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VERY RIDICULOUS.—The Toronto Telegraph is making itself very ridiculous in the interest it manifests for the Centre Riding of Wellington. We beg the Telegraph not to be at all disturbed about the matter. The Reformers of the Centre Riding can attend to their own business without any assistance or advice from the Telegraph, whose more congenial work is bolstering up the patent Combination, to whom it has been indebted for so many favors. The dull wit of the Telegraph is therefore entirely thrown away, for the Reformers of the Centre Riding will, at the right time, and without any outside advice, choose the proper person to represent them in Parliament to take the place of their late lamented member. It was very unseemly, to say the least, for the Telegraph to discuss the matter before even the remains of the late member were beneath the sod, but we suppose this must be accepted as an instance of its new-fangled enterprise. It is a kind of enterprise, however, which the public do not like, and which smacks more of impertinence than good taste.

More Earthquakes in California.

Since the shocks of earthquakes which were felt in California last week, others though of a slighter character have been felt at intervals during the last four or five days. On the 22nd a slight tremor or two was felt. The casualties by the first shock do not exceed thirty. Only five persons were killed, though in one or two instances persons who were struck by falling bricks and timber met their deaths. An examination of the City Hall shows that the walls are badly cracked from the ground floor upwards, and that the arches are mostly ruined. Had it not been for the extra anchors and tie-put into the Custom-House building after the earthquake of 1855, it is probable that a greater portion of the structure would have fallen to the ground. The old Merchants' Exchange, on Battery-st., opposite the Custom-House, and which for some years past has been occupied by the United States Courts, was considerably injured. There is a large fissure in the north wall of the building. The new Merchants' Exchange, on California-st., is slightly injured. The ornamental work on the building occupied by the Bank of California, was thrown down. The balustrade and the chimneys are being removed. Although 100 buildings in the city have been damaged, a thorough examination proves that those buildings which have been properly constructed will stand much heavier shocks. The greatest wreck of buildings and destruction of property was confined to the eastern and southern portions of the city, where the buildings are erected on made ground.

Another shock occurred on the 23rd which sent the people shrieking with terror into the streets. When the despatch left it was impossible to ascertain whether there had been any further damage to the shattered buildings or any further loss of life. The streets were thronged with persons in their night-clothing, who are waiting in fear for what may come next. The atmosphere was thick and the weather was warm and sultry. During the night following the people showed no desire to return to their houses, but remained terror-stricken in the streets. On the following morning there was a very slight shock. Another despatch on the 25th says:—Several slight shocks of earthquake have occurred since midnight, the one at 7.55 in the morning was of considerable duration and created some alarm.

Ward committees to collect subscriptions in aid of the Red River sufferers have been appointed in Toronto with an alderman at the head of each to organize it.

The working men of Exeter have established a board of arbitration and conciliation between masters and men. A project is in contemplation among the merchants and business men of Main street, Galt, to station a night watchman in the business part of the town where the principal shops are situated.

Labour is scarce in the Muskoka district, says Mr. Lynn. Offers of \$16 per month and board to work on the roads find no takers.

The well known steple-chaser, 'Chang,' owned by Capt. Moore of the Huskars, won a race at Boston last week.

For assaulting his step mother, a young man, in the township of Derby, was fined \$20 and costs on Tuesday week.

JUDICIAL.—A good story is told at Newport of an "old back," who offered a very handsome young lady a pony for a kiss. She gave him the "sweet nothing"; he refused the pony, and, upon being sued by the demurell's father, pleaded "no consideration." The court, however, decided that a kiss was a legal consideration, and compelled the old fellow to "pony up."—Served him right!

A man named George Curran was tried at the last Wentworth Assizes for forging the name of John White to a promissory note for \$204, and sentenced to four years in the Penitentiary. He leaves a wife and six small children in the outer world, and is so ill in health himself that it is believed he will not long survive.

The Wesleyan Methodists of Toronto, will shortly offer a premium for plans of a new church, to be erected on McGill Square. The building is to accommodate 2,000 people, and its estimated cost is \$50,000.

