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OUR NEW STORY.
With this issue we begin the publication of a new serial story of unflagging interest.

"Helen Lafone, or the Foes of a Household," is a domestic tale of English life, and will be read with avidity by all who took pleasure in perusing "John Armstrong, Mechanic," which ran through our columns some time ago.

There is every indication of a warm time municipally in the wards this year. The lack of a progressive policy on the part of the moribund council will likely lead to empty saddles when election day comes around.

A man near London dropped dead while helping his wife to lay carpets, and now every lazy duffer in this section is pointing to the visitation of Providence as a direct token that laying carpets is not a man's work.

Up to the past week, it looked as if Goderich was going to have a contest for the mayoralty between the present incumbent and his opponent of last year, Mr. Radcliffe. The latter has, however, withdrawn from the contest, and at the time of writing it looks as if Mayor Seages will walk the course.

So SUCCESSFUL has the plan for reducing the American letter postage to 2c. instead of 3c., as formerly, been found, that a further effort is to be made to reduce the rate to 1c. This will entail a present loss to the U. S. postal department of about \$8,000,000 annually, but it is believed that success will ultimately crown the effort. Is it not time that a reduction on the Canadian letter postal rate was made?

MONTREAL has just had its eyes opened to a state of affairs that bids fair to outdo anything ever written by William Harrison Ainsworth in his criminal annals. A private detective named Fahay, an ex-city detective named Naegle, and a couple of policemen named Bureau and Plante have been arrested, charged with having for years back carried on a wholesale system of robbery, while ostensibly guarding the public interest. They are alleged to have, amongst other crimes, stolen \$1,210 from the G. T. R. station, Bureau, who was at that time a G. T. R. constable having secured the key of the safe sufficiently long for his accomplices to take an impression. The evidence against the prisoners on this and other cases is said to be most conclusive, and a feeling of unrest prevails throughout the entire city. The case against the prisoners was worked up by a Pinkerton detective, and two detectives of the G. T. R. Co.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A New Man at the Wheel—Larry Mulcahy on the Municipal Situation—A Pleasant Dream and Awaking.

I was going to write a red-hot exposure of some of the peculiar ways of doing business at the council board, but before the ink was dry on an over-mastering grip, I received a note from my friend, Larry Mulcahy, which takes up an important phase of the question. I believe Larry's letter will "a long felt want," and hoping that your readers will find as much fun in it as I did, I here-with give you an opportunity of placing it in THE SIGNAL's sparkling columns, or words to that effect.

