

WOOD NEWS GATHERINGS.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND BOILED DOWN FOR GAZETTE READERS.

HURON.

Mr. Eschoe, a Persian student, is lecturing in the county.

Wingham held a most successful celebration of Dominion Day. The affair was under the auspices of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

There is not one cent of indebtedness against the village of Bayfield.

A fire broke out shortly after two o'clock on Tuesday morning of last week in Ward's harness shop, Seaford, and before it could be got under subjection the shop, together with an adjoining butcher shop, restaurant and law office were gutted.

One evening lately as J. Robb and sister, of Clinton, was driving home, the horse got frightened and shied off the road, turning the buggy upside down in the ditch. Mr. C. Avery happened along at the time and helped to straighten up the rig, which had turned as exactly upside down as possible. No one was seriously injured.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Goderich on Tuesday.

Haying commenced last week in the south part of the county. A recent dispatch to the *Empire*, speaking of the southern townships of Huron, says: "The grain crops never looked better or more promising than they do at present and this statement applies to all general grains. Fall wheat promises more than an average, and has not suffered perceptibly from the continued rains, other than to be beaten down somewhat; but it is likely to rise again. As far as observed no rust has appeared. Spring wheat, barley, oats and peas are looking well, but are not far enough advanced to be hurt by the wet weather. The outlook is decidedly promising."

A stalk of rhubarb was recently pulled at Varna which measured nine inches around.

The sum of \$15,000 has been appropriated by the government towards improvement for Goderich harbor, and \$8,000 for Port Albert.

Conductor Parker, who has taken Conductor Snider's place on the London, Huron and Bruce railway, has removed his family from Sarnia to Wingham. Conductor Snider is now running on the main line west from Toronto.

A band tournament is to be one of the leading attractions at the Goderich fair this fall, and the following prizes will be offered for competition: 1st prize, \$125; 2nd, \$60; 3rd, \$40. These prizes should bring about some good music.

A team belonging to Alexander Patterson, lot 37, concession 2, East Wawanosh, ran away a few days ago and the handle of a plow which was in their way, ran into one of the animals' side, very seriously if not fatally injuring it.

At a convention of the Conservatives of South Huron, held at Hensall on June 28, D. Weismiller, of Kippen, was selected as the standard-bearer for the local legislature at the next election. Mr. Weismiller was Mr. McMillan's opponents at the last Dominion election. The Conservatives are taking time by the forelock, as it is not likely an election will take place for two years.

PERTH.

Mr. Cameron, P. S. principal, of Milverton, has been engaged at a salary of \$465.

The petition of John A. Gardiner has been filed in the Queen's Bench Division, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, against the return of Mr. James Grieve as member for North Perth.

Thomas Green, of the 2nd concession of Logan, was tossed sixteen feet by a vicious bull a day or two ago. The unfortunate man lay prostrate, when the infuriated animal charged again, dragging Frank Maher after him. The animal then fell, when the men escaped without serious injury. The brute was shot shortly afterwards.

The season is exceptional for instances of phenomenal growth. Mr. Fred Rasmann, of Ellice, near Brunner, has the latest curiosity in the shape of a rhubarb stalk that has climbed up until it is higher than its owner, having attained a length of 5ft. 9in. Next!

A painful accident recently happened to a six year old son of Joseph Heid, near Hesson. The boy was in the yard while the cows were being milked and was viciously kicked by a cow, both bones being fractured below the knee.

While dressing a window in Carson & McKee's store, Listowel, the ladder gave way and the clerk struck the large pane of plate glass, smashing it in many pieces.

Hugh Hyndman, jr., of Palmerston, is a delegate to the Christian Endeavor convention in New York this week.

BRUCE.

At the Hanover races on July 1st, Jennie Everett, owned by Mr. Doig, of Gorrie, won the free for all trotting race easily. Time 2.54.

