

POWDERLY AND POLITICS.

The Grand Master Workman Makes a Good Resolution and Utters Sensible Advice.

Philadelphia, December 20.—Grand Master Workman Powderly has addressed a letter to a committee of the United Labor party of this city, in reply to an invitation to address the convention of that party this evening. He thanks them for the honor tendered him, but says there are many good reasons why he should decline, and adds:—"When the laboring people of New York nominated Henry George for Mayor, they acted independently of party and without regard to the man they placed at the head of the ticket. My name was used by partisans in New York to stem the tide. It was urged that I write a letter against Henry George and that I opposed the movement generally. I know of no better way of giving the lie to all of those false statements, and at the same time doing my part toward the establishment of a sentiment that would eventually tend to secure for labor some of the benefits that she asked for, than to go in person and refute the charges. I did it, and there my duty ended. In going to New York on that occasion I made a departure from a rule that I have observed for some time, and which I do not intend to break again, viz: not to speak at a political meeting again while I hold the position of chief officer of the Knights of Labor. While it might be entirely proper for me to speak at such a meeting yet it creates the impression that the order of the Knights of Labor is being drawn into the contest, and it is my duty to do that that lies in my power to keep the order over which I have been chosen to preside above the tide of partisan politics. At New York I spoke as an individual holding the sentiment of United Labor, and not as General Master Workman, of the Knights of Labor. While I am General Master Workman I will not occupy a place, either as speaker or officer, on a political platform. I would advise you not to take any action as a party. It seems to me that it becomes the duty of all interested to endeavor to educate the masses to free the ballot-box from the degrading influences of the bribe-giver and taker, as well as from that of monopoly, whiskey. Put forth your every effort to discover what is wanted in the management of the municipal affairs of your city; don't, as is too often the case, allow the interest to die out on the eve of election day, but continue until you have located the cause of the trouble. You will find that in order to remove the cause of the trouble you will have to begin at the bottom and work up instead of beginning at the top and falling down. If your movement means what its name implies keep it up, and solicit the services of all honest men, for all such are interested in honest Government regardless of their calling in life.

SIR JOHN AT TORONTO.

Great Ovation to the Premier.—The Chieftain Presented with an Address and a Good-Headed Cavalier. Again an Overcrowded Meeting is Found Necessary.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The concluding meeting of Sir John Macdonald's tour through Ontario was held here this evening in the Adelaide Street Rink. The building was packed to its utmost capacity, and hundreds could not get admittance. A large number of ladies occupied seats in the galleries. Mr. Edward Gurney presided.

Sir John was presented with an address from the Young Men's Liberal Association, and the gold-headed cavalier which had been awarded to him in the vote for the most popular leader in Canada for the World's Fair here last week. The presentation of the cane was made by a deputation of ladies.

Hon. Thomas White was the first speaker, and dwelt mainly upon Northwest affairs.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau replied to the speech of Hon. Mr. Laurier, in this city, on the Riel rebellion, and Hon. Mr. Foster, upon the fiscal policy of the Government. The speakers were enthusiastically applauded.

Sir John was given a great ovation, and defended the general policy of the Government.

On account of thousands being unable to gain admittance to the rink an overflow meeting was held in St. Andrew's Hall. Hon. Mr. White repeated his speech there, and a number of local Conservatives made addresses.

Lynch Law in Ohio.

Easton, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Wm. Mussel, the murderer of Daniel Christman, was brought here to-day. Arriving at the jail a mob of 500 attempted to take him from the officers, but were driven back. To night a crowd assailed the jail successfully, and at 8:15 had Mussel's dead body hanging from an electric light pole in front of the Court House. At the sight of the crowd indulged in cheers and hand-clapping. The ceremony was conducted by the best citizens of the town. The body was left hanging an hour, during which time hundreds of women and children gathered to see it. It was then cut down and given to the undertaker.

Mussel's crime was the killing of Daniel Christman, an aged and respected farmer living near Easton, and the attempted killing of Mrs. Christman, on the night of December 7. Mussel had been employed that day by Christman to do some work, and after going to bed, got up and went out. Christman becoming anxious went out after him. Mrs. Christman then saw Mussel strike her husband dead with an axe. He came to the house, and beating her to insensibility, robbed the house of a few dollars, set the bed on fire, and fled. Mrs. Christman recovered and put out the fire and is still living.

