The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

WHY THE AVERAGE WILL SHOULD NOT STAND.

Chancellor Boyd thinks there is too much litigation over contested wills in this Province. In a recent case he decided that parties unnecessarily contesting a will should not receive their costs of the estate.—Exchange.

Doesn't this lead towards the conclusion that some easy method is desirable of setting aside freak wills—and we venture to say half the wills recorded are freakish in some respect. Isn't a will that leaves an opening for a dispute prima facie evidence that the maker wasn't mentally competent? A man may not have been insane further than to have his normal judgment warped by whims, fancies, dislikes or nightmares. It is just a question how far the dead should be allowed to interfere in the affairs of the living. How can a man in his grave know what is best for the quick years hence? Yet the law permits him to issue cast iron instructions that may have effect for centuries to come.

WHAT PAUL KRUGER HAS TO ANSWER FOR.

The war office has issued an official statement of the casualties in the South African field force since the beginning of the war up to and including last week:

Officers killed in action	218
" died of wounds	53
" died of disease	64
N.C.O.'s and men killed in action	2,062
" " died of wounds	492
" " died of disease	2,128
" " died of accidents	48
Total deaths	5,065
Officers wounded	764
N. C. O.'s and men wounded	9,225
Total wounded	9,989

The number of deaths from wounds has been deducted from the total of wounded.

Officers missing and prisoners	171
N. C. O.'s and men missing and prisoners	3,925
Total missing and prisoners	4,096

The above number is the net total after excluding those who have been recovered, viz., 10 officers and 48 men. One officer and 41 men have died in captivity. Grand total, 19,050.

In addition, 29 officers and 3,101 men have been sent home sick as distinct from wounded, which brings the aggregate losses of the army to over 22,000.

The mortality from disease again shows an increase. It now stands at 42.1 per cent. of the total deaths.

To begin with they might now drop the "Free" from the Orange Free State.

If your children cannot swim, see that they learn to do so this summer. Every boy of ten at least ought to be an expert swimmer.

Of course it is expecting a good deal, but if Lord Roberts could so arrange it that the occupation of Pretoria could be celebrated on May 24, it would be very convenient for us Canadians.—Woodstock Express.

What is the matter with the 1st of July?

The story told by Pritchett, the West Elgin ballot-slipper, has been contradicted on oath by Tom Lewis, of London, and other witnesses, and the judges are puzzled to get at the truth. It is an unsavory mess.—Hamilton Times.

Very unsavory! But we cannot see anything puzzling about it, unless it is the failure of the Attorney-General's department to order some prosecutions for perjury.

There is another fight at Ottawa because the Conservatives want to probe further into the Brockville and West Huron scandals. Premier Laurier last session promised the fullest opportunity for such an investigation, but he is now trying to hedge. The developments in connection with Jimmy Farr cooled his generosity. Now the government does not want any more investigation until at least the elections are over. It is not difficult to guess what is being concealed.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Quebec, who form the Council of Public Instruction, have determined to make the teaching of the English language compulsory in the schools under their jurisdiction. This shows that the people of Quebec are alive to the practical requirements of the day. No matter what the mother tongue, all inhabitants of the North American continent find themselves at a disadvantage in this age of keen competition if they are not familiar with the commercial language of the country. The Council of Public Instruction realize this and wisely propose to put their charges in position to face on even terms with their English speaking countrymen, the every-day affairs of life.

SAME HERE.

Stratford Beacon.

The absence of street signs and house numbers is an omission which stamps Stratford in the eyes of visitors as an overgrown village. When they ask to be directed to the house of a friend they are told that he lives on blank street, next door to so-and-so, and are left to continue their search none the wiser. It really would not be a heavy expenditure to provide these necessary sources of information.

"Love and a Cough Cannot be Hid."

It is this fact that makes the lover and his sweetheart happy, and sends the sufferer from a cough to his doctor. But there are hidden ills lurking in impure blood. "The liver is wrong," it is thought, "or the kidneys." Did it ever occur to you that the trouble is in your blood?

Purify this river of life with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then illness will be banished, and strong, vigorous health will result. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best known, best endorsed and most natural of all blood purifiers.

Eczema—"I was run down with complaints peculiar to my sex. Large sores broke out on my body, head and limbs. I could not do any work on account of the itching. My trouble was termed eczema and I doctored for it for a long time. I then tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and several bottles effected a cure." MRS. J. G. BROWN, Brantford, Ont.

Organs Affected—"I was run down in health and had spells of coughing which left me prostrate. My lungs, heart and kidneys were affected. Took Hood's Sarsaparilla upon advice and soon felt better. I continued the treatment and now feel like a new woman." MRS. SUMMERVILLE, 217 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

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Baltimore American.

