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XMAS CATTLE FAIR.

Farmers and others interested will do well to bear in mind that the Christmas Fat Cattle Fair, in connection with the West Riding Agricultural Society, will be held at Goderich on Friday of this week, 19th inst.

FINDING THE HUM.

Sir. S. L. Tilley, Finance Minister, has been hunting with the keenness of a detective for the lost prosperity of our country. He has been the means to a very great extent of burying the prosperous hum. It is fitting he should seek to find it. On the principle of "setting a thief to catch a thief," Sir Tilley should be successful. By undue favors to certain industries he has, to put it mildly, taken from the incomes, salaries and pockets of nine tenths of the people of this Dominion, money, which he has virtually handed to a few monopolists. Both the purloiner and receiver are guilty. And we can characterise the iniquitous working of the present tariff as in effect nothing less than purloining or filching from the vast majority of producers and consumers in this country, a percentage or tithe of their earnings to foster a limited number of manufacturers. Sir Tilley will report with gleeful sound and self congratulatory rubbing of the hands, that he found the loving, loyal subjects of her Majesty, residing in Canada, contented and prosperous. That he visited Messrs Redpath's Sugar refinery and found the proprietors revelling in the plunder obtained through his fiscal policy. The concealer can surely find. Sir Tilley had concealed a hum from the people, Messrs Redpath carefully nursed the hum to the tune of the National Policy; in the mean time a cool million of dollars a year waltzes into their pockets, and the farmers housewife as she purchases the usual articles for the household, hands over her quota on every pound of sugar she buys to enrich one of the most gigantic monopolies ever fostered in this or any country—the sugar business Of course Sir Tilley found a hum. There is no denying the fact. But a hundred and ninety nine other hums are hushed to give this one a chance to evolve. While sugar is scarce, high in price and still advancing in Canada, just across the border the American market is glutted, while the English is dull. Recently when the Montreal refiners notified their customers of an advance in price, and that they could not fill all orders as fast as they were coming in, and that orders that were to be filled would be at the prices the manufacturers chose to name—at this time a cable received in Montreal from Liverpool mentioned a decline of 6d. per cwt, in refined yellow.

Of the New York market the N. Y. *Times* said:

SUGARS.—Raw very dull and more or less nominal as to values. No sales reported. Refined in light request.

The New York *Sun* said:

Sugars dull and unchanged.

The N. Y. *Bulletin* added:

SUGARS,—Raws have as yet made no positive change. No one cares to purchase for investment at the moment, and the position, in the absence of business, is nominal.

But then, we plundered Canadians, cannot buy this necessary luxury where the holders are begging for customers. No, there are two or three magnates in Montreal, employing two or three hundred men, who must collect tribute from the four millions of the people of Canada and Sir Tilley says correct, hear, hear! We are not surprised to find men who are fattening at the expense of the unprotected, meet Sir Tilley with all possible sanvity and declare his tariff is working charmingly: Had he visited our County and noticed our defunct tanneries, our dilapidated salt works, mills, foundries and other industries at a standstill, he would not pride himself on his policy. He predicted, and the people believed that the inauguration of the N. P. would generally revive good times; we would ship our salt to the cities by the sea, and get good prices; we would get cheap coal in return—all of which has *not* come to pass. We sell salt cheaper than ever and buy coal dearer. Then we have to pay more for all the necessaries of a civilized life. The rubber monopoly rubs the hardship in. The cotton ring; the woolen ring; the boot and shoe ring; the stove makers ring, all are formed under the auspices of Tilley's protective tariff. Sir Tilley takes the toll or his friends do. Then Sir Tilley asks these gents about the working of his policy. They answer as he wishes, because the few whom he does visit are rolling in the shekels at his will. Some who are not, expect to, and they have been promised that a ukase shall issue at next sitting of Parliament giving them full power and authority, with the few other fortunates, to plunder the people. Then these hum holders are quite willing to magnify even the legitimate effects of their license to plunder the country. They know that Sir Tilley will note every statement advantageous to his policy and not go far to exacting or looking for proof. What then better advertising medium can they have than the Finance Minister? Will he not quote Mr. Expansion the Rubber man; Mr. Jones the Cotton man; Mr. Robinsen the woolen man; Mr. Tight boots the shoe man and Mr. Hardtack the Stove maker as his authority for stating, in Parliament and in picnic speeches, that every thing is humming? No advertising agency on the continent can bring so well before the public firms who worship at his shrine, as Sir Tilley. The prospective advertising, and the already substantial benefits derived from Sir Tilley's prohibitory tariff has caused and will cause the very *small* minority whom this policy will benefit, to report to the Grand Mogul Tilley, just what he wants, only this but possibly something more. Labouchere of *Truth* who is also a large shareholder in the *Daily News*, besides being interested in other commercial ventures, a short time ago sent for an expert accountant, gave him freeaccess to all his papers, books etc., and requested the expert to prepare a statement of Labouchere's financial position

