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GET READY !

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17 and 18, have been selected as the days for holding the great convention of the Liberals o Ontario in Toronto. The Auditorium, which is capable of seating about 2,500 persons, has been chosen as the place of

No time should be lost by the Liberal ations of London and the West. Their presidents and secretaries should at once call the members together, and see that delegates are chosen. The Young Liberals will no doubt select their own delegates and turn out in full force. Before another ten days clapse all this preliminary work should be accomplished, and the minor arrangements will be rendered all the easier. East Middlesex Association has been called together in this city on Saturday afternoon, and the other associations in Western Ontario cannot do better

Hon. Mr. Laurier, Hon. Edward Blake, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. A. Mackenzie, Hon. David Mills and the leaders of the Liberal party generally, have expressed their wish to meet with as many of the representative men of the party as possible, and doubtless there will be a full representation from every city and riding. Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. Preston, secretary of the Provincial

Reform Association.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

The new City Council has begun its work well. It went quietly to work, and elected is committees and representatives at the various public boards with dispatch. There was no disposition to wrangle or to infringe on the rules of order. It is not at the high schools and collegiate institoo much to expect that a body of men of more than average intelligence, such as we the University Senate and the Minister of pelieve the new Council to be, shall continue to co-operate to secure the best possible management of civic affairs.

New blood has been infused into the the schools the same standard will prevail Council, and increased energy and improvement in methods will be looked for. It has These leaving examinations are be looked for at present—that there is something wrong with the system. No doubt the system could be improved, but the Mayor showed in his inaugural address that the Council of 1891 can do much good service for the taxpayers under the present system. The Council will have to devise ways and means to effect such necessary reforms as shall secure the best results for the citizens, while bringing the

civic taxation down to a reasonable rate.

It we were permitted to whisper a word of advice into the ears of the new aldermen, it would be this: Avoid all entangling alliances and "scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours" tactics, and you will have nothing to regret and be all the stronger when you face the electors at the close of

THE LANGUAGE OF THE FUTURE. If it is true that the whole human vacc had a common ancestor, then there must have been a time when there was only one language. In the course of time this one language ramified into thousands of branches. But the tendency is now in the opposite direction. Civilization kills out inferior dialects, and as the number of tongues spoken is constantly decreasing, she inquiry is being made as to what language shall be the final survivor. The language of the future, if it is a universal language, will almost certainly be one of those

The claims of the English language to universality are briefly these: The British Empire and the United States together ex-Iniversality are briefly these: The British Empire and the United States together extend over an area of about \$34,000,000 square miles, with a population of about \$314,000. 5000. So that the sway of the English-speaking people extends over nearly a quarter of the human race. The importance of a language depends upon the political importance of those who speak it, and the greatest political powers of the world are at present England and the United States. At the beginning of the Province. He is an experienced education to the world are at present England and the present century French was spoken by about 25,000,000; to-day it is the vernacular of about 40,000,000. German in 1800 was spoken by 27,000,000. English at that time was the language of about 15,000,000, while to-day it is used by about 100,000,000. The increase of the French is 60 per cent. for the whole period; of the German 110 per cent; of the English-speaking races occupy, new, one-fourth of the dry land of the earth, and own nearly two-thirds of the tonnage of the ships. More than one-half

of the letters mailed and carried by the postal service of the world are written, mailed and read by the English-speaking

NO REASON FOR EXCITEMENT. When, in its dying hours, the London City Council of 1890 came to the resolution to submit a frontage tax bylaw to the electors, the ADVERTISER objected, because the Council itself had not taken proper time to consider the matter, and as there were already two bylaws to be voted on, there was prospect that confusion would reign at the polls.

The outcome verified this assumption. There was trouble at the booths, and some of the aldermen last night asserted that lectors who did not favor the principle voted for it. That the frontage tax system was not comprehended even by the aldermen was shown in subsequent discus-

The law enables the Council to enact a bylaw governing the frontage tax system in

one of two ways.

1. The Council may pass a bylaw pro viding that all future expenditures for permanent street improvements shall be by

2. The Council is authorized to pass bylaw providing for permanent street im-provements being effected in certain localities unless two-thirds of the property owners affected, representing one-half the property, shall petition against the assess-ment. Similarly Similarly, a petition for the making of improvements on the frontage tax system must be signed by at least two thirds of the owners of property affected, representing one-half the value.

Thus, in view of the hurried manner in which the frontage tax bylaw was placed efore the people, it seems open to the aldermen to adopt either one or other of hese methods, as in their wisdom they may proper. A sense of fairness would dictate the adoption of the local option system for the time being, leaving it open to take further action by appeal to the people at some future time.

