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New Advertisements.

Strayed—Geo. Patton.
Strayed—Thos. O'Neil.
Strayed—James Young.
Pertinacity—Jas. Wilson.
Strayed—Robt. Douglas.
Liver Pad—Holman Pad Co.
Two Houses to Let—S. Sloan.
Christmas Goods—Mrs. Warnock.
For Sale Cheap—Edward Sharnon.
Ayer's Cathartic Pills—Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.
Colborne Council Meeting—J. A. McElhugh.
Allen's Lung Balm—Perry Davis, Son & Law.
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Dentistry.

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Office, late with Trotter & Casar, at the leading Dentists of Toronto. All operations neatly and carefully performed. Rooms, Beaver Block, CLINTON. For particulars apply to a distance will please make appointment in advance by mail.

Strayed Animals.

STRAYED—STRAYED INTO THE premises of the subscriber, Lot 4, Lake Range, Township of Ashfield, about the middle of August, a red heifer calf with spotted face. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away. **JAMES YOUNG.** 1815-47.

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF THE subscriber, east half lot 3, con. 4, Ashfield, about the beginning of September, a grey heifer, coming 3 years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take it away. **ROBT. DOUGLAS, Duncannon, P. O.** 1815-47.

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF THE subscriber, Lot 14, Lake Shore Road, Ashfield, about the 1st of July, a red steer, rising two years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take the animal away. **THOS. O'NEIL, Kingsbridge P. O.** 1815-47.

CAME STRAY—ABOUT THE middle of Nov., a horse, a steer and a heifer. The steer from a red University Canner & Cameron's Bank, Lucknow. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1767-47.

STRAYED—STRAYED INTO THE premises of the subscriber, Lot No. 12, Lake Range, Township of Ashfield, on the 15th inst., a red bull, with white spots on the face, and a white calf, with black spots on the face. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take the animal away. **JAMES DALTON.** 1815-47.

STRAYED—STRAYED INTO THE premises of the subscriber, Lot 4, Con. 2, Township of Colborne, on the 15th inst., a red and white heifer, 3 years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take the animal away. **PATRICK GALLAGHER.** 1815-47.

STRAY RAM—CAME INTO THE premises of the subscriber, F. J. McElhugh, Colborne, about the 23rd of October, inst., a ram lamb. The owner is requested to prove property, pay damages and take him away. **ATKIN GALLAGHER.** 1815-47.

STRAYED ANIMALS—SEND \$1 to the subscriber, to receive a receipt for the animal, and avoid prosecution for illegally detaining animal. Address THE SIGNAL, Goderich, Ont.

Real Estate.

FOR SALE CHEAP—THAT VERY desirable brick house, on East St., with one eighth of an acre of land. The house contains 3 1/2 stories, with a large kitchen, woodshed and all necessary conveniences. No reasonable offer will be refused. **FOR SALE CHEAP.** 1815.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—LOT 34, Lake Range, Ashfield, Huron County, 120 acres, 120 acres cleared and under a good state of cultivation. It is well fenced and underlaid, having two dwelling houses, a barn, an orchard, stable, workshop, driving shed, and other outbuildings. For particulars apply to the premises, or to **HUGH HORTON, Millbrae, Ont., Sept. 15.** 1770-3m.

FARM FOR SALE AT LEEBURN—Lot No. 5, Lake Shore Road, Township of Colborne, four miles from Goderich, containing 100 acres, 80 of which are cleared and under a good state of cultivation. It is well fenced and underlaid, having two dwelling houses, a barn, an orchard, stable, workshop, driving shed, and other outbuildings. For particulars apply to the premises, or to **HUGH HORTON, Millbrae, Ont., Sept. 15.** 1770-3m.

FOR SALE—LOT 9, LAKE SHORE Road, Township of Colborne, containing 112 acres, 80 of which are cleared, balance excellent timber. Soil a good clay loam. As this property adjoins the Point Farm, it is in a very desirable and eligible situation. For particulars apply to **J. Wright.** March 1st 1881. 1776-47.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—AT Duncannon, 12 miles from Goderich, consisting of 1/2 of an acre of land, well fenced; a frame house, a good well and pump are also on the premises. The lot has been well improved. Terms reasonable. Particulars can be had from **J. M. ROBERTS, Merchant, Duncannon, or H. E. HOWES, Mill P. O.** 1767-47.

