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FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH, 1885.

### THOSE OPEN LETTERS.

A good deal of space, too much we are ready to admit) is this week taken up with "open" letters. We have, in the spirit of fair play, inserted the letter of the irate reader exactly as it appeared in the *Star*, and we also insert a reply of about the same length. We don't think anybody can complain of lack of fair play; although now that our readers have been treated to a specimen of Mr. Embury's extraordinary style, perhaps they may be anxious to be saved from any further infliction of his florid diction. There will likely be no more need of "open letters."

We have long held back from showing what manner of man the unprincipled principal of our public school really was. His invited reply, and he has got it. Mr. Embury didn't know it was loaded.

But what shall be said of the editor of the *Star* in connection with the matter?

Time and again he has allowed articles personally abusing one or other of the proprietors of THE SIGNAL—and which he knew to be false—to be inserted in his journal. He has allowed blackguard correspondents to write falsehoods that he dared not write himself.

We are not that he contends that he is not responsible for the utterances in his communication columns. He is responsible. If he cannot govern the tone of what goes into his columns, he should resign his position, and let some man of nerve take the guidance of his journal. How does Mr. Mitchell reconcile the publication of Embury's letter against Mr. Thos. McGillicuddy, with the accusations he has paid the latter time and again on public platforms and elsewhere?

Mr. Mitchell has placed himself in a false position, and we hope he will not repeat his error.

If there is to be a fight on party lines let it be a square fight, but keep out of the hoodlum and the Thug,—the midnight assassin and backstabber.

RIEL has been further respited to Monday, Nov. 16th. Sir John is trying to put off the evil day, but eventually he will have to face the matter and deal with it squarely.

In last week's *Star* immediately after Embury's wild letter, an article appeared headed "A Madman's Legacy." A wag who was reading the paper said that that very appropriate heading should have appeared at the beginning of Embury's screed, instead of after it.

The *Kincardine Standard* has again changed hands, and is now owned and edited by Joseph Lang, an old newspaper man of the Saugen district. The name has been changed to the *Review*, and the paper will be conducted on the same political lines as heretofore. Under the new management it is new and readable, and if it keeps up to its present appearance it will supply a "long felt want" to the Tories of Kincardine and that neighborhood.

The *Hamilton Spectator* replies to THE SIGNAL that it never denied that Sir Tupper was coming home this year; that Sir Macpherson was going to retire from the position of Minister of the Interior, and thus become a scapegoat for the Northwest rebellion; that Sir Tilley was going to resign from the Cabinet, &c., &c. All of which goes to show that the *Spectator* is troubled with a bad memory. If we know where we could get a file of *Spectators* we would make a present of it to the editor of that short memory who now controls the utterances of the *Hamilton* sheet. Read your own paper, Mr. Editor.

This *Orillia Packet* has entered upon its sixteenth year under good auspices. We are pleased to learn that its lot has fallen in a pleasant place. It is a capital local paper and, barring its politics, should be a welcome visitor in any house in its section.

At a home rule meeting held in London on Tuesday evening, a letter of apology was read from W. R. Meredith for his non-appearance. The letter went on to praise the object of the gathering, and also stated that the writer was in favor of home rule for Ireland, and elsewhere. When W. R. Meredith penned the letter to the home rule committee, he evidently forgot that not long since, at the instance of Sir John, he strove to destroy home rule in Ontario.

It now turns out that all the talk about Blake's retirement in the *Mail*, the *Hamilton Spectator*, and other Tory sheets was made simply to draw the attention of the people while Sir Leonard Tilley made an "easy drop" out of the Cabinet. But the little scheme didn't work, and Sir Leonard is receiving some attention from the Liberal papers regarding his now celebrated "back hand-sawing." The work of the Liberal press in this instance is making the "galled jade wince," and now the Tory journals are working the sympathy racket for Sir Leonard and declare it is a shame to criticize a sick old man, even if he has been guilty of muddling the financial affairs of the country, and then stealing away to escape the consequences. But when it is remembered that Sir Leonard is not too sick to accept a Lieut. Governorship and \$10,000 a year, there will be few who will not think him sufficiently strong to bear honest criticism on his incompetency and cowardliness.

