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Goderich, Oct. 3rd, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, NOV. 14, 1877.

Working man's Presents.

A correspondent of the *Star* a short time ago questioned our statement that the presents given to Sir John Macdonald at Hamilton and Toronto lately were paid for by wealthy men of the party, and the working-men had had nothing to do with procuring the gifts. We know whereof we speak, and the indignant correspondent would not require to hunt far to find out how the money was subscribed by a few wealthy individuals and how a few partizan workingmen because it cost them nothing and brought them momentary glory, lent their presence to give an appearance of reality to the exhibition. The circumstance calls to our recollection an incident which occurred in Toronto some five or six years ago. It was desired that the workingmen should present a jewel case to Lady Macdonald, which of course was to be a left-handed compliment to the chieftain. The conclave of Conservative nabobs resulted in a pretty little scheme. One of those wealthy gentlemen approached the leading workmen, representatives in the Toronto Trades' Assembly, wishing them to accept the jewel case which he owned, and asking them to present it to her ladyship. An exciting discussion took place among the members of the assembly, and it was finally decided to carry out the plan, which in its consummation gave Sir John and his lady a very hollow glory, and the workingmen were merely the clay in the potter's hands. The circumstance was loudly boasted of by the Conservative press, until an indignant workingman who had opposed the dodge in the assembly exposed the ridiculous trick.

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"At length he got the text, the tale evolved under his manipulation, the pen left a train of fire in its wake as it aped over the unsullied sheet—the writer's eyes glistened with the fire of his thoughts, and his face and well oiled hair reflected the lustre of his burning words—in fact the sanctum glowed like a "Brilliant Home Bean Burner," with the abundance of phosphorous brought into luminosity by the friction of excessive thought. From under the door a gleam as of a fierce fire shot out, and the "devil" waiting for copy heroically rushed in to rescue, as he thought, his master from the flames. The glory for a moment dazzled his eyes, but he distinctly saw the pen drop from the writer's trembling hands, he sank into semeloessness. The devil snatched the writing—"copy" for the boys—and rushed for a doctor, who arrived and after much labor restored the author. Excitement ran high, when the news of this experience got abroad, to see the article produced under such extraordinary circumstances, and it was not long after the journal issued that friends poured in to tender congratulations, and each brought a little gift, expressive of their sentiments—one brought a poppy, another brought a dozen of herring for brain food, some brought mittens, one came with a largely signed petition asking that the thing be not repeated, another brought a tub of soft water—not to bathe the writer's feet in, however—a lady sent a neatly carved wooden spoon, a friend from the country sent a quantity of eggs to be used in various enticing ways, another lady sent a beautifully worked sampler with these words "Roosters, not men," and lastly some one sent a box of lusifers with the motto "Give us some light on this matter."

"And as he sat, thrilled with joy at the sight of these gifts, and received the adulations of his visitors, he murmured in ecstacy: "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" The sun went down while he still sat, his happy sensations too busy with his thoughts to permit him to take account of the gifts scattered about him; the darkness came, but in his mind's presence there was a happy light, and he said proudly unto himself:

I am Sir Rooster; when I do ope my mouth
Let no dog bark."

THE Exeter *Times* still labors to make out that the London *Times*, in its recent article on the Canada Pacific Railway, condemns the policy of the present Government, but only proves the thoughtlessness of its animosity. So far from condemning, the "big thunderer" withholds comment upon the Government's policy, but simply on discovering the magnitude of the work from Mr. Sandford Fleming's elaborate report, it arrives at the very just conclusion that the undertaking, representative in the Toronto Trades' Assembly, wishing them to accept the jewel case which he owned, and asking them to present it to her ladyship. An exciting discussion took place among the members of the assembly, and it was finally decided to carry out the plan, which in its consummation gave Sir John and his lady a very hollow glory, and the workingmen were merely the clay in the potter's hands. The circumstance was loudly boasted of by the Conservative press, until an indignant workingman who had opposed the dodge in the assembly exposed the ridiculous trick.

