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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

ARNOLD.—In Camden Township on Saturday, 25th Nov., 1899, Avenath Arnold, relief of the late Christopher Arnold, aged 55 years, 5 months and 2 days.

THE PROBABILITY

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 4—10 a. m. — Strong winds or moderate gales from north and west, partly cloudy, with snow flurries, colder today and much colder on Tuesday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

O. B. Hulin wants a man.

W. E. Gundy, barrister, of Pledge town, is in the city on legal business.

Geo. Taylor, barrister, of Bothwell, is in the city today.

Walter T. Poole, of Tilbury, spent Sunday in the city.

Election of officers at Wellington Masonic Lodge this evening.

K. R. Cameron, trainmaster of the L. E. & D. R. R., was in the city today.

Miss Eva Payne, of the L. E. & D. R. R. freight department, spent Sunday at Irwin.

The annual meeting of the Chatham Mfg. Co. will be held on Wednesday, 13th inst.

C. K. Eberts has just received a consignment of mineral water from Mt. Clemens.

The city board of health will meet at three o'clock this afternoon at the city clerk's office.

Wednesday afternoon will be reserved for ladies at the Turkish Baths. A desirable hour may be secured by appointment.

The December sessions of the county council will open at the council chambers, Harrison Hall, tomorrow afternoon, at one o'clock.

Harry Brundage, of Plattsville, traveler for the Williams Shoe Company, Brampton, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Laidlaw, of this city.

The Raleigh Agricultural Society has wound up its business for the year, and can show a gratifying balance of over seven hundred dollars in the treasury.

There was no session of the city police court this morning, the case of assault on young Bertie Martin being indefinitely postponed until the lad is fully able to undergo examination.

FIVE GENERATIONS.

True bred Britons are noted for their longevity and when the old English strain is transplanted to Canadian soil it thrives and grows ever stronger. This is no where better illustrated than from a photograph of five generations taken by J. T. Baile, last week. Three generations are not uncommon, four generations living are seldom found but five generations is something remarkable. The five representatives of this rather extraordinary example of long life are all ladies. They comprise the great great grandmother, Mrs. Lewis, aged 94 years, whose home is in England; her daughter, Mrs. Skinner, of Charing Cross, great grandmother; Mrs. Skinner's daughter, Mrs. Knight, of Mull, grandmother; Mrs. Knight's daughter, Mrs. Hawkins, of Fletcher, mother, and her daughter, Maud, aged seven. The group is an exceedingly fine one and the photograph is one of the best ever taken in Chatham. All the adult members of the group are Planet readers, which shows that good, wholesome reading is conducive to longevity.



FOR HIS BEST GIRL

For his best girl, the prudent young man takes stock of his fine collection, as an offering. Those who are fortunate enough to receive a box of our delicious and wholesome Chocolate and Bon-Bons will be pleased. We have a great variety all kinds and prices that cannot help to please you.

See our Xmas Cakes.

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FRANCE WILL FIGHT.

Backed by Russia She Proposes to Drive England From the Nile.

Chicago, Dec. 4. — Washington embassies are said to be agog over the news that Admiral Fournier, of France, who visits the sultan in Constantinople to-day, is charged with the mission of seizing Egypt and at least two other Syrian ports as part of a plan to compel Great Britain to withdraw its armed forces from the Nile valley, a portion of the dominions of the Khedive of Egypt, the vassal of the sultan. This is supposed to be the Mr. and Mrs. R. Venning, of Jeannette's Creek, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baile, Lansdowne Ave.

BRITISH MOWED DOWN.

The First Full Description of the Battle of Modder River.

London, Dec. 4.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following, dated Wednesday, Nov. 19, from its correspondent at Modder River.

"The severest engagement our column has yet had, and probably the severest of the whole campaign, was fought yesterday on the banks of the Modder River. The battle was waged, fiercely for nearly 14 hours. The enemy occupied a strongly entrenched position, their front extended five miles along the bank of the stream. They were well supplied with artillery and fought desperately.

