

THE HURON SIGNAL published every Friday Morning, by McMurtry Bros., at their Office, North 5th Street, over the Square.

RENEWALS. This is the season for renewals of subscriptions to the newspapers. During the next week or so we hope to see as many hundreds of our friends as can make it convenient, call in and get receipts for 1885.

Remember the ease of conscience and the knowledge of right that flows from the fact of having the label on your paper marked a year ahead.

Pay up at once, and then see that the mail clerk dates your label properly. Every subscriber should look at his label, and see that it is dated "Jan. 1, 1886."

None genuine without "Jan. 1, 86," blown on the label.

PARTY FEELING. The Conservatives are continually boasting of their loyalty to Sir John A. Macdonald in his day of adversity, and contrast their alleged fealty with that of the Reformers, who deposed Mr. Macdonald from the leadership after the fall of his government.

It is one of the funny things of the period that the Toronto Mail has been boycotted by the workingmen of Canada. They are beginning to find out how much sincerity there was in the Mail's pretensions of being friendly towards them.

ME. PAT. BOYLE ON THE SCOTCH. That there are so many Scotchmen enjoying the sweets of office is not due to their transcendent abilities, but to their transcendent cheek; and we are free to acknowledge that this solid commodity is not the exclusive property of Scotch Reformers, but that it is also the property of Scotch Conservatives.

FROM EGYPT. The following is an extract from a letter written by A. G. McDonald, formerly of Brussels to his mother. Macdonald is Huron's representative to the Nile contingent, and his old acquaintances in the county will be pleased to hear how he likes the land of the Pharaohs.

SINCE Constable Yule ceased to act as night watchman, there have been several cases where young men of the town and vicinity have disturbed the peace on the square and along the principal streets of Goderich, without let or hindrance on the part of Mr. Yule's substitute.

Our countrymen came from the river, and made night hideous by howls, yells and blasphemous and obscene language. The young rioters are well known, and if the present night-watchman knows his business he should have them up before magistrate's court. They should have been locked up on Tuesday night, and had their ardent cooled off.

One thing has been settled in the minds of law-abiding persons, and that is that a capable watchman is a necessity in town. But a capable one is wanted, and none other should be allowed to draw salary. Our council should take up the question and deal with it at once.

Our in Dakota they don't do things by halves. In one of the counties there has been a dispute between the rival towns of Traverse and Wilnot as to which should be the county seat. When the official count was made, it was found that three of the Wilnot ballot boxes had been stuffed, and Traverse was awarded the county seat by the courts. This fact riled the residents of Wilnot, and a band of armed Wilnotites immediately set out for Traverse, seized the official safe, and carried it in triumph to their own town. The full particulars of the affair will be found in another column. We only draw attention to it editorially, to put the people of Goderich on their guard, so that the editor of the New Era may not come in by way of the Huron road stealthily some night and make off with the courthouses.

THE manner in which the delegates to the Tory convention have been spoken of by the Reform city papers is in marked contrast to the vulgar abuse which was showered upon the delegates to the Reform convention of 1883 and the Mowat demonstration of 1884 by the Mail. There is this difference, however: The Mail is the self-styled organ of the "gentlemen's party," and the other journals are not. The other journals are edited by gentlemen in the true sense of the term; the Mail was edited, when it attacked the Reform delegates, by Martin Griffin, of whom it could be said that he was "Born in a garret, and in a kitchen bred;" and whose apings after gentility are a vain striving after the unattainable. A silk purse cannot be made out of a sow's lug.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION. The Sayings of the Brethren—Wise and Otherwise—Placed on Record.

PARTY SERVITUDE. Apropos of the new Conservative organization, the Mail has the nerve to propose that the central officers and committees will have firmness enough to insist upon obedience, and that the loyal rank and file will have sense enough to obey. This high and mighty attitude is better designed to repel than to attract many intelligent conservatives. Such imperious language has the genuine Maitland ring. Those who remember the mess that the dudes and mugwumps of the U. E. club made of matters will not be very much inclined to obey a new junta of self-appointed dictators. At least we should think so.

NOT FUNNY FOR THE MAIL. It is one of the funny things of the period that the Toronto Mail has been boycotted by the workingmen of Canada. They are beginning to find out how much sincerity there was in the Mail's pretensions of being friendly towards them.

FROM EGYPT. The following is an extract from a letter written by A. G. McDonald, formerly of Brussels to his mother. Macdonald is Huron's representative to the Nile contingent, and his old acquaintances in the county will be pleased to hear how he likes the land of the Pharaohs.

