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A SPECIAL Meeting of Guelph Lodge 163, A. O. U. W., will be held this TUESDAY EVENING at 7.30 o'clock.

Business—Conferring Degrees and General, Every member requested to be present

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St. Andrew's Society.

A Meeting of the Members of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, 29th DEC., at 8 o'clock, in the City Hall, Building, to receive report of Concert Committee and other business.

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Those wishing to enter the Public Schools for the first time are requested to meet with the Inspector in his office, Central School Building, on Monday, the 4th, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

All pupils of I and II Book Classes living in St. George's Ward, and those of Junior III and Intermediate III Book living north and east of the river will present themselves at St. George's Ward School for admission.

ROBERT TORRANCE, Sec. Board of Education dec28d6

Removal.

T. H. CRAIG late of the Commercial Hotel Barber Shop has purchased the business and goodwill of John A. Hudson, St. George's Square, where he will continue the business and guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor him with a call. dec23d6

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TO THE ELECTORS

ST. JAMES WARD

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DEATHS.

STICKNEY—In Port Elgin, on 12th December, of typhoid fever, George Stickney, third son of John Stickney, Winfield, aged 37 years.

A. F. AND A. M.

Installation of Speed and Waverley Lodge Officers.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist falling on Sunday this year, the installation of officers of Speed and Waverley lodges took place yesterday. The ceremony was a joint one, and there was a very large gathering of the brethren present. The officers of Speed lodge, No. 180, were installed by W. Bro. Wm. Parker, assisted by W. Bros. Wm. Anderson and H. Gummer, as follows:—

W. Bro. H. N. Barry, I.P.M.
" R. Tovell, W.M.
" G. R. Bruce, S.W.
" O. H. Ainsworth, J.W.
" P. Dunbar, Chaplain.
W. " W. Parker, Sec.
W. " W. Ross, Treas.
" J. B. Collins, S.D.
" J. Jarrett, J.D.
" J. Brooking, D. of C.
" P. Dudgeon, Organist.
" A. Robertson, S.S.
" W. Weir, J.S.
" W. Rapp, I.G.
W. " H. Bolton, O.G.

Auditing committee—W. Bro. A. Bruce, W. Bro. J. New, Bro. G. Harper.

Local Board of Relief—W. Bro. A. Bruce, W. Bro. W. Parker.

Charitable Committee—Bros. G. Bruce, O. H. Ainsworth, J. B. Collins, Jas. Jarret, W. Watson.

Representative to Joint Executive Committee—Bros. G. Bruce, O. H. Ainsworth.

The officers of Waverley lodge, No. 361, were installed by W. Bro. Anderson, assisted by W. Bros. H. Gummer and W. Parker, as follows:—

W. Bro. A. E. Lyon, I.P.M.
" A. Little, W.M.
" W. M. Stanley, S.W.
" Jos. A. King, J.W.
" Rev. J. C. Smith, Chap.
W. " R. Gemmell, Treas.
" Jas. Naismith, Sec.
" John Burgess, S.D.
" A. Strachan, J.D.
" W. H. Jones, D. of C.
" W. Perry, Organist.
" J. W. Charlesworth, S.S.
" John Kelso, J.S.
" J. A. Ross, I.G.
W. " H. Bolton, Tyler.

J. E. Committee, Bros. A. Little, W. M. Stanley, and J. A. King.

Local Board of Relief—W. Bros. Wm. Anderson and A. E. Lyon.

After the installation proceedings, a very pleasant hour or so was spent in the banqueting room which formed a fitting conclusion of the celebration of the Festival. The evening was perhaps the most enjoyable of the kind ever spent by the craft.

THE curlers are down in the mouth these days. Their prospects for ice look blue for New Years.

COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE.—The vacancy on the board caused by the death of Mr. Ira Morgan, of Metcalfe, has been filled by the appointment of W. C. Edwards, M. P., of Rockland, to fill the remaining term. The Spring Stallion Show of this association will be held in the drill shed, Toronto, on the 9th and 10th of March next, at which handsome premiums will be given.

THE rush for photos of all sizes continues at Debereiner's Studio, which is simply the result of doing good work at reasonable rates, and letting the public know it. dw

Great preparations are already being made in Madrid for the Columbus Exhibition, next October, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. The Belgian Government contributes the cradle of Charles V and the mantle of Montezuma, which never yet have quitted Belguim.