MR. BOWLD AJACKS.—Sure an' it's a long time since I wet me pin to rite to ye, but, by me soggins, it is wid an impty woodhead an' a hard winter forminst me, that I dhrop yer these few lines, hopin' that ye'll be better circumstanced nor I am at print. I think the Labor Commishun (whatever that means, I dunno) will find purty hard work here thryin' to interview the laborin' min' av Gadrich on the sthate av thrade, becase there isn't any sthate av thrade at all, but I think av the mornin' more's the pity. I think av the electhure cut strappin' up a few smart min' wid brains in their skulls that cud tell us where we are an' what we're goin' to dhroit to, an' cud give us any siasible idyas as to what to do to help the owld town out av the mire into which the bad management av the last batch av city fathers has thrum it, they'd be as welcome on nomyashun day as an angel's whisper to a mortal man. Shure last twelfth av May, fwthin I put me crass upon a bit av printed paper an' put it in the tin ballot-box, I went home wid a light hart, feelin' as pruvd as a young pycock wid a six month's tall on him, an' fwthin I towld Nora—that's me widder half—all about the grate schame av the wather-works, electric lights an' 'evrythin else that wud help us to rowl in riches in a few years, I thought she'd niver shup dancin' aroun' an' aroun' the house, wid joy in her hart an' lightness in her heels. Set I to meself, says I, sorra a poor day'll Larry iver see agin, either fwth I heard red all wan av them same pieces av paper that was the by's red to me down at the shoe store, givin' the cost av 'evrythin at \$65,000, faix, money enough to by a dozen foine farms. Aftir that was over I lit me owld dudden, an' takin' a sate on the aisy ind av the long binch forminst the stove, I was soon as happy as a king, wid the schmoke curlin' all aroun' in beautiful circles, an' me moind thinkin' av the glorious toimes in sthore for us all. Soon I rowld off to asleep, an' I had wan av the most beautiful dhreams that a man cud wish to be blessed wid. The doin's in the town fur the past 40 years ruz up before me loike a pannyrammer, an' the prasprous toimes we had fwthin we had Raspratik tuk up a big part av the picture, and a purty part it was; but iver since that thavin' schame, the National Policy, which has bin stalin' from the poor min in the towns an' the small farmers in the townships to give lashin' and lasin's to the manufacturin' half-sirs in the big cities, sorra bit av commerehal sunshine has smilled upon this ind av the pruvince. An' the years rowld on, an' my agin hunderd an' afty-siv'n was revealed to me vishun. A new council was elictid an' a Brian new mayor, an' 'evrythin looked prum'is'n. In the picture I thought I cud see the most illegit fountains playin' on the Square beyant, beneath the rays av the Elithric Light, so purty, ye know, an' the grass an' all aroun' so han' some and nicely wathered, an' plazin' to the oye, an' 'evry lawn an' gardenpath lookin' so lovely the livin' green summer, an' a wather-pipe forminst sich man's door. In the distance I cud hear the whistle av the lokomotiv on the new railway, as she kom shamin' aroun' the curve av the river beyant, from G'well, or some other place; an' the wather was full av sthambouts an' all uther kinds av craft; and owld man Polley's shrest-cars was runnin' in all directions, and out to the Pint Farm on wan side and half way to Bayfield on the uther; and new builidin's goin' up on all sides; an' the new post office and custom house, and board av thrade builidin's, an' summer hotels galore, an' 'evrybody as busy as nibs, wid lashin' av money in their fists, an'—an'—

Just thin I cud see sthars, for Nora had giv' me a red on the pate, sayin', "Go to bed out av that, ye owld amad-hawn, an' don't be thryin' to catch a noightmar, sittin' on the binch, an' jabberin' away to yourself, like a woman power ludickish shylum." An' I ruz an' took her advice, becase she was lashin' me graciously on the broom-hardle fwthin she giv' it, an' fwthin she takes that posishun on anny quistahun it's just as well to govern yerself accordingly. An' I did so, widout anny more peclaverin'.

The next day the by's was busy takin' the rust aff their spades an' picks, and other scientific impliments that had'n't seen the light av day since the owld Buffalo & Lake Huron road was built, an' the iday wud advanced that purty soon the work av diggin' the coorases for

the wather-works poipes wud be cominced. Howsomer, in a day or two the excitement died out, and from that day this bad luck to the tap av work that has bin done by anny av the by's on public works, nor nayther by the by's father; an' the mischief av the thing is that nobody on the council board can tell fwthin will the work begin, although I'm towld they spint thousands in puttin' a hole in the ground lookin' for wather, an' in payin' men to come here, the wan to tell that the wather didn't know what he was talkin' about. Wither, rathre, ohone! but it's a cowlid day for poor min, like meself, who have to pay taxes upon taxes to lapp the little bit av land an' the sheelin', so that Nora an' the childer will have a roof over their heads, even if their vittals are scarce, for want av work by the owld man an' the big by's.

To the contrary, notwithstanding, as the lawyers say in the diyision court, we'll be hearin' in the candydates goin' aroun' givin' blarney, an' braggin' about what they have dun, from now until new years, an' the self-praisin' spalpeens will be trottin' aroun' botune now an' thin thryin' to get the free and independint electhore to wote wid thin on the pollin' day. But they needn't cum to me, becase I have thin waxed, an' har' been fooled by thin waxed too often. But there's wan bit av a pinther I'd be givin' thin, an' I do it widout hope av fee or reward. They don't know what to do wid the hole in the ground up East-street, an' I'll be fether tellin' thin how to utilize it. If instead av blatherin' to the electhore about what they have dun since last May, sich an' ivry member wud thry an' crawl into the hole, it's quite likely that a big enough volume of natural gas wud come out av it, to do for illuminatin' purposes for all time, widout the aid av the Elithric Light.