SINCE Constable Yule ceased to act as night watchman, there have been several cases where young men of the town and vicinity have disturbed the peace on the square and along the principal streets of Goderich, without let or hindrance on the part of Mr. Yule's substitute.

Our countrymen came from the river, and made night hideous by howls, yells and blasphemous and obscene language. The young rioters are well known, and if the present night-watchman knows his business he should have them up before magistrate's court. They should have been locked up on Tuesday night, and had their ardent cooled off.

One thing has been settled in the minds of law-abiding persons, and that is that a capable watchman is a necessity in town. But a capable one is wanted, and none other should be allowed to draw salary. Our council should take up the question and deal with it at once.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Regular Christmas Examinations for Promotion.

A Stim List—The Papers too Hard for the Juniors. The very satisfactory system of promotion examinations which has prevailed in Goderich for the past ten or twelve years, was this year cast aside and another system substituted.

The inspectors and principals were instructed to conjointly prepare the examination papers, and the consequence is a most unsatisfactory and lamentable result. The teachers of the town, as a rule, have been divided between laughter and indignation at some of the questions prepared by the principal for the smaller children, the mental arithmetic test in some cases having been severe to absurdity.

The old system, which was under the complete control of the inspector, gave general satisfaction, but the late examination shows a sad state of affairs for teaching pupils in an advanced room, he cannot fairly discriminate between what is expected from such scholars, and those of a more infantile class. The teachers of the ward schools at first felt sore over the non-success of some of their most prominent pupils.

The new system, made by Mr. Strang, principal of the High School, at the closing exercises of St. Patrick's ward school, were timely and just, and show how the teachers of the town feel on the question of the mental arithmetic mania. The promotions are as follows:—

CENTRAL SCHOOL. 2ND DIVISION—MISS TRAINOR, TEACHER. No. on roll, 44; present at examination, 41; No. promoted, 6.

HONOR LIST: Reading—1, F. Wetherald; 2, S. Malcolmson; 3, M. Acheson. Spelling—1, A. Buchanan, A. Melvor, F. Wetherald, S. Malcolmson, M. Melvor. Composition—1, A. Bedford, and E. Ralph; 1, A. Buchanan; 2, M. Acheson; 3, J. Baxter; 2, M. Acheson; 3, A. Buchanan. Writing—1, A. McNeil; 2, M. Malcolmson; F. Wetherald, History—1, R. Ralph; 2, A. Buchanan, and E. Ralph; 3, L. Acheson. Geography—1, A. Melvor; 2, F. Wetherald; 3, J. Baxter. Grammar—1, L. Acheson, and A. Bedford; 2, A. Buchanan; 3, M. Acheson.

Promoted in order of merit—Alice Buchanan, Eva Ralph, Ann Melvor, Jas. Baxter, Everett McKenzie and Ross Ralph.

3RD DIVISION. Miss Blair, teacher. No. on roll, 44; present at examination, 42; No. promoted, 7.

HONOR LIST—Reading, 1, Ned Garrow, 2, F. Ball, 3, N. Strachan. Spelling, 1, A. Evans, 2, A. Addison, K. Baker, J. Craigie, M. Hillier, W. Babb, E. Horton, L. Spence. Composition and Grammar, 1, F. Horton, N. Garrow, 2, E. Dunn, 3, M. Evans, 2, F. Ball, 3, N. Strachan. History, 1, F. Moss, 2, N. Strachan, 3, F. Ball. Geography, 1, R. Wilson, 2, F. Vanatter, 3, N. Garrow.

Promoted in order of merit—N. Strachan, F. Ball, F. Moss, D. Gray, L. Spence, M. Campbell, F. Vanatter.

4TH DIVISION. Miss Watson, teacher. No. on roll, 66; present at examination, 49; No. promoted, 18.

HONOR LIST—Reading, 1, E. Strang, 2, E. Miller, 3, C. H. Hayes, 4, Buchanan, K. Russell, A. Struthers. Composition—1, M. Andrews; 2, W. Atkins; 3, G. Johnston. Arithmetic—1, R. Breckenridge, A. Nafel, S. Buchanan, and E. Murray. Writing—1, I. Strachan, 2, R. Healey; 3, W. Atkins. Geography—1, M. Campbell, 2, Buchanan, 3, Cressman, C. McDonald and W. Vivian.