HOUSE AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 34, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to **Jas. Stewart, Architect, office Crab Block, or J. C. CURRIE, auctioneer.**

SHEPPARDTON—FARM FOR sale 60 acres, 50 acres cleared and well fenced. Brick Cottage 2 1/2 stories, stone cellar full size of house. A large creek runs through the lot, no waste land on the creek. A very fine orchard surrounds the house. Good barn and other buildings. For particulars apply to **R. T. HAYNES, 16 Lake Shore Road, Colborne Township, or to Garrow & Proudfoot.** 1788.

FARM FOR SALE—BEING LOT 9, con. 13, Colborne, about seven miles from Goderich, comprising 50 acres, 50 cleared, a frame house, and a new frame barn 50x35 and a stable and other outbuildings are on the premises. A young orchard, good pump, etc. on the farm. The farm has a road on two sides of it. Four acres of fall wheat are sown. Distant only 1 mile from a post office. For particulars apply to **Wm. SHIELDS, Sheppardton, P. O.** 1777.

SHEPPARDTON—STORE, WITH Post Office, for sale or rent, with 1/2 acre of land, Stock all fresh and good. Will sell on very easy terms, having other business to attend to. For further particulars apply to **R. T. HAYNES.** Also 100 acres of land, West half of Lot 5 on the 3rd con. E. D. Ashfield, Good Orchard, Frame House, and a stable. Fifty acres cleared and well fenced. Apply to **Garrow & Proudfoot.** 1788.

Teachers Wanted.

TEACHER WANTED—FOR U. S. S. No. 11, Ashfield, for the year 1882. Apply to **R. T. HAYNES, S. and T. Sheppardton P. O.** 1815.

The People's Column.

WARNING—WHEREAS CERTAIN parties have been taking away rails from the McDonald property, adjoining the Lacrosse Ground, notice is hereby given that any person doing so in the future will be prosecuted. **W. M. McCAIG.** 1815-38.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLBORNE, will meet in the TOWNSHIP HALL, on WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER, 1881, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. All parties holding accounts against the said Township are requested to forward them to the undersigned on or before the 13th December. **J. A. McDONAGH, 1815-27. Township Clerk, Carlow P. O.**

DRESS AND MANTLE MAKING.
The undersigned begs to announce to the ladies of Goderich and vicinity, that they have formed a partnership under the name of the **MISSISSIPPI & CASSADY**, and that they are carrying on the business of dress and mantle making in the rooms above Mr. Geo. Sheppard's bookstore, corner of North Street and the Square (entrance on North Street). All orders they may be favored with will be promptly and carefully attended to.
MARY REID, MARY CASSADY. 1815-47.

Medical.

DR. HUTCHISON, DUNGANNOH, Ont. 1812.

C. R. McDONAGH, M.D., PHYSICIAN.
J. A. SURGEON, etc., Graduate of Toronto University, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, England, etc., etc., etc. C. P. E., Ontario. Office and residence, Opposite Bailey's Hotel, Hamilton street, Goderich. 1766-6m.

DR. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, CORNER, & C. Office and residence on Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1778.

H. G. MACKIE, M. D., PHYSICIAN.
Graduate of Toronto University, Graduate of the University of Cambridge, Ontario, and of the University of London, England. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1767-47.

DRS. SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Acupuncture, etc. Office at Dr. Shannon's residence, near the Jail, Goderich. **G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON.** 1761.

Loans and Insurance.

MONEY—PRIVATE FUNDS TO lend on easy terms in sums to suit borrowers. **ALEX. MUIR, Agent, Goderich, Nov. 17th 1881.** 1815-2m.

\$500,000 TO LOAN. APPLY TO CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Goderich. 1752.

\$75,000 TO LEND ON REAL ESTATE. Terms favorable. Apply to **B. L. DOYLE, Goderich.** 1751.