From your owld friend,
LARRY MULCAHY.

The majority contest in the Queen City of Ontario at the present time looks like the most jagged kind of a three-corner contest. The combination that successfully elected Howland for the last two years appears to be with Mr Rogers, the liquor interest have espoused the cause of Mr E. F. Clarke, and ex-Mayor Manning, and a goodly section of the old time municipal warriors seem to be holding up the hands of Alderman Defoe. Rogers is a Quaker, Clarke Episcopalian, and Defoe a Roman Catholic. Rogers is supported by the Globe, Mail and Telegram, Clarke by the News, and Defoe by the World. If the three candidates keep in the field until election day the voting will be somewhat tangled up, socially, morally, religiously and politically.

The attempt made by the G. T. R., at the last meeting of council to secure a right of way over 300 feet of additional dock front, is an evidence that the Company believe the C. P. R. is coming hither at no distant day, and is anxious to checkmate the scheme, if possible. Plausible excuses are being advanced for giving up the frontage to the G. T. R. by some of our town councillors, but we do not think the large majority of our ratepayers will fall in with the plan. It is claimed by some that the application is not made by the G. T. R. Co., but by the Beaty Steamship Co., to facilitate their transshipments. Admitting, for the sake of argument that this is correct, does it not mean that the Beaty Company want to hamper as much as possible a line of railway that would be sure to put a competitive line of steamers on the route between this port and Port Arthur? For our part, we believe the G. T. R. is as deep in the mud as the Beaty Co. is in the mire in this little scheme to gobble up the entire labor frontage. If once the G. T. R. Co. gets possession of the additional frontage it would maintain its position against all comers, and litigation would drag its weary way from the primary court to the Privy Council before they would make a concession to the rival company. At the present time a determined fight is being made by the G. T. R. against the C. P. R. in the matter of the Toronto Esplanade, and the former is using every effort to debar the latter from entering the city. It has always been thus, and will always continue so, and if once the surrender is made to the G. T. R. we can look out for active litigation in the not distant future. The G. T. R. has now all the running way necessary and more dockroom than it requires, and the present scheme is merely to forestall the C. P. R. Like the covetous man we heard of, the G. T. R. "wants the earth, and wants it well fenced."

Robt E. Brecher, secretary, and J. W. Hakes, chief clerk of Continental Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., were arrested Monday for making false returns to the Insurance Commissioner.

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Trial of the Petition and Cross-Petition—The Petition Dismissed, and the Counter-Petition Dismissed With Costs.

The court for the trial of the West Huron Dominion election petitions was opened Monday morning at 10:30, Mr Justice Falconbridge presiding. Garrow, Q. C., appeared for petitioner, and Campion for respondent. As this is the first court outside of the city of Toronto held by His Lordship has presided at the trial.

THE SIGNAL has much pleasure in presenting our readers with the accompanying cut of the hon. gentleman. He is 41 years of age, and is the youngest judge that has ever sat on the Superior Bench. He is an affable gentleman, of a scholarly turn, and will no doubt prove an ornament to the exalted position which he now holds. The three Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench are all graduates, and gold medalists at that of the University of Toronto. In 1850 Chief Justice Armour was gold medalist in classics. In 1866 Judge Falconbridge in modern languages, and in 1868 Judge Street in law.

Mr Garrow, on behalf of the petitioner, addressing the court, stated that there were no charges of corrupt practices against Mr Porter personally. As to the charges of corrupt practices by agents, some were of a trivial nature, and he submitted that the interests of public morality would be in no way prejudiced by the arrangement proposed by the parties, namely to ask that an order be made dismissing the petition without costs to either party, and allowing the deposit paid into court by the petitioner to be paid out again to him.

