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Cope, J. D.; Bro. Robert Cuthbert, I. G.; Bro. John Davidson, D. C.; Bros. Robert

Bro. Wm. Congalton, Tyler.
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which together with suitable ante-rooms

&c., comprises the who's third storey of Mr. John Hogg's new building. The apartments are yet in an unfinished state,

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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 28.

For the best flavored, strongest, finest and cheapest Green, Black and Japan Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilk-inson's.

Workman, Children's Friend, Infant's Magazine and Band of Hope received at Day's Bookstore. AUCTION SALE .- We would direct the

ttention of our readers to the advertise ment of the sale of the Castle Garden Saloon, which appears in to-day's issue.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that ex-cellent Tea sold for 62jc. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st. Guelph. dwtf

Guelph.

A magnificent assortment of Goods for New Year's Gifts in Electroplated Ware, Fine Cullery, Coal Oil Lamps, Trays, Dyed-wool Mats, &c., at Horsman's, and to suit the public his store will in future remain open till seven o'clock each evening, and on Saturdays till nine.

now become a resident of Guelph was according to the Stratford Beacon, presented by his pupils with a very costly and handsome writing desk, accompanied by a feeling address, immediately previous to his resignation of the situation of Principal of the Common School in that town.

All who wish to get supplied with Mr. Horsman's splendid White Coal Oil at 150., or with Lamps, Chimneys, Wioks, &c., have now an opportunity of doing so, as he keeps his Store open till 7 o'clock, and on Saturdays till 9 o'clock.

SAD BEREAVEMENT .- A Mr and Mrs ice, of Stratford, went to Downie or Sriday, the 20th instant, to visit their re Friday, the 20th instant, to visit their re-latives, taking with them, carefully wrap-ped up, their infant child, a little over three months old. The child was fine and healthy; and their surprise and grief may be imagined when they reached their destination to find it dead. It was known to be alive when Mr Bolce got out to open the gate leading to the house.

Mr. Horsman has made arrangements with the Refiner and the Railway Company so that his supply of the now well-known White Coal Oil will be constant, and he will keep open till I each evening to accommodate customers.

SAD ACCIDENT .- On Monday last while Mr John Gibson, of North Easthope, and Mr John Gibson, of North Easthope, and his brother were uncovering a potato pit, a young lad aged 9 years, son of the former, crept underneath a large mass of frozen earth which had projected over the end of the pit, to pick out the potatoes, when it fell upon him, crushing him severely. Before the father and uncle could extricate him they were under the necessity of cutting the earth with an axe and using a fence rail as a lever to pry the blocks of frozen earth off his body.—The poor fellow died during the day from the effects of his injuries, being insensible to the last.

Nearly all gone are those large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. MURPHY sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Up-per Wyndham-st., Guelph.

FIRE IN STRATFORD.—The Woollen Mills at Stratford were destroyed by fire Mills at Stratford were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Some of the refuse of the wool took fire by some means, and the total destruction of the building soon became inevitable. There was not much cloth there at the time, but such as there was, it was got out. One was not much cloth there at the time, but such as there was, it was got out. One two of the looms, a part of the spinning jack and some belting, were also saved. But the salvage bore only a small there at the wood yurd.

ALEX. BROWN, taleph, 25th Nevember, 1887, dom The entertainment was one of unmixed pleasure and in every respect a great success. There was but one opinion expressed by the company, that whether in regard to the completness and good only \$1,500.

To accommodate his customers, Mr. Horsman will in future keep his establishment open till seven the stablishment open till seven

which will be submitted in about a month to vote of the ratepayers. Abropos of this we might remark that in the township of North Easthope, county of Perch. a similar by-law was carried, but its prohibitions seem to be now almost disregarded.

*EF" One of Mr. Horsman's new style Vase Lamps, with the celebrated Sun Burner, makes a handsome gift for New Year's. To accommodate the public, his store will be kept open each evening till seven o'clock, and on Saturdays until wine.

