Huron Signal.

GODERICH, JULY 28, 1875.

Political Notes.

A few days ago a rumor was started by one of the English papers, to the effect that Agent General Mr. Edward Jenkins, at present in England [illegible]

Long Delayed Justice.

The Mountain Meadows Massacre has been undergoing examination recently in the United States courts. In July, 1857, a party of emigrants from Mississippi and Arkansas arrived at Salt Lake City on their way to California. [illegible]

Sir Francis Bond Head.

A telegram from England on Friday announced the death of Sir Francis Bond Head, [illegible]

Marine News.

PORT OF GODERICH. [illegible]

Trouble in the North West.

OTTAWA, July 22.—Although rumours were in circulation here to-day regarding an uprising of the Cree Indians, [illegible]

Goderich Foundry.

[illegible]

LOCAL NEWS.

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PERSONAL.—We are indebted to Mr. Geo. Swanson, who has arrived at his native place, for a copy of the *Northern Ensign*, of Wick, of the date of 1st July.

FINISHED BRIDGE, WINGHAM.—The contract for building the bridge has been awarded to Mr. John Ansley, of Wingham, for the sum of $2,000. The highest tender was $2,500. The bridge is to be constructed by 15th October next.

HORSE KILLED.—A colt belonging to Mr. Peter McDougall, of [illegible], was killed by the falling of a snag a few days ago. It was pasturing in Mr. Ransford's field, near Clinton, at the time. Mr. McDougall's loss is considerable.

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Teeswater News* has been purchased by Mr. Geo. T. Haggard, the recent proprietor Mr. Young having become the victim of a sad illness. The paper presents a much improved appearance under the new management, and judging from this fact Mr. Haggard deserves to be successful.

BACK AGAIN.—Dick Walters now sports a handsome cab, and with his usual affability is prepared to accommodate the public with a handsome turnout and pleasant drives. He will attend the trains and boats, and will always be found ready to please customers, and drive them to any place above ground and take them there safely.

CANADA SILVER MINING CO.—Mr. Le Ruey, Vice-President of the company, called upon us last Thursday and showed us specimens lately taken out of the mine. The silver in the specimens shown was very rich, and gives indication of a great wealth stowed in the mine. Those who meditate buying stock should do so now, as shares are constantly advancing.

PERIODICALS.—The Popular Science Monthly for August is to hand. Some of the articles are more than ordinarily interesting. D. Appleton &Co., publishers, 549 and 551 Broadway, New York.

—Peter's Household Melodies, No. 8, contains a *recherche* list of music, and will be found valuable to musicians. Published by J. L. Peter's, 843, Broadway, N. Y.

LYMAN'S HISTORICAL CHART, or a history of the world by centuries, is now out and from what we have seen of it will prove of incalculable benefit to the student of history. The special feature it presents is in the combination of charts with the usual descriptive history, thus fixing the main points in the mind more easily. The work is recommended by all the leading men interested in the subject. Mr. Wade is the agent for this county.

SHOOTING AFFAIR IN SEAFORTH.—On Sunday last a rather startling affair occurred in Seaforth, Jas. Blashill for some time past has been in a very low mental state, at times threatening self-destruction, and his brother attended him at his boarding house to see that he did not harm himself. On Sunday he seemed much better than usual, but in the evening he ran suddenly to his room and returned in a few moments with a revolver in his hands. In passing through the dining room he fired at two persons seated at the table, the bullett passing through the coat and vest of one of the persons grazing the skin at his waist. He ran out to the street and fired another shot but without touching any one. Two persons followed him and he turned around suddenly and fired, a bullett passing through the hat of one of the persons and making a narrow escape from taking his life. A number of people were in the street at the time returning from church, and great excitement prevailed. The man was soon captured, and the revolver taken from him. He was brought to jail on Monday, and accompanying the committment was a doctor's certificate showing that the man was of unsound mind.