Expert—What kind of a statement do you wish sir?

Labouchere—A correct one of course.

Expert—Certainly Sir, it shall be correct, but if I might ask, what is your object, do you want to compromise with your creditors?

Labouchere—Certainly not, I have no need to.

Expert—No Sir, I presume not, but you see sir, my statement will depend on the object you have in view. If you want to compound with your creditors I will show your affairs, in a bad state. If you want to sell I will show your position to be an exceedingly good one and an immense income derivable from your property, you pay me sir, and I will prove any statement you wish all from the same books. Mr. Labouchere concluded he would not require his services. The benefitted manufacturers and monopolists will prove anything Mr Tilley wants.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS.

AMONGST the beneficial changes made in the School Act at the last session of the Legislature, was one materially affecting the mode of election of trustees in cities, towns and villages, where there will in future be a nomination day in addition to the polling day. The nomination is to take place on the last Wednesday in December, and the polling, if a poll is necessary, on the first Wednesday in January. The Act also gives power to hold the nominations all in one place, instead of in the separate Wards, if the Board so directs. Had it gone further and introduced the ballot in these elections, a still greater benefit would have been conferred upon the people. As will be seen from our reports in another column, the public School Board passed a resolution on the evening of the 8th fixing the Council Chamber as the place to hold all nominations for School trustees. On the next evening, taking advantage of the temporary absence of Mr. Passmore the whole proceedings were annuled. We had hoped that there nomination would all be held in the one place so that thereby a greater interest might be awakened amongst ratepayers in these matters, as School affairs are of far more importance than seems generally attached to them. It was destined, however that nominations should be held in each Ward and Messrs Cooke and Passmore's motion to have them held in the different ward Schools is a move in the right direction. The retiring trustees are Cooke, Passmore, Nicholson and Simmons. In rural sections, the only alteration is that the day of the election is changed to the last Wednesday in December.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

While we to a great extent are oblivious of what nature has done for us, outsiders have a shrewd knowledge of what can be done via Goderich:—

FROM GODERICH TO SAGINAW.—Bay City *Tribune*:—"From a gentleman familiar with marine matters we learn that it is the intention of the through lines to establish a line of steamboats between Goderich, Ont., and the Saginaw River, wherever the connecting lines of railroad from the river are carried through northward to the straits, to form a permanent link in connection with the carrying and passenger trade of the Lake Superior region. It will also form a competing line with the lines centering at Detroit. The increase of population, travel and business, it is thought, will warrant such a measure."

Mayor's Court.

Mayor and Mr. Pollock presiding. Stephen Yates charged Geo. Graham with selling liquors during prohibitory hours on Sunday 7th, inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

W. P. Rogers sworn—He and A. C. Simmons, about three o'clock on day in question, were in Graham's hotel; drank some ginger ale; had 3 or 4 cigars. Saw nothing put into the ale. Simmons took a drink. It was paid for.

Wm. Berry sworn—Was in Graham's hotel on Sunday 7th inst. Had a drink out of a bottle; can't say it was intoxicating. Might have drank a half dozen times. It was not "pop."

A. C. Simmons Sworn—Was in Graham's hotel on day in question. Had something to drink; it was not intoxicating. Mr. Barry and Mr. McKenzie came in. They were both drunk. Mr Graham refused them drink. Had ginger ale or cider; positively had nothing intoxicating.

Wm. Barry recalled—Had no recollection of McKenzie being there. Was not intoxicated that day.

John F. Cassiday sworn—Was at Graham's on Sunday mentioned; had a bad cold, obtained a glass of warm beer; as a doctor considered he was entitled to order it. Had two drinks.