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Who slaps us on the back and says,
"Gee! How you hold your youth,"
Who shrinks not at the future when
he has a lie to tell,
But when you're sick and tired, and
blue, declares, "You're looking
well."

Here's to the man who tells us lies
when solemn truth would hurt,
Who says, "I'll back you through
and through, if you should take
my shirt."
Who, when you're "off" and cannot
write just as you think you should
Will tune you up for better things
with: "That's what I call good!"

Or, when you paint a picture that
is wrong in every part,
Will make you think the daub is great
by saying, "Now, that's art!"
He lies—but it's in charity, if lying
ever was,
So here's his health, for though he
lies, he's honest when he does.

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ABOUT KID GLOVES.

Here are Useful Hints for the Economical Woman to Profit by.

Economy in small things is often overlooked, and if only more consideration were given to this subject quite a considerable sum of money might be saved annually. The careless manner in which a very large number of ladies treat their gloves is an instance in point, and perhaps the following hints may serve to show how the reasonable care of kid gloves would result in a reduction of expenditure:—

In the first place, it may be pointed out that rough handling is especially disastrous to kid gloves, and it very often happens that a new pair are split and ruined by jerking them on in a careless fashion. Always put on a new pair of kid gloves for the first time long enough before they are worn to allow of due deliberation in the task. When a pair of fine gloves are bought the purchaser should insist that they be fitted on in the shop; then if there are any flaws they will be detected before the gloves are paid for and taken away.

Cheap gloves are generally risky investments, but some of the best shops keep a fairly good line of gloves at low prices, which are worth buying for common wear. If strong and well made they will serve for shopping and morning walks, or for bad weather.

In putting on a glove be careful to get each finger straight Coax each one on by rubbing gently with the thumb and first finger until the fingers are down to the very ends.

In taking the gloves off turn the wrist over the fingers and take hold of the ends of the fingers through the wrist. It wears a glove out badly to pull it off by catching hold of the finger tips. Pull the glove into shape and lay it aside carefully. Silk should be kept to match each shade and gloves should be mended as soon as a break appears, for the old proverb, "A stitch in time saves nine" is especially appropriate to these articles of attire. Glove mending is delicate work, which requires both skill and dexterity, and when well done pays admirably for the pains taken. Glove powder should form one of the adjuncts to every toilet table, and a pretty glove stretcher another.

French women set a good example, and have made quite an art of putting on gloves, and this is why a Parisienne's gloves last her four times as long as anybody else's.

Buttoning gloves should never be done in a hurry. The wrist should be carefully and gently pulled straight, and the buttons insinuated gently into the holes. Use a glove buttoner always; it ruins both the button hole and the finger tips to button them without.

After purchasing a new pair of gloves always sew the buttons on before wearing them. The annoyance of having the buttons drop off will then be avoided.—Woman's Life.

Austria's Women Barbers.

Australians take no chances with their barbers. They must be good, and the Barbers and Wigmakers' union of Vienna sees to it that they are. Provision is also made in their code for women barbers who desire to carry on the business of their husbands in case of the latter's death or illness.

In order to do this, the wife must have been enrolled in the union as an apprentice for three years Apprentices must appear in Vienna in the presence of judges of the union and show their skill before they are allowed to open shops of their own. A properly certified barber must have a knowledge of and pass an examination in shaving, hair cutting, hair curling and wigmaking. Poor relations and others who are frugal serve as subjects for experiment.

Not only must the barber be well versed in the practical side of the subject, but questions are asked relating to the keeping clean of razors, brushes, etc., and the elementary rules of antiseptics are thoroughly gone into.

At the practical examination the young barbers have their razors dulled by four strokes on a pine plank, and they must then sharpen them. A subject is assigned to each barber, who must be tonsorially perfect, in the opinion of the judges, before the apprentice releases him. After this a certificate is issued, and the apprentice serves two years as a journeyman before he may open a shop as an employer. In the case of widows who desire to carry on the business of their husbands, only the three years' apprenticeship is required.

In spite of the number of years that an Austrian barber has to devote to his business before he is perfect, one can get a high class hair cut for a sum equal to five cents, or a first class shave for something like three cents in any part of the country.

Greece Bars Theatre Hats.

The first official act of M. Triantophyllacos, the Grecian Minister of the Interior, was to issue an order forbidding the wearing of hats at any theatrical representation. This met with unanimous approval from the men and a storm of protests from the women.

