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Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVENING, JAN 7, 1868.

TO ADVERTISERS.

At this season of the year it is very important to the business man that his advertisement should receive the greatest possible publicity. The circulation of THE WEEKLY MERCURY having nearly doubled itself within the last six or eight weeks, offers inducements to advertisers that no other journal can lay claim to.

HARPER'S BAZAR for Saturday the 18th inst., is to hand at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market.

CHURCH OPENING.—It is expected, that the new Congregational Church, in Guelph, will be opened on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE FOR THE WEST WARD.—We are requested to state that Dr. McGuire is a candidate for the office of Trustee for the West Ward.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Fugh, the confidence man, who so extensively played the swindler at Toronto, has been sentenced to imprisonment for two years and a half in the penitentiary.

THE VOTING TO-MORROW.—The ratepayers will remember that there is only one day's polling for School Trustees. The poll opens at 9 a. m. and closes at 5 p. m.

PRESENTATION.—The editor and proprietor of the Barrie Examiner was tendered an invitation to a supper on New Year's eve, by several of his friends and supporters, on which occasion he was presented with a New Year's gift, in the shape of a purse of sixty-one dollars, as a slight appreciation of his efforts in the cause of reform and progress.

CHARITY.—The Free Press says: A wedding being celebrated at the residence of Mr. John Grievs, Westminster, on Wednesday night last, a crowd of young men gathered on the outside, and began to beat pans, blow horns, and make other hideous noises.

JOHN HARRIS, CONFECTIONER, and BISCUIT Manufacturer.

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ANOTHER DOUBLE MAP.

Four Corners' Hotel, BRANSONA ROAD.

HAY IN TRUSSES

Town Council.

The Town Council met on Monday night. Present, the Mayor in the chair; Dr. Herod, Messrs. Holliday, Mitchell, Peterson, Day, Heffernan, Thomson, Galbraith, Massie, Melvin, Sayers, Chadwick, McCurdy and Harvey.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from Chief Constable Kelly, asking that he should be paid the \$20 offered as a reward by the Council for the conviction of any person who had broken a street lamp, as he had lately apprehended Mathew Sheehy for such offence, and the Police Magistrate convicted him.

Mr. Heffernan read a petition from T. Cooper praying for the refunding of the dog tax, having been levied on him by Wm Stevenson for the refunding of \$3 dog tax, as there had been an error in his assessment.

Mr. Chadwick read a petition from John Andrews of Elora, who had lately been fined before the police magistrate \$20 and expenses for having published a lottery in Elora, and as none of the articles to be disposed of were worth less than the price of a ticket, he prayed for the refunding of one half of the fine.

Mr. Day read the report of the Tree Planting Committee. They had expended the following amounts: E. H. Maddock, making boxes \$150.50, Wm. Stevenson planting \$100. Adopted.

Paslinch Township Council.

The Municipal Council of Paslinch met in the Town Hall, on Monday, 30th Dec. Members all present—the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of preceding session were read and confirmed.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have been requested to republish the following as the programme for the week of prayer, which began yesterday.

Tuesday, January 7.—Prayer for Nations: for Kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal and International Peace.

Wednesday, January 8.—Prayer for Families: for Schools, Colleges and Universities; and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign Countries.

Thursday, January 9.—Prayer for Christian Ministers, and all engaged in Christ's Service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 10th.—Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted; for Widows and Orphans; and for the persecuted for Righteousness' sake.

Saturday, January 11.—Prayer for the Christian Church: for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, January 12.—Sermons. Subject: Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS. The Caxton Publishing House of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces in our advertising columns a forthcoming Life of Jefferson Davis, President of the late Confederacy, by Frank H. Alfriend, of Richmond, Va., formerly editor of the "Southern Literary Messenger," and known during the war as a writer of distinction on the Richmond Press.

center on which the School house stands remains unchanged, and the only parts of the lot altered are the corners at the north and east angles, which have been rounded off. Nor indeed have these been done exactly according to by-law, the fence being considerably extended outside the curves mentioned in the by-law.

It was said some slight discrepancies existed between descriptions in the by-law, and the notice published preceding its passage, but your committee believe that if any such exist they are of so trivial a nature as to be really unworthy serious disputation either way, and about which no disagreement can take place.

Your committee being thoroughly satisfied, from abundant sources, of the truth of the above statement, and other testimony to the effect that the sum of \$100 was the entire and only amount ever agreed upon or contemplated between the Council and the Church in 187, as full compensation for all the land appropriated under the by-law, nor was, or is it worth any more. Adopted.

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Mr. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that Mr. Guthrie the surviving partner of the firm of Blair & Guthrie be recognized as Town Solicitor.—Carried.

The Council adjourned for twenty minutes, and having resumed, the Mayor in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Rev. Mr. Ball be elected Grammar School Teacher for Guelph. Carried.

The Council finally adjourned.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

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TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—We are requested to state that Rev. G. Wood will lecture in the Temperance Hall this evening, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE.—It appears from letters received at Washington that the journey of the King and Queen of Greece from Vienna to Venice, and hence to Corfu, was marked by a series of brilliant demonstrations, the Grecian ladies who reside at Venice, turning out en masse to pay homage to their Queen; and the Greeks at Trieste assembled for a similar purpose at the junction of the Trieste and Venice railroad station.

HEROISM.—An instance of great heroism on the part of a young man, Captain Wm. Jackson, is related in the Newfoundland papers as having occurred at Labrador during the violent hurricanes of Oct. 9th, of which we have before spoken.

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BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Abyssinian Expedition!

THE NEW ITALIAN MINISTRY COMPLETED.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Jan. 5.—The latest despatches from Abyssinia report that advance of the British expedition still remained at Senafe where it had been encamped since Dec. 7th, and no movement beyond that point would be made until the arrival of the Commander-in-chief, General Sir Robert Napier, who was daily expected.

Paris, Jan. 6th.—Late despatches from Civita Vecchia state that there is much sickness among the French troops quartered there.

Florence, Jan. 6.—The re-organization of the Italian Ministry has been completed by Menabrea, and the new Cabinet is announced as follows:—Gen. Menabrea, President of the Ministerial Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Cordova, Minister of the Interior; Digny, Minister of Finance; Reale, Minister of War; Filippo Minister of Justice; Broglio, Minister of Public Instruction; Cardillo, Minister of Public Works; Rabotti, Minister of Marine.

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.—The debate in the Reichstag on the proposed sale of the Danish West India Islands to the U.S. was adjourned to a future day. No decisive vote has yet been taken on the subject.

American Despatches.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 6.—The business portion of Indianola was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst. Loss \$100,000.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 6th.—The loss by the burning of the military asylum is estimated at \$150,000. One of the patients froze to death while being removed here, Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—The clothing house of Bowman & Strool was burned to-night. Loss \$30,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Tribune's special says of the destruction of the United States military hospital, near Augusta, Maine, by fire:—The patients had all retired when the fire was discovered, but every effort was made by the men and his assistants to arouse them. "I got those who were sick to a place of safety. Unfortunately a barrel of whiskey that was rolled out and overboard to be destroyed, was taken by some soldiers, and nearly every soldier who could hobble about was in a state of drunkenness in a short time. Fights took place between one-armed and one-legged men, and the scene in the laundry building was fearful to witness. Men fought each other with the fury of demons; they were so crazed by the liquor that they obeyed nothing.—Many of them lay dead drunk in the snow and could not be aroused, and one of these intemperate beings while being conveyed to Augusta, died from the effects of the cold—absolutely frozen to death.

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