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T. TROTTER, W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-1y)

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MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

MOUNT FOREST.

The candidates nominated in this municipality were the following:—For Reeve, Messrs. David Youmans and Thos. Swan; For Councilors, Messrs. John Robinson, Henry Yarett, J. C. Wilkes, T. G. Smith, Amos Bissell and J. S. Scott.

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Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 27.

The Rev. S. Balmer, pastor of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, was presented on Thursday evening last, by the Sabbath School teachers and Bible Class, with a handsome new cutter.

Nearly all gone are those large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. MURPHY sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

A MONTHLY FAIR FOR GALT.—At a recent meeting of farmers and others interested, held in Mr. Alex. Macgregor's office, on Saturday last, it was determined that a monthly Fair be held in Galt on Wednesday succeeding the Waterloo Fair.

On Monday last, while a party of men were engaged in Mrs. Kersell's bush taking out timber for a barn, the axe of one of the party glanced off a loose chip, striking Mr. John Crozier, of Ayr, on the arm, inflicting a serious wound.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

DINNER TO THOS. MILLER ESQ.—The farewell dinner which it was announced some time ago would be given to Thos. Miller Esq., Judge of Halton, came off at the Commercial Hotel, Berlin on the 19th inst., and according to the Telegraph was a most brilliant and successful affair.

Between fifty and sixty of the leading men of the county of all shades of politics were present and united in an expression of good will and kindly feeling towards the guest of the evening.

Base Pale Ale and Guinness' Dublin Porter in pints and quarts at Geo. Wilkinson's.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A stranger named Gordon reached London, on Saturday night last, and went into a saloon to have some oysters. He opened a valise to get some silver, the action, and the contents of the valise being noted by two rascals standing by. On leaving the saloon in search of a hotel, the stranger was followed by the two men, who offered to conduct him to a suitable lodging place. He very foolishly placed himself under their conduct, the three started off, walking up one street and down another without reaching the house they pretended to be looking for. At length one proposed to enter a lane and they did so, but had not been there more than half a minute before the first speaker dealt Gordon a blow with a blunt shot, which, striking him on the left brow, created a deep wound, and fell on him senseless to the earth. When he regained consciousness, he found himself stripped of his overcoat, valise, and \$92 in money, \$71 of which was in American currency.

Sergeant William O'Brien, of the Galt Infantry Company, died on Saturday last, of consumption, contracted by exposure in the volunteer camp at Thorold in the fall of 1866. The funeral was held on Monday and conducted with military honours.

Sabbath School Soiree.

The 31st anniversary Tea Meeting in connection with the Guelph Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School, was held in Church last evening. The programme being an attractive one, the audience was large. After paying due respect to the edibles, under the efficient management of the Ladies, in the basement of the building, the audience proceeded to the church, where an hour's intellectual feast awaited them. Mr. Hough having been appointed to the chair, opened the proceedings by referring, in a few words, to the early history of the school and its present prosperity. Singing and recitations by the children, addresses by the Rev. Messrs Torrance, Ball, Hogg, Griffin and Mr. John Smith, constituted the proceedings of the evening—each urging upon parents the necessity of sending their children to the Sabbath School. The singing by the children, who occupied the gallery, was excellent, and gave evidence of a great amount of care on the part of the Committee. The recitations by Messrs James Kelly, Edwin Hutton and Ephraim Stevenson, and by Misses E. Keables and B. Stevenson, were, we think, the best we ever remember to have heard on any similar occasion. The report, which was read by the Secretary, A. O. Buchanan, showed a highly satisfactory state of affairs, there being 326 names on the roll, with an average attendance of 200 for the past year; 35 officers and teachers; over 500 volumes in the Library and a balance in the Treasury of something over \$50. The meeting was a good one, and we hope the financial result may meet the anticipations of the Committee. They give a Tea Meeting to the children this evening. See advertisement.

Unfounded Fears.

A rumor was prevalent about Town this morning that the Western Insurance Company had failed, and as there were several gentlemen pretty heavily insured in a Western Insurance Company there was considerable consternation in consequence. The rumor resulted from confounding two institutions. The Western of England it appears have instructed their agents in Canada to take no more risks as they are about to withdraw their business from this country altogether. Common report has it that the corporation is in an unsound condition, but report may all an untruthful tale. But the Company which it was feared had broken up was the Canada Western, whose head office is in Toronto. It is pleasing to record that there were not the slightest grounds for these apprehensions. The Company has been established for sixteen years; its Directors are among the wealthiest and most influential men of the city; it is perfectly sound and reliable, only twenty-five per cent of its capital stock has yet been called in, and it having declared its last three half year dividends at the rate of 3 per cent per annum. In the returns from the various Insurance Companies made to Parliament at its late sitting the Western of Canada was shown to be in a most sound, healthy and prosperous condition, and we may further add that it has paid losses incurred by the recent fire in Guelph with the same promptitude which has characterized it since its establishment in 1851. After all there is something in a name, since a similarity of designations can create even a modified sensation.

