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The people of Chatham are paying 60 cents for water. In Windsor only 10 cents is charged.

The Orange lodges of Perth county have decided to celebrate the 12th in March this year.

Mr. J. Murdoch, of the London asylum, has sold his farm of 100 acres in Carleton to Mr. A. Luce, for \$3,500.

Mrs. Hicks, mother of ex-Mayor Hicks, of Dresden, died Thursday morning, aged 87 years and 1 month.

Flesherton Presbyterian Church has decided to call Rev. Mr. Thom, of Arthur, to the Flesherton and Eugenia charges.

Mr. John C. Fletcher has bought the 500-acre farm of Mr. Alex. Douglas, near Melbourne. The price is understood, was upwards of \$5,000.

The many friends of Mr. S. Malcolmson, Goderich, of the Surrogate Court, were pleased to see him around again after a three months' confinement to the home.

An attempt will be made to unseat Benjamin Essex, councillor for No. 3 ward of Essex, on the ground that he does not possess sufficient property qualification.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dinmore, old and respected pioneers of Blanshard, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday. The presents were numerous, and many of them costly.

At a meeting of the members of the Watford and Knox Presbyterian Churches held on Tuesday afternoon, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Robert Haddow, late of Milton.

Miss Emma Small, the only daughter of Mr. John Small, of Wallaceburg, died on Thursday evening, after an illness of several months with consumption. She was in her 18th year.

Chatham Planet: "The public school board met Tuesday evening and appointed Mr. Flew, of London, to the principalship of the Wallaceburg schools on a salary of \$600. Mr. Flew will begin his work on the 15th of February."

The girls of the Essex high school have organized a basket ball club, with the following officers: President, Miss E. Kent; secretary-treasurer, Miss H. Arnold; captain, Miss A. Walters; committee of management, Misses McKee, Rose and Cosnell.

The Huron Medical Association has elected officers as follows: President, Dr. McKay; vice-president, Dr. Standbury; secretary-treasurer, Dr. McGinnis. The next meeting of the association will be held at the House of Refuge, Clinton, in April, when many interesting cases will be presented.

The evangelistic services in the Glenora Methodist Church will not begin till Sunday, Feb. 14, as the work in Thorold, where the Misses Hall are now engaged, has assumed such proportions that they have consented to remain another week. They are greeted by very large congregations wherever they go.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Letch, of Larch, lately lost two of their family with diphtheria and scarlet fever. A third child passed away, depleting their home of three children in less than two weeks. The last was a bright child of 10 years. He was supposed to be recovering when she suffered a relapse.

A few days ago a suspension bridge on the farm of Mr. James H. Hullett, built for their own convenience, gave way while W. Argent was crossing it, allowing him to fall on a floating piece of ice. Fortunately he was rescued without injury. The river at this point is quite deep, and he might have been drowned.

John A. Robinson, solicitor for Wm. H. Woolley, of South Dorchester, has

issued a writ against Wm. Corliss, of South Dorchester. Under the will of the late Peter Woolley, the plaintiff claims one-quarter of the apples on lot 4, con. 8, South Dorchester. The defence refused to give up the fruit, and hence the suit.

Mr. McEachern has made another inspection of Essex county, and states that he did not find a single case of hog cholera in the county. He is of the opinion that the disease is thoroughly stamped out, and says that the farmers will not exercise the same precaution that there will be no danger of another outbreak.

On Thursday morning the dwelling of John McVeigh, Tilbury East, was burned to the ground. There was no person home excepting the boy, and he was awakened by a railway engine whistling, the trainmen having stopped to sound the alarm, but for which the boy would have been cremated. It is only a few weeks since McVeigh's barn was also burned.

W. Southcott, of Exeter, who had been committed to Goderich on a charge of having stolen goods from a possession, was before the county judge to answer to the charge. The prisoner admitted his guilt, asked for mercy, and was remanded till Thursday, on which day he was sentenced to the Central Prison for six months.

Word comes from Ellyth that Douglas Armstrong, a 17-year-old Morris boy, was firing off a revolver. One shell missed fire, and while looking down the barrel the bullet struck him, he inadvertently turned the cylinder around to a loaded shell, and pulled the trigger. The bullet struck him in the front teeth, smashing two of them, furrowed along the tongue and lodged in the throat. The bullet was extracted.

Zone and East Kent Farmers' Institute will hold a meeting in the council chamber in the town hall, Bothwell, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1897, when subjects of interest to the farmers will be discussed by prominent speakers. The speakers will be: Mr. J. J. Sleightholm, S. C. Mason, W. W. Hilburn, T. Boon, G. R. Langford. Ladies are specially invited to attend.

