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THURSDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 26. Local News.

THE TEA MEETING TONIGHT.—We would remind our readers that the annual tea meeting of the Wesleyan Sabbath School will take place this evening in the church at 6 p. m. The reunion promises to be a most interesting one.

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

MECHANICS' BALL.—The Mechanics' Ball, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, was a most successful affair. Upwards of seventy five couple were present and kept up dancing till an early hour on Wednesday morning to the inspiriting strains of Vale fine Quadrille Band. Mr. Berry furnished an excellent supper. Berry furnished an excellent supper. The committee had the Hall tastefu'y decorated, and as all the arrangements were excellent, and the company in the best of humour, everything passed off pleasenth;

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The nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors for the township of Erin took place at Brisbane, on Monday 28rd inst. Mr. Wm. Cornock was elected Reeve by acclamation. Messrs. Edward Johnston, and Duncan McMillan were nominated for Deputy Reeves; and for Councillors the following gentlemen were proposed and seconded:—Messrs. Wm. Teeter, Chas. McMillan, Nell McKinnon, John Berry, Jas. Gibson, John Grasley, Henry Smith, Geo. Beswick, and Thos. Polton.

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The nominations in this Township were as follows:—Archd. Campbell Esq. was proposed for Reeve and elected by accelamation. For Deputy Reeve, Messrs. John Ramsey and Thomas Elliott were duly nominated, and seconded, but Mr. Elliott withdrew by mutual consent, consequently Mr. Ramsey was declared elected. For Councillors, Messrs. Benjamin H. Kean, John Kean, George Easterbrook, and Peter McLaren were nominated, and seconded, and there being no withdrawal, a poll was demanded.

PULLINGH TOWNSHIP. PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP.

The nominations for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for Puslinch were held at the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on last Monday. The attendance of electors was not large, there being about fifty present. Shortly after 12, noon, the township Clerk called the meeting to order, and stated that he was prepared to receive nominations. In the absence of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, it was suggested that the proceedings be delayed for a short time. Mr Alex Smith then stated that Mr W Leslie did not intend to be present, but would act as Reeve again if elected to fill that position. The nomination were then proceeded with.

Mr Thos Ingram proposed Wm Leslie,

were excellent, and the company in the best of humour, everything passed of pleasantly.

For the best flavored, strongest, first and cheapest Green, Black and Japi Teasi in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

Wild Ducks.—The Huron Signal says:—Wild ducks, of the largest kind, and in countless numbers, have for the past day or two been enjoying themselves in the clear waters at the mouth of Goderich harbor. Such a visitation at this late season has, we believe, never occurred before.

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

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The annual examination of the school taught by Mr. Tovell, section No. 14, Garafraxa, was held on Friday, 20th inst. Although the weather was rather unpleasant it did not prevent the attendance of a large number of spectators, among whom were Messrs. Petric, Chisholm and Johnston, teachers. Having attended Mr. Tovell's examination last year, we take great pleasure in stating that the progress in study from then till now has been remarkably good. The scholars manifested a thorough knowledge of the subjects taken up during the day, among which might be particularly mentioned Geography, Arithmetic and English and Roman History. The reading and spelling were creditable to both teacher and scholars. The penmanship was good, and the order, considering the large number of children, (about 80) was as well as could be expected. The proceedings were enlivened by the singing of some little pieces which were performed with great spirit. At twelve o'clock those present were abundantly supplied with a gc. ily variety of cakes and other refreshments. The giving of the prizes, a few remarks from the teachers present, and prayer by Mr. Handly closed the work of the day. Altogether it was thoroughly enjoyed by prents and spectators, and the interest they have taken in education shows how highly they regard their much esteemed teacher. As he is leaving the profession, we would only add that his fellow teachers have lost one of their most efficient and thorough workers. Viewo'd hope that he may be as successful in any other pursuit. His successor, Mr. Petrie, is however we'll qua' fied for the situation, and will undoubtedly maint'n the position the school has attein I under Mr. Tovell's care.—Communicat. J. the position the school has attended under Mr. Tovell's care.—Communicat. 1.

Grelph Township Conneil.

The Scouncil met on Monday the 22rd. George Murton, Esq., Reve, in the Chair. Present—Messrs. Anderson, Benham, Crupt ill and Darby. The minu's of former meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:—Blair & Guthrie, for preparing By-laws and advice, \$78.00; M. Shewan, for binding r ad stationery, \$3.07½. Wm. Paterson, fo. gravel, \$4.50. M. Zimmerman, for gravel, \$3.00; Thes. Whitelaw, for timber for culverts, \$5.00; T. W. Coper, for Surveying and diagram, \$5.00; J. Wilkinson, for printing, \$15.70. The Reeve was instructed to call on Blair & Guthrie, relating to some items in account. The Reeve read a report from T. W. Cooper, Surveyor, with a diagram, showing the survey he made to find an outlet for water from a ditch cut along the road in front of Mr. Gray's farm. Mr. J. McCorkindale was present, applying for the ditch in front of bis farm, to be cet to a depth corresponding with the count across the south corner of his land. It was considered the application should be complied with, and would recommend the deepening to be made the ensuing season. Messrs. G. Sheppard, J. Laidlaw, and J. McCorkindale, severally applied for alterations 'their dog trx. The statement in each case being satisfactory, the Reeve was instructed to notify the Collector to refund one dollar to each. Mr. Paterson, Tavern Inspetor, was present, accompanied by A. O. Stillivan and Martin Lambrix, applying for transfer of Tavern License from Andrew O. Sollivan to Mardin Lambrix, satisfactory testimonials of character haven been presented in favor of the application of the Council to the secssity of extending the time for the Collector to making his return be extended until the first day of Februa.