### POLITICAL ECHOES.

Many of the Northwestern papers talk some of the prisoners captured at the late rebellion have been too leniently treated. As an instance, the *Edmonton Bulletin* says: "Big Bear's jury returned a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy. It would be a mercy to turn such a jury loose in the camp of Big Bear's followers about April next for one short hour."—*Toronto World.*

The list of revising barristers for Quebec has been gazetted and it shows that out of the sixty-eight appointed only seven are judges. Of the latter, Messrs. Jean, Gill, Mathieu, Cimon and Brooks, were Tory members of Parliament, and Judge Loran, was Tory Attorney General for Quebec. Such Judges as Jette, Papineau, Taschereau, Bourgeois, Plamondon, Caron, Cassault and Routhier were shored aside. Sir John has gone the whole animal in his Quebec appointments. It looks as if he anticipated trouble in that province.—*Sarnia Observer.*

Mr. Parnell has the faculty of disturbing his opponents no less by what he says than by the words in which he says it. Among all living political leaders he speaks the softest and uses the fewest words. His very taciturnity, in fact, of the current verbosity, has something uncomfortable about it. But it is quite a mistake to say, as some are saying, that Mr. Parnell is the first Irishman of few words. Among the most memorable instances of the laconic style are the letters of the two Irish chieftains, Tyrconnell and O'Neal. O'Neal wrote to Tyrconnell:—"Send me tribute, or else—." The latter replied:—"I owe you none, and if—."—*Toronto World.*

Sir Leonard Tilley having plunged the finances of the country into an inextricable confusion, deserts his post under a plea of ill-health, which there is Mr. Everett's authority for saying is not so serious as was generally represented. Sir Leonard, however, will continue to draw a magnificent revenue from the public treasury, whether he be a Finance Minister or not; and as Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, to which position he has been called, he will be a pensioner upon the taxpayer in the future as in the past. Sir Leonard is a regular old man of the sea, and at every effort of the struggling taxpayer to shake off, he clings the tighter. There is one consolation about the change, however, and that is that his potency for mischief at Fredericton will be more restricted than it was at Ottawa. Here his name stands synonymous for high taxation and extravagant expenditure and it will take many years of economy and retrenchment to undo the incalculable mischief for which he is responsible.—*Ottawa Free Press.*

The *Parkhill Gazette* is now in the hands of J. G. Green, formerly of the *Gorrie Enterprise*.

Two fast trains will be placed on the London, Huron and Bruce line, between Wingham and London, on Monday, the 16th inst. It has not yet been definitely settled what their running time will be, but the new table will likely be issued some time next week.

### New Advertisements This Week.

Furniture—John Brophy.  
Toronto Club Store—T. O'Dea.  
Teacher Wanted—Thos. Hawkins.

### NEWS ABOUT HOME.

A child's amary, yakin notes  
An faith he'll treat it.

### TOWN TOPICS.

All kinds of photographic views are taken quickly and well by Geo. Stewart, corner of Hamilton street and square.

For one month I will sell furniture cheaper than any other house in town, to make room for Christmas goods. My prices are so low that they will not be understood. G. C. Robertson.

The seasons change, the leaves turn, and the lake freezes up, but still the photographer is unchangeable, and turns out good photographs today, tomorrow and the day after.

For suits that are suits, styles that are stylish, nobly fits of the nobbiest kind, material that is of the best, and at prices that can't be beaten, go to F. and A. Fridham's the fashionable tailors.

John Deacon, who manages the book and stationery business of Mrs. Cooke, does not take any stock in the school quarrel, but aims to make old and young happy by selling them cheap and reliable goods.

"FRUIT TALKING."—Blue, bronzes and brown Etienne overcoatings. New shades in Melton overcoatings. New shades in Cheviot overcoatings. Hats and fancy Call on us and we will show you the best assortment of goods in Goderich, at A. P. McGee's.

