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CHARLEVOIX election will be held Sept. 23.

The petition against the return of Hon. Edward Blake, in West Durham, has been withdrawn, but Sir John will have to face the music in Kingston.

According to the Hamilton Spectator the Nationalists control the telegraph wires in Great Britain and Ireland, and color the despatches to suit themselves. The statement is about as true as anything the Spectator says of the Nationalists usually is.

A LIBEL suit has been entered against the Mitchell Advocate by a man named Morris. The Advocate is consoling itself with the plea that Morris is "only a poor man, and can't furnish security for costs." If the case goes to a jury that plea will not avail.

The editor of the Cornwall Standard never heard of the name "McGillicuddy" before. His geographical and historical studies have evidently been neglected, and we will go 25c. towards giving the poor fellow a term at night school during the coming winter.

The summer is nearly past, and soon the frost will be in the earth, but up to the time of writing the excavation work in connection with the Government buildings in Goderich has not commenced. During the coming winter that \$4,000 in the estimates will make a great rallying cry for political purposes.

Messrs Rochon (Lib.) and Cormier (Cons.) were nominated for Ottawa county in the Quebec Legislature Wednesday last. Cormier was elected last year, but resigned his seat when a petition was entered against him. The full strength of the two parties has been concentrated in the riding, and notwithstanding that it has been hitherto looked upon as hopelessly Tory, hopes are entertained of its being redeemed by the Liberals.

The Guelph Junction and Goderich Railway can now be considered as being fairly under way. Over 100 Italians have arrived in Guelph to work on the Guelph Junction Railway. It is expected that 700 or 1,000 men will be at work inside of a few weeks. We are credibly informed that the work of making the preparatory surveys of the section of country immediately east of Goderich will be entered upon by Chief Engineer Jennings, of the C.P.R. staff within the next four or five weeks.

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## WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

The "Anarchist Meeting"—The Waterworks scheme still hangs fire—A Pound-keeper Wanted—About Postponements.

—During the past week things generally have been flatter than the proverbial pancake, so to speak, and you'd almost think the neighbors were "lying low for ducks" or something, such an awful stillness prevails. The attendance at the "Grumbling Stool" on my back stoop has been below the average, and I am credibly informed that the "Anarchist Meeting," which was started in opposition to our sessions, has been experiencing some set-backs that have almost taken the nerve out of the majority of the members. You didn't know that there was an "Anarchist Meeting" in Goderich. Well, as Who-d'ye-call-him said to What's-his-name, "—as chronicled by William Shakespeare or Ignatius Donnelly, I don't know which—"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." But, to get right down to hardpan, there is a gathering of law-abiding, peace-loving, ratepayers of this town, who hold regular meetings wherein the topics of the day are discussed, and where opinions upon national and international questions are turned out with neatness and dispatch. John Butler got on to this gathering and dubbed it the "Anarchist Meeting," and despite the fact that the cognomen is at variance with the constitution and bylaws of the institution, it has remained with it even unto this day. The conclave meets for the transaction of business ever sanely—but, pah! the editor would object to me giving the time and place of meeting without the regular advertising rates being charged, and so I will not particularize in this respect. Well, as I was saying, the organization of the new institution has cut a hole in the membership of our backstoop gathering, and has hindered us from getting up a "ticket" for the next municipal election. I am in hopes, however, that an amalgamation will be formed, between the two conclaves, and, in that event, the present compilation of dry-bones yept the "Town Council" will get its quietus at New Years, or my name isn't Ajax.

—Another week has passed and gone, and still the proposed waterworks scheme hangs fire. As it at present stands, nothing has been done, nothing will be done, and nothing can be done. Along about the beginning of May last, elaborate flysheets were placed in circulation, telling us all about the "perfected scheme" that was laid before the free and independent electors, but from that day to this the "perfected scheme" has failed to materialize, or words to that effect. Now would be a good time to have a penny reading entertainment in the town hall at which to recite extracts from the Bylaw flysheet. I have no doubt there would be a large turnout of electors, and if ten cents admission were charged to pay the express charges on the voter's lists package from Clinton to Goderich. Mebbe I don't see things in exactly the same light as some people, but I'm inclined to believe that the manner in which the present council imposed upon the ratepayers, in the matter of the passing of the bylaws, and the dilatory manner in which our public affairs have been handled, deserve to be answered by the "free and independent" with a writ of ejectment upon the whole caboodle of them at the next municipal election. So much for the council's do-nothing policy in regard to the waterworks, and now I'll point out another do-nothing dodge or two on other points.

