

and looked as if his inclinations was to completely jump out of his shoes and clothes. leaving the articles there to apologize and plead his cause. While he should seek refuge in some secluded corner. However it was useless. He endeavored to give his explanation but he was not successful, he was utterly helpless. Oh how those imploring grey eyes glanced here and there for help a smile of comfort but in vain. After several brave attempts, he gave it up in despair, he resumed his seat. Then the Chairman of committee addresses him thus "Four services are entirely dispensed with." The sentence is rather severe, for the poor benighted fellow's intentions to reform were visible enough.

The vacancy thus caused needed replacing consequently the the responsible, I may add, unenviable situation was politely offered to me. I accepted it most reluctantly fearing at least a worse mischief may befall me. I learned that our Ex- was ill was due from want of promptness so from the very minute after initiation I began to perform the duties that had so unexpectedly fallen to my lot. I must confess that I am inferior, and less experienced than my predecessor.

Teams were quite busy for a while drawing stones for an addition to our "main business stand by," even one horse waggon were seen busily employed. Teams even came as far as the place known as "Stone Ridge" with stones.

Mr Bradley is certainly entitled to our warmest congratulations for the great interest he has taken to do all in his power to further the interests of the city. The stone addition he has just completed will be a credit to our ambitions as the good people of Smoothtown.

His worship, the Mayor, has just completed his front fence on Peter's

St. The workmanship can frankly be pronounced, excellent, delightful, magnificent, exquisite etc.

By order of the Board of Health Johnson St. underwent a thorough sweeping up and the rubbish cremated. It is the intention of the Board to remove any, and everything that may tend to bring on a disease of any description. So far they have been very successful as our citizens are all enjoying health to the best of our knowledge.

By the way we think the public may just as well know that a new "lock up" has been erected courteously awaiting to receive all offenders. So when you pay us a visit don't forget that there is a lock-up and to make matters worse city Solicitor O. Scott, is retained by the crown: we fear your case is hopeless with Mr. Scott for the prosecution.

Mr. Jones, we are at first given to understand that he has sold his house for a handsome figure, later reports reaches us that he could not make his agreements as first anticipated. Result no sale.

Mr. Levi White and family has moved to our city. We quite welcome him as we are confident he will prove an able and worthy citizen.

It will be gratifying to learn that Mr. John Wilson is rapidly recovering at the Hamilton Hospital. Our doctor has been in to see him and he gives the above report.

We now have of the Smoothtown team 1st and 2nd time ready for engagements.

HERE AND THERE.

Have a smile for all, a pleasant word for everybody. To succeed work hard and earnestly.

It is now well to fall into Stoic exaggeration, and say that mere virtue is sufficient to generate

happiness; but we may say that the virtuous man will never be wholly miserable.

Order and method are the two great Conjurors by whose aid a man of very average abilities may if he chooses secure to himself the blessing of never being hurtled.

If a child is frequently told that he is stupid he will very soon become so; if he is often told that he is slovenly insubordinate or disagreeable he will speedily develop those unfortunate traits in his character; if he is frequently watched and suspected of deception it will not be long before he yields to the temptations and becomes deceitful. The opposite is true. If he finds that his intelligence is taken for granted—that he is supposed as a matter of course to be orderly lawabiding, and good natured—that his honor is trusted and his word accepted—his honor is trusted, and his word accepted—his self respect will be aroused and a strong incentive will be given him to realize the expectations that are formed of him. It should be borne in mind that children are never reformed by calling them hard and bitter names and done so in a passion.

A Joyful Spirit and a cheerful countenance shed happiness all around, while sadness and gloom create a dismal melancholy wherever they are.

A very wise man said, "I should never drink—I cannot afford it. It costs me three days—the first in sinning the second in sobering and the third in repenting."

Good intentions merge gradually into noble realisations: wise plans

into beautiful fruitions, and natural virtues develop into noble character

It is a fair-handed and noble adjustment of things that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the