One of Athens' leaders of fashion appeared at the theatre a short time ago with her luxuriant tresses crowned with a very minute bonnet. The officer on duty politely called her attention to the printed notices forbidding the wearing of hats, and she was obliged to remove the objectionable headgear, all the while vowing to be revenged.

The next evening the woman arrived at the theatre bonnetless, but her hair was arranged in such a manner that it was little short of a monument on top of her head. Those of the spectators behind her deeply regretted that the law had not also forbidden monstrosities of the hairdresser's art.

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FOR SALE—A bargain, five lots in one block, each 63 ft. wide by 255 ft. deep, on Taylor Ave. For sale cheap. Apply to WILSON, KERR & PIKE, Barristers, Etc., 5th St., Chatham.
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Notice Court of Revision.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll for City of Chatham for 1900, will hold its first sitting at the city council chamber, Harrison Hall, in said City, on Friday, the 25th day of May, 1900, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.

Dated, Chatham, May 8th, 1900.

W. G. MERRITT, City Clerk.
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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

In Blenheim Thursday, May 24th, 1900

PROGRAM.

9 a. m

Grand Procession of Trades, Fire Department, Calithumpians, Lady and Gentlemen Horseback and Bicycle riders, headed by the Blenheim Citizens' Band,

WITH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

Calithumpians—1st, $10; 2nd, $8; 3rd, $6; 4th, $5; 5th, $4; 6th, $3; 7th, $2; 8th $1.

Trades—1st, $5; 2nd, $4; 3rd, $3; 4th, $2; 5th, $1.

Best Patriotically dressed gentleman horseback rider—1st, $3; 2nd, $2; 3rd, $1.

Best patriotically dressed lady horseback rider—1st, $3; 2nd, $2, 3rd, $1.

Best patriotically dressed lady bicycle rider,—1st, 3; 2nd, $2; 3rd, $1.

Best patriotically dressed gentleman bicycle rider,—1st, 3; 2nd, $2; 3rd, $1.

1 p m.

HORSERACES.

2.24 Trot or Pace, purse $100.

5-Furlong Running Race, Purse $75.

Gentlemen's team race, purse $60.

Driving races to be mile heats to harness, best three in five; five to enter, three to start. Money divided, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. of purse. A horse distancing the field to be entitled to first money only. Old distance rules.

Running race, best 2 in 3; four to enter, three to start. Money divided, 60, 30 and 10 per cent of purse.

Entrance for harness races, 5 per cent of purse and 5 per cent. from winners.

Entrance for running race, 10 per cent of purse.

National Trotting Association Rules to govern all harness races, and American Racing Rules to govern all running races, with exceptions contained herein.

BICYCLE RACES.

Half-Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Two suits summer underwear and dress shirt, value $3; 2nd, rocker, value, $2.25; 3rd, smokers' set, value $1.

One Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Silver fruit dish, value $4; 2nd, combined umbrella and walking cane, value $3; 3rd, jardiniere, value $2.

Two Mile Amateur Dash—1st, Silver sugar bowl and spoon holder, value $5; 2nd, pair shoes, value $3; 3rd, reclining chair, value $1.50.

Two Mile Lap Race—1st, Silver cake dish, value $6; 2nd, hat, value $3; 3rd, comb and brush case, value $1.50.

Third prize for pacer. These prizes are of the actual cash value herein stated. Entrance fee 50c. for each race. Five to enter, four to start. C. W. A. rules to govern. These races are under the sanction of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

100 yds Foot Race—1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

220 yds. Foot Race, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Running Hop, Step and Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Standing Hop, Step and Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Running Long Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Running High Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Standing Long Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Standing High Jump, 1st $2.50, 2nd $1.50.

Caledonian rules to govern. Entrance fee 25c. each event; four to enter, three to compete.

The Management reserves the right to declare any or all contests off on account of bad weather or track or other unavoidable causes, in which event any entrance money paid will be refunded; also reserves the right to change order of program, and sandwiching these contests, if thought necessary.

8 p. m.

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

Will be given in the Opera House. Admission 25c.; reserved seats 35c. Plan of hall will be opened at Crookshank Bros.' on Monday, May 21st, at 9 a. m.

Admission to Grounds—Adults, 25c. Children under 12 years of age, 10c. Carriages free. Privileges for sale. For further particulars apply to the Secretary.

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Yours truly,
McNAUGHTON, WALKER & CO.

Detroit, March 30th.

TOWNSHIP OF DOVER, COURT OF REVISION.

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Township of Dover will hold its first sitting as a Court of Revision, at the Town Hall, on Monday, May 28th, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to hear and try complaints and appeals made against the Assessment Rolls for 1900, and to revise the same.

J. WELSH, Township Clerk.

May 12th, 1900. sd19,26-w17,21,24