—We used to have a pound and a cow-bylaw is on our municipal book and has never been repealed. A couple of months ago our pound-keeper left the limits, and the clerk of the municipality was notified of his departure, but to this hour the council has done nothing towards appointing a man to carry out the provisions of the town bylaw. Now, when I was out on the farm, I never discharged the hired man or allowed him to skip out during seedtime or harvest without trying to fill the vacuum created by his departure at as early an hour as possible. But that isn't the way our councillors act, and the consequence is that, having a defective bylaw, and being without any

means of carrying out its provisions, it is possible that the council will have to foot up a bill for damages one of these days that'll make the members of the finance committee open their eyes.

—Last week the council should have held its regular monthly meeting to transact legitimate business, but owing to the fact that the mayor was away from town on private business, it was decided not to hold the meeting. Now, out in townships, when I lived there, if the reeve was unable to be present, the business went along all O.K. so long as there was a quorum. If the reeve failed to connect, the deputy took the chair, and if the reeve and deputy were both away, it was moved by councillor John Brown, seconded by councillor Tom Jones, that councillor Bill Robinson take the chair, and the motion was carried unanimously. On such occasions, the board generally got through more business in a given time than when all the members were on deck, and I don't know that a similar way of doing business would not work admirably in Goderich. Mind you, I've no objection to his worship being away occasionally on regular council meeting nights, but I think the council should have enough stysie about it to hold the regular meeting on the duly appointed evenings, mayor or no mayor.

## JOHN BRIGHT ON TEMPERANCE.

The following letter from John Bright in regard to the liquor question will prove of some interest to our readers. It is dated August 23, from Rochdale, and was written to a gentleman residing in Toronto:—

"DEAR SIR,—I suppose all men will admit that it would be a great blessing if the manufacture and sale and use of drinks which intoxicate were abolished. The whole question, and its solution, must depend on public opinion, which may agree to restrictions which are important, but will for a long time, and perhaps always refuse the absolute prohibition, which I suppose you are contending for. It seems to me with us, and probably with you, that a severe taxation is almost the only remedy that can be adopted with much hope of success. By this course we may reduce the number of houses where the drink is sold, and this lessens the temptation, which so many people seem unable to resist, and at the same time it would add to the cost of the drink and thus to some extent diminish the consumption of what is so great a source of mischief. I fancy you are in advance of us on this question. With us only moderate measures have any chance of success and we must be content to travel more slowly than is the case in some parts of your continent.—with you in Canada and with the temperance party in the United States. I hope with you and with us the temperance cause may prosper. Very truly yours, (signed) JOHN BRIGHT.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Words to the Wise and Otherwise on Public Questions.

HE WAS THERE, WE UNDERSTAND.  
Where was the Mayor during the riotous proceedings in St. George's church Wednesday evening? ANTI RIOTER.

"A FRIEND."—Your communication is all right, but owing to the fact that we don't know who has written the item we cannot insert it.

HE DOESN'T LIVE IN HURON AT ALL.  
Be kind enough to give me the post office address in Huron County that will find Robert Porter, M. P. I know he promised to live in Clinton, if he were elected, but I have learned that he doesn't reside there.

INFORMATION WANTED.  
National Meeting at Ennis.  
ENNIS, Sept. 5.—There were lighted candles in the windows of almost every house in Ennis last night. An enormous crowd welcomed the visitors and escorted them to the hotel, where an address was presented to them. Mr. Stanhope made a long reply, in which he congratulated Ireland upon having secured the support of the English Liberals. Mr. Dillon enjoined the crowd to be peaceful during the night and deprive the authorities of any excuse or palliation for the outrage they proposed to inflict at the morrow's meeting. Messrs. Sullivan and Cox also spoke, when the crowd dispersed, cheering for the nationalists and groaning for the government. Father Walsh, the parish priest, presided at the meeting of the day in spite of a pouring rain, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Many noted Americans went to Hawarden Sunday to pay their respects to Mr. Gladstone and attend a church, where he read the lesson of the day. After service the path from the church door was lined on both sides by American visitors who greeted Mr. Gladstone with much warmth as he passed on his way home. He returned each greeting cordially.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Latest Intelligence from all Parts.