McGregor is home for the season. Capt. A. E. McGregor is able to drive out.

Capt. and Mrs. Cox left for Toronto last week.

Miss Lizzie Loran is visiting relatives in Clinton.

Capt. Murray McGregor and his son Frank, were in town this week.

The schooner Midland Rover will sojourn for the winter in Goderich harbor.

Capt. A. M. McGregor, of the government steamer Bayfield, is home for the season.

The schooner Evening Star arrived in port last week, and is now laid up in her winter berth.

Mrs. C. F. Strable left on Tuesday of last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Bastedo.

W. Vanstone, of the marble works, is in town for a few days. Goderich is ever attractive to him.

Brophy, the furniture man, is making special drives in bedroom sets. Read his list of what for the Big Mill and one car load in bags for the G. T. R. last Saturday.

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The Teigmann Sextette Club will give an entertainment in Victoria Opera House on Thursday next the 19th inst., in aid of the funds of St. George's church. This talented family has been everywhere received with great favor.

We were in error last week in stating that Miss Jennie Strathairn was going to receive \$225 as senior teacher in one of our ward schools. She will get \$250.

INSPECTOR APPOINTED.—At a meeting of the board of license commissioners held on Monday evening, H. Perkins, of Gorrie, was appointed secretary-treasurer and chief inspector for Huron under the Scott Act.

On Monday there will be an open entertainment in St. George's school room, under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society, and for which an interesting programme has been prepared.

The Young America with 480 tons of coal for the Big Mill arrived in port on Sunday morning. The vessel in entering the harbor did not seem to answer her helm readily and ran against the pier; little damage however occurred.

The Women's Union prayer meeting amalgamated with the W. C. T. U., the association will now be known under the name of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" and will meet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in the lecture room of North street Methodist church.

We are pleased to learn that P. O'Dea, our genial townsmen, has been appointed manager for the Toronto cash store, and take charge of the services. Mr. O'Dea is an energetic business man, and will, we feel assured do a good trade.

Special services are about to begin in the North street Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Crossley, the Singing Evangelist will be here the week after next, and take charge of the services. Mr. Crossley has been singularly blessed since he entered upon this special work.

On Wednesday a tub of butter made by Mrs. Thos. Hamilton, Colborne, and which took first prize at the shows held at Goderich, Blyth, Smith's Hill and Bangor, was shipped to the Attorney-General's residence at Toronto, it having been purchased for that gentleman's use.

Rev. John Shaw, an old time resident of this part of the county, now a prominent minister of the Methodist church, has been visiting from the city in the vicinity. Although he has many relatives in the county, the only member of his immediate family is his sister, Mrs. Andrew Whiteley, of Goderich.

On Friday Joseph Dale, of Seaford, was arraigned before His Honor Judge Doyle on a charge of maliciously wounding Isaac Miller, of the same town. In the assault Miller lost his left eye. The defendant, who pleaded not guilty, eluded to be tried by His Honor, and Wednesday, at 11 a.m., was set down for the hearing. The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to one month in gaol without allowance for his winter quarters.

The United Empire's unloaded 20,000 bushels of wheat for the Big Mill and one car load in bags for the G. T. R. last Saturday.

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FREE VACCINATION.—Nearly 300 persons were vaccinated by Dr. McClellan, Taylor and Holmes at the town hall last week. The "patients" were chiefly children. At times there was a great rush for places, and some of the youngsters seemed anxious to be inoculated more than once. Already this week over 400 more have been vaccinated. No more public vaccination for the town will be held until Saturday. On that day it is expected all the doctors will be present, and the intention is to close up the work then and there.

R. Cartwright, son of Sir Richard Cartwright, is working in the G. T. R. car shops at Bramford. He will be all the more respected by those whose opinion is worth having for the stand he has taken to earn his daily bread.

Robert McMillan, son of John McMillan, of Hullett, returned home from the old country last week.