PIC-NIC AT MAITLAND FALLS.—On Monday afternoon last a party of about fifty married persons and an agreeable sprinkling of unmarried persons started in vehicles for an afternoon's gipsying at Maitland Falls. The weather was beautiful and after a pleasant drive the party arrived at their destination. The married folks mechanically set about making preparations for the feast and the starting of the games, whilst the light headed bachelors and misses went about romancing and getting themselves in the way of their more practical friends.—Swings were put up, a croquet set laid out and other pleasant amusements prepared which were indulged in with great zest by some, whilst others who had brought fishing tackle amused themselves by catching chubs and shiners and losing hooks on sticks and stones in the river. On the arrival of the party two persons were found in possession of the ground, who had camped there some two weeks before, having come from one of the New England cities to enjoy a little "wild life," and after a little parleying an acquaintance was struck up, and with this addition to the numbers all the principal points of attraction were found out and duly appreciated. A sumptuous repast was spread upon the green in the cool of the evening, and the appetites of the party being pretty sharp by this time all fell to with a will. The bachelors acted as waiters, and with the perverseness common to such persons would insist on being hospitable to all except the male sex; and with their usual acuteness would mistake coffee for tea and make comical blunders and occasionally win for themselves a compliment for their clumsiness when they spilled some liquid upon the ladies' dresses. Everything passed off beautifully, and the supper was indeed "jolly." A few minutes occupied in strolling whiled away the time until the lengthening shadows warned the party homeward. Before starting, however, a permanent organization, under the title of the Merchants' & Mechanics' Association, was formed for the purpose of holding an annual picnic, and the following officers were appointed: President, Mr. Geo. McKenzie; managing committee, Messrs. Wm. Arthur, R. McKenzie and John Pasmore. This business over a parting cheer was given as the string of vehicles wound its way through the woods on the homeward journey and left the two solitary campers in peaceful possession of the "glorious solitude."

CLINTON AND VICINITY.

From the *New Era*.—Mr. S. Malcomson, of Clinton has taken a partner into his business, in the person of Mr. Watson.

Mr. Anthony Lawson has sold his farm, lot 57, Maitland concession, Goderich township, containing about 115 acres, to Mr. Rich. White, of Hullet, for $4,100, which he considered a moderate figure as it is a good farm.

Mr. Edward Newmarch, painter, met with a painful fall at Seaforth, on Tuesday of last week, while standing on a ladder leaning against a building that he was painting. It appears that the ladder slipped and fell to the ground carrying him with it, but fortunately only bruising him some.

On Wednesday evening last a youth named John Dickinson, who was employed in the heading factory of Mr. James Fair, was standing close to a small circular saw, which was set in motion suddenly, and in starting to avoid it he slipped and fell against it, cutting him very severely in the shoulder. We are glad to be able to state that he is rapidly getting better.

On Tuesday morning of last week a boy named Wm. Rance, aged about 13 years, met with a painful and dangerous accident while around the railway station. It appears that while an engine was shunting some cars, he, with others, attempted to pass between them, when he was caught by the buffers of two, they striking him on the left side with fearful force, causing the blood to burst from his mouth in a stream. He was at once taken to Mr. S. Pike's hotel, and medical aid procured, after which he was removed home. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The hay crop of Connecticut will amount to 587,000 tons, worth $7,000,000 or $8,000,000.

Communications.

We wish it to be strictly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

Salt Mining.

Goderich, July 24th, 1875.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

SIR,—In your issue of the 21st inst. I see your editorial remarks on salt mining and the mineral deposits in this locality [illegible] selves. Let the citizens awake to action and let this enterprise be brought to a successful issue and be known the world over as the "British American Salt Mining Company" of Goderich.

Yours &c.
CITIZEN.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

DEAR SIR.—In your issue of the 21st, I notice a letter from a Kerryman, who charges King William and his followers with depriving the Irish of their liberties; robbing and despoiling them of their land, &c. Now, who was the man who first sold Ireland for a price? If we refer to history we there find the first step towards an Anglo Norman descent on Ireland was made by Henry 2nd, who obtained a bull from Pope Adrian Fourth, authorizing him to take possession of the island on condition of paying to the Papal treasury a stipulated revenue. Political circumstances prevented Henry from entering upon the under taking, which I need not here relate, but we find in a year or two after Henry, acting under the authority of the Pope, attacks Ireland and takes possession of the country, subjecting it to the English laws.