Crisp Items of Interest for People Who Want the News in a Hurry—Information Bolled Down to Suit Our Readers' Time.

Hand-painted coffins are the latest society freak in Boston.  
A bed of fine marble has been discovered near Tilsonburg.  
A large number of crooks and confidence men from the United States are in Toronto.  
Rev. Wm. L. Harris, D.D., Methodist Episcopal Bishop of New York, died on Saturday.  
The traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific railway for the week ending August 31st were \$327,000.  
The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association met at Grimsby on Sept. 23 and 29. It will be the annual session.  
Potatoes are now being shipped from Winnipeg to Ontario to supply the shortage. The Manitoba crop is excellent.  
The entries of exhibits for the Western Fair are now 20 per cent. in advance of what they were at this date last year.  
At a trades union congress at Sawansea Monday a resolution condemning the Government for suppressing public meetings in Ireland was passed by 85 to 7.  
A brakeman named Nordaby leaped from his train into the Housatonic river on Saturday and rescued a lady from drowning.  
Every trace of the Colorado beetle has been destroyed in Germany by the timely use of disinfectants and tilling the field where the pests appeared.  
It is stated that Admiral Luce will be released from the command of the North Atlantic squadron this week and be made president of the college at Newport.  
The Commercial Bulletin's fire record for August shows a total loss in the United States and Canada of \$8,317,500, against \$13,000,000 in August, 1886.  
Mr. Powderley, General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, says he will respond to the call of the Irish leaders whenever they feel his services are needed.  
A. B. Stickney will remodel the old Metropolitan hotel at St. Paul, Minn., at a cost of \$10,000, and present it to the city for a public library, art school and conservatory of music.  
E. M. Shadbolt, accountant of the Bank of Montreal, has been appointed assistant inspector, vice Mr. H. V. Merritt.  
Mr. Wilgress, assistant accountant, will probably be promoted.  
Phillip Schombs, a baker, committed suicide Monday morning while confined in the county jail at Louisville, Ky., by cutting his throat and the main artery in his left arm with a tin bucket.  
A company, with a capital of \$300,000, has been formed in Montreal to re-open and operate the best-root sugar factory at Berthier, Quebec, which is expected to be in full operation by next summer.

The Gaelic society, of Toronto, are making elaborate preparations for the reception to the Highlander, on Sept. 15. Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education, will deliver an address in Gaelic on the occasion.  
President Cleveland writes all his letters and addresses them with his own hand. He tried dictating to a stenographer some time ago, but found that he could do his work much better when he wielded the pen himself.  
Cady, the Hudson, N. Y. forger, whom Chief Stewart and Detective Gates, of Hamilton, followed down to Halifax about a year ago, was recently sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He had eloped with \$60,000.  
Dr. Garnier of Lucknow arrived in Toronto Monday with fifty-five snakes, one a large boa constrictor, for the Zoo. He has devoted forty years of his life to the study of snakes, and bears the reputation of being a scientist of the first water.

Ten thousand dollars have already been subscribed by the Anti-Scott Act people of Wellington county and sent to Guelph, where a great fight will come off shortly. Both parties will concentrate their forces at Guelph, as it will be upon the vote in that city that the fate of the county will be.  
In his address on the subject of Ottawa's death-rate in the Dominion Methodist church Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Carson said the death rate in Ottawa was 28 for every 1,000 of the population, which was 30 per cent greater than any other city in Ontario, and 20 per cent higher than London, England.  
Renewed pressure having been brought upon Mr. Gladstone, the Liberal leader has promised to crown the Home Rule campaign during recess with an acceptance of the invitation of Mr. Sexton, as the next Mayor of Dublin, to visit the Irish capital at the beginning of that gentleman's term of the mayoralty.

Saturday afternoon as the C. P. R. construction train was running into London, Ont., at a very lively rate a hand car was on the track just about to turn the asylum curve, and before the train could be stopped the construction engine struck the car, knocked it into the air, sending it far from the track. There were several men on the hand car, only one of whom was seriously hurt.