Mark McKenzie sworn—Was at Graham's on Sunday 7th inst. Drank hot rye; drank rum and beer. Did not see Wm. Berry all that day; had a dozen drinks there. The principal drink was hot rum and beer, nearly all drank it. Mr. Simmons asked for hot ale and rum; Mr. Rogers asked for hot whisky. It is not a fact that myself and Berry were intoxicated. Saw Simmons and Rogers there after the bell rang for church in the evening.

A. C. Simmons recalled—Did not get any hot rum or whiskey. Asked for whiskey but did not get it.

After hearing the above and a good deal more conflicting evidence, the court held the case proven against Mr. Graham and imposed a fine of $20 with $4.75 costs; to be paid forthwith or 15 days in prison.

Public School Board.

There was a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday evng. 9th inst. All the members present, Mr. Crabb in the chair as usual. minutes of last meeting as follows were read.

A special meeting was held in Crabbs store on Monday evng. 8th, inst. Present Mr. Crabb, chairman, and Cooke, Swanson, Simmons, and Passmore.

Mr. Cooke moved, Mr. Passmore seconded that all nominations for Public School Trustees for 1880 be held in Council Chamber.

Mr. Swanson moved, in amendment, Mr. Simmons seconded that nominations be held in the different wards as usual—Lost. Motion declared carried. On motion of Cooke and Simmons, the Secy. was appointed returning officer.

Moved by Swanson, seconded by Simmons that the same polling places as named for election of councillors be appointed polling places for Trustees.

Moved in amendment, by Cooke, seconded by Passmore that there be only four polling places for election of Trustees—one in each ward—Carried.

On motion of Passmore and Cooke four deputy returning officers were appointed. Adjourned till Tuesday 9th. inst.

Moved by Nicholson, seconded by Swanson, that minutes of last meeting as now read be and are hereby annulled—Carried. Messrs Crabb, Buchanan and Cooke were opposed to this, as also was Mr. Passmore, but he did not happen to be in at the time.

Mr. Cooke wished to know why this special meeting had been called. The chairman said it was to fix days, name places and appoint returning officers for nomination and election of trustees. The law had been changed; nominations and elections were not on same day, as has hitherto been customary. Nominations were now to be made on the last Wednesday in Decr and elections the following Monday. It was within power of Board to fix one central place—say the council chamber—for nominating all candidates for the office of school trustee. He thought this would be the proper thing, it would save expense, bring the people together and create a greater amount of interest than has usually been manifested in the election of a body of men entrusted with the considerable powers public school trustees have.

Mr. Swanson said the having nominations for all wards in one place would create confusion. Parties who had no interest in St. Andrews ward might attempt to dictate to them who they should have. Each ward should have its separate places for nominating.

Mr. Ferguson said Mr Crabb's remarks appeared to have some force.

Mr, Buchanan said it would make no difference to candidates where nominations were held; as by having nominations all in one place rent and returning officers fees would be saved, he favored having only one place of nomination for the whole of the wards.

Mr. Cooke seconded by Mr. Passmore, handed chairman a resolution that the following places be named for holding nominations for Public School Trustees for 1880: St. Andrews, St. Davids; St. Patricks ward school houses, and for St. Georges in D. Gordon's Warehouse. If poll demanded, elections to be held at same places. After several amendments by Ferguson, Simmons Swanson, and Nicholson fixing two voting places in each ward, Cooke and Passmore's motion carried by the casting vote of the chairman. Mr. Cooke, in speaking to motion said that much talk had been indulged in about economy; in fact cheese paring had been indulged in and real economy neglected. His motion though not effecting as much saving as he desired, would yet effect some reduction. If the board voted down his motion it would seem they did not want to save expense. Mr. Swanson indignantly repudiated "cheese parings" as applying to him. This board had the name of being the meanest one in Canada. This screwing down and stinginess was not economy.

Mr. Simmons said Mr. Crabb's reading of the school law was not correct, he could not see how Mr. Crabb could construe it to have the meaning in regard to nominations and elections, which he, Mr. C. said it had. In fact Mr. C. had been talking nonsense, he, Mr. S. would tell Mr. Crabb the law. Mr. Crabb said he was quite competent to understand the law. When he read it he was sober.

Mr. Simmons declared himself sober; anyway he always paid for his whiskey, and addressed the chairman in a furious manner on matters not at all pertinent to school matters or a proper understanding of the powers given the board under the new school regulations.

Chairman called Mr. Simmons to order.