The following have been appointed license commissioners: East Elgin, John Ogilvie, George Laing, Granville, H. South, South Bruce, Andrew Waechter, Daniel Sullivan, James McLeod; North Perth, George G. McPherson, John North, Henry Leach, East Lambton, Wm. J. MacAlpine, Wm. Seaton, Thomas Kerfoot; Mr. Wm. A. McIntosh, for South Essex, in place of Alexander Halliday.

A meeting of the creditors of Halliday & Co., general store keepers, of Chesley, was held Friday. The statement submitted by the firm showed liabilities of \$10,000, and their offer of a settlement on the basis of 70 cents on the dollar to secured creditors and 50 cents on the dollar to unsecured, was accepted. Three weeks ago, at a similar meeting, the firm offered to settle with their creditors for 70 cents on the dollar. Mrs. Halliday will continue the business.

The Huron Poultry Association has decided that the next annual meeting of the association will be held in Goderich. The following officers and directors have been elected: President, A. McD. Allan, Goderich; first vice, A. J. Griggs, Clinton; second vice, Walter Taylor, Wingham; directors: Rev. Goderich, Wm. Anstey, J. Fisher, C. A. Willis, Clinton; Lack Kennedy, Walter Coats, J. W. Ford, Hullett, Wm. Wallace, Wm. Carter, Father Brothers, G. W. Irwin, Seaford, John A. Wilson, O. C. Wilson, H. Johnston, T. F. Coleman, John Ward, Lucknow, J. C. Lyons, Wm. Foster, John Barnard.

Another old and esteemed resident of Lambton county died on Tuesday evening—John Hay, of Forest, age 72 years. He was born in Perth, Ontario, and at an early age went to Warwick township with his father's family, and lived there until 13 years ago, when he retired from farming and moved to Forest. Deceased has three brothers and two sisters living, viz., Rev. Robert Hay, of Eaton, Que., late of Watford; Rev. James Hay, of Brickville; Arch. Hay, in Michigan; Mrs. B. Brown and Miss Jane Hay, of Brownville, Ont. Another brother, Rev. Wm. Hay, of Scotland, Ont., died last month. Mr. Hay was married in 1852 to Miss Mary Stevenson, of Woodbridge, who survives him.

Ferment in France

Over the Recent Utterances of Hicks-Beach.

The Chancellor's Words a Challenge to France and Russia.

Comments of London Correspondents of the American Newspapers.

London Feb. 7.—"The mischievous danger of language of menace and defiance towards France and Russia"—that is how Sir William Harcourt, the responsible leader of the Opposition, characterized Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's remarkable outburst in the Commons Friday night in the Egyptian debate. The outburst throws a fresh firebrand upon the fire of European jealousies, and makes a concerted effort to coerce the Sultan ten times more difficult. "France," supported by Russia, he suggested in so many words, had influenced the mixed court of appeal, to deny Egypt to repay the cost of the Egyptian expedition out of the reserve fund, but England was not to be worried out of her policy by such hindrances and difficulties. Next year, when the revision of the mixed tribunals falls due, it will be a grave question whether the tribunals shall be allowed to exercise their authority. "We are," he added, amid great Tory cheering, "in occupation of Egypt. Our payment for the expedition is rather reluctant to please than to shorten our occupation. This season our troops will move forward from Dongola to Abu Hamad afterwards possibly to you—show that I do not think it right to say. Meanwhile a railway will be run from Wady Halfa to Abu Hamad." He ended by moving a resolution that the House should vote for the amount of £788,000 to meet the total cost of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, including the cost of the Egyptian expedition to Suakin and elsewhere in the Sudan and the Indian troops in Egypt, which Great Britain would contribute. The resolution was carried by a vote of 169 to 57. Mr. George Curzon, speaking later, added the startling assertion that the first part of the Egyptian expedition to Suakin must be allowed for a Chancellor of the Exchequer who is forced to pay half a million to the Egyptian Government for the Egyptian expedition. He said that his own pledge that the expedition would not cost the British taxpayers anything, was a mistake. He said that the Egyptian Government was suffering from financial difficulties, and that the British Government was not a Minister who has always been regarded as a supporter of moderation and common sense in the Chamber.

THE FRENCH PRESS.
 The Paris press are greatly excited over the speech regarding Egypt. The Journal says: "The insolent challenge of the English and Russian ought to be taken up." The Aurore says: England disdains to fight with the French. The Libre Parole says: The English and Russian challenge must be taken up, not mere words.

AT BERLIN.
 Official and newspaper opinion in Germany regard the renewed strain between England and Russia as a complete equality, and the declarations concerning Egypt, made by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, are attributed to the German press. The German press has the support of Germany, Austria and Italy in regard to her occupation of Egypt.

The Hamburg Correspondent, in an article on the subject, gives expression to the opinion generally entertained in Berlin, when it says that France has no legal right to force England to evacuate Egypt, even if the Egyptian Government were to back up. But, the paper adds, the powers will do nothing of the kind, for the reason that they have no interest in England's welfare, and even Russia, though for reasons of policy she has joined France in an entente, will go to the aid of England if she is attacked.