The battle started at day-break, our guns shelling the Boer left. The enemy replied with artillery, Hotchkiss and Maxim, and the artillery duel lasted some hours. Then there was a brief lull in the enemy's operations, of which the general immediately took advantage. Our infantry advanced across the plain toward the river in two brigades.

The guards, on the right, were met by an awful hail of bullets from the enemy's snaphooters, posted close to the river on the opposite bank. Our men had no cover whatever, and were simply mowed down. It seemed impossible to live through the terrible fire, but the brave fellows did not retreat. The Boer fire was horribly accurate and they must have numbered at least 10,000.

The Scots Guards advanced 600 yards before they were fired on. Then they had to lie down to escape the deadly fusillade, which lasted without intermission throughout the day.

The Highlanders made several attempts to force a passage of the river, but they were exposed to such a murderous enfilading fire that they had to retire after they had suffered terribly. Subsequently, a party of the guards got over and held their own for hours against a vastly superior force.

HEROES TRIED TO SWIM THE RIVER. The general opinion of the staff is that there had never been such a sustained fire in the annals of the British army as that which our troops had to face yesterday. Our men fell in dozens while trying to rush to the bridge. Among the many heroic deeds, one of the most conspicuous was that of Lieut.-Col. Coddington, of the Coldstream Guards; Capt. Sellen, of the Queensland contingent, and a dozen members of the Coldstream Guards, who jumped into the river and swam nearly to the other side in the face of a steady fire; but who were forced to retire and, joining hands, swim back, two of their number being nearly drowned in the retreat.

The British guns kept up a heavy fire all day, and fearful havoc was wrought on the Boer positions, the enemy being forced to fly from the trenches. Night put an end to the terrible bloodshed. The infantry brigade was dreadfully cut up.

The Boers retreated at night, taking their guns with them, and we are now occupying their positions. The enemy's loss was tremendous.

GREAT BRITAIN'S LARGE FORCE IN SOUTH AFRICA. And there are additional forces of cavalry and artillery now about not included in these figures. The British army in South Africa has been under-estimated by nearly all writers for the London press. The mounted force is now said to range between 13,000 and 14,000 men, including 5,000 provincial volunteers and Gen. White's cavalry. This looks like an over-estimate made to cover the short-comings of the staff.

The Ismore, ashore at St. Helena, had 470 men aboard, all are safe. The horses have not all been landed.

COUNTY POLICE COURT. At the county court this morning Judge Houston committed Wm. Taylor, the well-known ball player, of Bothwell, for trial on a charge of larceny. Taylor is alleged to have appropriated two barrels of apples that were not consigned to him.

This afternoon Arch. Patterson was arraigned on two charges, one of stealing \$300 and the other of obtaining \$500 under false pretences. In both cases Eben James was the complainant. Owing to the non-arrival of papers in the case from Toronto, it was enlarged until Wednesday at 11 a. m. Patterson was admitted to bail, himself in \$1,000 and two sureties in \$500 each.

Jeremiah Haskett, of Raleigh, was charged with assault by John Sewell. He was remanded till to-morrow, bail of \$40 being given.

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BASE LINE, CAMDEN. James Bowden, Botany, was the guest of Wm. Hare, one day last week. Miss Nettie Tweedle, of Selton, spent last week with her parents here.

J. N. Cryderman, of Thamesville, spent Sunday in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tweedle spent Sunday with friends in Dresden.

Jas. McCarter, who underwent an operation in the Chatham Hospital, we are pleased to learn is rapidly improving.

A. Everett and Wm. Chellis, of Botany, were in this vicinity on Thursday last.

Mr. Payne of London, who has been the guest of J. W. Stewart, has returned home.

Wilfred, youngest son of Wm. McKimley, is seriously ill.

Our popular teacher, Miss Ollie Drewery, intends having a grand free concert on the afternoon of the last day of school. All the parents and ex-pupils are cordially invited to attend.

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. Phone 181.