Promoted in order of merit—I. Strachan, W. Atkins, G. Cressman, L. Buchanan, R. Kedzie, M. Andrews, E. Elwood, E. McDougall, T. Bates, S. Buchanan, R. Armstrong, K. Russell, L. Cattle, E. Murray, G. McLean, A. Struthers, H. Hayes, A. Nafel, M. Edward, Ada Nafel, A. Graham.

5TH DIVISION—MISS HARRIS, TEACHER. No. on roll, 49; present at examination, 45; No. promoted, 21.

HONOR LIST: Reading—1, A. Struthers; 2, K. Russell; 3, G. Cressman. Spelling—1, E. Miller, 2, C. H. Hayes, 3, Buchanan, K. Russell, A. Struthers. Composition—1, M. Andrews; 2, W. Atkins; 3, G. Johnston. Arithmetic—1, R. Breckenridge, A. Nafel, S. Buchanan, and E. Murray. Writing—1, I. Strachan, 2, R. Healey; 3, W. Atkins. Geography—1, M. Campbell, 2, Buchanan, 3, Cressman, C. McDonald and W. Vivian.

Promoted in order of merit—I. Strachan, W. Atkins, G. Cressman, L. Buchanan, R. Kedzie, M. Andrews, E. Elwood, E. McDougall, T. Bates, S. Buchanan, R. Armstrong, K. Russell, L. Cattle, E. Murray, G. McLean, A. Struthers, H. Hayes, A. Nafel, M. Edward, Ada Nafel, A. Graham.

6TH DIVISION—MISS SHARMAN, TEACHER. No. on roll, 70; present at examination, 68; No. promoted, 16.

HONOR LIST: Reading—1, M. McPherson; 2, E. Anselbrook; 3, E. Smith. Spelling—1, M. Wilson; 2, R. McEwen, M. McPherson, E. Smith, C. Sharmar. Composition—1, R. McEwen and Percy Miller. Arithmetic—1, E. Anselbrook; 2, E. Camy; 3, B. Bain, G. Clissold, N. Crabb. Writing—1, M. Curroll; 2, E. Smith; 3, W. Atkins. Geography—1, E. Anselbrook; 2, E. McGregor; 3, G. Buchanan.

Promoted in order of merit—E. Anselbrook, E. Camy, F. Robinson, G. Buchanan, M. Campbell, E. Smith, C. Sharmar, S. Dickson, M. McPherson, P. Miller, H. Cook, J. Wilson, M. Curroll, N. Crabb, M. Wilson, C. Pennington.

ST. DAVID'S WARD. Junior department, Miss Burritt, teacher. No. on roll, 79—Present at examination, 68. Promoted to part II, 13—2nd Reader, 6—Total, 19.

A SHOWER OF SILVER.

A Night of Congratulations Among the Nearest Acquaintances. Notwithstanding counter attractions and the very cold weather, there was a very fair attendance to witness the presentation of silverware to certain of our townsmen, for their work during the Scott Act campaign.

The chair was ably occupied by Mr. C. A. Humber, who made a brief introductory speech, and called upon Mr. Joseph Williams to make the presentation to Rev. T. M. Campbell.

Mr. Williams, in a well-voiced address, paid a high tribute to Mr. Campbell, predecessor, and alluded to the able services performed by Mr. C. during the campaign. He then presented him with four pieces of plate, consisting of a handsome tray, a neat cresset, a pretty spoonholder, and a beautiful card receiver.

Mr. Campbell made a very suitable reply, and expressed a hope that he might ever deserve the esteem and confidence of his townfolk.

J. C. Deltor then presented Thomas McGillicuddy with a butter-cooler of pretty pattern, to which the recipient made a suitable reply.

A pickle stand of neat design was presented to James Mitchell and one to D. Mc Gillicuddy, each of whom spoke pointedly and appropriately.

During the evening Miss Skimming sang a solo, the music of which had been composed by her.

The speeches were all of a conciliatory sort, but expressed a desire that the Act should be carried out in its fullest integrity now that it had been adopted. The gifts reflected credit on the taste of those of the committee who selected them.

REV. J. A. WILLIAMS, D.D.

The New Methodist General Superintendent. From the Toronto Globe Dec. 20. At a meeting of the special committee of the General Conference of the Methodist Church yesterday the Rev. John A. Williams, D. D., of St. Catharines, was appointed by a unanimous vote to fill the place of Senior General superintendent, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late Dr. Rice. It was the almost universal opinion that he was the most fitting appointment that could be made to this high office.

