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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—10 a. m.—West-
ly winds, fair and continued cold to-
day and to-morrow.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Ald. Geo. Stephens is confined to
his residence from a severe cold that
will prevent him from continuing his
campaigns.F. Star Jarvis is stopping with
Kingsley Holmes until to-morrow.
Star is in the employ of the New York
Life in New York.Henry Porter, late of Ridgetown,
has removed his family to Detroit,
where he will resume the practice of
law.Before Judge Bell in the county
court this morning Thos. Arnesu was
charged with an offence under the
Charlton Act upon one Emma Reame,
a girl of 14 years. W. F. Smith ap-
peared for the accused, while J. B.
Rankin, E. A. Q. C., was present on
behalf of one Fred. Beachill, whom the
defence alleged was connected with the
offence. Arnesu was convicted and
sentenced to four years in the peni-
tentiary.At the meeting of Court Unity No.
6500, A. O. F., in the Oddfellow's
block, last night, Chas. R. Cape was
appointed Secretary pro tem, neces-
sitated by the death of the late Chas.
H. Sullivan, late secretary. The
charter of the lodge was draped for the
usual 30 days. A committee was ap-
pointed to get up a suitable letter of
condolence to Mrs. Sullivan on the
death of her husband. The smoker,
which was to have taken place last
evening, was postponed in deference to
their late secretary.

OLDERSHAW-PAXTON.

Rosedale Farm, the residence of
Isaac Oldershaw, Barwich, was the
scene of a very pretty wedding last
evening when Miss Minnie Oldershaw
was united in marriage to James Pax-
ton, of Dover. Rev. Dr. Hanson of-
ficiated. Miss Daisy Oldershaw acted
as bridesmaid while the groom was
ably supported by John McKerrall, of
the firm of McCornie & McKerrall.
Over fifty guests were present. Every-
one was in the best of spirits height-
ened by the music furnished by the
mandolin and guitar club and by the
sumptuous banquet which followed the
ceremony. The presents were numerous
and well chosen. The happy couple
left at a late hour for their new home.Minard's Liniment is used by Physi-
cians.Candy for
ChristmasShould be above the ordinary
—or rich and pure candy
—that you will make a big
market if you do not come
and let us show you what a big
one is. A one lb. box of 25c. per
lb. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages,
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while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve
all. A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made
clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus
they miss the latest and ever changing fads.

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BLEW UP A HOUSE

It was a Nuisance to General
Metheun's MenSo They Dropped a Lyddite Shell on
It—A Reconnaissance.Modder River, Dec. 25.—A reconnais-
sance by the British this morning
drew out a heavier artillery fire than
has been experienced since the Boers
occupied Magersfontein.The British had determined to de-
stroy a house on the bank of the river
from which their sharpshooters picked
off incautious British soldiers.At dawn the 12 pounders and the 4-
inch lyddite gun, with three wagons,
escorted by the 12th Lancers, moved
out to attack the Boer lines in front of
the kopjes. The wagons were fasten-
ed behind the river bank.As soon as the British were seen by
the Boers they opened fire upon them.
There was a party of Boers station-
ed 20 yards from the well, near Gen-
eral's cottage. A detachment of Lan-
cers attacked them, but they scattered
unharmed.The Boers worked another gun from
the railway track to the north.
Altogether they had four guns, be-
sides two quick-firers. These guns
were mostly mounted beyond the crest
of the kopje. The heaviest fire was
directed against the Lancers.The object of the reconnaissance was
successfully carried out, the house on
the bank being blown up, creating a
great dust.The Boers fired a few shots after-
wards, but the British made no reply.
Four of the horses of the Lancers
were hit by a shell. None of the men
were hurt.The enemy have brought their
trenches a thousand yards nearer to
the British lines since the repulse of
the English at Magersfontein.
The reconnaissance established the
fact that they have not advanced many
of their guns. Their vanishing gun is
nearest the British lines.