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Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

THE Y. M. C. A. is making extensive preparations for the annual concert.

WOOD.—Those who owe us wood would oblige by bringing it at once.

READ the advertisements respecting the famous Harper Bros' publications on last page.

A GOOD REASON.—The editor of the *Star* didn't go to the lecture on "Fools," as he considered it would be too premature.

DERDEN GOOD.—On Thursday last the propeller Quebec took the Government Dredge Challenge from here to Bayfield, to do some work there.

DIED IN PRISON.—Joseph Farr, who was last summer committed to the Central Prison for forging two notes on the Royal Canadian Bank, Seaforth, died in that prison last week.

MODEL SCHOOL.—Mr. W. W. Ross, Inspector of Model Schools, paid an official visit to the school here on Thursday, and devoted the afternoon to examining the pupils.

SALE OF DAIRY STOCK.—On Friday next Mr. J. C. Currie, auctioneer, will sell at the residence of Mrs. Fields, six milch cows, other stock and quantity of household furniture. Sale at 1 p.m.

NOT SO.—We are requested by Mr. Attrill to state that the report is not correct, of his being about to convert his dwelling house into a summer hotel. The story originated from very good authority, consequently the error.

SALE OF STOCK.—Mr. John A. Nattel, lot 31, con. 2, Goderich Township, will sell by auction on his farm, at noon on 20th Nov., fourteen head of cattle, a two-year old horse colt and two mares. J. C. Currie, auctioneer.

IMPORTANT SALE.—Mrs. Rumball, being about to remove to Australia, will dispose of her valuable household furniture, books, pictures, &c., on Thursday at noon. The goods may be seen at the rooms of the latter. J. C. Currie, auctioneer.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER.—The Ladies' Aid Society of North St. Methodist church intend giving a thanksgiving supper on Thursday evening next. A programme of singing, reading and fancy dresses will be gone through as well. We doubt not, judging from past experience, that the supper will be a thoroughly appreciable one.

FOR THE YOUNG.—Rev. Dr. Ure addressed a very able and impressive sermon, in Knox church on Sunday morning, to the young. A similar sermon was also preached by Rev. Mr. Wallace, in North St. church in the evening, and was listened to by a large congregation, the sermon being marked by a pleasing simplicity, earnestness and evidence of study that drew forth close attention.

TORY CAUCUS.—An informal meeting of Conservatives took place on Wednesday night, when the county was divided and given to whom it most concerned. One individual was allowed the South Riding for the Local, and a scrutiny of the voters' lists was made showing the constituency to be safe to him by 280 votes, whereupon the individual treated the crowd four times, and immense enthusiasm prevailed.

GREEN PLUMS.—"Yesterday morning we cut from a tree in the garden of Mr. Alex. Knoshaw, a small branch bearing nineteen green plums. This is the second time fruit has been found on this branch this season." So says our town cotempopary. This accounts for the hurried demand for the presence of two physicians at the sanctum of that paper on Thursday. Mark Twain's comedy of "Oh-h-h" was not a circumstance to that which transpired at that time.

AN INCIDENT.—We are indebted to Mr. Frank Jordan, chemist, for late copies of the Edinburgh Scotsman. An incident may be mentioned in this connection. Mr. Jordan received these papers from a friend in Leith, Scotland, whom he met on mount Righi, Switzerland, in 1867, and from whom he had not heard up to the present. On the occasion of this meeting the two gentlemen proposed an international contest, the trial being to see who would reach the top of the mountain first. Canada came out victorious after a laborious journey, and the plucky Scotchman, solicitous for the honor of his country proposed another race to the bottom, but again he was beaten, and joined with the excursionists in three cheers for "Fair Canada," with all heartiness.

CANADIAN MONTHLY.—We have received the November No. from Hart & Rawlinson, of Toronto, and forgot to refer to it last week. The contents are the first instalment of an able letter on Personal and Minority Representations, No. 2 of Mark Twain's Rambling Notes, sketches of English Portrait Painters by Mrs. Frances Rye of Barrie, a paper on the Law of Succession to Ontario Lands, the Three great Problems of Geology, an intelligent paper on Our Future and a review of the poetry of Algernon Charles Swinburne. Several fine poems appear, and the two serial stories are continued in interesting chapters, Current Events and Round the Table are very interesting, and some interesting discussion on the Dunkin Act is given. For sale at bookstores.