The Salvation Army held an open-air meeting in Warton one evening recent-

ly, right in front of an entrance to a Punch and Judy show. The opposition show kept up a terrific rumpus from 7 till 9 o'clock, and was finally stopped by the Reeve, who ordered the hose to be turned on the Army, when they capitulated.

Paul McInnes, of Kincardine, the other day was in a field of rye on the farm of Mr. John McDougall, 10th con., Kincardine, and with a foot rule measured from the ground to the top of the rye stalk six and a half feet.

Mr. David Porter, M. P. for North Bruce, is in New York, consulting eminent specialists there in reference to the lung disease under which he had been suffering for some time.

While Jas. Morrison, jr., was playing football at Hanover on the 1st, he got severely hurt by being thrown violently forward, injuring his ribs and shoulder.

Mr. A. McNeill, jr., has returned home from Ottawa, having finished his parliamentary duties there. He will sail for England on the 18th inst.

The annual meeting of the North Bruce Reform Association was held at Tara on Friday last. Considerable business was transacted and resolutions passed sympathizing with Mr. Porter, M. P., in regard to his ill-health, and with Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie at the loss of her late husband, Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, M. P., and also in favor of Reform platform of Unrestricted Reciprocity. Officers elected for the year:—Mr. McCallum, Paisley, Pres.; J. E. Campbell, Hepworth, Vice-Pres.; W. McCausland, Tara, Sec. It was resolved that at the next annual meeting be held in Warton.

WELLINGTON.

The Arthur Beavers, a few years ago one of the formidable foot-ball clubs of the west, is again up to its old-time form. On Dominion Day the Beavers defeated the famous Toronto Scots by a score of 2 goals to 1.

Miss Maud Buschlen, a little girl of Arthur village, with remarkable musical talents, is becoming quite expert upon the violin, and with training may develop into a second Nora Clench.—Enterprise.

An inquest took place at Mt. Forest on Thursday on the body of the late Miss Read who was found dead at a hotel and supposed to have committed suicide. Mr. H. W. Peterson was present on behalf of the crown. Some evidence was taken but did not disclose any intelligent notion of the act. Dr. Karn, of Harriston, made a post mortem examination in accordance with instructions from the County Crown Attorney. Chong Kee, a Chinese washerman of Guelph, disappeared on Saturday with his customers' Sunday shirts and collars locked up.

Mr. W. Jones, of Elora, recently lost, while in Peel township on business, his pocket-book, containing \$900. A young lad found it on Pilkington townline, and on returning it safely to its owner, was suitably rewarded.

Rev. Mr. Craig, of Fergus, is improving his health on the Atlantic coast. Before leaving he received from his people a purse with \$120 to meet his expenses. He is already recruiting but will return for a few weeks.

Turnkey Everson, of Guelph, conveyed to Kingston last week, Robert Wilson, who was sentenced by His Honor Judge Chadwick to three years in the penitentiary for house-breaking recently.

The township of West Luther has appealed against the award of the County Assessment Valuers, on the ground of the assessment of Luther being too high in comparison with other municipalities.

Parliament was prorogued on Saturday last.

William O'Connor won the single scull race at Boston last week.

Ravachol, the notorious anarchist, was guillotined on Monday morning.

The four-year-old son of Chas. Underhill, Ridgetown, was drowned in a cistern on Saturday evening.

Otto J. Klotz, a prominent Preston man, and widely known as a Past Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity, died last week.

At New York on Saturday a bicyclist rode 10 miles in less than 31 minutes. Another wheelsman, in Chicago, made the remarkable run of 875 miles in 24 hours.

Three white men and 101 Chinamen were killed in a gunpowder explosion near San Francisco last Saturday. The concussion was terrific, and property was damaged for miles around.

The returns of the British elections up to Saturday night show a Gladstonian gain of thirty seats, within four of a tie. It is now thought that Gladstone will fail to secure a working majority.

The Canadian rifle team now in England shot two matches on Saturday winning them both, the first against a Cambridge team by 63 shots, and the second against a team of Third Suffolk volunteers by 52.

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