

Guelph Evening Mercury

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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1873.

PRICE TWO CENTS

Advertisements.

SERVANT WANTED—Wanted a respectable servant girl, accustomed to do general house work. Apply to Mrs. P. G. Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873.

HOUSE TO LET—To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office. Guelph, Dec. 29, 1873.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—For sale, the house and lot on Northumberland Street, two doors from Burns' Grocers. This new, contains 4 rooms and summer kitchen. For terms and other particulars enquire of Mr. F. Knowles, East and West Store, Day's Block. 23-4

WANTED—A legally qualified female teacher for the First Division of one First Class in the Public Schools Guelph. To enter upon her duties 7th Jan. Salary \$150 a year. Applications, containing testimonials, to be lodged with the clerk of the board of Education, on Dec. 29, 1873. J. B. S. T. G. U. P. BUSINESS.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Colored Wax Tapers
For Xmas Tree Decoration

Sprigs of English Holly
With Red Berries.

Kentish Filberts

Valentia Oranges

Pine Apples, Brandy Peaches, Bartlett Pears, Green Peas, and Green Corn

AT
JNO. A. WOOD'S
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

BY TELEGRAPH

A Misplaced Switch.
The Engine-drivers' Strike.
The French Bishops.
The Junata's Arrival.
Americans in Danger.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Junata was towed to Brooklyn Navy Yard this evening.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A reward of two hundred dollars is offered for the arrest of the man who misplaced the switch at Columbia last night. The train was moving at the rate of twenty miles per hour at the time, and drove a freight car into a neighboring dwelling, partly demolishing it.

The Municipal Elections

Nomination of Mayor, Reeve, and Deputies.

The nomination for Mayor, Reeve and Deputies of this Town of Guelph took place to-day (Monday) in the Town Hall at 10 o'clock. John Harvey, Esq., Town Clerk, acting as Returning Officer. Harvey read the recent changes in the Act respecting Municipal Elections, he called for nominations.

Mr. D. Guthrie, as one of the notable eight referred to by Mr. Inglis, came forward to make a nomination, for the purpose of giving him a chance to make a speech to explain the true position they occupied. Mr. Inglis had assumed that in entering into an arrangement about the Mayoralty, these parties sought to dictate to the ratepayers. There was no such thing. The position was this. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Harris were both in the field for Mayor, and it was found to be a very difficult matter to canvass for one against the other. Besides, it was found that such a contest would excite angry feelings, and religious prejudices; for so long it was on the mere question of religion how was the one to be preferred to the other? for both had equal claims to the position. They had a precedent also in the arrangement which would be taken on the arrangement of the town, Dr. Parker said Mr. Harvey, which as far as he knew was never objected to, and which as far as he was aware Mr. Melvin himself agreed to.

Mr. Melvin—I did not.

Mr. Melvin, I accept the denial, but at the same time Mr. Melvin worked for, and voted for, Dr. Parker.

Mr. Melvin—I did not work for him.

Mr. Guthrie—Well, all those gentlemen voted for him, and no objection was made to such an arrangement then. Had we any reason to suppose that objection would be taken to the arrangement now? At all events, under no circumstances did these eight represent anybody but themselves. They bargained away no one's rights, they bound no one to pursue any particular course, so that they were perfectly free to accept Mr. Melvin. He would say that Mr. Melvin was a personal and political friend of his, he was justly held in respect as an old and faithful servant, and under other circumstances there was no objection to his being more gladly seen elected Mayor than Mr. Melvin. It was a great pity that matters had assumed the present shape, but they had no desire and no wish to dictate to any one, or to bring any pressure to bear in influencing their choice. There were at that time two respectable men in the field, Mr. Harris had under the circumstances already explained, retired, and he (Mr. Guthrie) felt that he was entitled to their support. He was a good business man, his public and private character was above reproach, and he was satisfied the electors would vote for him irrespective of religion or any other consideration. We found Catholics in both Reform and Conservative ranks, and we received the sanction and support of both political parties, and shall be glad that we will be so liberal as to reject a man because he is not of our own denomination.

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Town and County News

Y. M. C. A. Ladies' committee meets on Tuesday. See advertisement.

The second annual tea-meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last week was a very successful affair. Revs. Mr. McDonald, of Elora, and Mr. Dickie, of Berlin, were amongst the speakers.