RUNAWAY.—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Robt. McCulloch, jr., had occasion to call at this office to transact business. He drove up to the door in a waggon drawn by a young team, and in alighting he placed his hand on one of the horses' hips, which caused it to start, and in a flash they were running down the street behind Polley's stable. Mr. McCulloch, at the first start, grasped the back strap but the jerk caused him to whirl around giving a painful wrench to his hand, and the horses got away.—They came up to the Square again by way of South street and made towards West street, coming to a stop against the Montreal Telegraph post near the office, without injuring themselves or the waggon. In passing the British Exchange, the waggon struck a buggy standing there, and smashed one of the wheels and broke the shafts.

THE TELEPHONE.—Since our last issue several trials have been made of this wonderful instrument. On Wednesday night quite a large number witnessed a trial, but the weather was very unpropitious. Several songs were given at Stratford by the operator Miss Bella Frazer, Miss Johnston and Dr. Thompson, the latter asking very tenderly after his Goderich friends. The songs were distinctly heard, and were responded to by Miss Bertha Trainer, Mr. A. McKid and others. The conversation was not so distinct. One literary individual here asked in high F or something like that, "Is Mr. Butler there?" to which the reply, "What does that man mean by asking 'is your sister there?'" Another person sent word that he could not hear the speaker at Stratford, and got the reply, "get a pair of telephone ears, then." On Monday evening, however, through the kindness of Mr. Harry Armstrong and the lady operator at Stratford, Miss Bella Frazer, our reporter in company with two others had the pleasure of a private trial of the instruments which resulted very satisfactorily. After some delay caused by an impudent young man who intercepted the messages, the word all ready, came, and greetings were exchanged. Miss Frazer, who deserves the thanks of many Goderich people is for courteously assisting in these trials, then sang assisted by her sister Miss Minnie Frazer "Auburn tresses tied in blue." This duett was sung by the use of two instruments, and was heard with remarkable clearness. Mr. H. H. Smith sang snatches of several songs which were clearly heard in Stratford, as were also two songs sung by Mr. Jas. Vivian. Miss Frazer also sang "Over the Hills to the Poor House," and the air being recognized at once, Mr. Smith replied with the last two verses of the song. A short conversation ensued, when the Stratford company sang "God Save the Queen" in chorus, concluding with "good night," the greeting being repeated by a musical female voice and properly responded to, when the reply came "all right," and the performance concluded.

MR. BUTLER has been adding to his stock since his removal to his new store. See adv.

COAL.—The shipments of coal last week were 5 cars by Lake Huron by Wm. Lee and one car load by Wm. Stitt.

FUEL.—Last week Mr. Wm. Stitt received 160 packages of fish from the Fishing Islands.

WINTER READING.—Those who seek for instruction, or simply amusement, can have their respective tastes gratified by a small outlay at Moorhouse's. His vast assortment embraces every department of literature.

LUMBER.—The shipments were last week, 3 cars by Williams & Murray; 23 cars by Secord, Gossens & Co., and 4 cars by Yates & Stretford. The former firm received 135,000 feet of lumber by schr. Heather Bell.

GENERAL FREIGHT.—Among the general shipments from the station last week were 19 bbls. apples by S. Seegmiller, 13 pkgs fish by Wm. Stitt, 22 pkgs butter by R. Clendennine of Dungannon, 52 bbls. whiskey and 70 bbls. salt by W. Lee.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.—Scotland's national day is fast approaching, and though we have heard many equiries, we have not yet heard of any steps being taken towards properly celebrating the day. Let some one move in the matter at once.

LECTURE.—On Thursday evening I. N. Cadieux, M. D., will deliver a lecture in the Temperance Hall, on the subject "The Battle Ground," commencing at 8 o'clock. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses. Mr. Cadieux has already appeared before a Goderich audience, and with much acceptance.