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RESPELLE

George Hespeler, Esq., was elected Reeve by acclamation. The candidates nominated for Councilors were: H. M. Farr, David Rice, (members of the council for the present year) A. Shaw, George Quinther, James P. Johnston, Charles Karch and James Anderson.

GARAFRAXA.

The nomination for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors took place on the 23rd inst., at the School House, Douglas. There was a large gathering, and the feeling seemed to be railroad and anti-railroad. The nominations for Reeve were: John Dobbin, A. Dyce, For Deputy: William H. Hunter, Harvey Cull. For Councilors: David Black, Rich. McLellan, John Piper, Thomas Hamilton, P. House, Samuel McLean, John Milne, Andrew Semple, William Boyer, Thos. Ross, several other nominations for Deputy Reeve and for Councilors, but having declined we do not name them.

PILKINGTON.

The following are the nominations for this Township. For Reeve, John Smith and Hugh Roberts. For Deputy, E. Passmore, who was elected by acclamation. For Councilors Messrs. William Clark, John Marriott, Rich. Hughes, B. Larter and Boomer.

PEEL.

The following is the result of the nomination of Councilors for Peel. For Reeve, Messrs. Wm. Sturtridge, James Cross, and Moses Patterson. For Deputy Reeve, Messrs: W. S. Sutherland, Matthew Lowes, Thomas Burns, and Thomas McMauns. For Councilors, Messrs. Peter Ferguson, Peter Cunniff, Wm. Warrns, J. H. Hartney, Robt. Ridd, John Cosford.

ARTHUR.

The following is a list of the candidates nominated for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors for this Township. For Reeve, Messrs. Wm. Clark, John Marriott, For Deputy Reeve, Robert Gordon and Alexander Allen. For Councilors, Patrick Quinlan, T. Fleahy, Charles Irwin, James Harper and Thos. Cowan.

ELORA.

At the nomination on Monday, Charles Clarke was elected Reeve by acclamation. There were no fewer than 15 Councilors proposed. They are Andrew Gordon, M. Halsey, John Wilkinson, D. M. Potter, John Warr, Richard Jarrett, No. 3 Ward, Robt. Webster, No. 4 Ward, Frederick Guggisberg, No. 5 Ward, W. Owens.

BEVERLY.

The following candidates were nominated: For Reeve, Mr. Peter Wood and Mr. John Clement. For Deputy Reeve, Mr. John Malcolm, Mr. William Nisbet, Mr. Benjamin Armstrong, and Mr. John Bennett. For Councilors: Mr. James Smith, Mr. Arch. Ferguson, Messrs. Smith and Ferguson were duly elected as Councilors. The candidates for Reeve and Deputy Reeve will all go to the polls.

LUTHER.

The nominations for this Township are: For Reeve, Duncan Saunders, Hugh McDougall. All the old councillors were elected by acclamation.

NICHOL.

In this Township Mr. John Mair was elected Reeve, and Mr. John Broadfoot Deputy Reeve, by acclamation. The Councilors nominated are Messrs. Alex. Muir, John R. Wissler, Wm. Dow and John Cunningham.

FERGUS.

Messrs. Geo. McInnes and Mathew Anderson were nominated for Reeve. A number of candidates were proposed for Councilors.

MR. MASSIE'S TRADE SALE.

Mr. Massie's trade sale—the first ever held in Guelph—was well attended to-day. The various lots put up were sold at prices quite satisfactory to both buyer and seller. The best of feeling prevailed, notwithstanding that the bidding was keen. To-morrow will be devoted to the sale of lots peculiarly adapted for family use, and we would urge upon parties wishing to secure bargains in family groceries to make it a point to attend. Sale to commence at 9 o'clock a.m. Catalogues can be had on application at Mr. Massie's office, Ontario Bank building.

To the farmer, mechanic and laborer.

Spend your hard earned money where you can get the most General Groceries for the holidays at the lowest prices. This is at Geo. Wilkinson's, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Can War be Extinguished?

From the London Times.