The discount sale of Crockery, China and Glassware will continue until after the New Year. Any one wanting anything in that line will save money by buying at the Noted Tea Store. J. E. McElderry, 2 Day's Block. d4dw

The Countess of Clancarty, formerly Belle Bilton, of London music hall fame, gave birth to male twins on Sunday.

The bodies of five miners were taken Monday from a pit in Yorkshire, England, which had been on fire for a fortnight.

A tidal wave recently submerged portions of the Gilbert islands, in the Pacific Ocean, causing a large destruction of property and much loss of life.

Colder with Snow.

Strong winds and gales from south to southwest and northwest; partly fair and mild, followed by lower temperatures and light, local snowfalls.

DR. WASHINGTON will be in Guelph on the 23rd January.

MISS MAY INNES, stenographer of the firm of Beatty, Chadwick, Blackstock & Galt, Toronto, left yesterday to resume her duties after spending her holidays with her parents in this city.

FREE.—Catarrh, Asthma and Bronchitis cured free of all charge for recommendation after cure. Apply Wednesday, Jan. 6th, at Royal Hotel, Guelph. d1 w1

I. O. O. F.—Reliance Lodge, I.O.O.F., last night elected the following officers for the coming term:

Bro. Andrew McHardy, P. G.
J. Burgess, N.G.
O. McLeod, V.G.
S. Law, P.S.
J. Colson, R.S.
W. Parker, Treas.
Dr. Howitt, Examining Physician.

Representatives to Grand Lodge—Bros. D. McLeod, Graham, Horning, Law.

Fancy Boxes, Comic Figures, Animals and all fancy goods at cost during this week at George Williams, 81 and 83 Upper Wyndham street.

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PRESENTATION AT PRESTON.—On Saturday evening, Dec. 19th, a large number of the members and adherents of the Zion Methodist Church, Preston Curcuit, assembled at the residence of Mr. John Sander, bringing with well filled baskets. A very enjoyable time was spent in social conversation and amusements. In the course of the evening they presented their junior pastor, Rev. W. J. Magwood, with a highly complimentary address, accompanied by a purse of twenty five dollars, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by his people. Mr. Magwood replied in suitable terms thanking them for their address and token of their appreciation of his services.

MR. Wm. Haugh, of Pittsburg, Pa., is over on a visit to his father, Mr. John Haugh, and family.

REMEMBER Dublin St. Methodist Sabbath School entertainment tonight. Splendid programme by the children. Silver collection at the door. d1

SENT DOWN FOR FOUR YEARS.—The prisoner Francis Acro, commonly known as "the Spaniard," although he claims to be a Prussian, this morning pleaded guilty to the two charges against him of larceny of Devlin's rig and of Miss Beechie's purse and jewelry. He was sentenced by Judge Chadwick to four years in the penitentiary on the first charge and to two years on the second, the sentences to run concurrently. This will ensure Mr. Acro four years longer residence in Ontario.

BELLEVILLE correspondence Toronto Mail:—R. Dimner, of the 47th Battalion, Napanee, was married last week to Miss Ida Moere, by Rev. C. O. Johnston. The bride was assisted by Miss Lizzie Shaw, and the groom by E. Vanalstine. The couple left for Toronto and Guelph to visit friends.

BISHOP DOWLING is lying ill at home with an attack of bronchitis. He said three masses on Christmas day, and in going from one church to another contracted a severe cold.

MR. J. W. Manning, license inspector under the Ontario Government and for many years an active temperance worker, died on Monday.

OFF FOR EUROPE.—This morning Mr. Victor Canham, with G. B. Ryan & Co., Guelph, and Mr. Ed. Mills, with Ryan Bros., Owen Sound, left the city on their way to the European markets. They sail from New York on Wednesday by the Majestic. In conjunction with the resident buyer of the firms in London, England, they will select the latest patterns and materials in spring and summer goods ior the trade of their houses. They will be absent six weeks or over.

MR. and Mrs. Joseph Rickaby celebrated their crystal wedding last night. A large gathering of friends showed their appreciation by appropriate gifts, and a very happy evening was spent.