NEW TIN SHOP.—Messrs. J. & J. C. Thomson have opened out a new tin shop on Hamilton Street. The junior partner of the firm acquired his knowledge of the business in Goderich, has perfected himself by experience here and in Manitoba, and is a good workman. The firm understands the benefits of advertising, and have taken the high road to success. See adv.

MARINE ACCIDENT.—A telegram from Collingwood makes the simple announcement that the schooner Tecumseh, owned by Mr. Z. Tolsma, of Goderich, went ashore at Christian Island, while on her way with a cargo of oats to Midland mills. The tug Collingwood went to her assistance, but could not reher.

BATTALION CHANGES.—From the *Official Gazette* we gather the following items of local interest: 1st. No. 3 of General Orders, 12th October, 1877, is hereby amended by permitting Paymaster Bartholmew Seymour, who had relative rank of Captain, to retire with the honorary rank of Captain. 2d. The resignation of Ensign William McMath, No. 9 Co., Dungannon, is hereby accepted. 3d. To be Major: Captain Charles Wilson, M.S., No. 3 Company, 33rd Battalion; from 10th May, 1877.

PENNY READINGS.—Great preparations are being made for the entertainment in the Temperance Hall, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The following ladies and gentlemen have promised to take part in the programme: The Misses Trainer, Miss Barnes, Miss Mellish, Miss A. Smith, Dr. Ure, Messrs. J. T. Garrow, R. I. Strang, S. P. Halls, Jos. Williams (readers), J. Gordon Sheriff, H. H. Smith, Fred Bond, Jas. Thomson, J. Elliott, Geo. Newton. The admission is placed at 10 cents, and we expect to see a very large attendance. Such an array of talent cannot but command a large audience.

LECTURE ON "FOOLS."—A fair audience greeted Rev. J. E. Lancely, of London, in the North Street Methodist Church on Friday evening. Rev. Jas. Preston occupied the chair. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Wallace and music by a select choir, the lecturer was introduced and gave a very entertaining discourse. Avoiding broad burlesque, the speaker happily pictured the fools of society—the male and female butterflies of fashion, the wiseacre, the upstart, the gossip, the mocker, the miser, and others. Our space will not permit us to even epitomize the lecture—in fact it was of that charcter which should be reported a fully as possible—Mr. Lanceiy has a pleasing delivery, is a good elocutionist, devoid of extravagant gesture, relates anecdotes with wonderful dry humor, and uses language at once simple but thoroughly expressive and eloquent. With comparative youth in his favor, and the energy he has displayed in his career, he promises to make for himself wide popularity. He has secured many admirers in Goderich. Before and after the lecture several hymns were sung by the choir, Miss Barnes presiding at the organ and Mr. B. Armstrong playing a fine accompaniment on the cornet. "What shall the Harvest Be," was sung with beautiful effect. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. S. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Geo. Acheson was unanimously voted Mr. Lancely, who closed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

PRESENTATION.—At the close of the lecture in North St. Methodist Church on Friday evening last, Rev. Jas. Preston presented, the leader of the choir Mr. Jas. Thomson with a cheque for $100 on behalf of the congregation. In making the presentation, Mr. Preston remarked that this gift was given to Mr. Thomson as a mark of the congregation's esteem of his valued services as leader of the choir. For many years past he had given much of his time, and with very appreciable success, to the task of training the choir and furnishing good music. His services had been given gratuitously, and were duly appreciated. He had pleasure in being allotted the duty of making this presentation, and he desired Mr. Thomson to accept it with his own and the best wishes of the congregation generally. Mr. Thomson was completely surprised, and for a few moments could scarcely reply. He expressed a few words of thanks, as well as his agitation would permit, stating that the gift was a great surprise to him. He had never thought of remuneration for his services, but always found it pleasurable work, feeling as he did that he was in his own way working for the church. The assurance that the good wishes of the congregation accompanied the gift was very pleasing to him, but in response he could only give his own best wishes, his promise to do his best as leader in future and his meagre but heartiest thanks for the generous gift.