Then again, after the battle of Bannockburn, the native Irish invited Edward Bruce over, and attempted to overthrow the English powers in Ireland. But the count of Rome excommunicated Bruce with his Irish allies. Of course the Irish people did not finally submit to English rule till the reign of Henry eighth, in 1541. But I think I have shown that it was the Pope of Rome, that great infallible Bishop, that trafficked in and sold the rights of the Irish people for a price. It is he that traffics in the blood of the saints. I think that it must be clear to all that up to this date the Irish people sternly rejected the Papal religion, as they clearly appear to have been warring against the Roman Catholic rule for a great many years, defying his bulls and excommunications. Therefore it is fair to say that the first religion in Ireland was not the Roman Catholic religion, but a religion similar to the Protestanism of the present time.

I remain yours,
AN IRISHMAN, from near Kerry.

The Way of the Transgressor.

Business men say these are the times that "try men's souls," and yet we find a man

THAT WON'T TAKE MONEY:

At least I was told the following as having occurred within one hundred miles of Goderich. It seems our worthy Sheriff, with a promptness for which he is noted, makes it a point to wipe off his current accounts at stated periods. For this purpose he wished to see one of our prominent citizens of leisure, and who has a mortal terror of having to act as a juryman. This gentleman, Mr. H—— we shall call him, had been told that the Sheriff wished to see him—that he had been to his house for that purpose. Mr. H——was not going to be caught with any such chaff, it was too thin. Had he not been told (confidentially of course) that summonses were being served on jurors for the next Assizes, and three days more would place him beyond danger—the time for lawful service expiring then. Mr. H., with the nervous dread of a guilty conscience often made a lengthy detour to avoid the genial Sheriff; the unconscious, cause of his troubled mind. The two were coming from opposite directions, H. espies his *bete noir*, the open cellar of a building in course of erection offers a tempting retreat; down he goes under the scaffolding that workmen are on; they are mixing mortar, it requires more moisture, water is added. Our friend H. underneath finds a cold trickling of the new milky liquid over his glossy tile and down his spinal column, he gives a choice war whoop yell which the workmen think comes from a dog.

"Drat them critters, after my dinner again," says one of the honest sons of toil, wherewith "lickety skoot," away goes mortar, brickbats, etc, in the direction of our now momentarily paralized friend. He "gets" however, in obedience to repeated calls from above, tumbling over the dinner pail, bumping his head against the joist and is knocked back into a box of soft pitch which had been left thinly covered by some careless persons who had been using it upon an adjoining roof. Woe is me,

THE EVIL DOER SUFFERETH.

Our hero assays to raise himself. The adhesive pitch reluctantly parts from him with a report as of the crack of doom. Once up, his clothing defiled and terrible blinding lime water in his, he manfully attempts an exit, only to find himself in a pool of filthy water—the sewage from many sources. With the despair of a forlorn hope he regains the Queen's highway and we find him charging valiantly into the arms of a benevolent looking person of portly dimensions, said to belong to the press, and whom, in the conglomerate state of his body and mixed mind he mistook for the author of all his trouble.

GREEK MEETS GREEK.

The portly man is amazed, retreat is impossible, Siamese twins were not more firmly united than the pitchy individual and he. Vials, in-fact whole bottles of wrath are poured, by each upon the other. The rebuke of this—a mutual friend—happened along at the critical juncture, he grasped the situation, and getting a cleaver from a butcher shop, took a like hold of this, and with a couple of friends to steady the united, contending parties, slashed away to effect a separation. At one fell stroke he does it. Murder shouts the police, laying violent hands upon the wielder of the murderous looking weapon. An explanation ensues. Investigations showed the portly man damaged to the extent of one rubber vest button hopelessly demoralized, one ditto slightly damaged, one T. D. pipe fatally wounded in the head. The party of the other part being so imperviously clad, withdrew not much injured. He then moved an adjournment, and one of the members of the Board of Trade would put it.

The Hotel keepers profited—Merchant Tailoring improved—to the extent of two ordered suits, and the man that wouldn't take money had to part with it to the amount of $20.00 to cover the expenses. Of course no one will know anything about this; the principals will assume an innocent look when this is mentioned in their presence.—COM.

