a Trial Bottle of the wonderful New Medicine they have secured the exclusive Agency for, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, and all Throat and Lung Affections. Its cures are simply marvellous, absolutely curing where all else fails, and has saved thousands from an early grave, even physicians are astonished at this marvellous cure. It costs nothing and is always convincing. A guaranteed cure goes with large bottles.

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Promptness in the execution of any want of our customers, small or large. Reliability in the material and in the price. The lowest consistent with honest quality and perfection of style and fit. The make of our Clothing stands out pre-eminently as the best general line manufactured in Canada to-day.

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We will show the people of Chatham the noblest, the nicest and best put-together Clothing ever shown to the trade, it will pay you to look us up for your spring outfit. Watch our windows and keep your eyes on this space for up-to-the-minute ideas. We handle everything made in the clothing line.

Men's Suits, Boys' Top Coats and Children's Pants, Overalls, Smocks, Etc.

Made in all the leading styles, all the new colorings and patterns shown for this season's trade, at prices that will astonish you—see us.

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Our Special Iron Fram Linen Unlaundried Shirts 50c

Double back and front, linen bosoms and bands, good quality cotton, sizes 13 to 18, the best in Canada.

Men's White Laundried Shirts 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Made by the best manufacturers in Canada, made all styles, perfect fitting, full range of sizes.

Special values in boys Negligees and Stiff Bosom, extra sizes, 12 to 14½.

Men's Neat Negligee Shirts

Made from all the new cloths, neat pattern check, neat stripes, with cuffs attached and detached, beautiful colorings, all sizes, very special values 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Men's Colored Dress Shirts

We bought a big job in colored stiff bosom shirts, the best makers in Canada, all colors arranged, all the pretty designs and colorings, cuffs attached or detached, sizes 14 to 18 sold all over at \$1 and \$1.25, your choice while they last for 75c.

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Are two great Generals of our Staple Department that will stand the keenest inspection. Below we mention a few of their supporters and prices. The prices are not dangerous! Everybody can march to the front with no fear of being charged too much.

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1st Supporter—New Irish, dimities and lawns, beautiful patterns, fine sheer goods, absolutely fast colors, suitable for fancy waists and summer dresses, 20c and 25c per yd.

2nd Supporter—38 inch pure linen apron dowlas, embroidered with red and white, green and red, blue and white, etching cotton, warranted washing colors, per yard 25c.

3rd Supporter—We have an elegant assortment of the celebrated Anterson ginghams with which every lady is acquainted, in pink, blue and red plaids, at 18c, 25c and 30c per yard.

4th Supporter—32 inch light and dark prints, extra fine cloth and choice patterns, equal in quality to 12½c goods, our price 10c per yard.

5th Supporter—Emblematic table linen, our own special patterns, rose, harp and thistle, these goods are made of pure flax and last twice as long as ordinary table linen at the same price, per yard 50c.

6th Supporter—White P. K's and wash walls are still in favor for the coming season, we have them in a variety of different weaves, at 15c, 17c, 20c, 22c, 25c and 35c per yard.

7th Supporter—23x53 inch bleached cotton damask dresser covers, each 15c.

8th Supporter—Applique d'oylies, dresser covers and stand covers just in. Dresser covers at 50c each. D'Oyilies, at 5c and 10c each. Stand Covers, at 25c each.

9th Supporter—17x39 inch heavy crepe towels, red border, fringed ends, 10c each.

10th Supporter—Princess P. K's, suitable for children's dresses, white and pink ground, with small pattern, reg. 15c quality, special per yard 12½c.

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