SCHOOL BOARD met on Monday evening. Mr. Crabb in the chair and Messrs. Passmore, Nicholson, Ferguson, Simmons, Swanson and Elliott present. Report of Mr. W. R. Miller of attendance at public schools during October, showing an attendance of 720, 362 boys and 358 girls, and an average attendance of 594 being 82 per cent. The following accounts were ordered to be paid with the approval of the Finance Committee: Samuel Weller for fixing pumps, &c., $7; *Globe* Printing Co., advertising, $1.80; R. Simmons Senr., work and material in repairs on schools, $13.82½; W. P. Rogers, printing, &c., $5.75; SIGNAL office, printing, &c., $22.25. The Contingent Committee was ordered to fix the gate of St. Patrick's Ward School and put a lock on. Mr. Simmons thought action should be taken to put a stop to the breaking of glass in the schools; the teachers he thought should report any one found breaking windows so that such party could be made an example of, and caretakers should be careful to lock up the gates when schools are dismissed. Mr. Nicholson suggested that good strong shutters be placed on the windows. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Passmore, that the Contingent Committee get the wood for schools cut, split and pled at a cost of 65 cents per cord. Carried. Mr. W. R. Miller reported the unusually bad conduct of a boy in St. Patrick's Ward School, and asked the Board to take some action in the matter. It seems the boy complained of had broken into the teacher's desk and broke the bell, and afterwards in leaving the building threw a piece of ice at the teacher. The Board ordered the Secretary to write to the boy's father. The Board then adjourned.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were 3190 bags of flour, 356 bags of screenings and 266 sacks of bran.

FURNITURE SALE.—We beg to call the attention of our readers to the sale of furniture at Truman's Auction Mart Saturday next, Nov. 17th. [illegible] will be without reserve, as the proprietor is leaving town. See the sale bills.

BEAVER CLOTHING STORE.—We have not had time of course Mr. H. H. Smith's advertisement this week, and will only mention the fact that he is doing a heavy business in overcoats and winter wear. He has a large and varied stock on hand, and customers can be pleased both in quality and price. Look out for adv. next week.

ODDFELLOWS' BALL.—The annual ball and supper under the auspices of Huron Encampment, No. 28, I. O. O. F., will take place in their hall on Wednesday evening of next week. Elaborate preparations are being made for the affair, and it promises to be more enjoyable than usual. Supper will be served in the vacant store on the ground floor, where every convenience will be provided for the comfort of the company. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m., and good music will be provided.

MILL.

NEW SAW MILL.—Mr. J. McWhinney has his new mill in full working order.

PERSONAL.—Mr. B. E. Brown has been engaged as teacher in Dungannon school for next year.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Jas. McCracken of lot 14, con. 2, West Wawanosh, has sold his farm of 100 acres, for $5500, to Mr. J. Bailie and son.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—A Bible Society meeting was held in the church, on Friday evening last. The deputation was composed of Rev. Messrs. Caswell and Leitch, Dungannon. The subscription amounted to $11.20.

BENMILLER.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Wm. Robertson, blacksmith of this place, whilst repairing a plough, smashed his finger so badly that the injury will prevent him from using his hand at his occupation for some time.

FALL WHEAT.—The fall wheat in this vicinity has grown so luxuriantly owing to the favorable weather, that a great many farmers are obliged to keep it cropped off by grazing their sheep and calves on it to prevent it from attaining too great a progress before winter sets in.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The pulpit of the M. E. Church was occupied on the 4th inst., by Rev. O. G. Collamore, of Goderich, who delivered a very interesting and instructive Missionary sermon. The attendance was large, and a collection and subscription amounting to $62.50 was taken up.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—B. Flynn is the new Clerk of Wingham, at a salary of $100 per year.

—Blyth brass band is going run a skating rink this season.

—Henfryn wants a school; its pail factory is nearly completed.

—Mr. John Allen, merchant of Brussels, has made an assignment.

