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Our Saturday Budget

Saturday is a day of Special Bargains, and all through the store we have arranged for handsome price reductions that will make it easy either for you to buy more than you intended, or else leave a liberal margin in your purse for other needs. If you are a wise shopper with economical learnings you'll read every word of our advertisement and see how you can profit by trading

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It is Now Only a Hundred Miles From Mafeking

And is Pushing on Night and Day-Lord Roberts 20 Miles From Kroonstadt-Free Staters Decide to Fight on.

London, May 12.—The British column, 3,000 strong, has arrived at Vryburg, 100 miles from Mafeking. It reached there Thursday, and though harrassed by the Boers, is pushing swiftly forward. Fifty miles south a Vryburg, at Taungs, is Gen. Hunter's main body, moving slowly and contending with considerable forces. The pick of his mounted men are the 3,000 who are going without wheeled transport and at a rate that may possible bring them to Mark and the second detachment of the British crossed at the same place Saturday. The Griqualanders under Gen. Aswogon, after being reinforced, repulsed the British, and forced them back in the direction of Taungs. Gen. Aswogon was killed. The Boers casualties were seven wounded. The British loss was heavy. Everything was brought away from the laagers except a few tents left to attract the enemy's shells. Taungs Boers, is pushing swiftly forward. Fifty miles south a Vryburg, at Taungs, is Gen. Hunter's main body, moving slowly and contending with considerable forces. The pick of his mounted men are the 3,000 who are going without wheeled transport and at a rate that may possible bring them to Majfeking on Monday or Tuesday next.

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A special despatch from Pretoria, dated May 10, says:—"It is announced that a British relief force of 3,000 is advancing along the Bechuana Railway by forced marches night and day. 1t reached Vryburg vesterday."

WITH LORD ROBERTS. Winston Churchill says there were only 2,000 Boers who opposed the British at Zand river. Another estimate is that 6,000 Boers, with six guns, made a rear-guard action, while many other thousands, with convoys, retreated without firing a shot.

President Steyn and the council of the leaders of several thousand Free Staters in the Ladybrand and Ficksourg district determined to submit to the men the question of continuing the men the question of continuing the war or not at a great open air meeting. The fighting men decided to fight on. Steyn, who appears to be in active command, began to advance toward the British, and came into contact, on Thursday, with Campbell's brigade and Brabant's Horse, 20 miles northeast of Thabanchu. A smart engagement ensued, with no positive success on either side, except that the Boer advance was stopped. Gen. Rundle has disposed of 10,000 infantry along a 20-mile front in such a way as to bar a Boer advance toward Lord Robert's or amunications. With the exception of Brabant's colonials, Gen. Rundle has no seminor. The cavalry are all with L. d Roberts' advance.

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'According to a Pretoria telegram Gen. Buller is moving from Elandslaagte in the direction of Helpmakaar; and the British vanguard engaged a Boer patrol of Italians on Thursday.

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The despatch also says that "British reconnoitering parties have invaded the Transvaal near Fourteen Streams and that the scouts on both sides meet frequently with varying re-BOER GENERAL KILLED.

London, May 12.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a despatch dated Friday, May 11,

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"The Boer papers report severe fighting on the western border. The facts are very confusing, but there is enough to show that the Boers admit a British occupation of Taungs.

"A special despatch from Christinia (Transvaal) published Wednesday by the Standard and Diggers' News, says, Six hundred British Cavalry crossed the Vaal River at Kalmberg, about 18 miles below Fourteen Streams, and went to Taungs, followed by comman-

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the laagers except a few tents left to attract the enemy's shells. Taungs is occupied by about 3,000 British. "A special telegram from Pretorm, dated Monday, in the same paper, re-cords the British seizure of Fourteen Stramps Sunday afterness. It was

Streams Sunday afternoon. It says 'The British force at Witrand was overwhelming. Subsequently the ensitions, bombarding them with such effect that the burghers were compelled to retreat, which they did in regular order. To day a forward movement of the British was checked by our forces, who drove them back two places.

"A telegram from Pretoria, Thursday in the Standard and Diggers News, says: 'The British, in their Thursday in the Standard and Diggers News, says: "The British, in their passage along the Stella land border toward Mafeking, were engaged by Commandant Bissel, near Taungs, with great success. Hundreds of British troopers met a watery grave while attempting to crosst he Vaal. A second advance was made upon Taungs Saturday morning by 1,500 British troops and six guns. Communication with Taungs was cut Sunday afternoon.

"Owing to representations made by the foreign merchants in Lorenzo Marquez and by Her Pott, the Transvaal consul-general here, the question of classifying "bully" beef, blankets and clothing as contraband, has been referred back to Lisbon."