\$50,000 PRIVATE FUNDS TO LEND on good Farm or first-class Town Property at 8 per cent. Apply to **R. RADCLIFFE, 1751**

MONEY TO LEND IN ANY amount to suit borrowers at 6 to 8 per cent. Private funds. Apply to **SEAGER & MORTON, Goderich.** 1751.

MONEY TO LEND—A LARGE amount of Private Funds for investment at lowest rates on first-class Mortgages. Apply to **GARROW & PROUDFOOT.**

LOANS FREE OF CHARGE—A large amount of Private Funds for investment at lowest rates on first-class Mortgages. Apply to **GARROW & PROUDFOOT.**

6 PER CENT.—THE CANADA Land and Credit Company is prepared to lend money on good Farm security at six per cent. Full particulars given upon application to **HUGH HAMILTON, C. L. Agent, Goderich.** 1785.

\$20,000 PRIVATE FUNDS TO LEND on Farm and Town Property at lowest interest. Mortgages purchased, no Commission charged. Conveyancing Fees reasonable. **N. B.—Borrowers obtain money in our office if title is satisfactory.—DAVIDSON & JOHNSTON, Barristers, etc., Goderich.** 1751.

R. RADCLIFFE, FIRE, MARINE, Life and Accident Insurance Agent, Representing first-class Companies. Also Agent for the CANADIAN LIFE STOCK INSURANCE CO., and the FIDELITY AND SECURITY CO., of Montreal. Office—(upstairs) Kay's block, Goderich, Ont. 1751.

Insurance Card.

BRITISH ASS. COY., TORONTO—Established 1833.

PHENIX INS. COY. OF LONDON (England)—Established 1812.

HARTFORD INS. COY. OF HARTFORD, Conn. Established 1810.

Risks taken in the above first-class Offices, at the lowest rates by **HORACE HORTON.**
The undersigned is also Appraiser for the CANADIAN FIRE, LOAN AND SAVINGS COY., TORONTO.
Money to Loan on first-class security, from 7 to 8 per cent.—Charges moderate.
HORACE HORTON.
Goderich Sept. 10, 1880.

A case of terrible degradation from drink came before the Montreal Police Court on 28th ult. A young man named Jos. Quelch was brought up for stealing the sheets that covered his father's dead body, in order to buy drink. The prisoner had robbed the house of almost everything he could lay hands on, for the purpose of getting liquor. Quelch formerly held a responsible position here, and was much respected, but latterly can get no employment on account of his habits.
Mrs. Miller, of Waterloo, Iowa, is crazed by the death of her husband, who strangled to death two of her children, aged 3 months and 5 years, on the 27th of November. Two others, who escaped, were bitten and bruised.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A child's amango, takin' notes. An' faith he'll print it!"

TOWN TOPICS.
Bedsteads, cupboards, and bedsteads at wonderfully low prices, at Ball's furniture rooms.
Picture room moulding, fitted up by Sanders, the Variety Store man, at list prices. No charge for fitting.
Stoves and tinware at lowest prices, at Collins' store, and inwards at lowest prices, at the Cheapest House Under the Sign.
If you want a first-class cooking stove, call and see G. N. Davis' variety. Also American and Canadian oil for family use. Having an experienced workman, any house work will be done in the most satisfactory manner.
These beautiful panels to be had at E. L. Johnson's, are only \$4.00 a dozen, \$2.50 for a dozen. Extra finish, 50c a dozen extra. All photos to be paid for when taken. **George B. Johnson** is with Hunter & Co., Toronto, is manager.

The daily papers now come with Goderich railway items.
Mrs. Henry Cluets is recovering from an attack of illness.
Mr. James Wilkinson has returned from Dakota and Missouri.
Capt. Dancy has been in Chicago during the past week or two.
Capt. R. Rhynas of the Str. Nyack, arrived in town last Saturday.
Mrs Wm. Smith, East St., has gone to Buffalo for a two weeks' visit.
The County Council will meet at Goderich on the 6th of December.

Mr. McLeay, Registrar of Bruce paid a short visit to Goderich last week.
Mr. John Knox is off to the North West, with a shipment of horses.
We regret to learn that John McIntosh, Goderich Twp., is very seriously ill.
"To let" placards are now in stock at this office. Owners of vacant houses should see them.