OUR DEBENTURES.

The town will have to pay up the Municipal Loan Fund debentures in twelve years, it seems. The Finance Committee find the period could not be lengthened to twenty years without special legislation and much undesirable loss.

THE GUELPH BAND.

The Guelph Band of Hope had a great time on Monday last week. 150 children, members of the Band, occupied the platform, and there was a good audience. The children sang some good part music, and the remainder of the programme comprised the usual addresses, dialogues, recitations, &c.

THE GUELPH FORESTERS.

The Guelph Foresters have organized, and will meet in future at the Good Templars' Hall. Officers have been appointed as follows:—Chief Ranger, Hugh Turner; Sub-chief, Henry Heath; Senior Woodward, Thos. Elmore; Junior Woodward, D. McGillivray; Senior Beadle, W. Erskine; Junior Beadle, Geo. Baird; Secretary, Geo. A. Coulson; Physician, Dr. Herod.

CHRISTMAS TEAS.

There have been a Christmas tree and tea meeting in connection with the Elora Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School, in the night school. The attendance was large, and the tea excellent. About seven o'clock the curtain in front of the platform was withdrawn, displaying to the audience a large tree, illuminated, and heavily laden with coronas and prizes, which were at once distributed to the scholars according to merit.

MAD DOG.

A dog which showed decided symptoms of madness, and had bit several other dogs was chased some little boys in the Town yesterday, and creating much alarm, when a man named Rae went to their rescue and with a well directed blow split the brute's head with his axe. Mr. Rae deserves much credit for his courage and activity. Something should be done by the authorities at once to prevent further danger, as the life of one child is worth more than all the dogs in town.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Society bearing the title of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, was held in Matthews' Hall, Aston on Friday. After drafting a constitution and by-laws, the following gentlemen were appointed:—Messrs. W. H. Storey, President; J. Chisholm, Vice-President; Jas. Matthews, Secretary and Treasurer. The object is the establishment of a reading room open every night in the week except Friday, which evening will be devoted to debate and entertainment of a literary character. There is to be a reading room for strangers.

Mrs. de MONTFORD.

The accomplished musicist who lately visited Guelph, has been creating a great sensation in London this year. Nights after nights, for the last three weeks at least, she has had large audiences. A disturbance was threatened by some persons who disbelieved in the reality of the performance, but this opposition ignominiously collapsed. A doctor has written to the local papers on the scientific aspect of the subject. The Mayor and Corporation have attended one of the performances in a body. One night's receipts were given by Miss de Montford to the St. George's Society; and she also gave 500 leaves to be distributed among the poor of the city.

TARLY BUREAU.

We see it is the custom in Guelph for "School Marms" who keep private schools to wind up the year with a grand ball in the Town Hall, to which all the nice young men of the town are invited. The idea is certainly original, and worthy of Guelph.—Dundas Banner. Did this Banner-waver never read the tenth commandment—"Thou shalt not tempt thy neighbor's school marm?" But we can understand his envious feelings. The Hamilton folks won't allow those unfortunate Dundas people to do things in the style we can in Guelph. If the "nice young man" who perpetrated the foregoing would like to see a little life outside his own village, let him come to Guelph next December and we will try to smuggle him into the ball in disguise.

FLEX & HATCO.

A New York firm suspended payment on Sept 19, and paid their creditors in full and commenced business again.

CHAURON SOIRÉE.

A Soirée in connection with the First Congregational, Canada Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Mr. Torrance's) will be held in the Town Hall

TUESDAY EVENING, 30th DEC.

The following speakers are engaged to deliver addresses:—
Rev. W. COCHRAN, A. M., Bradford, on "Mantle;" Rev. J. P. DIXON, of Berlin, on "Reminiscences of the Franco Prussian War."
An excellent choir will be present. Tea at 6.30. Speaking to commence about 7.30. Tickets 25 cents each. To be had at the following stores—Messrs. Day's, Anderson's, Hepburn's, and Savage's.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH WARD.

At the solicitation of a number of ratepayers of the above Ward, I have consented to become a Candidate for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year. It is, gentlemen, you should deem me worthy of the honor of representing you, and should credit me to that position. I feel confident that the best of my knowledge and ability to serve you faithfully, had to all intents in my power for the benefit of the Town in general and the North Ward in particular.