Mr Campion, on behalf of the petitioner, consented to this order being made.

The order was granted by his Lordship, on the grounds set forth.

Mr Holt, for the respondent in the cross-petition against Mr Cameron, said he had been served with a notice on behalf of the petitioner to the effect that there was no evidence to offer in the case, and asked that the counter-petition be dismissed with costs.

Mr Campion, on behalf of the petitioner, consented to this order being made.

COUNTY COURT.
Cases Tried at the December Sittings for the County of Huron.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.

"ONE TRAVELLER RETURNS."—We have received from the publisher, William Bryce, Toronto, "One Traveller Returns," the strangely mysterious story of ancient Druid and early Christian life, by David Christie Murray, author of "A Life's Atonement," "By the Gate of the Sea," "The Way of the World," &c. Canadian copyright edition price 30c.

"A PRINCE OF THE BLOOD."—The Canadian copyright edition of "A Prince of the Blood" has reached us. It is a highly interesting story of thrilling adventure on land and sea, by the well known author James Payn. It is published by Williams Bryce, Toronto, and is on sale at 30c.

A WEEKLY MAGAZINE.—The Library Magazine is now issued in weekly parts, these being at the close of each month brought together into a monthly number. Those who receive the periodical week by week get for a cost of about two cents, nearly as much of well-chosen and solid reading as most persons will have time to pursue. The issue for November 13 contains the following papers: An article by Mr Archbishop Goikie giving a full account of "The recent volcanic eruption in New Zealand," one of the most remarkable of the modern phenomena of this class. An exhaustive paper by Mr Andrew Lang presents a popular view of the "Egyptian Divine Myths." The Rev. J. G. Wood, perhaps the foremost Naturalist of the day, writes of "Mammalian Tigris," in a graphic manner. A London Mechanic, gives a plain, at most homely account of "A Month in Search of Work," during which he traversed most of the great industrial districts of England. There is a curious paper by Dr Persifer Frazier, upon the signatures of Washington, showing the manner in which he wrote the numerous extant signatures, all of which, written from time to time during many years present such a remarkable uniformity. For \$1 a year The Library Magazine gives 1248 small quarto pages of such literary matter as here indicated. John B. Alden, publisher, New York, offers a specimen copy free to any applicant, also, free, his wonderful "Revolution," catalogue of standard books.

"SILAS MAENER."—One of George Eliot's best stories is "Silas Maener," and we have received a copy of the latest edition published by John B. Alden, 393 Pearl St., New York, who has revolutionized the making of books during the past few years. The copy before us is printed from handsome large type on good paper, and sells at the low price of 10c.

A Popular Literary Work.
The third volume of ALDEN'S "Cyclopaedia of Universal Literature," now ready (cloth binding 60 cents, half Morocco 75 cents), contains 496 pages, and represents eighty-six of the most famous authors of the world, of all nations and languages, including among others: Boswell, Bowell, Bronte, Browning, Bryant, Buffon, Burke, Burns, Burroughs, closing with Byron. There are nearly three hundred choice literary selections representing these authors, a truly wonderful amount of entertaining literature for a little money. The following are representative opinions of this work by competent literary critics:

"The third volume strengthens the good opinion formed by its predecessors. The articles, though brief, are remarkably comprehensive, presenting in a few pithy paragraphs the very facts the reader most wishes to know while the extracts from the writings of the authors described, are selected with discriminating taste. We are much pleased with the work. It bids fair to be, when completed, the best cyclopaedia of literature in the language."—The Interior, Chicago.

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COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissorings from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, Called Clipped and Condensed—Pith and Point—The Pick of the Grist from our Exchanges.

M. Matell, of Wingham, has purchased John Brennan's "King William" horse for which he paid \$190.

Mrs Farrow, wife of Thomas Farrow, ex-M.P., died at Wingham during the past week after a lingering illness.

Mr Andrew Sloan has purchased Mr Moore Boyd's farm, part of lot 42, 2nd concession of East Wawanosh, paying therefor \$5,000.