Mr. A. Dickson formerly of the Bank of Commerce, now of Paris, was in town during the week.
Mr. Robt. Gibbons, of the *Michigan Farmer*, nephew of Sheriff Gibbons, was in town this week.
We are glad to see Mr. Palmer around again after his prostration. It does not pay to Dr. Tanner too far.
Miss Mollie Payne, of Boston, is in town, visiting her mother, Mrs. Payne, who is in poor health just now.
Mrs. Dr. Adams, of Embro, with her baby boy, visited her family the past week, to cheer them in their recent affliction.
Judge Sinclair and wife were visiting old scenes Sunday and Monday last.
Mr. R. Kennedy, of the *Hamilton Times* accompanied them.

We are glad to learn that Miss McCallan, teacher St. David's Ward, who has been confined to her home with a severe attack of cold, is again attending to her duties.
Mr. S. J. Jarvis, of the Bank of Montreal, has been appointed to a position in the Stratford Branch. He will be succeeded here by Mr. G. A. McDonald, of Toronto.

REUNION.—A lad named Murray was thrown from the delivery wagon of R. McLean, one day last week, and the vehicle ran over him. He was not seriously injured.
—Stratford merchants are moving in the matter of an extension of the Credit Valley to that thriving town. Hitherto the Grand Trunk has had the grip on Stratford.—Toronto World.

The Foresters hall and supper at the "Maitland House," on Friday evening, was a complete success. The spread was excellent, and the music by Latimer's string band was all that could be desired.
We regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Walter McDonald, medical student. He recently burst a blood vessel, and has since been quite weak. He was expected to return from Toronto yesterday evening.

The Woman's Temperance Union has secured the services of Mrs. Yeoman's celebrated temperance lecturer, for an evening in Goderich next week. Further notice will be given as to time and place.
Wednesday's *Globe* gives a very favorable notice of M. Eleanor Gordon's appearance in Shaftesbury Hall. This talented lady will shortly appear in Goderich under the auspices of the Mechanic's Institute.

A new lamp has been placed at Knox Church. Mr. T. Hood worked up interest in the matter. A handsome set of carriage steps has been presented to the church by Mr. G. W. Thomson, of the Goderich Artificial Stone Works.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. Alex Taylor has been appointed Medical Examiner of the Orange Mutual Insurance Association for the district of Goderich. Dr. T. G. Holmes of Brussels has been appointed to the same position for the district of Grey.

He of the Embro *Courier* says: "We welcome to our exchange list two of the best weekly newspapers in the Province. They are the *Huronian* and *Signal*, published in Goderich by McGillicuddy Bros., and the *Huronian*, published at Seaforth by McLean Bros."

At the recent examinations before the Ontario Law Society, Mr. Wm. Proudfoot passed his final, and was admitted to the bar. Mr. A. Mackay, who has been reading with Messrs. Garrow & Proudfoot, also passed his final examination as barrister and attorney. We congratulate our young townsmen upon their success.

Mr. J. R. Miller, P. S. I., returned last week from Toronto, whither he has been treated for an affection of the eyes. It was feared at one time that he would have to go to New York for further treatment, but an improvement has lately taken place in the condition of the Inspector's vision.

MAIL CHANGES.—Owing to the change of time in the running of mail trains on L. H. & B. Railway; mails for all points north of Clinton—on the L. H. & B.—will close at 10 o'clock p. m. as the mail train going north leaves Clinton at 9 o'clock a. m. All mails going south will close at 11.30 a. m.

REFORM MEETING.—A meeting of Reformers will be held in the rooms above THE SIGNAL office on Monday evening, at eight o'clock. The attendance of every Reformer in town is requested, as it is hoped that the meeting will be able to make arrangements to hold regular sessions of the Association during the winter months. Let there be a good turnout on Monday.

Dr. Wild, about a score of years ago, was stationed at Goderich, at that time in the mission field of the M. E. Church. The Dr. said on Wednesday evening that he had a keen recollection of Goderich, for here he had received instructions in domestic economy, having learned the art of living on \$250 a year. He naively added that he doubted if he could repeat the experiment now.