RECOVERDO. - We are happy to be able to announce that P. Gow, Esq., has so far re-covered from his recent illness as to have been able to proceed by the 10 o'clock train this morning to occupy his seat in the Legis-

HANDED OVER.—On Friday last Herkimer and Henry, the Indian and his co-partner who were convicted before the Police Magistrate of Guelph, of having stolen two horses from the County of Middlesex, were escorted to London by Chief Coustable Kelly, and delivered into the custody of the London gaoler. It may be very reasonably presumed that an effort will be made to teach them the full extent of the difference that exists between meum and trums (B) All who appreciate the benefit of a clear, bright light, should call at Mr. Horsman's and get the grand new Sun Barner and Chimney at 38½c., and some of his pure White Coal Oil at 15c. Store open till 7 p. m.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

Opening of Local Legislature Yesterday (Friday) being the testival

Yesterday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the first Legislature of Ontario was formally opened by his Excellency Lieut. Governor Stisted. His Excellency entered the chamber and took his seat on the throne precisely at three o'clock—the members of the House standing until His Excellency took his seat.

All the members were present with the exception of three—Mr. Gow, Wellington, S. R.; Dr McGill, Ontario, S. R.; Mr. Supple, Renfrew, N. R. elected officers of Speed Lodge, Guelph, were installed in the new Lodge at 12 o'clock. They are Bro. Charles Sharpe, W. M.; Bro. A. B. Petrie, S. W.; Bro. Caleb Chase, J. W.; V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, Treas. : Bro. John Cridiford, Sec'y

S. R.; Dr McGill, Ontario, S. R.; Mr. Supple, Renfrew, N. R.
Hon. M. C. Cameron then came forward to the foot of the throne and read the following announcement:—Genellemen of the Legislative Assembly I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieut-Governor, to announce that His Excellency does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your honourable body. But tomorrow, at two o'clock, His Excellency will declare the cause of his calling you together.

but through the energy and indefatigable exertions of the committees and the members, every obstacle was overcome, and all the arrangements, perfect in themselves, were as perfectly carried out.—The Masonic fraternity are noted all over for the good taste and liberality displayed in getting up their entertainments and certainly that of last night is no exception to the rule. Everything was done which could conduce to the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and there was a harmony and completeness about the whole affair which does the greatest credit to the brethren in Guelph, The decorations of the Lodge room were very appropriate and very tasteful. On a platiform at one end were placed the Worshipful Master's chair, and the various emblems of the craft, also busts of distinguished literary men. Above in an arch made of evergreens was a transparency, on which was painted the name and number of the Lodge, and behind in a handsome gilt frame was suspended its Constitution. The walls were festoned with flags and cloths of bright colors, and gracefully entwined with these were wreaths of evergreens. Handsome distures and engravings were also hung at suitable distances, which added much to the effect. At the other end of the Lodge and at the side were placed the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs, which, like that for the Worshipful Master, are richly carved and ornamented. The supper room was also beautifully decorated, and, like the whole Lodge, was brilliantly lighted.

The company began to assemble before eight, and were received by the committee, who conducted them to seats. When all were assembled there would not be less than 250 ladies and gentlemen comprising the elite of the Town. Previous to the entertainment the brethren, with their insignia and badges of office, formed in procession and entered the Lodge, headed by past Worshipful Master Dunn, in the absence of Mr. C. Sharpe, recently elected to that office. Having given the 'honors' in true Masonic style, Mr. Dunn made a few eloquent introductory remar morrow, at two o'clock, His Excellency will declare the cause of his calling you together.

His Excellency then rose, and having bowed to the members, left the room.

Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald (addressing the clerk) said—In obedience to the directions of His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, the duty will devolve on you, Mr. Gillmour, to preside over the deliberations of this House until the Speaker is elected. It is my duty on the present occasion, to take steps to wards filling that vacancy; and in doing so it will be my pleasing duty to propose a gentleman who will, I believe, be acceptable to the House. The gentleman whose name I am about to submit is an old resident of the country—is, I believe, a native of it—and is one who has had such experience in Country Cr. Julia as may in some measure qu. Juliam for his nection. He is a man had ward of the Mr. Horsman's sale of Lamps, Oil, Chimneys, Wicks, &c., is so great that he finds it necessary to keep open his store each evening till T, and on Sa-turday till 9.

To the farmer, mechanic and laborer: Spend your hard carned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices. This is at Geo. Wilkinson's, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

The Clerk then put the motion, which

Betor I. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistraic.