SEAFORTH AND VICINITY.

From the *Expositor*.—Mr. R. Grimoldby, of Seaforth, has in his garden a crab apple tree which is now for the second time this season in full bloom. The tree blossomed as usual in the spring, and the fruit on it was formed when the frost came and destroyed it.

There was to have been an election of a School Trustee in the South Ward on Wednesday last to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Walter Scott. The election was to have taken place at 10 o'clock, but it didn't. We believe that one ratepayer attended, but as it requires at least three to elect a trustee—one to propose, the second to second, and the third to act as candidate, there was no election.

From our own correspondent.

A DANGEROUS LUNATIC.—It seems that a young man of the name of Jas. Blashill whose parents reside in Morris, but who has been a resident of Seaforth for some time, upon Friday last exhibited symptoms of mental derangement. Drs. Campbell and Burgess were called in and put him under the proper treatment when a great improvement took place, so much so that on Sunday he took his place at the table at the Hotel where he was boarding and Mr. S. Powell the landlord considered him perfectly safe again. However, about 8 o'clock upon Sunday night, he rushed down stairs with a loaded revolver in his hand and fired at Powell's stable man, the bullet passing through the man's coat and vest on his left side.—He then rushed down Main street hotly pursued, and when nearly opposite Mr. Hays' Hotel he fired at a man who rushed from the side walk to catch him. The ball missing the man he fired at, passed through the hat of a young man on the side walk barely grazing his head. Blashill then fell and dropped the pistol and the policeman took him back to the hotel, where Drs. Campbell and Burgess by the aid of constable Lee again put him under treatment, with an evident improvement. In the morning his father and brother arrived and took charge of him, wishing to take him home, to which the Doctors consented for the time—stating, however, that they believed a relapse would take place and that he would be better in an asylum. Their prognostications proved to be correct, for by noon again he was a raving maniac, and required six men to hold him—accordingly the Drs. in question signed a certificate to the above effect and with his friends represented the case to the Mayor, who issued a warrant to Constable Lee, who took him to Goderich gaol on the evening train on Monday night. It seems that the disease is of hereditary taint, as Blashill's mother had been an inmate of a Lunatic Asylum in England for ten months. Blashill was a good shoemaker and much liked by his employers, McIntyre & Willis, of this town. He was a leading member of the Seaforth Brass Band, was quiet and inoffensive naturally, but inclined to be taciturn and somewhat melancholy.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

From the *Post*.—We regret to learn that Mr. A. A. Bowers has been called off the circuit, and to be removed to Goderich. Mr. Bowers has made many friends during his brief stay on the Brussels circuit.

On Saturday last Mr. Thomas Dunford brought us a sample of his flax measuring 4 feet in length, and on Tuesday he left with us a still longer sample, the on gest stalks reaching 4ft. 7in.

Mr. Robert Armstrong, carpenter, of Brussels, met with a painful, though not serious accident on Friday, 16th, while working on a building on the farm of Mr. Wm. Shine, con. 12, Grey. While carrying an armful of flooring, he fell through the sleepers of the upper floor to the ground below, and injured his shoulder and side.

Messrs. McLeod, Rands and Forsyth, who returned from Manitoba lately, express the opinion that, so long as the grasshoppers hold possession of the Prairie Province, they are content to remain in Ontario.

The total number of votes in Grey this year, according to the printed lists, is 690—an increase of 47 from last year.

COLBORNE.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Municipal Council of Colborne met in Township hall, on the 19th July, 1875. The Reeve in the chair—members all present with the exception of A. Malloy, Deputy Reeve. The contract of graveling part of the side road at R. Strachan's was entered in the last minutes. Minutes of last meeting as amended confirmed. The resignation of A. Malloy, Deputy Reeve, was laid before the Council.—Moved by Chas. McHardy, seconded by P. Carroll, that the Mr. Malloy's resignation be not accepted—Carried. The new Cemetry to be henceforth called the *Maitland Cemetry*. D. was appointed Sexton for said Cemetry. All graves to be not less than 6 feet deep.—The Sexton to receive $1 for each grave dug. It was moved by C. McHardy, seconded by P. Carroll, that the price of graves be as follows:—That for residents of this Township $1 per grave or $8 per lot, and for non-residents of $5 per grave or $40 per lot, each lot to contain 12 x 32 feet—Carried. Mr. Sands was instructed to purchase stakes and assist in surveying the ground. The Council then adjourned to meet again at call from the Reeve.