WOMEN AS SCHOOL TRUSTEES. Three women have been elected member of the Toronto Board of School Trustees and it is the intention to increase the representation to at least half a dozen.

London is behind in this matter. There is not a woman on the School Board, though there is no public matter in which women are more interested than in the proper education of the young. Besides, over 60 of the teachers in the schools of this city are women, and it seems only fair that in considering their interests the Board should have the assistance of memhers of their sex.

It is to be hoped that steps will be taken before next municipal election to secure a fair representation of both men and women on the Board of Education.

THE LEAVING EXAMINATIONS. The arrangements are now completed for what is known as "leaving examinations" tutes. The joint committees appointed by Education have selected the examiners who are to conduct the examinations, and as the papers are likely to be uniform for all

These leaving examinations are intended versity, and doubtless they will also be accepted at all the other universities and colleges in the Province. A good purpose will thus be served, as it will no longer be necessary for students to make the journey to Toronto or elsewhere to write their papers; and we may confidently expect a large increase in the number of students who will write, if not in the number who who will write, if not in the number who will enter upon a university course. The mere fact of a young man or woman having succeeded at a leaving examination will be of no little practical value, even if they go no farther, in securing for them employment which calls for evidence of scholarship and intelligence, and regarded from this point of view the scheme possesses a merit which is sure to be received with favor. We are also of coming that many students will be led to

time than many now do, as they will naturally desire to attain a standing such as the examination will give.

The Minister of Education, has, we think, done wisely in commending this examination to the University authorities, but we think he might safely take another but we think he might safely take another step and provide for a leaving examination for pupils of the public schools as well. Suppose the standard to be the one now re-quired for entrance to the high schools, it would be evidence of certain merit in the boy or girl holding such a certificate, and it might besides encourage pupils to con-tinue in the public schools long enough to procure the certificate.

of labor in the compilation of the little

-Mr. E. L. Godkin, in the February umber of the Forum, undertakes to prove that the expedition to relieve Emin clearly a piratical undertaking, since it had he sanction of no Government and its leader was responsible to no power. In the course of the argument Mr. Godkin shows that the sympathy for Emin which sentiment born of the Gordon myth, and he points out the curious fact that the peo ple of Africa, owing to the slave trade, hav always been regarded as fit spoil for pirate even by civilized nations who hold no sucl otions about any other savages. Mr Godkin expresses the highest admiration for Stanley's courage and endurance, and approves of his conduct of the expedition It is its legal character only that he criticises. In view of Mr. Stanley's recent declarations the charges now made will ause immense interest.

> OTHER NEWSPAPERS. OLD AGE DOES NOT HANDICAP THEM.

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New York Sun.

"Gladstone will not give up politics on account of his age," said a Londoner the other day. "Many Englishmen remain in public life until they are very old. Gladstone knew Palmerston, who, when over 80, was Premier of England and lively as a cricket. He knew Lord Lyndhurst, an American by birth, who, when over 90, was Chancellor of England. He knew Brougham, who, when an octogenariam, was still active in politics and as a writer. Why, in England a public man is hardly considered at his maturity till he is at least 60, and under that age he is apt to be somewhat flighty. By putting or keeping wise old men in official places we get the advantage of their long experience of life with its ups and downs, and of affairs with their outs and ins. Gladstone is quite as able to take the Parliamentary leadership of his party at this time as he ever was at any other period of his life."

WHERE IS MR. MEREDITH?

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Toronto Globe,
The Provincial elections in East Durham,
North Perth, and North and South Norfolk
take place next Friday. An incident in the
campaign in East Durham is a fine object
lesson for the electors of the other three
constituencies. There an Equal Rights
candidate, Mr. Campbell, is fighting the
nominee of the Tory machine, Mr. Collins.
On the side of Mr. Collins and Mr. Birmingham is found Mr. James L. Hughes,
who in June last was an Equal Rights
candidate in Peel against a supporter of
Mr. Mowat. The Reformers who voted
for Mr. Hughes on that occasion, but who Mr. Mowat. The Reformers who voted for Mr. Hughes on that occasion, but who were happily too few to elect him, have now had their eyes opened. The electors of North Perth and the Norfolks should bear in mind that with the collapse of the religious movement against Mr. Mowat and his colleagues the whole case against them collapses. The record of their general administration and legislation is unimpeachable. The personnel of the Government ble. The personnel of the Government has never been stronger than it is to-day.
The Opposition, in fact, has no longer any
battle ground, and to elect its candidates
would be a mere waste of votes.

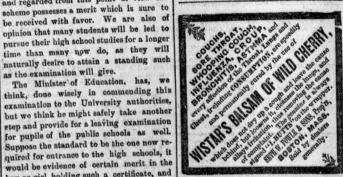
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