—Stretton's hotel, Brussels, is to be illuminated with gaseline.

—English sparrows are reported in Brussels.

—Some Winghamites are looking for gates which took flight on Hallowe'en.

—They call Wingham the "city of the west"—that is the people of that village do.

—A span of horses was recently killed by an engine at the Henfryn railway crossing.

—The wire worm is beginning its work on the fall wheat about Seaforth.

—The wife of Rev. G. W. Andrews, of Brussels, was recently presented with $30 worth of furniture, &c., in appreciation of her services as organist.

—Wingham is to pass a by-law preventing persons from selling meat in smaller quantities than by the quarter in the streets.

—Mr. Samuel Dickson, of Seaforth, has sold to Mr. William Heappy, of Grey, a three year old colt for the sum of $150 cash.

—A running race for $100 took place at Exeter recently between the famous horses Galt Reporter and Gilderoy, and was won by the former in two straight heats.

—A steam threshing machine will likely be brought into use next year on the Varna and Bayfield road. Good inducements are given for some one to invest.

—Twenty-one citizens of Wingham volunteered their services as a hook and ladder company, but the village finances were too low to equip the company, and the scheme is dropped.

—While Mr. John Dulmage, of Blyth, was delivering meat a few days ago, his horse ran away scattering the meat about the streets, and getting into the woods it smashed the wagon badly.

—Mr. Andrew Willis, of the Blyth Road, has purchased the farm of 50 acres, on the 12th concession, opposite his place from Mr. Robert B. Miller. The sum paid was $2,500.

—Mr. Collingwood, of Kippen, while working about a threshing machine on the farm of Mr. Kettle, Kippen, recently had his left thigh broken by the fall of the straw carrier.

—Mr. Francis McCulla has purchased from Mr. Samuel Hannah, lot No. 26, on the 12th concession of McKillop, for the sum of $6,400 cash. The farm contains 100 acres.

—From a friend in Stanley we learn that the result of the threshing proves that the crops have been exceedingly good, fall wheat yielding in some cases over 40 bushels to the acre. Straw very long.

—A young harness maker of Molesworth, Grey Tp., a few days ago was arrested for stealing sheep and selling $90 worth to Mr. Milne. He broke away from his captor and has not since been found.

—The new Conservative Association in Brussels has the following officers: Dr. Wm. Holmes, President; P. Moore, Vice-President; J. Young, Secretary; A. T. McMahon, Treasurer.

—Brussels School Board have engaged the following staff of teachers for the coming year: John Shaw, principal, $650; Mrs. Coulter, second division, $350; Miss M. Hargan, third division, $325; Miss Kincade, fourth division, $300.

—J. G. Gordan, of Exeter, was a short time ago, charged by Miss Kate Sippel, a help in the Walper House, with drugging and violating her. He agreed to settle for $200, and it is said that the girl's father was about to bring another action when Gordon married the girl.

—A Mrs. Poppy, of Grey, bought $27 worth of goods at a dry good store in Brussels, and proceeded to escape to Uncle Sam's domain without paying, but a constable was put on her track and made her pay $35, including legal fees.

—This resolution was passed at last session of Wingham Council: "That this Council petition the Legislative Assembly, as touching exemptions from taxation, to enact such amendments as will establish equality of taxation among all property holders in the municipality."

—Some time ago a village druggist in this county was asked for a mixture of glycerine and carbolic acid, to apply to a chapped face. The prescription, was given to a small boy to mix, who reversed the proportion putting in an ounce of acid to a grain of glycerine, and the poor victim made an application, taking the skin off his face and causing him much pain.

—The Council of Blyth proposed to pass a by-law to license a billiard hall, but over 200 ladies and gentlemen of the municipility have petitioned against such a step. At the last meeting of the Council, the resident ministers of the village were present to press the wishes of the petitioners, but no action was taken.

Foreign News.

The British grain market is dull generally favorable to the [illegible] and [illegible] sugar.

[illegible] has been elected President of the French Chamber of Deputies.