Concerning the attitude of Russia towards Egypt, the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremya says that Russia intends to keep the Egyptian situation as it is, and to prevent the Suez Canal under international control; otherwise she has no objection to the Egyptian situation. Speaking of the attitude of the Austro-Hungarian Government, the Pesther Lloyd, in an inspired communication from Vienna, expresses regret that the line of the Franco-Russian entente menaces the interests of the Austro-Hungarian Government. The paper adds, "The effect will likely be," the paper adds, "to defeat a solution of the Egyptian question, and we must now exert every effort to restore the harmony between France and Great Britain."

CORRESPONDENTS' VIEWS.

London correspondents of the leading New York papers pay special attention to the speech by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. In his special cable to N. Y. Chamberlain says: "The Egyptian situation was at last put before the world in plain language by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his speech, announcing the intention of the British Government. He spoke with unconcealed contempt of the decision of the mixed tribunals, and declared that the British Government was fully determined to take Khartoum. Moreover, he gave notice to the world, with significant emphasis, that when England made up her mind what was the right policy in regard to Egypt, she would not be 'worried out of it' by such difficulties as a refusal of money. His language is already causing great irritation and much belittling language in various places on the continent, but whether it will have an unfavorable influence upon the agreement in regard to Turkish affairs remains to be seen. The situation, as a whole, including the Cretan difficulty and the Grecian-Turkish quarrel, will demand the highest diplomatic skill, perhaps sharp physical action within the next few days for its successful handling."

Harold Frederic in his special cable, says: "Sir William Harcourt is not alone in the belief that it will be estimated as a downright defiance of Russia. This unduly utterance, which practically says 'hands off,' to France however cleverly it may subsequently be softened down, will, I think, prove to have an upsetting effect on the conference of the ambassadors at Constantinople."

Frederic says of the speech in his special cable: "It was sober and terse, but courageous and firm. Although it was a defiance of Russia, it was a speech with a sterling English ring, and with a defiant note, which could hardly fail to cause intense irritation in France. It was a speech of Mr. John Morley and Sir Charles Dilke condemned it as dangerous and impudent and provocative of evil results, but when the subject had been de-

bated with great heat, the financial vote was carried by a rousing majority. The Government, with their great authority and petty policies, need courageous leadership like Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's, with its lucid common sense and direct appeal to English pride."

The Conservative press are unanimous in their praise of Sir Michael's speech, in which he served notice on France that Great Britain proposed to remain in occupation of Egypt indefinitely, while the Liberal journals denounce the speech as a reckless and needless irritation of France.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Actors of the Supreme Tribunal at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—The Supreme Tribunal, Knights of Pythias, closed its sitting here Saturday afternoon. The matter presented for adjudication was the case of Philip Colgrove as supreme chancellor, and James R. Carnahan as major-general of uniform rank, K. of P. The question involved was whether or not the so-called new ritual of the uniform rank as presented at the Cleveland session of the Supreme Lodge was legally adopted, and whether it was the duty of the supreme keeper of records and seals to publish this so-called ritual for the use of the rank. It was decided that this ritual was not adopted by the Supreme Lodge in the manner presented by the fundamental law of the order, and that it was therefore not legally a ritual of the order, and that the supreme keeper of records and seals was not authorized to print and publish the same. The decision of the supreme tribunal is not subject to appeal, and settles the question involved until the defects in the ritual are remedied by the legislative branch of the order.

BRITISH LIBERALS' FUTURE.

Interesting Proposal by a Well-Known Scottish M. P.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, Q.C., M. P. for East Lothian, delivered the second lecture in a series of lectures on the Edinburgh United Liberal Committee on "The Future of Liberalism," in the Music Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday last week. Mr. Thomas Stowe, Q.C., M.P., presided, and there was a fair attendance. The lecturer dealt at length with the two schools of Liberalism, the one protesting that all the misfortunes of the Liberal party were due to its dealings with Socialism, and the other that it was not Socialistic enough, and should seek to win the workingmen who desired to have the franchise extended to those who did not believe in Liberalism standing still. What the Liberal party wanted was a new party, and should lead them on more. There was talk of re-union. Don't let them try to effect reform on the basis of compromise. In conclusion, he advocated a reconsideration, with the assent of the Irish leaders, of home rule on the basis of a Parliament and executive, to which should be handed over, not in bulk, but one by one, or in small groups, the things which were approved and safe to be dealt with by the people of Ireland, with the full and avowed intention of giving them in the end a measure at least as full as Mr. Gladstone had offered, and asking the Irish people to give to the Liberal party the working of things they first received, a title and guarantee to receive the full measure.

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