Goderich looks with a jealous eye on Kincardine, fearing lest some influence might be brought to bear on the engineers which would induce them to locate the harbour of refuge at the latter place. It is complained that they spend more of their time there than looks well for Goderich.

MAIL ROBBERIES.—The Toronto papers contain accounts of a number of unaccountable losses of mails between the G. W. railway, and G. T. railway east of Toronto. Whole packages of letters are taken out, and among them many that are registered and consequently valuable. A bag in its entirety has disappeared. The post office officials are not blamed, the crime being laid at the door of prowlers who commit the robberies while the mail is being transmitted from one place to another in a cart after nightfall.

Funeral of the late Dr. Parker.

The funeral of the late Dr. Parker took place on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, and was one of the largest and most imposing ever seen in Guelph. The citizens of every station, and of all shades of politics or religious creeds, were present in very large numbers. Quite a number of his former constituents from all parts of the Riding also attended to pay the last tribute of respect to their former member. Among the strangers from a distance were the following gentlemen from Hamilton:—Mr. H. C. Clarke, Mayor, Messrs. Adam Brown, Charles McGill, M.P., Wm. McGivern, J. Chisholm, T. Hiddout, H. E. Irving and Thos. White, jr.—Among the members of Parliament we noticed Messrs. D. Shirton, H. McFarlane, James Young, G. A. Drow and P. Gow. The Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald came up from Toronto to be present at the funeral, but the train was so late that the cortege had nearly reached the cemetery before it arrived. The Rev. W. Parker, brother to the deceased, also came by the same train, and reached the cemetery in time to see the remains of his brother consigned to the earth.

The Town Council, in accordance with the resolution passed the previous evening, attended in a body. The flags on the public buildings were at half-mast during the day. The stores and other places of business were closed from half-past two till four o'clock, and while the people were assembling and during the funeral procession, the bells of the Market House, St. George's, Congregational and Catholic churches tolled mournful dirges. The Rev. J. G. Geddes, of Hamilton, read part of the solemn service for the dead before the body was removed from the house, and the same gentleman, assisted by Rev. Mr. Alexander, officiated at the grave. The pall bearers were Judge Macdonald, Geo. Elliott, N. Higginbotham, Dr. Herod, Adam Brown and W. McGivern. The Town Council led the way in the funeral procession, then followed the hearse, then came the relatives and intimate friends of the deceased, after which followed a long line of carriages, over 100 in number, and extending nearly a mile in length. The members of the Guelph Presbytery, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, which was in session at the time, also joined the procession. As the cortege proceeded slowly through the town, the people gathered on the streets, and in common with those who formed the procession testified by their looks and words their sorrow for the loss of one who was valued as a man of rare ability, as a genial friend and companion, and whose melancholy death has caused a blank in this community which will not soon be filled.

The Curling and Skating Rink.

A meeting of the curlers and those friendly to the erection of a curling and skating rink combined, was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening in accordance with advertisement. Thos. McCrae, Esq., was appointed chairman pro tem, and having stated the object of the meeting, the secretary, Mr. Davidson, read a short prospectus drawn up by N. McLean, Esq. The scheme was duly considered, and the amount of stock necessary to carry out the same was put down at \$1200.

It was moved by Mr. Robertson, sr., seconded by Mr. McCrae, That it is desirable to unite the curling and skating interests of the town in a joint stock company having one rink divided into separate departments, if the skaters come forward and subscribe for an equal proportion of stock.—Carried.

It was also moved and carried that a new subscription list be opened, for the purpose of carrying out the above resolution, and that Messrs. N. McLean, D. McCrae, A. Robertson, Jr., with power to add to their number, be a Committee to solicit stock and report at an adjourned meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Friday night at half past seven o'clock, when it is expected all those who have taken stock will be present, as managers, &c., may be appointed to carry out the erection of the building, as the season is now close at hand when John Frost may assert his dominion.

"Division of Garafraxa."