SATURDAY, 28th.—Janet Leith who has paid
the penalty of indulging her propensity for
the destruction of roosters was brought up
his morning on a charge of breaking a pane
of glass in the window of somebody's whom
nobody knows, and was fined in the amount
of damage (twelve and a half ets.) and costs.

MASONIC FESTIVAL-WRONG SHOES-

The party who took a pair of half-cloth

overshoes, by mistake, from the window of the gentlemen's dressing room, this

forenoon, will please leave them with Mr

A. B. Petrie.

The Clerk then put the motion, which was carried.

Hon. J. S. McDonald and Hon. Mr. Carling conducted Mr. Stevenson to the Speaker's chair.

The Speaker rose and said—I return my sincere thanks for the honor done me in unanimously electing me the first Speaker of the Province of Ontario. I am not insensible to the responsibility of the office in which I have been placed, or to my own imperfections and inexperience; but I rely on the kind forbearance and assistance of the House. In the performance of my duties I shall endear vour to act impartially and justly, without respect to party or party feeling, and while I deem it my duty to maintain the honor and dignity of the House, I shall not fail to uphold the rights and convenience of every member. Trusting our deliberations will be conducted with courtesy, and that our acts will be such as will advance the interests of the country and promote the happiness of the people, I again return you thanks for the homour conferred on me. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Macdonald these moved an adjournment until to-morrow.

the adjournment of the House for any length of time.

Mr. Macdonald said that it was the desire of a large number of the members of that the House should adjourn in order that they might be present at the Municipal elections. The government would take the matter into their favorable consideration when the proposal was made.

The House then adjourned.

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DISTRESS IN THE SOUTH.—The suffering and distress prevalent in many of the Southern States is being forced upon the attention of the people of the North. General Gillem, Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau in Mississippi, reports to General Ord that the planters of that State have no money, and cannot borrow; that the Freedmen refuse to make new contracts: that "depradations are the rule and honesty the exception; that the freedmen generally believe the land of the State is to be divided among them; that the whites are alarmed, at the military organizations of the freedmen, and ask protection; that, therefore, in his judgment, the civil magistrates should be more fully empowered to arrest vagrants, and that the posse should generally be of the color of the person or persons arrested." General Ord has directed General Gillem to go to Washington and explain the state of things to the President and Scoretary of War; especially to port "the absolute necessity of some provision by the government to feed the freedmen and avert the war of races in such sections as are without food."

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accept a man because of the party he belongs to merely, he would be sorry to stand there as a supporter of the Coalition Government. They ought not to be called on for such a reason to vote for this man as Speaker who has not had Parlia mentary experience, but has, simply acquired some necessary knowledge in a County Council.

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TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

FIENDISH OUTRAGES IN DUBLIN.

CONTINUED ACTIVITY OF THE AUTHORITIES.

Departure of Gen. Napier for Abyssinia.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

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London, Dec. 27, noon.—Another of these fiendish outrages which have characterized the operations of the Fenian brotherhood, has been perpetrated at Dublin. Telegrams from there received to-day, give the following particulars:—An unusually large number of letters have been recently received at the post office at Dublin, directed to prominent officials, each one of these letters was loaded with explosive materials, designed to kill the person addressed. Several of them exploded before their real nature was ascertained; but up to this time no person has been killed. One of the policemen of the city who received one of the letters, was horribly mangled by the explosion which occurred when he opened it. It is not known how many of these dangerous missives have been despatched. Considerable excitement prevails both in Dublin and elsewhere throughout the country on the discovery of this the latest Fenian outrage. The authorities are actively investigating, and will, no doubt probe the matter to the bottom. The London Times, this morning, has an editorial article on the Fenian question. It says that no less than 30,000 special constables have been sworn in, and are now serving in London. The writer calls intention to the grave public danger, and calls on provincial cities and towns to emulate the precautionary measures of the metropolis.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Prussia to day commences withdrawing her troops from all parts of Saxony, except the fortress of Konigstein.

A despatch from India announces the departure from Bombay of Gen. Napier to take immediate command of the troops of the British Expeditiod, now advancing into the interior of Abyssinia.

Paris, Dec. 27, evening.—The Pope has enjoined the Rothschilds against

store each evening till 7, and on Saturday till 9.