Two Schooners Supposed to be Lost. St. John, N.B., Dec. 22.—The schooner Sea Bird sailed for Dipper Harbor, Me., last Thursday and has not since been heard from. A heavy snow storm set in soon after she left port, and it is believed that she foundered or was dashed ashore and that all on board perished. Those on the vessel were Matthew Murphy, his two sons, 16 and 14 years of age, and John Mawhinney, an old man. A body answering to one of the Murphy boys was washed ashore at Musquash, N.B.

Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 22.—The British schooner Hope sailed November 23 from Paraboro, N.B., for this port. Nothing has since been heard of her, and it is supposed she is lost.

Drowned in Toronto Bay. Toronto, Dec. 22.—For some unexplained reason, two men, Joseph Guthrie and Timothy Harrigan, went for a row in the bay late last night, when the boat capsized and both were thrown into the water. Guthrie succeeded in reaching the slip in an exhausted condition, but Harrigan is supposed to have been drowned, as he has not been seen since. Both men had been drinking heavily. Harrigan was keeper of an eating house on Adelaide street.

SOUTH OXFORD.

Ingersoll, Dec. 18.—Mr. Mowat's visit to Mr. George Cook, M.P. of South Oxford, on the 8th inst., at Norwich, in order to get him to resign from the contest in this riding in favor of Dr. McKay, the nominee of the Reform party, was not successful, as yesterday morning every elector throughout the riding received Mr. Cook's address, stating that he was in the field and purposed remaining there, rumors to the contrary notwithstanding. The effect of this was very perceptible on the face of every Grit, and towards evening it was freely rumored around town that Dr. McKay had been requested to resign.

Mr. Norton, the great champion of temperance, at Dr. Williams' meeting last night, held at Salford (3 miles south of here), and a great temperance section of the riding, endeavored to convince the electors that temperance had nothing to do in this contest, and should not be brought into consideration. The course this coming from any other source (than from Jas. Norton) might have had some effect, but that gentleman is too well known, and his remarks fell very flat upon the meeting. His own relative said that he carries his principles of moral truth and virtue in his pocket and uses them, as occasion requires, for personal aggrandizement. No B. should the statement be questioned, references can be given, and evidence cheerfully supplied.

The Ingersoll Chronicle in its last week's edition gives the names of the speakers who are stumping the riding in favor of Dr. McKay. James Norton, James Brady, Thos. H. Norton, etc. The former of these we have already given passing notice, but as to the second we have not yet heard that gentleman. Everybody knows him. He is the Catholic school trustee, appointed by the Catholic School Board on our High School Board here through the legislation of the Mowat Government, and it is quite natural that he should have something to say, as the following letters will show:—

The letters above referred to are as follows:—

"London, December 9, 1883.

"DEAR MR. —, I venture to drop you a line to say that I have just received your letter of the 7th inst. and am glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause of education. Please say a good word for me to all your friends.

"I have just received a copy of Archbishop Lynch's letter in his support, which you may read to all your friends.

"JOHN J. COFFEY, Priest.

"Editor Catholic Record."

"It would be a severe blow to the Catholics to lose the support of the Government that has done all in its power for us. I hope the Catholics of West Middlesex will see to their own interest and return Mr. Ross."

"Toronto, Dec. 18, 1883.

"I understand that he goes very extensively into this part of the subject, and besides exhibiting these letters to those in his confidence, is doing all in his power for the Mowat Government. That has done so much for us. As to the third speaker, (J. H. Norton), we are all anxious to hear him; never heard him; don't think he has time to devote to frivolous matters; life is too short, and he has no energies to waste, as he has been engaged in giving his brother James a character, and I have not heard of his getting through. Until I see him I am at a loss to say that the Chronicle's allusion to him can be taken cum grano salis.

The balance are light weights who, when they see more than half a dozen electors together, telephone for Norton, as they did at Salford a few nights ago, or unless they take a load of trusty Grits with them from the Lager, as they did at the Beachville meeting.

An amusing "Duel at Ottawa." Ottawa, Dec. 19. John T. White alias "Our Cheerful Friend," a veteran journalist and now publisher of a periodical styled "The Investigator," was one of the principals in a duel fought here this evening. The other was supposed to be a sewing-machine agent who had off-ended the newspaper man to such an extent that the latter considered nothing but blood could atone for the insult. White had entrusted another newspaper man with a written challenge to send this agent, but the agent never delivered, a joke being put up in instead. A young man rather fond of adventure, was taken into confidence and agreed to personate the sewing-machine agent. He accepted the challenge and it was decided that the affair should be fought with pistols at ten paces. A lonely spot by the river-rail bridge was fixed upon as the meeting place, and thither the party repaired near midnight, with the seconds and about twenty other persons who had been let into the secret. The revolver was loaded with blank cartridges, and the duellists, having been placed back to back, the weapons were given into their hands. They were then ordered to walk five paces each, and at the word turn and fire. This they did and White's opponent fell—mortally wounded, his second declared. A couple of newspaper reporters who had heard of the encounter and were anxious to see the fight arrived at this juncture, and as they hurriedly approached the scene they found the man lying on the ground. The revolver was found in every direction. "Our cheerful friend" went home fully satisfied that he had avenged the insult. He then fired his gun and the supposed bloody affray soon spread. He has not been seen about to-day.