Mr. Freeholder.—Permit me to say a few words about your article with the above heading. You tell us we are asleep, and hint that it takes you to wake us up. Now, Mr. Greenhorn, for as awake a person as it strikes me you see remarkably little. Your letter is mainly composed of shalls, wills, and what-do-you-thinks. Surely while we have been snoozing you have collected some information; or, if not, why write upon a subject that, you say, you care little about, and of which you evidently know less than it is almost needless to refer to your address, since you do not state a case, much less prove one, and, besides, you murder the whole piece in conclusion by proposing that the Assessor carry round a petition against the proposed change. Why, a person with one eye open can see that if the Assessor's petition does not get a majority of the ratepayers' signatures no harm is done; but if it does your petition would be further in the rear than ever, when we deduct those who happened to be absent, or would not vote at all. Moreover, the first principle in Responsible Government is, to yield to the wish of the majority. What a pity, too, you did not tell us the Act of Parliament that would permit our Council to hold their meetings either in Fergus or Orangeville, or what attraction would entice them to the neighbourhood of those villages. If "Fergus and Orangeville prosper in their own resources of wealth" (which I beg leave to doubt), much more does Garafraxa, and if the meetings are held within the municipalities as at present, small difference it would make to any one whether held in this house or that. It would even be more convenient than that now for "every one to drop in upon the palaver of our Councillors." All I presume, were aware that in the event of a division we shall have nearly twice as many public officers, but we take the liberty of thinking for ourselves that the outlay will not be nearly twice as much as it is now, since the actual labor will be very little increased, and no one, officer or otherwise, is entitled to more than he works for. Having said enough at present.

I remain, yours &c., A LABOURER.

Cuvier, the naturalist, was in his favorite pursuits very democratic in his tastes. He treated all men as his equals, and would not allow others to treat him as superior. One day, while discussing a question in connection with a young naturalist, the latter constantly interjected in his conversation, Monsieur le Baron. There is no baron here, replied Cuvier; there are two shades seeking the truth and having done only to live.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. WEDNESDAY, 28th.—John Houston, blacksmith, who was remanded yesterday, was up again this morning on the charge of having stolen a sum of money from the till in Jackson & Hallett's store, on Monday. It appears that Houston was the worse of liquor, and as soon as he grasped the money Mr. Jackson noticed him, and shouted to him, when he immediately delivered up the money. As he had not showed his intention of appropriating, the theft was not complete, and he was dismissed.

BIRTHS.

FEAST.—At Guelph, on the 27th inst. the wife of Mr. A. S. Feast, marble dealer, of a son.

DIED.

RIDDELL.—In Galt, on the 23rd inst., Janet Isabella, infant daughter of Mr. Archibald Rid-dell, aged 2 weeks and 6 days.

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Estate of the late Jas. Lindsay

ALL PARTIES having claims against the Estate of James Lindsay, late of the Town of Guelph, Hotel keeper, are requested to hand them in at once to the undersigned, Executors, for adjustment, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment. ARCH. MCCORKINDALE, WILLIAM C. BAINE, Executors. Guelph, Oct. 27. Advertiser to copy.

Wrapping Paper for Sale.

FOR SALE at the EVENING MERCURY Office, a large lot of old Newspapers, in good condition for wrapping paper. Apply at the office. Guelph, October 23.

County Right for Sale.

TAKE NOTICE. THE undersigned having purchased the right of sale of Weer's Patent Lamp Burner, which does away with the use of glasses with perfect safety, whereby the great saving of glasses for street and parlour lamps, and other places is effected, an active man can make \$4 a day by selling the Burner. All parties selling without my consent will be prosecuted. JAS. O'NEIL, Anglo-American Hotel. Guelph, October 24th. d3w3

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THE Second Annual CONCERT in aid of the

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Several distinguished Singers from Buffalo, Toronto and Hamilton will be present.

TICKETS 50c. Children half-price.

The Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Vale, will accompany the choruses.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8. Vale's Quadrille Band will be in attendance.

D. NUNAN, Secretary. Guelph, 19th October. d9w1.

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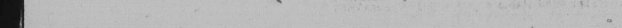
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