The people of Woodstock have decided by a majority of 410 that they don't want any waterworks.

The St. Mary's town council is discussing the advisability of introducing the electric light into that place.

It is expected that the vote on the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Bruce county will take place early in October.

A physician, having bought an interest in a milk route, derives a greater income from the well than he formerly did from the sick.

Nineteen suits for damages, aggregating \$127,500 have been entered at Peoria against the railway company in connection with the Chatsworth horror.

MITCHELLSTOWN, Ireland, Sept. 6.—Extra police have been ordered to be held in readiness for action in the event of rioting on Friday, on the occasion of the trial of Mr. O'Brien.

The proposed evictions on the Ponsonby estates have been abandoned under the provisions of the Land Act. Twenty-six of the Ponsonby tenants are protected and cannot be evicted.

A farmer at Upper Wakefield, Ottawa county, has discovered a rich iron mine on his farm. He recently paid \$1000 for the property, for which a firm of New York capitalists have offered him \$25,000.

Newport society is divided over the question of receipt of the Duke of Marlborough. One section admits it is eager to be patronized by the Duke, while the other is equally determined to ignore him, and the "charmed circle" is consequently knocked out of shape.

T. H. Purdom, counsel for Henry Taylor, ex-President of the Bank of London, applied to Judge Davis yesterday for setting aside of the capias on which his client was arrested. The judge refused the application and Taylor was lodged in the debtor's cell. He passed Sunday quietly in jail, a few friends and his counsel calling on him.

On Monday the following gentlemen were presented to the high court, Toronto, by F. Mackelcan, Q. C., and sworn in as barristers:—J. H. Reeves, W. L. Scott, J. A. Mills, E. J. B. Duncan, A. W. Lane, J. S. Wilgress, J. M. McWhinney, J. McG. Young, W. B. Lawson, E. Heavens, F. M. Field, E. A. Wismer, J. A. Davidson, J. M. Balderson, H. E. Ridley, J. H. Bowes, J. R. Shaw, J. McKay, A. C. Boulton.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The affiliation of the English Liberals with the Irish Nationalists has identified more closely their mutual arrangements for political work during the recess. While about thirty Parliaments will make a stupping tour of Great Britain to enlighten the electors of England and Scotland on the Home Rule question, a group of English members will go to Ireland to assure the Irish people of the sympathy and support of the Liberal party.

Mr. J. C. Browne, a leading coal merchant in Ottawa, says: Men often say: We took the duty off coal and yet the price has advanced. That would not be the result with other commodities. Mr. Browne says that coal has advanced 25 cents a ton here, owing to an advance of 80 cents in the States. If it were not for having the 50-cent duty taken off, the advance here would have been 80 cents. Taking off that duty actually saves consumers 50 cents on the ton, although they pay 25 cents more now.

A Philadelphia despatch says there has been a marked change of front in the attitude of General Master Workman Powderley towards the trades unions and the opponents of the present administration of the Knights of Labor since the recent elections of delegates to the Minneapolis convention, when anti-administration men were chosen by nearly all of the more powerful district assemblies throughout the country. It is said Powderley is trying to throw the blame for the condition of the order on the members of the board, and has made overtures of peace to the prominent leaders of the opposition.

At a meeting at Hull Sunday night, Mr. Bourbonsais, the independent Conservative M. P. for Soulanges County, made an important statement. He said that after he was elected, in October last, Hon. Mr. Chapleau counselled him to vote against the Ross-Tailon Administration, and that if he would vote to sustain the Ross-Tailon party in power he would lose his (Mr. Chapleau's) esteem. He also stated the Tories had gone so far as to offer him money in the hope of inducing him to support them. The statements created a great sensation, and Mr. Tasse, who was present, did not challenge their accuracy.

The Tibborne claimant has found a congenial resting place at last. His wandering has ceased, at any rate for a time. The haven he has taken refuge in is a Chatham street, New York, barroom. Its enterprising proprietor has employed him on a large salary as bartender. The sagacious liquor seller knew that when it was once known that the great English claimant was to be found at his saloon his establishment would not languish for want of custom. Weighing over three hundred pounds the opulent Sir Roger is a rather heavy man for the business, but he takes to it kindly, and promises soon to become an expert as a mixer of drinks. The frequenters of the bar room are said to be exceedingly polite to the claimant and invariably address him as "Sir Roger." He appreciates their courtesy and responds freely and with great affability. So it may be concluded that the claimant has found his proper sphere and is successful at last.