All the members said Mr. Simmons remarks to the chair were quite uncalled for.

Mr. Simmons said he did not want any of the chairman's —— —— insinuations.

Chairman said, as a magistrate, he would fine Mr Simmons, on view, one dollar for using profane language.

Mr. Swanson hoped reporters would take no notice of this talk.

Chairman said he would request the report of these proceedings as a favor. If not published, he would write a communication to the press embodying them.

Mr. Simmons hoped reporters would take everything down; it would save a great infliction on the press which such a —— communication as Mr. Crabb was able to write, would be.

Mr. Swanson said Mr. Simmons was clearly out of order in addressing the chair in this way. He also stoutly insisted that two polling places in each ward were a necessity.

Mr. Cooke said he could not see the necessity for the two polling places; he could however see the necessity for keeping down the uncalled for expense.

Mr. Buchannan remarked that Mr. Swanson was not a very consistent advocate of economy; now when it could be effected without detriment to school interests, he was hoppl wanting.

Mr Swanson contended he was not extravagant; neither did he want the name of being stingy and screwing down the salaries of teachers and everything else; thought trustees were as well entitled to two polling places, as were councillors

Mr. Buchanan said if school houses were central for school purposes, they surely were central for polling places, besides money would be saved.

The following were named as deputy returning officers, St. George's, D. Gordon; St. David's J. Addison; St. Andrews, W. P. Rogers; St. Patricks, S. Yates—Board adjourned.

COUNTY COURT.

Sittings commenced at Goderich on Tuesday 9th December, before Wilmot Richard Rosier, Judge.

WITHJURY.

Farrar vs McCloskey—Cameron Holt and Cameron for Pff's, Malcomson for Dft. This was action on Promissory note for $120. Verdict for Pff $127.

Taggart vs Taggart—E. Campion for Pff, Cameron Holt and Cameron for Dft. This was action on an award. Nonsuit.

Fee et al vs Chapman—W. C. Lonsomb for Pff. Klein for Dft. Action on promissory note. Verdict for $143 39.

Lambert vs Browning—W. C. Lonsomb for Pff. Dft unrepresented. Action on promissory note. Verdict for $400.

Donald vs. Reid et al—Lonsomb for Pff. Dft. unrepresented. Action on pro note. Verdict for $169.50.

Sturgeon vs. Reed et al—Lonsomb for Pff. Action on Pro note. Verdict for $77,87.

Colbert vs. Hick—Action on Pro. Note—Nonsuit.

Hayden vs. Poole—Action on pro. note not properly stamped. Reserved.

Pierson vs Taylor—B. L. Doyle for Pff. Malcomson for Dft.

NON JURY CASES.

Grey vs. Baird—Action on Pro. note. Verdict for Pff for $134.

Johnson vs. Wright et al—Reserved. Malcomson & Wade for Pff. Garrow & Elliott for Dft.

Ducharme vs. Laporte—Action on pro. note. Verdict for Pff. 134.40

Molson vs. Fitzsimmons—Seager Jr. for Pff. Action on Pro. Note. Verdict for Pff. $255.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

Mr. James Long, foreman, reported that they found the gaol in proper order, and expressed the opinion that Governor Dickson was the right man in the right place. Recommended the removal of female prisoner to the asylum.

They congratulated his honor upon the success which had attended his administration of justice in this county since he had been called to the Bench, and trusted that the seal he had heretofore manifested in the public interest will in no way be diminished. They were also pleased to learn that no cases were to come before them, and that crime is on the decrease in the County.

HIS HONOR'S REPLY.

He congratulated the jury upon the lightness of their duties, but he reminded them that this was due not so much to the absence of crime in the County as to the fact that by the institution of the County Judge's Criminal Court the criminals who were formerly disposed of at the Sessions were now disposed of in that Court with slight expense to the county, and with very little delay. As to the lunatic now in prison, he said that she would soon be removed or discharged. He thanked the jury for the kind reference to himself and his discharge of the duties of County Judge, and said that in the future, as in the past, he would endeavor to give the public no reason for complaint.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

J. W. WEATHERALD is selling Sewing Machines cheaper than ever. Office, Sheppard's Book Store.

FAIR Bob-Sleighs, nearly new, will be sold very cheap—cost $41. Apply at James McIntosh's store.—1712c

GOOD CATTLE.—On Saturday last Mr. George Watt, of Hullet, sold four steers to Mr. George Case. They were two years old, and turned the scales at 4,580 lbs.