A telegram was received at Brussels from J. D. Ronald that the contract with Wiarton in connection with the water-works scheme has been signed and sealed. The contract amounts to \$7,500.

Prior to his departure for Mexico, Mr Wm. Mellis, telegraph and express agent, of Lockport, was presented with a purse of some \$45; and an accompanying address, by his friends at the Whiteley House there.

The three little sons of Thomas McCallum, of Newark, N. J., who have been living with their grandmother in Brussels for some time, started for their eastern home last week, going alone. The oldest boy is 12 or 13 years of age.

An exchange warns the public to beware of shoddy peddlars who are visiting farmers' homes throughout the district, and in order to make a sale tell how they have just sold so many hundred dollars worth to store keepers in the locality.

While Mr Wm. Oke, of Kintyre, was engaged in crushing grain recently, he had the misfortune to get his arm caught in some of the wheels, which he broke it very badly. Medical aid was procured at once and we are glad to hear he is improving.

Complaints have been made by different people of the number of sharpers waiting at different places in Brussels to beat green-horns out of money. An example should be made of a few of them, and the greenies should know enough not to be caught by every little child's trick.

Master William Gosnell, eldest son of Mr J. Gosnell, of the Gravel Road, north of Sarnforth, met with a very painful accident last week. He was firing a gun when the powder flew back in his face, injuring one eye so severely that he will lose the sight of it.

A big potato is making mouths to water in Brussels. It grew in the garden of Wm. Pieper, formerly manager of the Brussels flax mill, now of Mordean, Man. The Murphy weighed three pounds, and was brought to Brussels by Wm. Helling. He says there are plenty of potatoes, a great deal larger, some weighing as high as five pounds.

One day recently an 8-year-old son of B. Ward, Brussels, had the misfortune to have the third finger of his left hand cut off by an axe in the hands of his smaller brother. The injured digit was restored to its proper place, and the patient is doing as well as could be expected. This boy is rather unfortunate, as he received very serious injury by being kicked by a horse a few years ago.

At about daylight on Saturday morning, the inmates of Mr George Crossman's house, on the 8th con. of Bayfield, were started out of their slumbers to find the rear part of the house in flames. They dressed and got out as quickly as possible, managing to save only a few things before the whole place was burned. The evening before a furnace in a cook house to the rear of the dwelling had been used, and it is supposed that the fire must have originated from this. Several neighbors, once offered the shelter of their houses to Mr Crossman and his son-in-law, who occupied the house with him, and they accepted the offer of Mr James Snell, and will enjoy the brick house owned by this gentleman, on the gravel road, until a new house can be erected. The loss by fire will be in the vicinity of \$2000, on which there was no insurance.

From the annual report of 1886 of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, the following figures, showing amounts contributed by the adherents in the places mentioned, are taken:—Goderich, North street, \$381.25; Victoria street, \$70; Clinton, Rattenbury street, \$307.07; Ontario street, \$191.64; Sarnforth, \$231.02; Holmesville, \$223.40; Bayfield, \$88.75; Varna, \$142.06; Hensall North, \$144.05; Hensall South, \$55.67; Lonsdale, \$203; Dunganon, \$233.63; Auburn, \$176.62; Benmiller, \$142.86; Wingham, \$147.55; Brussels, \$79.64; Walton, \$122.37; Blyth, \$186.08; Belgrave, \$111.86; Bluevale, \$101.35. The amounts subscribed in the different districts of the conference were:—Guelph, \$1736.13; Gals, \$1438.01; Stratford, \$1800.67; Sarnary, \$1980.80; Goderich, \$2810.94; Wingham, \$1908.19; Listowel, \$1622.12; Mount Forest, \$1351.05; Walkerton, \$1502.41; Owen Sound, \$1167.28; Markdale, \$815.87; Conference missionary meeting collection, \$23.10; total, \$181,46.63; net increase over last year, \$1,398.76.

Mr Hooper, M.P., has been arrested at O-rk for publishing reports of sup-pres'd branches of the National League.