Eugene D. Carey, barrister, of Winnipeg, is visiting friends in this section.

Max is the concise yet comprehensive title of a new monthly Magazine, published at the editorial supervision of Dr. Edward Playter, assisted by a corps of the first writers in Canada. It is really a very handsome publication, and is very able and spirited, and contains a nice variety of well balanced reading matter. Dr. Playter is one of our best writers, and a good and well conducted journal may confidently be expected from him. *Max* has been very favorably noticed by the press of the various Provinces.

Coal Gas.—This is the season when coal stoves come into general use and when accidents from coal gas begin to be placed on record. Parties should be careful to see that their stoves are properly adjusted before retiring, and the windows slightly lowered to admit fresh air. The back damper should be turned far enough to gently lessen the draught but not enough to prevent the gas from escaping. If sufficient precaution is taken there need be no fear of accident from escaping coal gas.

The following extracts, important to fishermen and others, are made from the regulations of the Department of Fisheries: Fishing for, catching, killing, buying or selling whitefish or salmon trout, is prohibited between the first and thirtieth days of November; both days inclusive. Gill nets used for catching whitefish or salmon trout must have meshes of at least five inches, extension measure. Net fishing without license is prohibited. Owners or occupants of saw mills or other persons, shall not throw or cause to be thrown into navigable streams any sawdust, edgings, slabs, bark, or rubbish of any description, under a penalty of twenty dollars for the first offence, and fifty dollars for every subsequent offence. The factory inspector is instructed to take prompt and efficient means to secure a rigid observance of the fishery laws.

DEATH OF JOHN GLEN.—One of our oldest settlers has passed away in the person of John Glen, of Colborne township, who died on Saturday, aged 72 years. He was born in Glasgow, and came to Goderich in 1833. At that time the place was almost a wilderness, and the neighboring townships were only being opened up to settlers. The deceased, who was a fellow of about twenty years of age was employed in running the first steamboat owned by the Canada Company, and continued in that occupation for a couple of years. He then managed a sawmill for Macdonald & Parsons for some time, and in 1848 took up a farm in the township of Colborne, where he has since resided. He was a volunteer during the rebellion of 1837. He was a sound Reformer in politics, and in religion was a member of the Presbyterian faith. For a number of years he was a member of the West Riding of Huron Agricultural society, being a progressive farmer of public spirit. He also displayed considerable inventive genius, and among other things invented a salt pan with rollers, based upon which he spent much time and money although he never had it put into working order in any of the salt manufactories. He leaves behind him his widow, six sons and two daughters. The deceased will long be remembered by many in town and country.

OUR TOWN FATHERS.

What Transpired at the Council Meeting Last Friday Night.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Friday evening. Present—The Mayor, in the chair, reeve Johnston, deputy reeve Cameron, councillors Murray, Colborne, Cantelon, McEwan, Lee, Acheson, Humber, Butler, Dunlop, Bingham.

The minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

REPORTS.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand of 2,258.67.

The street inspector's report showed that \$109.35 had been paid out on improvements since the last meeting of the council.

The sexton's report for month ending Oct. 31st showed that 7 adults and 4 children had been interred during the month—5 adults and 3 children being from outside of the town.

The fire warden's report was received and filed.

The finance committee's report recommended the payment of the following accounts: Williams & Murray, \$20.99; Garrow & Proudfoot, \$4; Williams & Murray, \$23.72; Jas. Addison, \$4; Williams & Murray, \$19.48; Robt. McLean, \$0.30; Goderich Star, \$3; James Watson, \$2.

A number of accounts were submitted and referred to the finance committee.

Several applications were made for remission of taxes, which were referred to court of revision.

Moved by Murray, seconded by McEwan, that the mayor be empowered to purchase such quantity of vaccine as is required to vaccinate all the town, the doctors vaccinating free. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

### DOOMED TO DIE.

Riel Granted Six Days More of Life.

To be Hanged on the 16th.—Final Action on the Part of the Dominion Government.