VIEWS.—In many localities aspirants for civic honors give publicity to their views and opinions through the public press. In Goderich, candidates do not seem to have any, or are they afraid to let them be known?

MORE LIGHT.—Many residents of St. Patrick's Ward are clamoring for a town lamp at the intersection of Hamilton and Victoria streets. Bailey's or Sloane's corner is suggested.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The only contest we have heard of so far is in St. Andrew's. Mr. Alex. Megaw will oppose Mr. A. C. Simmons.—The retiring trustees are Messrs. Simmons, Cooke, Passmore and Nicholson.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT.—The Sabbath School entertainment in basement of Knox Church on Thursday of last week was in all respects quite successful. Proceeds over $41.

TEA MEETING.—The M. E. Church will hold a grand teameeting in the basement of their church on Monday evng: 22nd. Good music, interesting addresses and a good spread generally. Come all!

LAST BOATS.—The last departures for the season from this port were tug Peter B Smith and consort, M. C. Cameron, on Saturday last for West Saginaw. Lights in the Lighthouses here were put out for the season on Decr. 13 th.

BAYFIELD.—Not to be backward in the good cause, the congregation of the M. E. Church will hold a tea meeting in their Bayfield Church on Thursday next 18 th, inst. An interesting time is expected. And don't you forget it.

S. S. CONVENTION.—The results of the Huron Sabbath School convention held in Wingham last week were cheering to all workers in the cause of educating the rising generation in the material truths of Christianity. The next one will be held in Blyth.

LECTURE.—Those who appreciate an eloquent lecture should not fail to be in attendance at Knox Church on Monday evening next. "Our Great North West" is certain to be ably handled by Rev. Principal Grant.

AN ENTERTAINMENT will be given in the Leeburn Temperance Hall, on Friday evening, December 19th, to consist of vocal and instrumental music, readings and dialogues. At the close of the programme an election will be held for the most popular bachelor present, the winner to be presented with a handsome cane.

GRAND CENTRAL RAILWAY.—Listowell, Blythe, Brussels and all along the line are alive to the necessity of this road. The best men in all these localities have taken the matter up. Let it be thoroughly ventilated and discussed. The more it is enquired into the more will the necessity for the new road become apparent

NEW COUNTIES.—As will be seen by the minutes of County Council published in last issue the Huron County Council unanimously declared themselves as opposed to any change in this direction, so far as this county is concerned. Those who are farthest from the county seat were among the strongest advocates of remaining as we are. Other county councils interested hold similar views. We hope Mr. Mowat will take a note of this. As he has already sat down upon some of the office-seeking delegates who approached him on the purpose of getting his sanction to their last creating agitation, it is to be hoped he will keep them down.

ELECTIONS.—Currie will address his constituents, at his mart next Saturday at 1, o'clock. Hear him, buy and be happy.

A BROKEN PROMISE.—Never have this said of you but get your picture taken as you promised your friend you would. And if you want the best go to the Studio of R. R. Thompson.

WINTER VEHICLES.—Morton and Cressman have a fine assortment of cutters which they are offering very cheap. All styles and prices on hand or made to order. Shop and warerooms opposite Colborne Hotel. Call early and get just what you want.

BEAUTIFUL.—W. T. Welsh the Jeweler, has a gem of a sign. It is beautiful indeed and is a correct indication of the many lovely articles to be found inside. It can be seen at the entrance of Welsh's new store, first door east of North St. on the square.

BUSINESS.—Within a few months the citizens of Evansville, Ind., have given over $3,000,000 in aid of railroads coming into that enterprising city. Goderich will after a time be asked to give something to the Grand Central. We hope our enterprising citizens will not name $3,000,000 as the proper amount.

LEGAL FALLS.—Barrister Wade of Brussels fell down stairs lately. One of the fraternity in Hamilton performed a similar acrobatic feat. And Mr. Giff Elliott of Goderich and Brussels has had a windfall in the shape of recent large addition to his professional engagements.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FARMERS. It having been reported that I confine myself to Auctions of thoroughbred stock *only*, I wish it to be understood that this is not correct. I will conduct farm sales in Huron Co. from now until the end of 1880 at $5 per day.—FRANCIS GRAHAM, Auctioneer, Goderich.