Witnesses Testify That They Welcomed the Machine Gang

But it was all Acciden'al and They had no Knowledge of Who They Were. St. Thomas, Ont., May 11.-The en

quiry into the West Elgin scandal was resumed this morning. D. A. McIntyre, a nephew of Donald NeNish, and the young man who collected the fees from Sheriff Brown for the bogus deputies, was sworn and said he was a broker in the city of St. Thomas, and took an active part in politics. At the time of the noterious West Elgin election he held the exalted position of chairman of the Liberal committee in No. 1 Ward. Admitted taking Croden over to Sheriff Brown and introducing him. Saw Croden hand the sheriff a note, and also witnessed the London man take the oath of office. He collected fees due the strange deputies six

weeks after the election. He swore that he paid Oroden in London a short time afterwards, and also claimed that he paid Duncan Bole his "salary" at the Grand Central Hotel. At the time of Duncan's arrest last summer, Orown Prosecutor Watson asked McIntyre how he "came to take Oroden to the sheriff." He replied that some one in the club rooms suggested that one in the club rooms suggested that he (McIntyre) take him over and make him acquainted with Sheriff

COULD NOT REMEMBER who offered the suggestion. He swere positively that he was in no way repositively that he was in no way responsible for Croden's coming to St. Thomas to act in the capacity of D. R. O. He was also asked if he was a member of the "Grit Machine." He replied in the negative. Upon being asked if the telegram sent by Preston on the night of election, requesting McNish to "hug the machine," had reference to him. He said it had not. He disclaimed any knowledge of where the machine" was manufactured.

McIntyre said he was still in possession of the fees received for some of the deputies. Nor knowing their real names he was unable to forward same to them. Although ing their real names he was unable to forward same to them. Although Montgomery, who was supposed to act as D. R. O. in No. 11, St. Thomas, but was impersonated by Martyn J. Cahill, of St. Catharines, lived in the same ward as McIntyre, and but a stone's throw, from his residence. McIntyre swore that he did not know the man.

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Marshalf B. Johnston took the stand, and said he was a baggageman on the M. C. R. He did not act as D. R. O. on election day, and gave loose any permission to make use of his name. He was not acquainted with Pritchett, the gentleman who borrowed his good name for frundalent purposes. Harry Langan, a blacksmith, admitted taking the ballot box for No. 4 division, St. Thomas, where "Stratford," another stranger, acted, to the

sheriff's re dence a night or two after election day. He said that he accidentally a opped into Dr. Donahue's office and w a requested by the doctor to return the box. Donahue is the man who to tified that

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Martin J. thill in front of his office the dy before election, and upon the later inquiring the direction of the sherif soffice, he was generous enough not only to take him to the office, but also to introduce the stranger to Sheriff Brown, on such short acquaintance as a fit person to occupy a sacred position.

John Laing, inside scrutineer for Mr. McDiarm d at Croden's division, was called this morning. He described some of the crooked work indulged in by Croden. The latter placed the hallot box in such a position near the window that he could tell how every ballot was marked. Instead of folding a ballott several times, as is necessary, in order to get it in the box, he just folded them once, and with a knife enlarged the hole to meet the requirements. At the close of the poll Croden threw a number of ballots to each scrutineer to count, keeping a large bunch himself. He placed his lot face downwards, making it quite impossible for any one to see how they were marked. Laing swore he stringently objected to this method of counting, and asked Croden to count them so that he might see how each were marked. The D. R. O. replied that he would not do so, and that no one should see them excepting himself, Witness said that the evidence of Reform scrutineers to the effect that Croden conducted a fair poll was false.

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Sheriff Brown was again put on the stand. He appointed Johnston, or rather Pritchett, purely on a recommendation to do so, signed by Donald McNish. He did not know M. B. Johnston personalty. The sheriff did not know the man's name who introduced him to Pritchett, but said the face was familiar. Witness said he was positive it was McNish's signature, and knew McNish would not recommend any person unfit for such a place. The body of the recommendation was written by Andrew Grant, barrister. The witness admitted that in March, after being notified that the frauds occurred, he issued a cheque for Pritchett's fees and gave it to Geo. King. The sheriff stated that he did not go to see the real Christopher Stratford, as the latter lives in Sarnia, but owns a house in St. Thomas. The sheriff claimed he had been imposed Sheriff Brown was again put on the

Stratford, as the latter lives in Sarnia, but owns a house in St. Thomas. The sheriff claimed he had been imposed upon in making appointments.

Thos. Coleman, a railroad man, sworn — Said that he met a man in front of the Imperial Bank a day or so before election. The stranger stopped him and asked if his name was not Coleman. He replied that it was; and the man said, "I am Christopher Stratford, M. C. R. engineer; where is the sheriff's office?" The witness said he

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to be going in the direction of the sheriff's office, and took him over, saying "This is Christopher Stratford, M. C. R. employe," and immediately, left the sheriff's office. The stranger was armed with a recommendation requesting his being appointed D. R. O., and signed by MoNish.

Donald McNish was on the stand this afternoon. He said that in all probability he signed the orders requesting the sheriff to appoint Bole and the others, but did not do so intentionally. He said on January 10th he was handed a bunch of documents to sign, and without any knowledge as to their contents, signed them. Andrew Grant, the barrister, said that he wrote the recommendations, but had no knowledge as to their importance. He had nothing to do in fetching any of the strangers to St. Thomas, and knew nothing whatever in regard to the machine. He said that a man at the club rooms requested him to write them, and he merethat a man at the club rooms requested him to write them, and he merely acted in the capacity of a clerk. He had entirely forgotten the man's name, and could not identify him. Knew he was a Reform worker, Mr. Grant claimed he would never have written the letters had he known what they were intended for.

W. T. R. Preston is in town, and will probably be as innocent as the rest. hat a man at the olub rooms request

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