Dr. Williams' ability given the addresses of the members whom they prefer, and correspondence can be opened.

COMMITTED FOR PERJURY—On Tuesday last Thomas Smith, jr., of Killoos, who was committed for trial about a fortnight ago for forgery, and his father, were brought before magistrates Graham, Campbell, and Lawrence, charged with perjury. The old man was committed for trial, the decision in the young man's case being reserved.

A LATER KNOCK AROUND.—The Exeter Times says:—Andrew Winer, who removed from here some 25 years ago to Michigan, returned to Crediton a few days ago. During his sojourn in Michigan, he left home one morning at the time of the war, saying he was going to hunt hattle, but instead he enlisted as a soldier. His family saw no more of him, and thought he must have been murdered or lost. A short time after that the family returned to Crediton, and his wife again married within two or three years. To the surprise of all, the other evening he put in an appearance, and his children who have grown out of his recognition, were greatly though happily surprised to see their supposed murdered or lost father. He is contented to allow his wife to remain with her present husband.

AFTER LITTLE.—Last Friday morning daylight found Detective Murray, of Toronto, bailiff Scott and constables Chapman and Anlay, at the front door of a small log house of James Bird near Cranbrook, with a warrant for Little, who is a nephew of Bird's, and is strongly suspected of having to do with the late robberies perpetrated. Murray and Scott went in to search while Anlay and Chapman guarded the front and back entrances of the house. A lively scene ensued when the object of the visit was made known to the inmates. Revolvers were drawn by both parties, and the old gentleman had a gun. The house was thoroughly searched but Little was not found. The detective and companions then drove to Fox's and searched there, but with no better success. Little is described as follows:—Height about 6 feet. Dark hair and eyes with rather heavy eyebrows, 22 years of age. Is lank and somewhat boyish. Gipsy-like in manner and appearance and talks horse. Four correspondents think it would not be out of place for the council to offer a reward for his capture.—[Brussels Post.

NO GRANGER.—The Livermore Herald, California, speaks as follows of a Brussels boy:—W. F. Scott, a compositor employed in this office, is something of an athlete, and sadly astonished the boys in Oakland on Thanksgiving day. He went down that morning, to take part in the Olympia Games. He did so with a vengeance, as the following from the San Francisco Atlas, clearly demonstrates:—"The handicapped running high jump was highly interesting, made especially so by the peculiar jumping of an immensely tall fellow, W. F. Scott, from Livermore. He was marked as a consistent granby by the crowd and by his opponents from the peculiarly lazy manner he had of starting and launching himself into the air; but it was always noticeable that he never failed to easily raise himself over the pole when his last opportunity came. Nearly every time the bar was raised, he would miss the first two trials, only to go over with ease at the third. The participants were:—O. Giersch, favorite; H. Germain, second choice; C. J. Schriber, B. H. Benjamin, W. Parent, W. F. Scott, from Livermore; F. W. Randolph. The contest was won by Scott, 5 feet 11 inch. Giersch was second." This chap, Scott, is a tall, slip young fellow who did such good jumping at Goderich on the 1st of July of the year past.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS. The regulations regarding the reading of the Bible and prayer in the public and high schools, approved by the Provincial government on the 16th day of December, 1884, are as follows:—

1. Every public and high school shall be opened with the Lord's prayer, and closed with the reading of the Scriptures and the Lord's prayer, or the prayer sanctioned by the department of education.

2. The portions of Scripture used shall be taken from selections authorized for that purpose by the department of education, and shall be read without comment or explanation.

3. Where a teacher claims to have conscientious scruples against opening and closing the school, as herein provided, he shall notify the trustees that that effect in writing.

4. No pupil shall be required to take part in the exercises above referred to against the wish of his parent or guardian, expressed in writing to the master of the school.

5. When required by the trustees the Ten Commandments shall be repeated at least once a week.

6. The trustees shall place a copy of the authorized reading in each department of the public and high schools under their jurisdiction, within one year from the date hereof.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Items from all Parts of Huron got on the News Exchange. Charles A. Bishop has been engaged to teach in School Section No. 10, Grey, for the year 1885.

The death is announced of Mrs. Humphrey Snell, (mother of Mr. H. Snell, of Hullett Township) at the advanced age of 93 years. She had resided in Huron County for over 30 years. She had twelve children, six of whom are alive.

The death of H. W. Hall, barrister, of Exeter, took place near Kansas City, U. S., on Tuesday. Deceased left Exeter last week for California to benefit his health, and had just got that far on his way.