LADIES WEAR.—The query is often put by the ladies, "where shall I get my winter articles?" Mrs. Copeland's stock is so complete and new and cheap, in Millinery and kindred goods, that all who call upon her will soon make up their minds that they have got to the "right house". Remember Mrs. Copelands near the post office.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God". Mr. James Milne Jr. found a sum of money last week. He wanted an owner. Of course he advertised in the SIGNAL; he found his man. Now two are happy, one in the consciousness of having done right, another in getting his property.

Auction Sales at Blakes vacant store on the 17th afternoon and evening, 18th afternoon, 19th afternoon 20th afternoon, and evening, 22nd evening, 23rd afternoon and evening, and Christmas Eve afternoon and evening. At the sale in Christmas week Mr. O.G. Martin's valuable stock of Watches, Chains, etc. will be sold.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.—Miss Macmahon, the popular Senior teacher in St. Davids Ward School, gave a benefit to the Scholars on the afternoon of Friday last. Fruit, cakes, pies and various other articles were distributed, and amusements provided. Such treatment as this will in part account for Miss M's success as a teacher. There is a wonderful fund of human nature even in children.

TESTED.—A young man, porter with Mr. D. Strachan, attempted on Saturday to practically test the theory of Newtonian gravitation.—While turning the base of the hill near the elevator he brought his wagon at right angles with the surface of the steep declivity, overturning the vehicle and pitching himself violently out. He escaped with some severe bruises.

C. L. C. C.—Those wishing to borrow money on real estate will find Mr. Hugh Hamilton, Crown Land Agent, the proper person to apply to. Mr. Hamilton, as will be seen by his card, represents the Canada Landed Credit Company, whose system of making loans will be found extremely advantageous to borrowers.

MISSIONARY.—The annual Missionary meeting of the St. George's congregation, will be held (D. V.) in the Court House on Monday evening, the 22d inst, The Rev Mr. Campbell, Missionary agent, and Mr. E. B. Reed, the Sec.-Treasurer of the Synod, will attend as a deputation. Rev. Mr. Millar of St. Stephen's will also address the meeting. Chair will be taken at 7.30 p. m.

NEW CHURCH.—There is a movement in progress having for its object the changing of the site of St. George's Church to the rectory grounds, and the building thereon a church in keeping with the times. At a meeting of those interested, last week, the matter was talked over and it is quite possible next summer will see a $16,000 or $20,000 building erected by the congregation. The proposed new site is quite central and its utilization it is thought will very much increase the membership of the church.

PIONEER TO THE FRONT.—It is with much pleasure we notice one of our old pioneer merchants to the front again. Mr. James Watson has now established himself on Kingston Street. His business abilities will recommend him to all old friends and we hope to many new ones. His stock is of the *very best* and his prices surprisingly low. He is well provided with specialties for the Christmas season. His stock of teas are so low in price, quality considered, that we are almost forced to ask, "Who pays the duty."

SMITH'S HILL.—Anniversary services will be held in the Presbyterian church, Smith's Hill, on Sabbath morning and evening, 21st December. A soiree or tea meeting will be held on Monday evening 22nd inst. Interesting addresses by clergymen and others from a distance. As the good ladies of Smith's Hill and vicinity know how to get up a tea, and as they will in this case spare no efforts to bring their knowledge to bear in getting up something really "nice" in the refreshment line, we cannot do better than advise our friends, especially those in town, to take a drive out to the hill on the evening of 22d Dec. Young men who go will please take young ladies with them, there will be room for all.

RELIGIOUS ZEAL.—It has often been noticed to what a sad condition members of the human family can be reduced by reason of undue mental excitement. A girl of the Roman Catholic faith named Mary Wells living in the family of Mr. Geo. Cattle, became thoroughly frenzied last week through imagining that there was a danger of her being compelled to renounce her religion. The poor girl became a perfect maniac, denouncing all who came within her reach as enemies to Christ and her religion, and imploring her friends to save her from the imps of Satan by which she was surrounded, who she said might destroy her body but not her soul. It took two strong men to hold her and she had to be forcibly restrained and eventually bound. Mr. Cattle had her taken care of and removed to her friends in Ashfield, last Wednesday. It is to be hoped her aberration will be only temporary. It is possible she too literally carried out the formula of her religious duties.