THE PATHOS OF DICKENS.—The New York correspondent of the Louisville Courier went to hear Dickens. The following from his description is very pretty: Imaginary wees rarely ever move me, but I hoped Mr. Dickens would say something that, to use his own words, would "fall like a stone in the well of my heart, plashing the water into my eyes." By and bye it came. In Scrooge's dream Tiny Tim was dead. Bob Cratchitt, is his long comforter—he had need of it now, poor fellow—has just returned from his darling's grave. Mrs. Cratchitt purs away her grief and tries to appear chearful for her husband's sake. The young Cratchitts climbed upon his knees, and each child laid its little cheeks against his face as if to say, "Don't mind it, father; don't grieve." Bob spoke pleasantly to them for a while, but he broke down all at once. "I wish you could have gone with me my dears. It would have done you good to see how green a place it is. But you'll see it often. I promised him I would walk there on a Sunday. My little, little child; my little child." In that wail so plaintive, so heart-broken, there was a pathos that the stoutest heart could not resist. My opera glass grew misty, and for the first time I lowered it from the

Paris, Dec. 27, evening.—The Pope has enjoined the Rothschilds against paying the coupons on the Italian bonds in this city.

London, 27.—It is reported that the Sublime Porte has offered to the Charles are autonomics government.

Cretans an autonomous government and has named Prince Christian as

resist. My opera glass grew misty, and for the first time I lowered it from the speaker's face—men hid their faces in their hands, and an audible sob filled the American Despatches

Fatal Explosion.

Chicago, Dec. 27—A locomotive be-longing to the Chicago and Rhode Is-land Railroad Company, exploded this morning, killing one man instantly and wounding two others.

Woman Shot.

gct. this store will remain open each ceening until 7, and on Saturday till 9.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

A Billiard tournament is suggested for Montreal, the chief feature of which is to be that no gentleman is to be admitted without a lady. In Canada ladies have notyet smiled upon Billiards, that game being usually associated in their minds with smoking and drinking whiskey. This is not the fault of the game, which is at once elegant and scientific, but because from various circumstances ladies have not yet patronized it. Yet it is as innocent as croquet, and as healthy as skating. A full dress morning exhibition of the cue over the direction of the livory spheres, is looked fer to remove the false impression that exists respecting the clevating it in general accestability, game and opening to the ladies a new source of amusemsnts from which they are need-lessly excluded. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 27.—Ezra C. White, of Williamsburg, in a quarrel this morning, shot Mrs Maria L. French through the head, inflicting a fatal wound.

Financial Excitement.

Boston, Dec. 27—There was some excitement to-day in financial circles, on account of a report that the cash of the receiving teller of the Shawmut Bank, Mr Bryant F. Henry, fell short to the amount of \$50,000

South American Items.

Havana, Dec. 27—Sauta Anna denies any intention of going to Mexico. The Imperialists here are exultant over the news from St. Domingo—Many engagements have taken place in which victories are claimed by the government, but the Baezist party is nevertheless gaining adherents and strength. The only part of the island which has proclaimed for Baez is the north, where lies his main strength.

Murderers Shot. Murderers Shot.

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Havana, Dec. 27—Ten of the murderers of Col. Sanchez have been shot. Sanchez was president of the courtmartial that tried Maximilian. Senor Pugol, president of the Cabinet of the Dominican government, has arrived here on his way to Washington to close negotiations in relation to Samana.—The resignation of part of Cabrale's Cabinet had been accepted, and others appointed to fill the vacancies.

Mexican Affairs.

Advices from the City of Mexico the 17th have been received. Excit ment among foreigners, consequer upon withdrawal of the British Legs ment among foreigners, consequent upon withdrawal of the British Legation, still continues. Correspondence from Europe states that it is improbable any money could be raised in the Old World for enterprizes in Mexico. There was a great deal of misery, and bandits were quite active in all parts. The ex-Imperialists in Campachy were fearing the aggressions of their republican neighbors on account of the latter revolution at Morida. The tendency of the revolution, as far as proclaimed is in favor of Santa Anna. Advices from Mayaquez of the 18th state that shocks of earthquake continue there. Intelligence Honduras states that Mr McRae found the forest so dense and the timber so valuable, that he intends to return at once to Jamaica for the means and elements to buy land in Honduras and export the products of these forests.

Reign of Terror in Virginia.

The best brands of Smoking and Chewl New York, Dec. 28—The Heing Tobaccos are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's Charlotte county, Virginia, a