To appreciate accurately the nature of this problem let us take the causes of war among nations as actually disclosed in our own time. The Danish war occurred because Germany coveted a piece of half-baked ground in the possession of Denmark, and was strong enough to claim it. The German war occurred because Prussia was at length powerful enough to wrest from the hands of Austria a long-contrasted supremacy. The Italian war occurred because France decided on helping the Italians to turn the Austrians out of Italy. The American war occurred because the Northern States would not permit the Southern States to secede from the Union as an Independent Confederacy. Now, let us ask whether any development or perfection of International Law to be properly so termed, would have averted any one of these contests. In the Danish case there was a profusion of possible arguments which were absolutely painful, but it went for nothing. The Germans would have Holstein, if not Schleswig, and they waited, not till they had established their case, but till they were an opportunity for action. In the American case, again, there was room for a long debate, but we need not say that no imaginable demonstration of constitutionality priviledges on the part of the South would have induced the North to allow the dissolution of the union. In the Italian case, there was really not a basis upon which an international lawyer could have spoken. The Italians claimed Italy for themselves, and France backed them. In the German case it was the same. It was simply impossible that Prussia and Austria could do anything but fight it out. Austria would not believe that Prussia could hurt her, and nothing but the fact could impress her with that belief. When the fact was clear, she retired.

Can War be Extinguished?

This is the class of questions which in the present day creates the danger of war. These are the cases which, if war is to be extinguished by International Law, must be studied and utilized by the international lawyer. What rules are to be laid down for such a purpose, and what "measures suggested?" Not one of these modern wars, so far as we can see, could have been prevented by anything but a previous conviction on the part of the loser that the loss was to be his. There is, indeed, one theory which can be invoked in aid of peace against war, but all recent experience has shown it to be utterly hollow. It was a theory, introduced at the beginning of modern as distinguished from mediæval history that the States of Christendom constitute a species of Commonwealth—that they formed a system to be governed by concert and regulation inasmuch that a wrong done to one state should be righted by the irrepresible power of the States combined. If this theory could be rendered effectual, International Law would be furnished at once with its greatest need—a Court to enforce its behests; but nothing is plainer than that for such arbitrators the arbitrators must be fetched from another planet. The Dispensing Powers of Europe, which could if they pleased say that not a shot should be fired on European soil, are themselves the very litigants to come before the Court. They are all interested, and not only interested but even pledged beforehand by bargains or alliances to take one side or the other. The nearest approach to such a system is represented by the Conference of modern times in which not only the parties at variance with each other, but others less engaged in the dispute, assemble together and try, not by rules of International Law, but by arguments and calculations of common sense adapted to the exigency whether an appeal to arms cannot be prevented. Of this system it is enough to say that our own statesmen, who are certainly as anxious for peace as men can have become so persuaded of the general uselessness of the attempt as to decline it altogether, except under conditions rarely attainable.

To accommodate his customers.

Mr. Horsman will in future keep his establishment open till seven o'clock each evening, and on Saturday until 9.

GREAT WESTERN GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The above work, compiled by Mr. M. T. Platt, has been laid on our table. It is well got up, but like the generality of Directories, a few errors have crept into it. It will be found very useful to business men. Parties who have not yet been supplied, will receive their copies through the Express office in a few days.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

THE CAPITAL.

We find the following in the London News of the 5th. "The history of Ottawa, the seat of government of the New Dominion," has been often told. Starting from the North Pole, it is the first place you come to, it contains about 25,000 inhabitants, whose existence mainly depends upon the revenue and borrowing powers of the Canadian Government. It is out of the direct line of travel by a distance of sixty miles; it is the seat of no manufacture, and but poor agriculture; it stands as a monument of the sectional difficulties and follies of two faces. The Parliament buildings have already cost upwards of £700,000 sterling, and are yet unfinished; and if any comfort or convenience is to be found there we are indebted for it solely to art and the expenditure of money. Every thing in the town is dear and dirty, there is but one hotel of any pretensions, and that different in fare and accommodation. The great consumption of gas in the Parliament buildings has nearly reduced the town to an Egyptian darkness."

A magnificent assortment of Goods for New Year's Gifts in Electro-plated Ware, Fine Cutlery, Coal Oil Lamps, Trays, Dyed-wool Mats, &c.

At Horsman's, and to suit the public his store will in future remain open till seven o'clock each evening, and on Saturdays till nine.

