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THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

The Dominion House will meet presently, and it is time our citizens' railway committee was up and doing in the interests of Goderich.

Within the past week, the secretary of the committee has been called to Denver, owing to the severe illness of a member of his family, and we are not aware that his powers have been delegated to a substitute during his enforced absence.

Other places are moving on this line, and it behooves Goderich to bestir itself. Kincardine has a standing offer of \$30,000 for the infringing of a line, Duncannon and Port Albert are in harness and ready for a strong pull.

The time for work is short, and the necessity for action is imperative. To build the proposed line, the united exertions of all the municipalities interested in the promotion of the scheme will be necessary.

If you haven't renewed your subscription for THE SIGNAL, do it at once. A LONDON, ENG., barber, while asleep, is reported to have shaved a customer, and now the shop in which he works is besieged with customers who want to be shaved by the oblivious barber.

A GREAT deal has been said and written about the want of a Reform policy at Ottawa, but up to the time of going to press neither Mr Meredith nor any of his supporters have been able to formulate a plank upon which to construct a Tory policy for Ontario.

LONDON the Bug has recently been pleased to copy the tactics of Toronto. The committee which had in hand the proposed reception of O'Brien in the capital of the British Empire, has been forced to abandon the scheme, owing to the fact that a suitable hall could not be obtained for love or money in which to hold the reception.

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A COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

At the last meeting of the Board of High School Trustees the question of the establishment of a Collegiate Institute came up for discussion, and was looked at from every standpoint by the members present, but no definite action was taken.

There are some of our readers who are imbued with the idea that, because smaller towns in the county, viz., Selsforth and Clinton, have seen fit to incur the expense and annual taxation necessary to cause their High Schools to bloom forth as Collegiate Institutes, therefore Goderich, the county town, should at once inaugurate a similar educational scheme.

The advantages consist of: 1. The prestige, which is without a fixed commercial value, and, as an asset on the credit side, cannot be definitely ascertained. 2. A fourth specialist in connection with the staff, and five teachers in all, which would allow of a closer attention to the various departments. 3. There is a chance of getting a special grant of \$300, but the amount is uncertain, and the regulations may at any time be changed.

The disadvantages are: The increased outlay consequent on the establishment of a gymnasium, and the cost of additional apparatus, books of reference, and improvements, which would cost not less than \$1,000. 2. The salary of a fourth specialist, which could not be placed at less than \$700, and which would be an additional annual tax upon the ratepayers.

The above is the question in a nutshell, as it at present stands. The subject is now open for discussion, and our correspondence columns are at the will of promoters or opponents of the scheme.

GENERAL MIDDLETON, in his latest report, recommends that the Canadian militia spend a longer period in camp each year; that an increase be made in the permanent force; and that new and improved rifles be provided for the militia. He also urges the importance of paying attention to rifle practice.

OUR cherished ideas are getting knocked out all along the line. From our infamy up we were led to believe that a "bee-line" was as undeviating as a "straightedge," and now the New Orleans Picayune demolishes the delusion we had hugg'd to our bosom by saying: Everybody knows what a bee line is. It runs in a circle 'round clover patches, and finally makes its way to a hollow tree, where the honey is deposited.

A NEW prohibitory league has been started. It seems the Milwaukee brewers employ non-union workmen, and compel them to work seven days each week, without the enjoyment of Sunday. The Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor have joined in a boycott against the brewers, and have issued a manifesto that none of their members shall patronize Milwaukee beer. If the boycott were made to extend to all spirituous and malt liquors the cause of labor would be advanced.

MAYOR CLARKE, of Toronto, bids fair to follow in the footsteps of ex-Mayor Howland. At the recent Y. M. C. A. convention in that city he was present during a portion of the proceedings, and made an address of welcome to the visiting brethren that had power and snap in it. The good people of Toronto who thought the city had put back the hands of the municipal clock at the last election will discover one of these days that they have been entertaining an angel unaware, in the shape of their present civic ruler. Brothers Spence, O'Brien, McLaren, et al, will have to haul down their sign if the Mayor persists in his good offices and laudable actions.

WEDNESDAY night and Thursday morning were the coldest of the season. The mercury dropped to 12° below zero Thursday morning. Heaven help the people of Clinton and other hyperborean points, where the mercury is liable to crawl down out of the bottom of the thermometer.

TOWN TOPICS.

Card wanted in exchange for turnip. A. Gordon. Men's Club. A lot of new novels received. They can be bought from three cents and upwards at Butler's. You can make it up to a visit. The most useful gift you can make is a visit to the library. The most useful gift you can make is a visit to the library.

Call on a Quaker. The druggist, Albion block, for everything in the line of drugs, patent medicine, and prescriptions. Special personal attention to prescriptions. C. G. Gode, Druggist, Albion Block. The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet regularly for the transaction of business every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Methodist church. Every woman interested in the work is cordially invited to attend.