GOOD FAVOR.—Uxbridge is in favor of the Goderich and Ottawa railway.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Auctioneers. It having been reported that I dare not undertake an auction sale of thoroughbred stock—this is not correct. I am prepared to conduct sales of all classes of stock, and will guarantee satisfaction.—Remember I sell free of charge until the end of the year, but from then until the end of 1900 I will charge the same rates as other first class auctioneers. Farmers will bear in mind that I am the only auctioneer in the town that knows the people's circumstances, and can get you good notes for your property.—J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

REMOVAL.—Mr. J. Spence Allan, son of the Rev. D. Allan of this town, has removed to Fremont, Nebraska, U. S. He goes there to take an important position in the city and county treasurer's office. While pleased to hear of his appointment to an office requiring integrity and diligence—both of which Mr. Allan most assuredly possesses—we cannot but regret the loss of so estimable a citizen. Although of an unassuming disposition, he was yet one of the foremost in every Christian and charitable movement Our best wishes accompany him.

To Editor Signal:

SIR,—In a recent issue you refer to the question of increased railway facilities for Goderich and vicinity, and show clearly the desirableness, if not the necessity of some steps being taken to that end. It appears to me, as an outsider that you neglect the only feasible scheme thrown at present in your way. The indications are that the Toronto, Grey and Bruce will make efforts in various quarters, notably on the Ontario treasury for one, with a view of widening their guage and improving the character of their road. This county has a large interest in that treasury, to which we contribute over $100,000 a year, and before another large amount is voted to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce in addition to what it has already received, it ought to be shown that the result will be a general benefit. This can hardly be done with the road in its present position with no through connection to offer at Toronto, ending at Teeswater, like a snake with its head raised looking for an outlet. The through connection is about to be supplied by the construction of the Toronto and Ottawa Railway, which will be a real competitor with the Grand Trunk from Toronto, although not directly benefiting us. Some years ago when meetings were held in this county in behalf of the Ottawa and Huron Railway, many, of whom I was one, took no interest in the matter feeling assured that as soon as the project had become a fixed fact, it would be immediately laid hold of by the city of Toronto. The result has justified our conclusion, but you could still get a through connection, if the guage of the T. G. and B. is widened, which is likely to be done, by pushing the scheme of the extension to that railway through Wingham to Goderich. Colborne should support the plan, Ashfield with a station at or near Dungannon should give liberally, W. Wawanosh would also contribute, and E. Wawanosh would assist by a sectional, or perhaps a general bonus. In these days of cheap railroading, in the hands of energetic men, the bonuses voted ought to grade the road and make it ready for the rails. The construction of this line would also neutralize the principal argument advanced by those agitating for a new county seat in the North Eastern part of the county, viz., the difficulty and inconvenience of travelling to Goderich, which to them is a real grievance. I would only say in conclusion, that if you take advantage of circumstances transpiring and likely to transpire, it is quite possible you might in a short period have another through line of railway to Goderich. I remain, yours truly,

NORTH HURON.

MARKETS.

A noticeable feature of our wheat market during the past week, has been the many days upon which full Toronto prices were paid for this cereal here

Goderich, Dec. 16, 1879.

Wheat, (Fall) ℔ bush	$1 21	a	1 31
Wheat, (Spring) ℔ bush	1 22	a	1 24
Flour, per bbl.	5 50	a	6 00
Oats ℔ bush	0 30	a	0 32
Peas, ℔ bush	0 60	a	0 62
Barley ℔ bush	0 40	a	0 50
Potatoes, ℔ bush	0 25	a	0 30
Pork	5 00	a	5 50
Hay per ton	6 00	a	7 00
Chickens	0 10	a	0 12½
Butter, ℔ lb	0 00	a	0 20
Eggs, ℔ doz (unpacked)	0 12½	a	0 15
Hides	7 00	a	8 50
Wood	3 50	a	5 00
Corn, per bush	0 50	a	0 60

TORONTO, Dec. 16, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 0	a	$1 34
Wheat, spring do	1 30	a	1 32
Barley do	0 55	a	0 70
Oats do	0 37	a	0 38
Peas do	0 65	a	0 74

BIRTHS.

In Goderich Township, on December 12th, the wife of Mr. Clement Newton of a son.

DEATHS

In Goderich on Sunday, Decr. 14th, Helen relict of the late James A. Street, aged 52 yrs and 7 mos.