A fellow calling himself "Father O'Connor," and claiming to be a converted Roman Catholic priest, lectured against Romanism to a thin audience, in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday evening. The "crop" of pseudo converted priests, monks and such like is growing alarmingly large, but the "lectures" they give is the same old yarn. Their "conversion" doesn't seem to make better men of any of them.

MARITIME COULDS.—The Maritime Court sittings commenced at Goderich on the 29th inst. There was two cases tried, both against the tug "Mary Anna," which has been lying at the harbor here for some time in charge of the Marshal. One case was brought by the Captain for wages and damages, and wrongful dismissal, and the other by the crew for wages. Mr. Seazer for plaintiffs, in both cases, and M. C. Cameron Q. C. and F. Holt, for defendants.

FORCERY.—The young man McDermott, whose robbery is alluded to in our *Lucknow* inquiry, also played his little game on Mr. John Martin, of the Colborne Hotel. He presented a note for \$20 signed by Mr. P. O. Laughlin, of Ashfield, and supplemented it with a letter purporting to be signed by that gentleman, requesting Mr. Martin to cash the note as a favor. This was done by the landlord of the Colborne, to oblige O'Laughlin, who is an old friend. There was no "shaving" on the notes, and the rascal got the full amount. Both note and letter, it is needless to say, were forged. McDermott will soon come to grief.

VESSLS DISABLED.—The schooner W. J. Sufell, bound from Chicago to Port Hope, with a half cargo of 8,000 bushels of corn and 100 barrels of pork, was struck by a gale in Saginaw Bay, and lost the jaws of her main boom and her foremast. She had to run before the wind, and sighted Goderich harbor about 11 o'clock on Thursday night. Being unmanageable, she was unable to make port, and dropped anchor about three miles from the mouth of the harbor, almost opposite the Point Farm.

On Friday morning she was observed signalling for a tug, but no assistance could be given her from this port, as the engines had been taken down in the Government tug, and the *Minnie Walker* was too small for the task of towing her. On Saturday morning the tug *Erie Belle* ran up from Sunia to take some schoolers down to the river, and sighting the stranger in distress, made up to her, and brought her in. In the harbor the tug grounded on account of going too near the beach, and the *Suffel* was knocked against the lumber dock, breaking off her foremast and carrying away her head gear. The crew of the *Suffel* were quite comfortable during their two days' riding off the harbor. The vessel will remain in port for the winter, and the cargo is being despatched to Port Hope by the G. T. R.

A large and influential meeting of the leading hotel keepers and liquor dealers of Huron, was held in the town hall, Clinton, on Friday last. Mr. A. G. Holzer, Secretary of the parent Association, was present. After a few introductory remarks, the Chairman introduced Mr. Hodges, who, on coming forward, read the charter of the O. T. B. Association, explaining the nature and objects of the organization, showing the necessity of united and harmonious action on the part of the Association for the protection of its rights. The following officers were then duly elected to constitute the county of Huron Licensed Victuallers' Association, viz:—L. Thorne, Esq., Blyth, President; A. Davidson, Esq., Seaforth, Vice president; N. Robson, Esq., Clinton, Secretary-Treasurer; Executive Committee, R. Sharp, Esq., Seaforth; Geo. B. Cox, Esq., Goderich; Jno. Farmer, Esq., Exeter; A. Roe, Esq., Brussels; Jno. Emigh, Esq., Blyth; L. Battenbury, Esq., Clinton; Jno. Morgan, Esq., Bayfield; N. Deighart, Esq., Zurich; Delegates—L. Thorne, Esq., Blyth; Geo. Jackson, Esq., Goderich; Henry Cooke, Esq., Goderich, are the delegates to attend a convention to be held in Toronto, on or about the 17th of December.