How the Two Leaders Were Received at Parahatch.

Parahatch, Dec. 17.—On Wednesday afternoon last Hon. O. Mowat arrived here to speak, along with Hon. D. Mills, in the Town Hall. Just two solitary representatives of the Reform party were at the station to receive him from the train. On Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock a telegram was received by a Conservative to the effect that Sir John would pass through here at 5:40 that same afternoon on his way to Petrolia. Although only an hour and a half of time remained, and many prominent Conservatives were at Lucas and a cold snowstorm prevailed, nearly 500 people gathered at the station, and their cheers fairly drowned out the brass band, and the enthusiasm could not be quieted sufficiently to allow Sir John to respond to the unexpected ovation, and he simply stood on the platform and waved his hand to the cheering masses as the train drew away from the station. The above incidents are only "straws," but they indicate the direction of the political breeze.

A Heap of Trouble for the Negroes.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—Several colored families from Boone's Corners, located in Drew, Checot, Deba and other counties in the southern portion of Arkansas. They are from Aiken and Barrow Counties, S.C., and give a gloomy account of affairs in that State, claiming the cotton crop was virtually a failure the past season; that the price of the staple is low here and there, and that landowners under the law absorbed the proceeds of black labor. They also allege they had no political rights, being to all intents and purposes disfranchised. Under these circumstances emigration was a matter of necessity, if not choice. Large numbers will leave Appleton, Blackville and other points in South Carolina within the next six weeks, bound for Arkansas.

GENERAL CABLE NOTES.

The Czar has summoned M. Kalkoff to an interview at Gatchina.

Bollen & Tidwell, lace manufacturers, London, have failed for \$250,000.

Jacques, the English faster, partook of food yesterday evening, after an abstinence of 21 days.

The Governments of Holland and Belgium have signed a declaration agreeing to suppress the traffic in girls.

It is stated on good authority that England is taking no steps toward renewing diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Egyptian advices say that Rasoulia, the Abyssinian General, has captured Kassala, and that he met with no opposition.

The Vienna Telegraph states that the Russian War Council has adopted a scheme for the occupation of Central Asia as far as the Hindoo-Koosh Mountains, including Herat.

It is reported at Sofia that Gadhia Efendi, the special Turkish Envoy to Bulgaria, has fallen into disgrace with the Porte for sending a telegram to Gadhia that he had departed for Constantinople.

In the case of the persons accused of assaulting bailiffs on Clairacarde estate at Woodford, the jury at Connaught Assizes yesterday found that the prisoners had committed assault, but several of the jury-men considered that the assault was justifiable. Counsel for the prisoners submitted that the assault had been found. The Judge directed the jury to again retire. When they returned they announced a verdict of guilty, but they expressed their belief that the prisoners had a right to defend a neighbor's home, and had acted in ignorance of the law. The Judge entered a verdict of guilty.

CANADIAN WIRELETS.

It is said that the Quebec Legislature has been called for the 27th Jan. next.

John Flanagan, a carrier, committed suicide at Montreal Tuesday by hanging himself.

The twenty-four o'clock system went into effect on the Manitoba & North-Western road, Monday.

A 5 year old son of E. Chevrier, of the Castor Hotel, Ottawa, was run over by a sleigh and killed Tuesday.

It is understood the legal difficulties have been got over and Mr. David Glass declared member-elect for St. Clements, Man.

Owing to the political excitement in Ontario, Mr. Henry George has abandoned his last lecture tour in Canada for the present.

The Conservatives of Queen's County, P.E.I., have nominated two strong candidates for the Common House, Donald Ferguson and Hon. Wm. Campbell.

The new snowdrifts of the Canadian Pacific Railway underwent a severe test a few days ago in the Selkirk range, which they stood in a most satisfactory manner.

A consignment of cannon and ammunition for the British Columbia harbor fort, shipped direct from Woolwich Arsenal to Esquimaux, passed through Winnipeg on Monday.