## FROM WASHINGTON

What Has Transpired at the United States Capital.

Changes in the Tariff Contemplated—The International Commission—Civil Service Reform—The International Medical Congress.

From our Special Correspondent.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5th, 1887.

The simultaneous presence in this city of such leading Democrats as Speaker Carlisle and Congressman Mills, at this dull season, has given rise to a good deal of tariff talk. Color is given to the report by the fact that the Speaker and his wife are on a prolonged visit to the President and Mrs. Cleveland at their country place. The substance of the tariff measure agreed on by the Administration is said to be a heavy reduction in custom duties, the removal of tobacco taxes, and non-interference with the general internal system, as a compromise for cutting the tariff rates on the necessities of life. In this connection it is somewhat significant that the Bureau of Statistics has been called upon for figures on customs duties, to show where the most effective reductions can be made and how the revenues of the Government would be affected thereby.

An International Commission, composed of three American and three Englishmen, the former to be chosen by Secretary Bayard, will meet in Washington ere long to discuss the vexatious Canadian fisheries dispute, with the purpose of solving the troublesome problem of the boundary line between Canada and the United States, over which there has been a controversy about one hundred years. If this matter can be satisfactorily settled on an American standpoint, it will naturally be regarded as a great diplomatic triumph for the present administration, which the whole country would regard with patriotic pride.

During August Government receipts were very heavy, aggregating \$35,000,115, against \$32,195,326 for the same month last year—fully two millions more than in August 1886. Internal revenue and miscellaneous receipts show a corresponding excess and the disbursement a large decrease comparatively. A statement prepared by the Treasury Department shows that during the month of August there was a decrease of \$73,870 in the total circulation and an increase of \$10,216,200 in the total cash in the Treasury.

The Civil Service Commission is considering a plan for a more uniform classification of the Department clerks so as to include within the rules the clerks of lower grade—for instance, copyists at \$900 who are not embraced. It is the Commissioner's desire to remove the discrimination now existing by which places in one Department are exempt from civil service rules while precisely similar positions in another Department come under the rules.

It had been heralded forth by some irresponsible newspaper correspondents that sweeping changes would take place in the forces of the Treasury and Interior Department on Sept. 1st, but, as yet, these reports have not materialized to any considerable extent, and there have only been a few unimportant changes.

The city was honored last week by a visit from an East Indian Prince—a vassal of the British Queen—who was a conspicuous figure, and attracted general attention by his fine presence and courtly bearing at a reception tendered him by Secretary Bayard and the foreign Ministers. Prince Thakore was very much pleased with our people and country, and declared that the one thing necessary to complete his happiness was the entree to the fashionable society of our popular watering places.

The great Medical Congress meets today in several sections, as one, or even two or three buildings are not large enough to accommodate the thousands of physicians in attendance from civilized nations, and whose presence imparts an air of bustle and animation to the city at its dulllest season. These faces are seen in unusually large numbers on every side. This congress will doubtless be the most interesting and important of the kind ever assembled.

The latest scheme of public improvement is the contemplated national roadway, to be called Mt. Vernon Avenue, designed to begin at the Aqueduct bridge and thence run to the home of Washington. This grand conception is both practical and patriotic, and the idea of connecting the tomb of the father of his country with its great capital, named in his honor, is truly poetic, and should be carried into effect. This, together with the monumental bridge to span the Potomac, would be regarded by the people of the United States as two of the nation's brightest jewels.

On Saturday the 20th ult., Margaret Clark, of the 5th concession of Morris, passed away to her reward at the advanced age of 100 years and 6 months. Her husband who died some 16 years ago, had reached his 103rd year. Mrs. Clark's remains were interred in the Sunshine burying ground on Monday, a large concourse of friends and relations paying their last tribute of respect to the old lady. It is a very rare thing to meet a husband and wife whose ages aggregate nearly 204 years at the time of their decease.