St. Claus has Arrived

WITH AN IMMENSE CARGO OF Toys, Xmas Presents, and New Year's Gifts

HEAD QUARTERS AS USUAL

AT J. HUNTER'S

Wholesale and Retail.

CALL AND SEE

The Largest Stock of the Greatest Variety, The Best and the Cheapest Goods for the Season

Ever exhibited in Guelph

AT J. HUNTER'S

Corner Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store Wyndham Street Guelph.

PRESENTS.

Just Received, a large and carefully selected stock of Christmas and New Year's Presents, suitable

For the Young Folks

BERLIN WOOLS

All kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual

Also, promptly attended to.

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Accident whilst Coasting.

Special Telegram to the Mercury. Salem, Dec. 29. On Saturday night a lot of boys were sleigh-riding down a steep hill, one of them in going over the dump got the wheel knocked out of him so that he was unable to steer and went headfirst against the stone wall, cutting his face very seriously. His Government boots finally made and he was carried home on a shutter and his wounds were dressed. It will be some time before he will be able to resume work.

Pilkington Nominations.

Special to The Mercury. Salem, Dec. 29th. The Pilkington nominations are:—For Reeve, H. Roberts and John Hunter; for Deputy, D. Black and Geo. Swan; Counsellors, John Burnett, J. Kelleher, E. R. Patmore, and Wm. Short.

POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.) Monday, Dec. 29.

Mary Jones, for vagrancy, was sent up for one month with hard labor.

Patrick Kelly was charged by his wife Ellen Kelly with assault and battery on Saturday last. Fined \$1 and costs, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months, himself in \$200 and two sureties in \$100 each. Committed to default.

THE CHATMAN BANNER.

comes out strongly on municipal matters. Its opinion of the retiring Councillors may be gathered from the following sentences, which form the headlines of an article on the subject:—Tammany, Jackson, How the Town affairs have been managed this year!—Reckless waste and extravagance.—Taxation four cents on the dollar.—What has become of the money?

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THE EXTREME PENALTY.

Pembroke, Dec. 27.—Oleifer, convicted at the last Assizes here of outraging and then murdering an old Polish woman about 80 years of age, named Lnocovitz, living on the Openage road, suffered this morning the extreme penalty of the law at a quarter past 6 o'clock. On reaching the scaffold the prisoner knelt down, the priest kneeling beside him, and said, speaking in French, "I am going to tell the truth now, as before God, in whose presence I am about to appear. What I said about O'Keefe when I accused of the crime was false. He is innocent, as I am also, of that crime, but I forgive all." The prisoner appeared composed. Over was 27 years of age, and was born at Three Rivers.

A DEBATCH FROM LORD KIMBERLEY.

to the Government is published, replying to the announcement to her Majesty of the change of the Dominion Government. Lord Kimberley concludes by saying: "I agree with your Lordship in the satisfaction you express that the result arrived at has been reached by a strict application of constitutional principles, and by the regular working of the machinery of a free Parliament; and I have much pleasure in conveying to you Her Majesty's entire approval of the manner in which you have acted under circumstances of no ordinary difficulty."

FIRE AT DRESDEN.

A brick block was destroyed by fire at Dresden on Friday. The brick block was owned by Wm. Windover & Dorman Wessels. It was valued at \$6,000, no insurance. Windover's stock of dry-goods valued at \$6,000, was also burned; no insurance. Isaac Logan, salmon, \$3,000, no insurance. Royal Exchange Hotel, owned by Jas. Stephens, \$3,000, no insurance.—occupied by Mr. Hubbe. The furniture was saved. There was no wind or fire that would have spread.

FATAL RUNAWAY.

Mr. Wm. Dodge, of West Oxford, on leaving Woodstock on Saturday last, controlled his high-spirited team. On turning the corner, leaving the main street, the wheel of his buggy came in contact with a post, and he was thrown a distance, slaty by spectators, of not less than twenty feet high, and nearly forty feet distance from where the collision occurred. His head came in contact with a telegraph post and was dreadfully fractured. He only breathed once or twice after being picked up. The net weight of chess sent from Ingersoll station on 1st May to 15th December, 1873, 7 1/2 million, looks as if nearly four and a half million pounds.