J. A. McDONAGH, T'p Clerk.

ASHFIELD.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met on the 15th of July, at Alex. McRea's, Kintail. The members were all present. Tenders for printing the voters' list were received from A. C. Simmons and Allan and Dickson, Goderich, and D. B. Boyd, Lucknow.

Report of Thos. Weatherald, Esq., Engineer, in charge of work on the Dungannon hill; Letter from W. R. Squier, Esq., claiming compensation on behalf of G. F. Graham, Port Albert.

Moved by R. Hamilton, seconded by J. Mullin, that Mr. Hamilton be allowed to have the road leading through the swamp on the 12 & 13 con. repaired and improved, said road being in a very bad condition, and that the sum to be expended in said work shall not exceed $100.—Carried.

Moved by John Boyd, seconded by A. Dreany, that the following accounts be paid:—T. J. Moorehouse, stationery, $2 17; John Cartwright, gravel, $7.65; Robert Ellice $1.25; Alex. Phillips, $5.12; Robert Carrick, repairing scraper, $1; Robt. Harrison, do., 25 cts; A. Black, gravel &c., $5.

Moved by R. Hamilton, seconded by John Boyd, that the following sums be expended in each of the divisions in the township in addition to former expenditure, namely: In divisions 1, 2 and 3 $30 each; No. 4, $50, and No. 5, $20.

Moved in amendment by James Mullin, seconded by A. Dreany, that no more money be granted for roads, but for Junction bridges. The motion carried.

Moved by J. Mullin, seconded by A. Dreany, that Samuel Phillips and J. F. Dreany be allowed to erect a board fence on the Ashfield side of the centre of the gravel road leading from the Nile to Lucknow [illegible]

Moved by Robert Hamilton, seconded by A. Dreany, [illegible] road 1 to 3 and 4 W. D. John Curran with him. Carried.

Moved by John Boyd, seconded by R. Hamilton, that the Council grant the sum of $10 to widow McRae, as she is an object of charity. Carried.

The following orders were issued: [illegible]

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by John Boyd, that the Council do now adjourn to meet again at G. F. Graham's, Port Albert, on the second Monday in August.

JOHN COOPER,
Town'p Clerk.

A BATH IN THE DEAD SEA.—Mr. C. A. Kingsbury writes as follows, in *Forest and Stream*, of a bath in the Dead Sea: "Reaching at last the most remarkable of all the seas and lakes on our globe, we prepare to take a bath—and such a bath I can hardly ever expect to take again. I had previously bathed in numerous seas, lakes and rivers, but never did I enjoy such a bath as this. The specific gravity of the water is such, from its holding in solution so large a proportion of salt (26 per cent) that one floats upon its surface like a cork. At the time there was only a gentle ripple upon the sea, and being a good swimmer I at once struck out into deep water. I soon found that I could not only swim and float with wonderful ease, but that I could actually walk in the water, sinking only to the armpits. Discovering this fact I made for shore, and taking Dr. C., one of our party, who could not swim, by the hand, led him into the sea, where the water was many fathoms deep. At first he was quite reluctant to follow me, but he soon gained confidence on finding there was no danger of sinking, and enjoyed the novel bath as much as if he had been an expert swimmer. Should the bather allow the water to get into his eyes or mouth he would suffer considerable annoyance on account of its extremely salt, bitter and irritating nature. No fish can live in this sea, but various kinds of ducks abound here at certain season's of the year. The water was as clear as ordinary sea water, its temperature was agreeable and it has an oily feeling, and altogether its action on the surface of the body was such as to develope those pleasurable sensations pertaining to the sense of touch, accompanied by the most delightful exhilaration. Of all baths in the world give me a bath in the Dead Sea."

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