In Goderich on December 12th. 1879, Ruth wife of Mr. Samuel Papst, aged 41 years and 9 months.

James Watson.

KINGSTON St.

NEAR THE SQUARE.

General Groceries &c. &c.

TEAS A SPECIALTY

FRESH FRUITS FOR THE XMAS HOLIDAYS.

FISHING NETS & TWINES

Goderich 15th. Decr, 1879. 1713. tf.

BOARD

Very cheap for High School students, apply at the House of S. BROKES Quebec Street, very convenient to High School, Goderich.

New Furniture just received.

WILL be sold cheap for CASH. Wood taken in exchange. All indebted will please call and settle. Lot 65 on corner of Light house and Waterloo St., for sale or to lease.

JOHN A. BALL.

Montreal St, near Market.

In the Surrogate Court

OF THE COUNTY OF HURON.

In the matter of the Guardianship of the infant children of ISABELLA WALKER formerly ISABELLA LAWDER, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of twenty days after the first publication of this notice application will be made to the judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Huron by Robert Walker of the Town of Goderich in the County of Huron, Gentleman for letters of Guardianship appointing him the said Robert Walker Guardian of the infant children of the said Isabella Walker formerly Isabella Lawder, in her lifetime of the said Town of Goderich and wife of the said Robert Walker.

Dated at Goderich this 18th day of December A. D. 1879.

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON.

Attorneys for said applicant Robert Walker, 1712-d.

$66 a week in your own town. Terms and $5 outfit free. Address H. HALLETT & Co., Portland, Maine. 1705d yr.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to be called the GRAND ONTARIO CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY with full power to construct, maintain, acquire, and operate a Railway from the Town of Goderich in the County of Huron to the city of Ottawa and with power to amalgamate or agree with any other Company except the Grand Trunk Railway Company which has now or hereafter may have any Railway touching at any point on the line of the proposed Railway or any extension thereof or for the lease or purchase of the same or any part thereof.

B. A. JONES,

Huron Co. Signor.

1713 -f. Dec. 4, 1879.

Saltford Tannery.

(MAITLANDVILLE)

Highest cash price paid for HIDES, CALF and SHEEP skins.

1710 6 Mos. A. & J. BECK.

Auction Sale of

FURNITURE,

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,

ETC., ETC.

I HAVE received instructions from Mrs. O'BEIRNE, (house occupied by the late Mr. ARCHIBALD) to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

TUESDAY, December 23

The following goods; comprising in part, Ash Bedroom Suite, other Bedsteads' Bureaus, enclosed and open Washstands, Mirrors, Centre, Hall, Breakfast, Sewing & Kitchen Tables, Arm Corner, Folding, Cane Seat, Dining Room & Wooden Chairs, Book Shelves, Kitchen Cupboard: Tapestry & Ingrain Carpets, Matts & Matting, Challenge Heater, large Box and Kitchen Stove, fitted for either wood or coal, excellent upholstered Sed Lounge, with springs, Bed Springs, Hair and Wool Mattresses, Feather Pillows, Bed and Table Linen, Kitchen Utensils &c. Also A complete White and Gold Dinner Sett with China Breakfast and Tea Setts to match. 6 White Toilet Sett and a quantity of plain crockery,

All nearly new—and will be sold at a SACRIFICE.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock noon.

TERMS—CASH.

J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

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Six Cents per Week.

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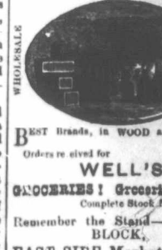

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No other preparation has cured so many cases of these distressing complaints as the EXTRACT. Our PLASTER is invaluable in these diseases, Pimples, Pain in the Back or Side, &c. POND'S EXTRACT OINTMENT (50 cents) for use when removal of clothing is inconvenient, is a great help in relieving inflammatory cases.

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PHYSICIANS of all Schools recommend and prescribe POND'S EXTRACT. We have letters from hundreds who order it daily, in their practice, for SWELLINGS of all kinds, QUINSY, SORE THROAT, INFLAMED TONSILS, simple and chronic DIARRHŒA, CATARRH (for which it is a *specific*) CHILBLAINS, FROSTED FEET, STINGS OF INSECTS, MOSQUITOS, etc CHAPPED HANDS, FACE, and indeed all manner of Skin Diseases.

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