Mex.—Carried. On motion made and seconded, the Council adjourned.

A. M'Corkindale, Clerk. Guelph Township Conneil.

(From over Correspondent.)

Ye people of Guelph are assuredly making great advances in the literary world. Ignorance of all kinds must pale before the united efforts of three dailies and four weekles. Go ahead; may success attend your worthy efforts, but remember that the emulous and ambitious (and imitatory—nos ir!) ville ge of Elora does not intend to be behind Guelph in any thing, in proportion to her abilities. The North Welkington Times, thinking that there is more of an opening here than in Salem, has accordingly removed his establishment. Whether the atmosphere will effect a change in his lucubrations or political status, or whether our citizens will fully appreciate his bold enterprise, remains yet to be seen.

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On Tuesday the children belonging to to the Common School had a gay time of it. At three in the afternoon some 14 or 15 teams took about 250 children for a drive to the rival village of Fergus. Nothing could have suited the young folks better.

At six in the evening, through the liberality of the Trustees, a splendid treat was got up for them in the way of eatibles, sweets and Christman Trees. Over 300 children were present, besides a large number of spectators. The trees three in number were brilliantly lit up with wax tapers and Chinese lanterns, and were heavily laden with cornucopies. The children were also considerably gratified by the exhibition of a number of views from a magic lantern. At the close of the entertainment gifts were presented, and addresses read to the Teachers Miss Farrow, Miss Gerrie and Mr. Tait by the scholars. The present to Miss Farrow was a silver cake basket, to Miss Gerrie a lady's companion and fancy pin cushion, and to Mr. Tait a valuable satchel, a silver watch chain and scarf pin.

The Abyssinian Expedition.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Sir Stafford Northcote, from Colonel Mereweather:—We have just returned from a most interesting and importent reconnoissance up the pass from Koomoglee to within five miles by road from Senafee, a distance of 41 miles. There were some very bad places in one part, but the road has been made by the sappers easy for passage of "valvy, infantry, mules and camels, and it will, I think, prove the chief line of route, as leading at once to a good position on the leighlands of Abyssin'a in the direction we have to go, and to a spot within easy reach. To-morrow we start up the Haddes to examine that, to as near as we can get to Tekonsa, without actually entening it, or compromising the inhabitants by opening communications with them. Sir R. Napier's excellent proclamation was sent out on the 6th inst., and I hope for the best results from it. Directly the ruler of Tigre, now Prince Cassai, a rebel against Throdorus, shows he intends acting in a friendly manner towards us, there will be no impropriety in visiting both Teconda and Senafee; but until he does it would not be just to the people of these places to make them run the risk of encountering his displeasure before we are in a position to protect them. I have been very vexed not to find a suitable plateau short of the Abyssinian high lands, but I was misled by the richness of the Agametta plateau west of Marahand have only now learned, what no one seemed to have been able to tell me before, that, as you go south of the latitude of Massowah the lower hills become more

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

The French Government is seriously contemplating the necessity of ordering the troops of the French expedition remaining at Civitta Vecchia to return to Bome, and members of a secret political society which has held its meetings in this city have been sentenced to imprisonment.

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London, Dec. 24, noon.—The Fenians are stillactive. The newest sensation is the effort made last evening to destroy the Gas Works at Glasgow. Attempts had been made in the night before to destroy the Gas Works at Glasgow. Attempts had been made in the night before to destroy the Gas Works at Warington, near Liverpool. In both cases the efforts were unsuccessful. The authorities in those cities are doubly watchful, and no further trouble is apprehended. Despatches from various parts of the Kingdom report everything quiet to-day.

London, Dec. 24.—At a banquet given at the Royal Polytechnic, on Saturday night last, in a reply a congratulory despatch from the Duke of Wellington, a felicitous telegram from the President of the United States was read amidst great enthusiasm. Not a little of the interest attached to these despatches grows out of their rapid transmission. On the same evening a message of twenty-two words was started from the Polytechnic for Heart's Coatent at exactly 9 p. m. and at ten minutes past nine the reply of twenty-four words was delivered.

London Dec. 24.—The accounts received at Massoway of the condition and progress of the British expedition in Abssinia are all favourable. The army was "adily advancing into the interior. Up to date of the latest despatches they had met with no opposition; but on the contrary they had been received in a friendly manner by the natives everywhere along the line of march.

Paris, Dec. 24, even.—The unsettled condition of affairs in Florence causes much anxiety here, the changes impending in the Hulian Government, it is feared, place Italy in a menacing attitude towards France. The feeling on the bourse is uneasy, and rentes have been flat and nominal all day

Florence, Dec. 24.—The existing Cabinet is not to be dissolved. Some changes in its composition will be made; but Gen. Menebrea will remain at the head of the Government, and under his direction the reorganization of th