A despatch from Constantinople on the 12th, reports heavy fighting going on before Plevna. The past two days battle thus far is favorable for the Turks.

A rumor from Lahore, India, states that in consequence of raids of warlike tribes on the frontier, a six weeks' military expedition has been resolved upon.

The Pope's physicians are alarmed at the increasing weakness of his Holiness, and have summoned Signor Vannetti, Professor of Surgery, Padua, for consultation.

A Russian official despatch says a cavalry detachment captured Vratza, half way between Plevna and Sofia, on Friday, with several thousand wagons and a large quantity of stores.

The British cavalry regiments are in future to have properly qualified pioneers attached to them, whose duty it will be to destroy bridges, raise earthworks in the absence of infantry, and in every way harass the movements of the enemy.

Moukhtar Pasha telegraphs from Erzeroum on the 9th:—"The Russians attacked our positions at Aziziz. Our troops repulsed and pursued them four or five miles from Erzeroum. The Russians were totally defeated. Our trenches are filled with their dead."

The trial of ex-Speaker Carr, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Louisiana under Governor Warmouth, was begun on Friday. He is charged with forging bills of lading for over $165,000. His partner turned State's evidence. The jury unexpectedly rendered a verdict of not guilty on the first indictment. The second indictment remains to be tried.

There is trouble at Samoa between the English residents and the American consul, arising out of the latter having seized the property of a British firm at Malaulu for an alleged American claim, without first having consulted the British consul. The American consulate was attacked and the consul driven out. He returned afterwards under protection of a French gunboat.

A Dolny Dubnik dispatch, Nov. 6th, says that in consequence of the evacuation of this place by the Turks the Russians have increased the circle of investment to thirty miles. The Russians have 120,000 men, sufficient to fill two continuous lines of trenches around the whole position. Six thousand head of cattle are visible in Osman Pasha's position, and other indications that he can hold out for thirty of forty days.

Marshal Fred. Douglas has denounced the President's Southern policy. At a memorial meeting recently held in Washington in honor of Senator Morton, he said:—"I do not disguise the fact, office-holder though I am, that the way peace has been sought is not my way, nor do I think that it will or ought to succeed. The Southern people always had a class of men among them who were superior to the law. What the South wants to-day, and will continue to want until some man comes who can give it to them, is law and order and submission to law by all classes, poor and rich, low and high."

Canadian News.

The Dunkin by-law is spoken of in the County of Carlton.

Michael Ryder, an old citizen of St. Catharines, has been found drowned in a mill race.

Chenegwalkcheanontewing, is the name of a beautiful and fashionable Indian woman in Wallaceburg.

An effort is to be made, at the next meeting of the Oxford County Council, to have the Dunkin Act re-submitted in the county.

Rev. W. H. Tilley, of Toronto, son of Governor Tilley of New Brunswick, died in Toronto on Sunday. He was well known in Goderich.

The Grand Trunk receipts for the week ending Nov. 3rd were $26,108 more than at the corresponding period last year.

Money orders mailed in the United States and addressed to payers in Canada are now transmissable in the mails between the two countries.

A young man named John Godsand was caught in the machinery of his own mill at Portage du Fort, Quebec, on Friday last and crushed to death.

The infant child of a colored woman named Williams, whose husband is serving a term in the Penitetiary, died of starvation in Hamilton on Friday.

The prosecution of the Mayor of Laval, Quebec, for manslaughter, arising out of the bridge accident in which the Baroness Falkenburg was killed, has been abandoned.

Mr. A Tourangeau, ex-M, P. and City Solicitor of Quebec, is to oppose Mr. Laurier in Quebec East. The canvass waxes warm. Nomination day on Wednesday.

Two young men of East Nissouri, who started for Muskoka some time since, have returned. The description of that district, as given by them, is that it is totally unfit for agricultural pursuits.

A few days ago three gentlemen, out for a day's sport near the Howard and Orford township line, came across a den of rattlesnakes. The reptiles showed fight, but four were destroyed. One of them measured over five in length

On Saturday night Constable Gill, of Exeter, made a raid on a house of bad repute kept by Minnie Kemp and Nellie Pierson, recently from London. The inmates and a commercial traveller were arrested, brought before a magistrate, and were fined, the former $5 each and the latter $2 and costs.