Work around the dock this spring will be early and plentiful. There will be three steam tugs to finish, and launch, and a thoroughly overhauled, large repairs to several other vessels, the completion of the already begun alterations and repairs to the Grand Trunk dock and elevator, and the Government harbor improvements and alterations. Concert and Lecture.—The Prohibition League will, on Monday, 12th inst., give their first concert and lecture at the Temperance Hall. Addresses will be given by Rev. Nugent, of Lockwood, Hanna, (Presbyterian) of Tara, Walwin and Salton, Iowa. Vocal and instrumental music will be furnished by the best local talent; also readings, recitations. A silver collection will be taken up. Doors open at 7:30, and chair taken at 8 p.m. by Mr. A. Embury, principal of the Central School. Rally, friends of Temperance!

The Year 1888.—Three eights in succession. It is 111 years since our heroes won the battle of the Clouds, and during that time we have witnessed three eights in succession. It will be 111 years before our grandchildren and great-grandchildren—good luck to them!—write three successive times. Then 223 years ago if the world still lives, the moon has not yet tumbled, time has not dealt hand with four of a kind, 222—something that has not happened since the days of Job's hermit.

A WIDER SPHERE OF CIRCULARITY.—We understand that Head Master Stagg's title of "exercice on Falas largely widens" have its circulation and usefulness correspondingly increased. It seems that Prof. Joyner, of Columbia College, South Carolina, having seen a copy of the book in the Academy, sent for a copy of it. On examining it he was favorably impressed with its merits, and he drew the attention of Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co., the well known publishers of Boston, to it, and advised them to issue an edition of it for the U. S. market. Their offer to do so has been accepted, and the new edition will appear shortly.

S. A. ANNIVERSARY.—The third anniversary of the establishment of the Salvation Army in Goderich was held here on Sunday and Monday last, four services being held on Sunday and two on Monday. The principal speakers at the services were Rev. Geo. W. Brown, Minister, Div. Officer Burchett, Adj. V. Allan, and Jesse Cooke, the converted pugilist. At all the services the barracks were crowded, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout. Capt. Zimmerman at one time was stationed here for a short time, and during that time he won for himself the esteem of everyone with whom he came in contact. The address of Div. Officer Burchett, and his explanation of the rules of the Army, threw considerable light upon a subject which is not generally understood by many well-meaning outsiders.

GUN CLUB SHOOT.—Following is the result of the annual match of the Goderich gun club, the teams being captained by the president and vice-president president respectively. The latter won by two birds: W. Eiler.....01111110110-7 W. Eiler.....1010001101-5 C. Seacer.....1110100000-4 F. Prety.....1011001111-7 F. J. T. Natte.....000000111-3 O. Pennington.....0001000000-1

THE MODERN SINNER.—Thursday evening last, Miss Minnie Phelps, of St. Catharines, a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Oratory, lectured in North-st. Methodist church under the auspices of the W. G. T. U. The discourse was an exceptionally good one, and was replete with argument in favor of prohibitory legislation. The savages of intemperance were portrayed in strong colors and the futile attempts to arrest the progress of the evil by the Home system was shown. Miss Phelps carries with her a magazine of facts, and is thoroughly posted on the history of the license question, ancient and modern. She held the attention of her audience throughout, and received a hearty vote of thanks at the close. The W. G. T. U. deserves praise for affording the people of this section the opportunity of hearing Miss Phelps.

A GRAND TRUANT.—The Pigot Sisters of Detroit, formerly of London, Canada, visited this town on Friday evening, and gave their characteristic in Victoria St. church to about 200 people. The sisters, being children of a deceased Odd-fellow I. O. O. F. The entertainment was one that no one could fault to miss, being perhaps the best of the kind ever given in Goderich. Lida the "baby" of the line, fairly enraptured every heart in the audience, and she was not only fairly storn with applause, but so-called storn and again. Her impromptu address of the season, every one recalled at once the airs and graces of a lady singer of our town. The little one, who not only support themselves but also an invalid mother, were the guests of Mrs. Geo. Acheson and Mrs. D. Fisher.

THE BETHLEHEM QUARTETTE CLUB.—On Tuesday evening last the celebrated Bethlehem Quartette Club will occupy the Grand Opera House and give one of their popular musical recitals. The names of the members constituting the quartette are sufficient to guarantee a first-class programme, for Messrs. Omer Kelly (basso) and Sims Richards (tenor), and Misses Hattie Morell (soprano) and Ethel Woods (contralto) are household words throughout Ontario, so far as musical merit is concerned. Another, and a great attraction, will also be offered in the person of Mr. James Fall, the well-known comic singer, "the funniest man in Canada" by all odds, and one of the most mirth-provoking fellows on the foot-boards. Doors open at 7:30, to begin sharp at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 25c, reserved seats, 50c. Plan of hall at Fraser, Porter & Kay's boxoffice.