CIVIL MARRIAGES.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis has
issued a decree, authorizing the cele-
bration of civil marriages in the Phi-
lippines, and Secretary Root has ap-
proved the action. Hitherto all mar-
riages were celebrated by the Catholic
Church, so that Protestants and non-
Christians were prohibited from marry-
ing. The decree does not interfere
with the Catholics, who may be mar-
ried according to their own rites, but
extends the privilege of civil marriages
to those who desire it, just as is prac-
ticed in the United States.Do You
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TO BULLER'S AID.

Canadian Contingent Have Lost
Their Brigade Commander.How Lord Methuen Almost had the
Boers Defeated.London, Dec. 28.—Cape Town des-
patches say: Col. Bessard, command-
ing the Canadian contingent of troops
is to join the staff of Gen. Buller, all
the members of which are proceeding
to Natal, indicating that Gen. Buller's
sphere will shortly be confined to Na-
tal.A man named Green, a former ser-
geant-major of the British balloon de-
partment, is among the Boer pris-
oners captured at Magersfontein.
Green, who deserted from Aldershot in
1893, admitted that he had been some
time in the service of the Boers and
had instructed them in trenching. He
says there were 23,000 Boers at Ma-
gersfontein, 21,000 of whom were en-
gaged the day of the battle. The Boer
losses, he also asserts, were very heavy
the trenches being full of dead. Green
further declares that if the attack
had been pressed the Boers would have
yielded. He says the Boer horses have
to be taken to the Modder river, as
water is so scarce at Magersfontein.London, Dec. 28.—The War Office
has received the following from Cape
Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 27:
"Gen. Methuen reports as follows:
"At 9.30 o'clock yesterday evening the
Boers on the south side of Magersfon-
teine opened a very heavy fire for some
time. This morning the naval brigade
fired at the enemy at the west part
of Magersfontein. The cavalry bri-
gade is reconnoitering in a northeast-
erly direction.""Lieut. Masters has made an ex-
tended reconnaissance westward and
northward of Enalein, and reports all
well. The farmers were glad to see
our men. They were suffering from
want of food.""I have established a market here,
where I can purchase fresh milk and
vegetables, selling to the farmers tea
and other articles which they cannot
otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell
last night.""Gatote and French report no
change in the situation. Bidden-Pow-
ell reports all well Dec. 12."

A SECRET TREATY.

New York, Dec. 28.—A despatch to
the Herald from Berlin says: The
Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents
of the Anglo-German-Portuguese se-
cret treaty. This treaty will have
executive force as soon as the Swiss
jurists, Messrs. Bissler, Hensler and
Goldau, have given a decision in the
Delagoa arbitration. The decision, it
is expected, will be given in January
or February, and will probably be in
favor of England, in which case Portu-
gal must pay to Great Britain and the
United States an indemnity of \$9,500,000.
Great Britain in 1891 obtained
from Portugal the right of pre-emption
in Delagoa bay. The gession of
Delagoa Bay to Britain may therefore
be expected in March, and it is possi-
ble that President Kruger may de-
clare war on Portugal and attack
Delagoa at once.To prevent any interference by
France or Russia, Britain concluded
a secret treaty with Germany regard-
ing the complete partition of the Por-
tuguese colonial possessions. Germany
is to receive all Portugal's Asiatic pos-
sessions—that is to say, Timor, Goa,
Dampier, Macao and Dia, with 20,000
square miles of territory and a million
inhabitants.Germany further receives in Africa
all Portuguese territory north of
Mozambique except the strip of land
three miles wide for Cecil Rhodes's
trans-African railway. For this the
German government will pay Portugal
25,000,000 marks.Britain receives the remaining Afri-
can possessions of Portugal, which
contain 2,000,000 square kilometers and
have 3,000,000 inhabitants. The con-
sent of Portugal to this arrangement
has already been obtained in principle.Gen. Warren has arrived at Chic-
ago.General White photographed that all
was well in Ladysmith on Tuesday
last.A telegram to the Daily Chronicle,
from Ladysmith, explains the British
casualties on Dec. 22, reported yester-
day, eight of the Gloucestershire Re-
giment being killed by a single shell.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