On Friday night or Saturday morning, some thief or thieves broke into the residence of Mr. Gallow, of the firm of Gibb & Gallow, commission merchants, Toronto, abstracted the keys of the office out of his pockets, and then went to the store and cleaned the safe of its money contents, amounting to $40 in cash and a cheque for $20. An entrance was also attempted to be made into a butcher store, near Mr. Gallow's house, but the thieves were frightened off.

The lifting barge, which has been so long and so curiously at work amongst the "great anchors and heaps of pearl" which are supposed to be all scattered in the bottom of the river abreast of Quebec, has found another nest. In this one there are about thirty anchors and chain enough to make the mass weigh, it is estimated, a hundred tons. The mass has been brought to shallow water inside the Harbor Commissioners Wharf.

Three parties have been victimized in Montreal by a respectable looking individual, who succeeded in passing counterfeit ten dollar bills on the Ontario Bank upon them. The paper of the counterfeit is thinner, a quarter of an inch short, and the numbering letter is smaller, the green tinting lighter, the engraving badly done, and the engraver's name, which appears on the genuine note, is absent from the forged one. The bill purports to be of head office issue.

The Duluth *Herald* publishes the following: "Alex. McLennan, brother of Wm. L. McLennan, of Duluth, discovered a placer gold digging, about 150 miles out from Prince Arthur's Landing, on or near the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and not much farther from Duluth, to the northward. It appears that he was digging for water in a ravine or gulch and came upon the yellow stuff, of the size of fine gravel. He took it to the Landing and had it assayed, and finds it the pure article. His movements have been followed by parties who want to know as much about it as the finder, and our Canadian friends on the line of that road may soon have a genuine excitement on hand."

The bridge over the Grand River at Brantford, on the Brantford, Norwich and Port Burwell Railway, gave way on Friday, as the 4 p. m. train, consisting of one first class, one baggage and express car, one freight car, and engine, was crossing over. The first span of the bridge fell through, taking with it the engine, freight car and baggage car, leaving the passenger car on the centre span, about three feet from the broken end. The driver, Wm. Pitt, was injured, but not seriously. Jas. Crosby, fireman, injured, not seriously. Conductor J. W. Lewis and J. Law, express messenger, were slightly bruised. The passengers were all safe but a little frightened. The engine now stands upright in the river against pier, with cab and tender all smashed. A freight car is lying on its side in the river, and the baggage car is standing on end against the west abutment. It is supposed that the passenger car struck the end of baggage car, thus saving its going any further.

The Rain Tree.

The consul of the United States of Colombia in the department of Loreto (Peru) has written from Yurimaguas to President Prado informing him that in the woods adjacent to the city of Moyobamba there exists a tree called by the natives *Tamia-caspi* (rain-tree), which possesses some remarkable qualities. It is a tree of about 15 metres (about 50 feet) high when at maturity and of about one metre in diameter at the base, and has the property of absorbing an immense quantity of humidity from the atmosphere, which it condensates and subsequently pours forth from its leaves and branches in a perfect shower and in such abundance that in many cases the ground in its neighbourhood is converted into a perfect bog. It possesses this curious property in its greatest degree in summer, precisely when the rivers are at their lowest, and water most scarce; and the writer of the letter proposes that it should be planted in the more arid regions of Peru, for the benefit of agriculturists.

Dog, Man, and Mule.

A North Carolina wagoner sold his dog to a Laurens County man the other day for half a barrel of sorghum syrup. The dog, however, refused to be sold, and took refuge under the wagon. The Laurens County man crawled after him with a piece of meat in one hand and a rope in the other. Although there were several spectators of the scene that ensued it is difficult to get at the facts. All agree that there was a scuffle under the wagon, accompanied by yelps and yells; but no one is willing to affirm that the man had the dog or the dog had the man. Finally, the dog, as it would seem, br