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—There has been the keenest interest here today among all classes regarding the probable action in the Riel case, and speculations have been rife during the afternoon. It seems that the immediate conclusion arrived at has been to further respite the rebel chief until the 16th. There will still be some anxiety on the part of Riel's friends until the final decision is given, but many of them have given up whatever hope they had hitherto entertained for a commutation of the sentence to either imprisonment for life or confinement in a lunatic asylum.

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—Riel has been granted a further respite until the 16th inst. It is generally believed in official circles that this further respite was given to enable the condemned man to prepare for death, and that the sentence will undoubtedly be carried out on the date mentioned.

Two doctors, from Ontario and Quebec asylums, are now examining Riel.

NONE OF THEM BUSINESS.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 9.—Major Edward Mallet, of this city, the well known worker in the French cause in the United States, and an intimate personal friend of Louis Riel, the Canadian revolutionist, had an interview with the President this afternoon, and made a strong appeal for the interference of this Government to prevent the hanging of Riel by the Canadian authorities. The President heard Mallet fully, and after giving the matter thorough consideration, concurred with Mr. Bayard's opinion previously given, that it was not a case in which the United States Government could possibly interfere.

### COUNTY CLIPPINGS.

Items from all Parts of Huron got on the News Exchange.

BLIND TO DEATH.—We are sorry to hear that John Houston, of Kintosa, whose accident was recorded in our last issue, has since died from loss of blood, which resulted from the bursting of an artery in his arm.

This is a great year for big potatoes. We are again to the front with the best yet. Last week there was left in our keep a potato weighing 4 pounds and 4 ounces, grown by A. Macdonald, of the 4th con., Kintosa. This is the largest sample we have yet seen.—*Lucknow Sentinel.*

One of the most disgraceful occurrences that it has been our lot to chronicle for some time took place in this town at an early hour on Wednesday morning, when some scamps who should be in penitentiary vented their spite by breaking the windows in S. Gracey's furniture warehouse and in H. Park's jewelry store.

HORSEFLAM.—Mr. D. McDonald, of Michigan, purchased a few horses here last week, among the number being a brood mare from Mr. W. Wise, Goderich township, at \$200; a mare from Anthony Lawson, Hullett, at \$135; a team from Mr. James Fair, at a good figure, and also one from Mr. A. Seel, Hullett.

Last Friday the morning express on the London, Huron and Bruce road struck a steep just the corner of Henshaw and passed over the animals, which lay with its neck on one rail and its hindquarters on the other. The jar to the locomotive was pretty severe, but it held the rails and no one in the passenger cars felt the shock.

The residence of P. Brown, 10th con., East Wawanosh, had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire last Friday week. One of the children let a lantern fall, when it exploded and set fire to one of the dining room windows, burning the frame totally out and damaging the carpet and some furniture considerably. Mr. Brown was absent, but through the exertions of one of the employees of the saw mill the flames were extinguished. The damage amounts to about \$200.

LEGION CASES.—Last Friday morning, Chas. Schmidt, of the Central Hotel, Wingham, John Patterson, of the Exchange, Wingham, and Mr. Stewart, of Bellevue, were arraigned before Justice McKay and McKibbin on a charge of selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the Scott Act. The cases were adjourned until Monday, when evidence on both sides was taken. The charge against Mr. Stewart was proven and judgment was deferred, while the other cases were adjourned for a week.

The Wingham salt well has been sunk 1,250 feet, without getting brine in paying quantities. Hope is not abandoned, however, of striking a rich supply. Prof. Selwyn, of the Geographical Survey, has been communicated with.

The Wingham Advance says:—"A communication has been received by the council from Prof. Selwyn, the Government geologist, in answer to one sent him. He says, in reference to our salt well, that he thinks we have not reached the actual salt bed yet. At the Atrill well in Goderich salt was found at 1227 to 1355 feet, so we believe there are still good prospects of getting salt here, and we are glad to learn that the council have given instructions to go on with the boring. 1,100 feet is reached."