This morning, shortly after nine
o'clock, Donald Burky, of Bothwell,
a section man, was instantly killed
about two miles west of the diamond
on the G. T. R. Particulars of the
accident are meagre, but Burky was
facing the fast express and didn't no-
tice it or hear it coming until on ac-
count of the wind. The body was badly
bruised, both legs were broken and
the face smashed. The remains were
brought to Chatham, where they were
taken in charge by Undertaker Janke-
ke. Coroner Bray decided to hold an
inquest, and with the assistance of De-
tective McGregor, empanelled a jury
this afternoon. The remains will be
taken to Bothwell at 8 o'clock to-
night. Burky was 57 years of age and
leaves a family. The G. T. R. are lay-
ing new rails between Windward and
Chatham, and every morning the con-
struction train runs out from here
with a force of laborers. Mr. Burky
belonged to this force.At Hunterville the six year old son
of J. T. Burke broke through the
ice on the river and was drowned.

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tions for any Newspaper
or MagazineDingman's
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Chatham.

FILBURY.

Dec. 28.—Rev. Robert Wilson, of
Burr, is the guest of his brother here,
A. A. Wilson.Miss M. Kingwell and niece Maggie,
of Chatham, are visiting relatives in
this vicinity.It appears we are to have a new
election in the council after all, as Mr.
Stewart who was elected reeve by ac-
clamation, refuses to act.Miss Irene Sadler, of Brandon, Man.,
is the guest of her sister here, Miss V.
Sadler.Miss Maggie Courier, of Chatham, is
visiting at home here.The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale
at Johnson's Drug Store.

BLENHEIM

Dec. 28.—At the Presbyterian manse
last evening, Rev. J. W. McLaren
married Miss Jessie Sterling to Harvie
Hidreth, a prosperous young farmer
living near town.Master Clarence and Miss Rosa Hig-
ley are spending their holidays in
Chatham at Mr. Hughes'.Installation of officers in Kent
Lodge, A. F. & A. M., was postponed
last night, the district deputy being
unable to attend. After lodge duties
were over the brethren adjourned to
J. B. Pikerding's oyster parlors, where
a very tasty supper had been gotten
up. After the good things had dis-
appeared R. L. Gossnell, Past Master,
acted in the capacity of chairman,
Loyal and patriotic speeches were
made by T. B. Shillington, R. M.
Thompson, Dr. Storey, J. K. Morris
and others.H. L. Merritt, the popular lum-
berman of the West End, was made the
recipient of a handsome chain and
addressed last Tuesday evening at the
Sheldon House by the employees of the
mill.Miss A. L. Samson left last night for
Chicago.A live pigeon shoot took place yes-
terday under the auspices of the Ben-
heim Gun Club on the Park grounds.
After the shoot, Miss Host Vester, of
the Royal Hotel, furnished supper for
22 hungry marksmen. The following
is the score:—E. Ramsden 6, W. E.
Hall 7, C. Scott 8, H. Bates 10, J. D.
Clute 7, J. Wetherford 2, R. J. John-
ston 6, W. Lane 5, W. Johnston 5, A.
McRichee 8, W. Bates 6, W. Samson 7,
A. Vester 6, D. Bates 8, Sam Burke 4,
C. Lewis 3, M. Parlo 3, C. Brown 3,
M. Samson 5, Sam Burke 5, Marshall
Barks 3, J. English 8, James Burke 5,
A. Ramsden 4. Shooters were present
from Ridgetown, Merritt, Cedar
Springs, Fargo and Bridge End.The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N.
Beech's Drug Store, where subscrip-
tions will be taken, and the paper de-
livered free to any part of the town.Minard's Liniment Relieves Neural-
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\$100 REWARD

I will pay \$100 reward for any infor-
mation leading to the capture and con-
viction of the parties who robbed my
premises in Fletcher, on the night of
Monday, Dec. 25th, taking money be-
longing to myself, my son P. G. Murphy
and the C. M. B. A., and also for the
recovery of the stolen money.PHILIP MURPHY,
Fletcher Dec 26th, 1899.Cool's Cotton Root Compound
is a necessary use monthly by over
100,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask
your druggist for Cool's Cotton Root Com-
pound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and
imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 50c
per box; No. 2, 10c per box. No. 3, 25c
per box. No. 4, 50c per box. No. 5, 75c
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