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IN CHILDHOOD

has blighted many lives because the pain caused thereby produces

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We're ready for Christmas shoppers with hundreds of pretty and appropriate things for gifts. Just now, while the assortment is yet complete, is a good time to buy. We'll store purchases for you until called for. Glad to have you look in even if you don't want to buy. We're showing an immense range of

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And carry the largest stock in the city of Toy Books, Gift Books, Standard Works, and all the newest Books. Special inducements to Sunday Schools and committees.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Conductor Cubana, of the C. P. R., was run over and killed at Montreal.

Joseph Vandaline was killed in a runaway accident at Sable's Bay.

C. Beausoleil, M. P. for Berthier, has been appointed postmaster at Montreal.

The Hornerites will apply for incorporation as a church at the next session of parliament.

The transport Ismore has been wrecked in St. Helena Bay. The troops were landed safely.

It will probably be February 1 before the system of manual training in the public schools is inaugurated.

According to a statement issued by the department of marine, Canada stands seventh among the maritime powers of the world.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered by La Banque Nationale for the arrest of the robbers who blew up their vault and safe at Montgomery Ave.

Mrs. McPhee and another lady left Amherst Island, near Kingston, in a skiff. Their boat was found bottom up, and it is feared the women were drowned.

GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply to MRS. M. HOUSTON, Victoria Ave.

MAN WANTED—Who understands the care of horses. Apply to O. B. HULIN.

COOK WANTED—References required. Apply to MISS JOHNSTON, General Hospital.

See the Display of Xmas Cakes

IN OUR WINDOW TO-MORROW.

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Leading styles gored skirts with pleated backs, plain and fancy lustrous, russet cord, broches and serge, at..... \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00

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Very stylish new crepon skirts, large and small designs and fancy stripe, material, regular \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.35, ready-made for..... \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50

Underskirts, made of imported mercerized Italian, with metallic stripe, each skirt is made with a deep bias blouse, at..... \$1.25 and \$1.50

Best qualities mercerized Italian skirts, lined throughout, at..... \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.25

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Great Clothing Dept.

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Specials for Saturday

Our Special Collar Sale

The Talk of the Town

The two most popular styles shown this season, wing and straight band, all sizes 12 1/2 to 16 1/2, new lot just opened up, see window, worth 15c,

Now 5 Cts.

Big Sample Tie Sale

Over 100 Dozen

Displayed on special tables, puffs, knots, four-in-hands, regular values 40c and 50c, see window, your choice for

25 Cts.

Men's Sock Values

Men's all-wool socks..... 12 1/2, 30c, 25c

Men's heavy union socks..... 10c, 15c, 20c

Men's imported cashmere socks, very special..... 25c

THE GREATEST SUIT VALUES EVER SHOWN

Men's D. B. tweed suit, worth \$7.50 special..... \$5.00

Men's D. B. heavy serge suit, worth \$8.00, special..... \$6.50

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Men's S. B. & D. B. fine tweed suit, worth \$12.00, special..... \$10.00

Men's S. B. & D. B. worsted serge suit, worth \$12.00, special..... \$10.00

PANT VALUES AT PRICES TO SUIT AND CAN FIT EVERYBODY

Men's heavy tweed pants..... 95c

Men's heavy cloth pants..... \$1.25

Men's extra heavy cloth pants..... \$1.50

Men's fine tweed pants..... \$1.50

Men's nobby pattern tweed pants..... \$1.75

Men's special worsted tweed pants..... \$1.95

Boys' special tweed pants..... 50c

Men's Dress Overcoats and Ulsters At Prices That Sells Them

Men's beaver dress coats, special at..... \$8

Men's fine beaver dress coats, special at..... \$7.50

Men's fine beaver dress coats, D. B. special at..... \$8.00

Men's tailor-made beaver dress coats, black and blue, special at..... \$10.00

Men's all-wool frieze ulsters, nice shades, special at..... \$5.00

Men's extra heavy frieze ulsters, nice shades, special at..... \$5.50

Men's extra heavy frieze ulsters, black, nice shades, special..... \$7.50

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