A TALENTED MUSICAL FAMILY.—The entertainment by the McGibeny family at Victoria Hall, Montreal, was one of the nicest things of the season in the concert line. The building was packed full. From Mr. McGibney, sen., down the gradations of his numerous offspring to little Leo, the youngest, they are all remarkably talented and give a performance unique, wholesome and thoroughly enjoyable. It is hard to say which number on the programme was the best; all were splendid. The selection by the male quartet was a perfect gem, and the ladies' quartet was another. Nearly all the recitations, vocal and instramental solos, and orchestral pieces were enthusiastically encored. The younger members of the family are juvenile wonders; no doubt their talent is hereditary, and is developed under the capable and careful supervision of their gifted seniors.

What is a more seasonable and useful gift than a nice easy chair? Buy one for your father or mother. Look in our windows. We have what will suit you. P. Spragge & Co. d1

CHRISTMAS TREE IN PAISLEY BLOCK.—The annual children's Christmas Tree was held in the School house S. S. No. 5 Guelph Township on Tuesday, 22nd inst. By half past twe p. m, the beautifully decorated school was comfortably filled. Not only were the school children and their parents present, but nearly in every case the entire family from youngest to oldest was there also. The fine afternoon, but especially the seasonable hour, made this easy. After a brief address from the chairman, Jas. Laidlaw ex-M. P. P., the scholars gave a number of recitations and dialogues interspersed by appropriate selections of music in a way that reflected credit on their training. Miss Manderson presided at the organ. Next came an abundant and sumptuous repast, provided by the ladies. Then the gorgeous "Tree" was lit up and unveiled to the wondering view of the beholders, and Santa Claus appearing on the scene, with much good humor, distributed the fruits to all the children of the section, many of the older girls and boys, Santa Claus himself being among the participants. The Trustees and Teacher, Mr. Grant, as well as the section at large, are to be congratulated in having devised for old and young, a treat by the section, of the section, and for the section, and who ever else felt inclined to spend an enjoyable afternoon with them.

Mr. George Sleeman has taken out a wholesale Provincial brewer's license, coasting $250, under protest. This will prevent action against his agencies for selling liquor illegally, until the law on the matter is settled.

A FULL FIELD.

Candidates Nominated for Aldermen and School Trustees.

ADDRESSES TO THE ELECTORS.

There was a more general interest taken in the aldermanic nominations last evening that has hitherto been the rule. The change to the evening has been a great advance, and if the meetings are so spicy as most of them were last night, it will be for the benefit of the city. Of course, a good many candidates will retire, and the probabilities are that last year's Council will be but very slightly changed, with perhaps elections by acclamation. There will be a sharp fight for school trustee in St. David's, and also one in St Johns.

St. Patrick's Ward.

There were over a hundred present at the city hall for the nominations in this ward. Mr. M. J. Doran, Deputy Returning Officer, received the following nominations:

ALDERMEN.

John Kennedy, moved by D. Tripp, seconded by Andrew Warner.

Ald. Coffee, by Hugh Johnston and D. E. Rudd.

Ald. Little, by Wm. Scrimgeour and Geo. Penfold.

Ald. Hough, by Joshua Kribs and D. Coffee.

Robert Dodds, by John Kennedy and Hugh Johnston.

Hugh Johnston, by Wm. Berry and Robt. Clarke.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Wm. Scrimgeour, by Geo. Penfold and Joshua Kribs.

H. G. Cockburn, by D. Tripp and Geo. Norrish.

Ex-Ald. John Kennedy said it was his intention at present to stand. He would reserve further remarks until he had heard what the present aldermen had to say. Messrs. Tripp and Warner advocated Mr. Kennedy's claims on his past record.

Ald. Coffee thought before Mr. Kennedy had left the platform he should have been able to tell some good reason why the present three representatives of the ward should not be returned. The present aldermen had to do considerable scheming to get out of the City Council for the ward what rightly belonged to it, but they had succeeded. He complimented Ald. Little on his activity on the Board of Works for the interests of the ward, and also Ald. Hough for being instrumental in making a very favorable contract for electric lighting for the city, whereby St. Patrick's ward would receive its equal share of light. The money spent on the Neeve street hill he considered lessened the distance to the city to workingmen living on the other side of the bridge. The speaker dwelt at considerable length on the financial position of the city, the expenditure on public works, improvements during the year, etc., and showed that we were in as good financial position as any place of the size in the Province, better than many, and far better than some of the larger cities. Referring to the Guelph Junction Railway he remarked that while Mr. Chas. Davidson was expatiating on the subject in the city hall in the morning he forgot to tell the audience that he was one of the directors of the road. As regarded the administration of the affairs of the ward they were fair and honest and nothing crooked. The members had stuck together and worked together for what they thought best.