We are glad to learn that Mr. C. L. Crassweller, who has been teaching in Goderich High School for some time, has received the appointment of Commercial Master in Pickering College, and will enter upon his duties with the coming year. There was a large number of applicants for the position, but Mr. Crassweller's record, and the high views held of him by old educationists, gained him the place. Although a very young man, Mr. Crassweller has proven himself to be an excellent teacher. The feeling of regret among the educationists of Huron at his departure is mingled with one of pleasure at the thought that the young tutor has secured a position coveted by so many high in the profession.

THE PLATT CLAIM.—The Board of Arbitrators are still sitting on the claim of Mr. Samuel Platt, and will not be through with it before this evening. During the past eight days it has been busily engaged in taking the evidence of a large number of witnesses. On yesterday the property was visited for a second time by the gentlemen comprising the Board, in order to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the damage sustained by the claimant. After leaving here the Board will proceed to Point Lewis, where they will be engaged in investigating the claim of Mary Patton against the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec, for damage sustained by the building of the dry dock at that place. After getting through at Point Lewis the Board will probably proceed to Halifax.

BROTHER HOLMES, of the *Clinton News*, does not look upon the G. W. R. B. connection with favor, and delivers himself as follows:
"The *London Free Press*, referring to the anxiety of Goderich to secure additional railway facilities, suggests that instead of taking action towards securing a branch of the Credit Valley from Woodstock, Goderich's interest would be better served by securing a branch connection with the Great Western at Clinton, and advises an effort being put forth to secure that end. The cost of such connection is put down at \$250,000. Now, the only place that would gain, perhaps, by such a connection would be Goderich; the township of Goderich would not assist to the extent of a single cent, and as Clinton has all the communication with Goderich that is necessary, it is not at all likely any assistance would be given here."

COUNCIL MEETING.—The regular meeting of Goderich Council was held on Friday last. Our space this week will not admit of an extended report. There was an appeal from Mr. Buchanan who had been taxed for wrong lot and had paid the amount required, and afterwards discovered that his own lot was offered for sale for taxes. On motion Mr. Buchanan's lot was withdrawn from the tax sale list. The appointment of a night-watchman, to replace Mr. Steady, was postponed. The proprietors of the Park House summer hotel, asked for remission of taxes. On motion of Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Edwards, half the taxes was remitted. An application for remission of taxes from the Seagull foundry was acceded to, and the required remission agreed to. The taxes on the old Gaelic names was contested, but not settled. Mr. Rice of the Chemical Salt works objected to pay the taxes on that institution. Matter not settled. A by-law regulating the polling places and naming the returning officers for the municipal elections was read and passed.

DR. WILD'S LECTURE.—A fair audience greeted Dr. Wild in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday evening. His lecture, "The Stone Miracle and 1832" was very interesting, the speaker divided his time between instructing his audience and making them laugh. The discourse was well received, the lecturer being frequently applauded. Dr. Wild at one time believed that the pyramids were built before the flood; he is now of opinion that they were erected about 2170 B.C. The builder, he believed to be Melchisedek, who was none other than Shem and Job. These three characters he believed to be the one person, and ingeniously endeavored to prove his contention. Towards the close of the lecture the speaker asked: "What is going to come to the world in 1882? The pyramid is a witness for God, and it tells us, 1882 will begin a grand struggle for liberty, which will last 60 or 63 years. We in Canada shall not enter it at first, but we shall ultimately be drawn into the fight. He had foretold the Russo-Turkish war and its result, and his prophecy that England would not fight in that affair came true. Mr. Morton, president of the Mechanic's Institute, occupied the chair.

Strange Freaks of Lunatic.
To the Editor of THE SIGNAL.
DEAR SIR,—A disease of a peculiar nature has appeared in the North-Western part of Goderich Township (affecting the human species). At first it was considered a mild type of lunacy, the victim being only seriously afflicted during the full of the moon, but latterly it has assumed a more violent form, the victim being attacked sometimes twice a week, and suffering severely, particularly during the night. It has entirely baffled the skill of our local physicians. The symptoms are strange and entirely new. The individual appears to be in his usual health, going about his work regularly, and retiring to bed at reasonable hours. After an hour or so, up he jumps, steps out of the house, and wanders