HE'S A HUNTER, ALL THE SAME.—The young man referred to in the following item from the Ottawa Viaductor, is a son of station agent Stratton, of this town: The fancy dress carnival of last night was probably the finest ever held in Ottawa. The ice was in fine condition and was thronged with skaters in gorgeous costumes, the music was good, and the attendance of spectators was the largest that has ever been seen at the rink. The sea electric lights shone brightly over the brilliant throng, making the whole scene one of enchantment. There were a large number of skaters from Whitby and Bowmanville present who speak highly of our rink and the manner in which everything is conducted. The two mile race for a handsome silver cup secured a number of entries, and was won by T. Stratton, after a hard run.

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springtime and lay it to rest in the family plot with those who have gone before. His death makes the twelfth in a family of fourteen children. His surviving relatives—his aged father, and his brothers, Thomas, of Colborne, and John of Michigan—have the sympathy of the entire community. The ice on the lake has been in good condition for the past week. Saturday last a number of our town boys skated up to the Point Farm.

CONCERT AND LECTURE.—Tuesday evening a lecture and concert was held in the Grand Opera House, under the auspices of St. Peter's (R. C.) church, which was well attended. The musical portion of the evening's entertainment was in the hands of Misses Ida Wilkinson and Ball and Messrs E. C. Belcher and Jas Cooke, with Miss Cooke and Mr. W. F. Foot at the piano, and it is unnecessary to say the program presented was capably rendered throughout. "The Last Rose of Summer," by Miss Wilkinson (by special request), was the piece of the evening, and brought forth loud applause. The lecture by Rev. A. McKesson, of Bothwell, was also an especial feature. The rev. lecturer went into the subject at great length, and for an hour and twenty minutes kept his audience in rapt attention. He divided his discourse under five heads: 1. The immortality of the soul; 2. the existence of a God; 3. the origin of sin; 4. original sin; and 5. future punishment. As each division was taken up, the speaker brought his argumentative powers to bear, and scored a number of strong points against the infidelity of the present day. The rev. gentleman makes no profession, but although at times he causes strong affect as the result of his food presentation of his facts. He pins his faith more to the strength of his case than to rhetorical flourishes, and never fails to keep the interest of his audience. In connection with the entertainment, Rev. Father Walters desires to express his best thanks to those who so kindly assisted in the musical program.

The freezing salutation is no great shakes. It is now seven hours and a quarter from London to Paris. Geo. Calbeck and John Forrest, of Morris, who went to the Forest Mines last fall, have returned home looking none the worse of their trip. Robert Woodrow, who got his leg broken at S. S. No. 10, Morris, while playing football, is doing as well as could be expected under similar treatment.

Henry Galbrith, of the Turtle Mountain district arrived here last week looking hale and hearty. He likes the country, is doing well and intends returning in the spring.—Seaforth Expressor. REMOVAL.—On Friday the business men of Drussell, got a warning regarding their car, that Mr. Thomson, a farmer living in Morris near Drussell, had suddenly departed a few days before to unknown parts. Some place his liabilities at about \$12,000, a pretty good sum for a tenant farmer for two years. One party was so anxious to loan to him at the high rate of interest, that now laments the loss of \$60 and his high interest. New Era: It may interest Clintonians particularly to know that the position of cashier of the now celebrated Central Bank, of Toronto, was originally tendered to Mr. Lough, late manager of the Nelson Bank here, but for some reason or other, was not accepted by him. Had he taken the position the outrageous rascality that has been exposed lately, would never have occurred, for he was one of the most prudent, cautious and trustworthy men that ever had to do with the management of any monetary institution.

On Tuesday afternoon last a couple of Mr. W. Docherty's daughter, the Clinton, met with a painful accident. They had just descended the toboggan slide, when the toboggan slowed to one side and carried them both through a wire fence, cutting the faces of both pretty severely. It was at first thought that the youngest of one was destroyed, but we are glad to learn that such is not the case. The daughter of Mr. C. Balyas, who was on the toboggan also, had one of her teeth broken, being the most fortunate in her escape of the lot.

Wheat, (fall old) 8 bush. Wheat, (fall new) 8 bush. Wheat, (spring) 8 bush. Flour, (best) 10 bush. Flour, (medium) 9 bush. Flour, (low) 8 bush. Oats, (best) 4 bush. Oats, (medium) 3 bush. Oats, (low) 2 bush. Corn, (best) 3 bush. Corn, (medium) 2 bush. Corn, (low) 1 bush. Potatoes, 10 bush. Apples, 10 bush. Butter, 10 lb. Eggs, 10 doz. Hides, 100 lbs. Dressed Hogs, 5 cwt.

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