The water in the river at Montreal still continues to rise slowly, and those having places of business on the river front are removing their goods, fearing the usual floods are near.

Prof. Saunders has returned to Ottawa from his North west visit. He gave a lecture before leaving that the Manitoba experimental farm would be located at some point west of Winnipeg.

David Blain has been requested to run for Mayor of Toronto in opposition to Howland, but has not yet given a definite answer. Ex-Mayor Manning's friends are still urging him to enter the field.

Fire in the Rosin House Block, Toronto, broke out in the cellar of Scale's cigar store. The material damaged was of little consequence, but the stock was considerably damaged by smoke.

Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Foster and Mr. J. J. Cunniff, addressed a crowded meeting of the electors of South Ontario at Port Perry, Monday afternoon, and were received with great enthusiasm.

As usual every year after the ice bridge takes, this is the time for the unlicensed sale of whisky being erected on the Ottawa River, midway between the Ontario and Quebec shores, where the license authorities of neither Province may interfere.

Sir John Kay has made a change in his scheme to establish model farms in the North-west, now proposing to make each farm 200 acres in extent instead of 10,000. The matter is still under consideration by the Interior Department.

Mr. Rutherford, an Ottawa lawyer, has returned from British Columbia after an unsuccessful attempt to find the bodies of Messrs. Robertson and McNabb, two former residents of Osgoode township, supposed to have been murdered by a Chinaman.

The Toronto land transfer system will go into operation in the North-west Territories on January 1st. Mr. Barker, barrister of Ottawa, will leave Ottawa to-day for the North-west to initiate the registrars into the working of the system.

News from Bale St. Paul, Que., is to the effect that a young man named Guilmette, employed in Des Biers soap factory there, accidentally fell against one of the circular saws in motion and was literally cut in two, one half of his body falling on each side of the fatal saw.

Mr. Roger Goulet, one of the half-breed Commissioners, and himself a half-breed, reached Ottawa Tuesday to make a report of his work during the summer. Until the present trip he has never been east of St. Paul. Mr. Goulet has been among the half-breeds all summer, and says they are now, with Riel out of the way, peaceable and contented.

The Marine Department have decided that the steamers Neptune and Northern Light shall make daily trips with mail and passengers, on alternate days, from Charlottetown and Georgetown, P.E.I., to Falmouth, N.S., returning the following day, thus giving a daily mail each way between the island and the mainland during the winter.

Some confusion was caused at the recent City Council meeting at Dunceville on Tuesday by the Returning Officer rushing into the campaign meeting two hours after nominations had closed, and announcing that the council would not be necessary for the purpose of a poll. The oversight was quickly rectified. Neil McCaul, however, who was first nominated, set up the claim that in consequence of the irregularity he had become a member-elect. He is an independent Liberal candidate.

Orion Cable, 69 Pearl Street, Buffalo, N.Y., says: "I tried various remedies for the piles, but found no relief until I used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which entirely cured me after a few applications." Since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has become celebrated, unprincipled persons are imitating it. Get the genuine.

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100 Boys' Moccasins, Laced, at.....	75	50 Girls' Toilet Slippers, hand turns, at.....	75
125 Boys' Velvet Opera Slippers at.....	95	40 Children's Toilet Slippers, hand turns, at.....	50
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HEADQUARTERS FOR BARGAINS.

A Snake Story from Nova Scotia.

Canso, N.S., Dec. 18.—Hundreds of men are engaged searching for Farmer Cavenor, who has been missing a fortnight, and have failed to find any trace of him. He left his house at dusk. His daughter heard him calling for help from the woods adjoining the house. She went to the door and shouted in reply, but could not understand where he was, although his cries and groans were distinctly heard. She ran to neighbors for help. Meanwhile darkness and a snowstorm set in. The whole district was aroused next day and the woods for many miles thoroughly searched. The general opinion is that he has been swallowed by a huge serpent and taken into the lakes. An eye-witness of reliability said that while recently coming to Canso he saw something which appeared to be an old dry log across the road, but when he came near to it the reptile, whose head was on one side of the road and its tail in the woods on the other side, gave two or three sweeps with its tail and darted into the forest, making the brush crack. The body seemed to be the size of a barrel and its length from twenty-five to thirty feet. It had a ferocious-looking head. The serpent has long been a source of dread to the people in that locality.

Fired by Incendiarists.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 21.—News has been received from Vicksburg, an island town of Faulkner County, that about three o'clock Sunday morning every business house in the town was simultaneously set on fire and burned to the ground. Loss, \$50,000. No one arrested, but suspicion points to certain parties.

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