his way along the highroad or across the fields as the case may be. Presently he will be staggering under the weight of a heavy farm gate, that two ordinary men could scarcely carry, trudging along as if his life depended on it. Sometimes two or three join in; then a raid is made on buggies and "one horse shays," a fifty foot rope is pressed into service, and manfully the trudging goes on until the vehicle is elevated to the top of a stable, or left carelessly reclining on a lean-to. But when the fit comes on, the same of happiness consists of firing up a steam thrasher, and starting the whistle at midnight. This is the quintessence of jollity; he has struck on something so original that the roughs and rowdies stand in blank amazement at the magnitude of the conception. Like Napoleon he stands alone in his glory. The disease appears to be contagious, as it is rumored that it has fastened on several new victims. As local skill is inadequate to cope with it, Doctor Buckshot, of Texas, has been communicated with, and the symptoms detailed. His reply is highly satisfactory, his terms are to cure no pay. He has had hundreds of similar cases, and in every instance a cure or was effected; he is perfectly willing to take the present subjects in hand, and provided his instructions are carried out, a perfect cure is guaranteed. This is very gratifying to the community, as the parents and friends of the individuals so strangely afflicted have the sympathy of the whole neighborhood. The patients are to be placed under Dr. Buckshot's charge, this afflicting malady will in all probability shortly cease. Yours etc.,

TELL TRUTH.

Dungannon.

Mr. Wm. McArthur, postmaster, is authorized to receive subscriptions for THE HURON SIGNAL, and give receipts therefor.
Mr. B. Pointer returned home last week after a lengthy visit in Chicago.
Mr. John Martin has been making improvements to his hotel by the erection of a commodious kitchen.
Mr. R. West has lately returned from Dakota. He speaks well of the country, and anticipates visiting the West again in the spring.
Mr. Drew, who lately brought out the bankrupt stock of T. S. Reid, has vacated his store here, and returned with the balance of his stock to Exeter.

Mrs. R. Pointer, of Churchville, who has been for some time past the guest of her sister Mrs. Thos. Bishop, of this place, returned home on Monday last.
SKATING.—There is every prospect of the Victoria skating rink, being opened shortly. Under the careful management of Messrs H. Bickle and W. Glenn we prophesy a large attendance and good ice.
TOWN CLOCK.—The probabilities are our village will soon delight in the possession of a town clock, as a petition is at present going around to that effect. This something Dungannon needs greatly, and we trust our residents will all "come down handsomely."

Union prayer meetings among the members of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations are at present in vogue. The assembly takes place every Friday evening at a private residence of a member. The dwelling of Mr. Melighian is the next place of meeting.

WHAT NEXT?—A society has lately been organized here under the name of the "Bummer's Club," and appears already to be in a flourishing condition. We think it would be advisable to make the secret business of this order public, so that outsiders could have a chance to "clear the track."

SOCIAL GATHERING.—A very social and agreeable entertainment was given to a few intimate friends at the dwelling of one of our young townsmen on the evening of Friday last. It was an entirely informal affair, and intended to promote sociability and create a friendly interest among the young, men and judging from the lively manner in which they seemed to enjoy the banquet it was quite a success. The supper was got up in grand style—salads, roast goose, lobsters, and such delightful biscuits, the remembrance of which yet lingers in our mind. After full justice had been done the feast, came the feast of reason and flow of soul, at which all present "took a hand," and each bent himself to the task of outdoing his neighbor in pleasantries and entertainment. The health of each was proposed and drank (in water) with gusto, suitable responses being made to each toast, and as strains of "Auld Lang Syne" were sweetly wafted upon the breeze; and when the solemn notes of the clock denoted midnight, each one departed to his home a happier man for having passed a few hours in a social and harmless enjoyment. We would be pleased to report a more frequent occurrence of these little gatherings among the young men, for we think they are calculated to do much good.

Carlow.

Considerable excitement prevails in this neighborhood over the sudden disappearance of John Cowan, teacher in St. N. N. A charge of breach of promise was recently made against him, which has been denied by the accused. A few days ago Mr. Cowan quietly left the neighborhood, and his whereabouts is at present unknown. Mr. P. Strang has been secured by the trustees to teach during the coming year; and in all probability he will enter upon his duties at once.

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