J. A. Hyndman, of Exeter, has a curiosity in his grocery store in the shape of a large onion, which has grown sprouts about a foot long in two weeks, the growth being caused by the onion being placed on the top of a glass tumbler half filled with water.

The inhabitants of Sunshine, Morris township, are a wonderful people. A few days ago there was a vacant lot which is now no more vacant. Their expenses, desiring to move the village and having only a few weeks in which to build a house, the neighbors turned out and in less than a week have more than half completed a fine frame building, cellar and all. Sunshine is the place for neighbors.

FARM SOLD.—Wm. McMurray, of the 4th concession, Tuckersmith, H. R. S., has sold his farm to J. Prud'homme, for the sum of \$7,000. It is a splendid farm, and has on it a good brick house, but the barns and outbuildings are considerably worn. Mr. McMurray settled on this place when it was all bush, and felled the first tree on it over forty years ago. He intends coming to Egmondville or Seaforth to live. He gives up possession on the 1st March.

Here is an item of interest to girls only.—Some thirty young farmers and business men of Arizona have sent one of their number east to find wives for them. The agent says:—"I have the photographs of the members, and I also have letters of recommendation from the township officers. All I want now is to secure the young ladies. Their expenses to Arizona will be paid by the Association, or, if they prefer, they will be given the addresses of the members whom they prefer, and correspondence can be opened."

General Grant known what it was in the Philippines, and he was terribly since his ago. The direct was the breaking thigh, but a vari was most painful and rheumatic was said by his physicians since his smoking, and I know, he has had all his life, he four cigars a wee that if hereafter be very moderate great pleasure in taking the utmost every statement no stenographer, word with hisowr rate articles, the history of the country, and already written pages.

SCOTT ACT ARE being sent asking that some provisions of the wency be required some compensation in the liquor trade be affected, and

Wheat, (Fall) 1/2 Red winter wheat 1/2 Flour, (Spring) 1/2 Oats, 1/2 Bush Potatoes 1/2 Bush Eggs, 1/2 ton Butter, 1/2 doz. (unpecked) Shirts, 1/2 doz. Bran, 1/2 cwt. Chops, 1/2 cwt. Wood, 1/2 cords Firewood, 1/2 cords

LIVE AN QUALITY OUF TEAS T] My blend of B 50c, 60c, A 50c or per 100 Unscolored Japan Young Hyon and A

FRUIT FR Valencia Raisin Raisins, Pinet, 1/2 cwt. Looking for A

GRO AND C No waiting to JOHN 1 Victo OROSH Goderich, Dec.

A FIRE BROKE.

The Windsor soon extinguished were found a bottle sup remains of the machine. A fire broke out in the Windsor soon extinguished were found a bottle sup remains of the machine. A fire broke out in the Windsor soon extinguished were found a bottle sup remains of the machine.

SEARCH IN THE day, and several those used in a discovered. A l with sawdust, and floating liquid, the fragments of glass like the The managers of road assert that dental and not They declare the has been found liquid was horse secretary has on guards at Wind present number, with rifles. A grounds surround ordered. Extri have been taken Queen is subject buildings and ra ly guarded.

Every suspicious present nervous is converted into outrage. About men shrew Glasgow and believed their the bridge. A careful ex fact that the m in the debris, sui dently since his ago. The direct was the breaking thigh, but a vari was most painful and rheumatic was said by his physicians since his smoking, and I know, he has had all his life, he four cigars a wee that if hereafter be very moderate great pleasure in taking the utmost every statement no stenographer, word with hisowr rate articles, the history of the country, and already written pages.

SCOTT ACT ARE being sent asking that some provisions of the wency be required some compensation in the liquor trade be affected, and

Wheat, (Fall) 1/2 Red winter wheat 1/2 Flour, (Spring) 1/2 Oats, 1/2 Bush Potatoes 1/2 Bush Eggs, 1/2 ton Butter, 1/2 doz. (unpecked) Shirts, 1/2 doz. Bran, 1/2 cwt. Chops, 1/2 cwt. Wood, 1/2 cords Firewood, 1/2 cords

LIVE AN QUALITY OUF TEAS T] My blend of B 50c, 60c, A 50c or per 100 Unscolored Japan Young Hyon and A

FRUIT FR Valencia Raisin Raisins, Pinet, 1/2 cwt. Looking for A

GRO AND C No waiting to JOHN 1 Victo OROSH Goderich, Dec.