Ald. Little said had he given way to the dictates of his own feelings, he would not have been a candidate, but on pressure being put on him he thought that it would be unfair to leave the other members of the ward who had worked so faithfully this year for its interests. He spoke of the abilities of Ald. Coffee as chairman of Finance and a councillor all around, and of the activity of Ald. Hough on the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, after which he gave an account to a cent of all the money spent on the streets in the ward. The appropriation was only $200, and the members for the ward had examined all the streets carefully and discussed where the money could be most advantageously spent. An appropriation of $120 was made for cutting the Neeve street hill, and the cost was $194. The total ward expenses were $350. He referred to their efforts in making Elizabeth street a city street, and advised the electors to return men who would work together and go hand in hand not only for the interests of the ward but for the city at large, and not men who would be wrangling and fighting with each other like pick-pockets.

Mr. Scrimgeour was pleased to say that Mr. Little had acquitted himself to the satisfaction of almost everyone. With the experience of 1891 he would make a still better alderman in 1892.

Ald. Hough stated, as Ald. Coffee had said, it was necessary for them as young members to do considerable scheming to get on important committees. He spoke of the plan of lighting the city altogether by electricity; when the work was finished it would be found that St. Patrick's ward would be as well lighted as any other ward in the city. Then he referred to the waterworks bylaw and the works. He said the money for this was an absolute necessity, and pointed out the risk they ran now. He also advocated the extension of the waterworks to St. Joseph's hospital. The cost would be about $2,000; $500 was to be given towards it by the hospital, leaving $1,500 to be paid by the city and the water taken would pay for the interest. He further held that the Hospital was entitled to consideration of the city for the amount of poor people belonging to the city it kept, which, if the city had to keep, would cost it near the $1,500. Then there were just about as many Protestant as Catholic inmates.

Mr. Kribs and ex-Ald. Coffee dwelt on the harmony of their representatives which had greatly benefitted the ward. The Neeve street cutting was also highly spoken of by them, and by Mr. Scrimgeour and Mr. Johnston. Mr. Dodds was not present, but Mr. Johnston upheld his fitness, if he would run. For himself, he might run in the future, but not now.

Mr. Scrimgeour, school trustee, referred to the work of the Board, and his endeavor to do his duty as their representative. Mr. Cockburn withdrew, although his mover, Mr. Tripp, objected somewhat. Mr. Tripp attacked the gradual increase of Headmaster Tytler's salary, and Mr. Scrimgeour defended it, on the ground that they could not afford to lose a good teacher when he was fully worth the increase asked.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 with the usual vote of thanks to Mr. Doran, Returning Officer.

St. George's Ward.

At the Court House about 50 ratepayers assembled, Mr. F. B. Skinner being Returning Officer. The following were the nominations:

ALDERMEN.

Wm. Hearn, by J. M. Bond and J. A. McLean.

F. Evans, by Col. Higinbotham and P. Anderson.

W. G. Smith, by E. R. Bollert, and Jos. Carter.

G. B. Ryan, by A. J. Little and A. B. Petrie.

Andrew Scott, by G. W. Field and J. A. McLean.

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Ald. Kloepfer, by F. Evans and Wm. Dyson.

Ald. Hewer, by H. McMillan and J. C. Walker.

G. W. Field, by Jno. Colson and Jas. Thorp.

A. J. Little, by G. B. Ryan and C. W. Kelly.

Charles Davidson, by John Smith and E. R. Bollert.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

P. Anderson, by A. B. Petrie and G. W. Field.

In the after speaking, Ald. Kloepfer gave an account of his stewardship. About the city debt, he said that the writer in the MERCURY had exaggerated it; instead of $500,000 it was $437,000. He took credit to himself for the attention he had given to his Ward and the work done on the streets and sidewalks. He defended the electric lighting extension, and when this was completed he claimed that Guelph would be the cheapest lighted city in the Dominion. If elected, he would endeavor to serve the ratepayers faithfully.

Ald. Hewer said that he had been put on no important committees this year, but had endeavored to faithfully serve the city. He had opposed some propositions that had come up in the Council which were not in the interest of the ratepayers and had sought to economize in every possible way. He had saved something to the town in opposing that job about the engineer's tools, and he had been against the electric lighting extension because no definite plan had been laid before the Council by the Committee. If re-elected he would try and do his duty.

The movers and seconders and other candidates who were present then made short speeches. Messrs. Bollert, Field and Petrie favored merchants, who had a stake in the city, going into the Council. Mr. Ryan declined to run this time, partly on account of his frequent absence from the city, bnt promised at some future time to stand. Mr. Hearn, in accepting the nomination, claimed that both the assessment and the rate in the city was high, spite of what the chairman of Finance said. In proof of this he gave instances of property being sold at the rate at which it was assessed, and the rental being far out of proportion to the tax paid. He was opposed to the employment of an Engineer as they had only abont $5,000 a year to spend on streets and sidewalks. Col. Higinbotham charged the Council with bad management of the city's affairs, extravagance and reckless increase of our floating debt. He particularly referred to the way in which the ratepayers had been fooled and humbugged by the promises made about the extension of the G. J. R., and which promises had been broken. Mr. John Smith also reviewed the work of the Council, and dwelt forcibly on the inequality in the assessment, giving as an instance the case of the Goldie properties which were assessed for only $28,000 while they were valued at far more than that amount; also that last year the present Mayor did not pay a cent of tax on either real or personal property. Mr. Charles Davidson also reviewed some of the work of the Council in pretty much the same line as at the mayoralty nomination. He charged that the management of the city's affairs was bad, showed a great want of prudence, and a total disregard of economy. He opposed both bylaws now before the ratepayers, and claimed that we should get more information about them, He also denounced the Dundas bridge job as one of the worst that had ever been perpetrated in the city.

Messrs. Davidson, Ryan and Field withdrew.

St. John's Ward.

About thirty ratepayers in this Ward found the children's low seats in the school house rather uncomfortable, especially the big men, but bided their time patiently in the dim light, until they got their questions fired at Ald. Hamilton.

Mr. John Roberts graced the gathering by his presence and had several encounters with the Returning Officer, while expressing himself in his own peculiar way.

ALDERMEN.

Ald. Reed, by John Crowe and P. Spragge.

R. E. Nelson, by G. B. Ryan and Ald. Reed.

Ald. Taylor, by W. H. G. Knowles and G. B. Ryan.

Solomon Dawson, by Henry Carter and Jas. Mays.

Ald. Hamilton, by Tobias Purcell and Wm. Stewart.

John Crowe, by Ald. Taylor and S. Dawson. Withdrawn.

J. A. McLean, by Ald. Hamilton and W. H. G. Knowles.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

P. Spragge, by G. B. Ryan and Wm. Stewart.

W. H. G. Knowles, by J. McLean and W. J. Kenning.

Mr. Mann, Returning Officer, was moved to the chair at 8:30.

Ald. Reed defended himself from criticism in regard to the Exhibition Park business and contended that the alterations made there were giving general satisfaction and were in the city's interests. He was opposed to a personal canvass on principle, but asked their votes.

Ald. Taylor reviewed the work with which he had been connected. Though they were falling a little behind with a rate of 22½ mills, yet large debentures which would be paid off within a year or two would leave them in a better position. He pointed out how the money for debentures, for schools, and for police was not under the control of the Council, only the money of committees. He thought they should have more information on the Local Improvement Bylaw.

Ald. Hamilton thought it was hardly necessary for him to say anything as they knew what he had been doing. He might have made mistakes, but they were for the best interests of the city. Another year's such attention to the sidewalks as he had given would put them in as good shape as any in the Province, and they knew what they had been. He was glad of the permanent walks. He had been backed up by an aggressive Mayor and his Board in everything he undertook. He favored both bylaws. The frontage tax would promote a greater interest in the walks on the part of the ratepayers. The waterworks would be extended only when they would pay, was his reply to Mr. Pilgrim's question. The papers had given the streets proposed to be laid.

Mr. Kenning wanted to know how Chambers st., where there was not a house and the proposed extension to St. Joseph's would pay. Ald. Hamilton did not know where Chambers street was at first, but when its situation was explained, he said he would vote against the main being laid there. As to St. Joseph's, that would pay interest on the money, so far as he could find out. Mr. Mays said the Hospital Directors had offered $500 cash, or $1 each year for ten years towards the extension. The King st. extension would be gone on with, Ald. Hamilton said, the chairman had promised it.

Mr. Kenning considered it was all very well for Ald. Hamilton to favor the local improvement system when he had got his properties fixed up this year with new sidewalks at the general expense which would last ten or fifteen years. If it was good for the chairman to start out with