Oxford, the pot-boy who shot at the Queen twenty-seven years ago, and was locked up as a lunatic in Broadmoor, has been released, on condition that he leaves the country. He was probably sane, though with a brain diseased by a craving for notoriety. He has acquired the art of gaining in prison, and hopes to support himself in America on one of the colonies, where he may yet be conspicuous for loyalty.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Dec. 26.—Mr. Edward Thornton, the newly appointed Minister of Gibraltar to Washington, will sail in a few days for America, to enter upon the duties of his mission.

Paris, Dec. 26th.—This morning the Patrie newspaper states that the French Government has issued orders for the departure of twenty thousand more troops for Clivia Vecchia.

Mr. E. Gould Buffum, an old American journalist and correspondent of the New York Herald, committed suicide here the day before yesterday, by taking opium.

American Despatches.

Havana, Dec. 26th.—Advices from the City of Mexico to the 19th have been received. There was much distress throughout the Republic in consequence of the exhaustion and disorganization caused by the protracted war for independence. A general call was made upon government to take effective measures to prevent the increasing brigandage to which many of the people were compelled to resort by hunger. Peace had been re-established at Tepic. Many disturbances had taken place in different parts of the Republic.

Havana, Dec. 26.—The steamship Virginia, from Vera Cruz, which touched at Sinal on the 23rd, brings important news. The revolution in Hayti was assuming large proportions. Santa Anna had proclaimed Dictator by the revolutionists and was hourly expected from Havana with men and a million dollars. The port and town of Sinal were in the hands of the rebels, but the port was blockaded by two Mexican gunboats. A number of officers who formerly served under the empire had arrived at Sinal from Matamoros. On the 16th an engagement took place between the Mexican gunboats and the batteries on the shore.

The already famous Sun Burner can only be had at Mr. Horsman's, and the better to accommodate those who wish to get it, his store will remain open each evening until 7, and on Saturday till 9.

DEATH OF IVIE CAMPBELL ESQ., OF DALGIE.

The Scotch papers have an obituary notice of this gentleman who was uncle to Mrs. Thos. McCrae of this Town. They say—Mr. Campbell was a remarkable man in many respects, and was known far beyond the bounds of the county of Ayr. As an improver and breeder of stock for the last forty years he took the lead in Ayrshire. Holding as he did, by far the largest farm on the estate of the Marquis of Bute, besides several large sheep farms in Galloway, he, by his skill and good judgement, always exhibited the model of a good farmer, and he held several good medals from the Highland Society for the improvement of waste land. He was proverbial for his benevolence, and in his death the poor have lost a never-failing friend.

If you want Sugars at low rates, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

The latest prescription for a fashionable bonnet, originating from a country milliner, is to take a medium-sized pumpkin seed, carefully cut out the meat on the under side, put a narrow strip of fur around the edge, and fasten the strings to the sides. The broad end of the bonnet should be worn in front to keep off the sun and wind.

The stipulation of the foreign commissioners in consenting to a prolongation of the Exhibition for three days, has been the means of giving \$7,000 to the poor of Paris.

Business must be attended to, and in order to do this properly Mr. Horsman will keep open each evening till 7 o'clock, and on Saturday until 9, for the sale of Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c.

The total value of imports at the port of Hamilton for the week ending with Saturday, the 21st instant, was \$41,604. The imports for the corresponding week of last year were \$36,344, showing an increase in 1867 of \$15,260. The amount collected for duties last week was 2,727.

Mr. Dickens is to give a reading in Buffalo, the date of which is not yet announced. No engagements have yet been made in Canada.

Three expeditions to the North Pole are now preparing: one in England, one in Prussia, one in France. They will take different routes, and perchance will meet at Spitzbergen, Nova Zembla, or Behring's Straits.

All who appreciate the benefit of a clear, bright light, should call at Mr. Horsman's and get the grand new Sun Burner and Chimney at 38c., and some of his pure White Coal Oil at 15c. Store open till 7 p. m.

A "sneezing match" is the latest contest for the championship announced. It is for \$500 a side, and is to come off at Chicago—of course, at the famous open House.

Archie Brown, a Scotch gillie, brother to the now famous John Brown, the Queen's gillie, have been attacked by the povered Prince Leopold. Archie wears a Highland costume when he is in attendance on the prince.

The country papers notify their subscribers that they will keep holiday "Christmas week" and no paper published. Happy fellows. We town workers have to be content with Christmas day, and think ourselves blessed to have that.

One of Mr. Horsman's new style Vase Lamps, with the celebrated Sun Burner makes a handsome gift for New Year's. To accommodate the public, his store will be kept open each evening till seven o'clock, and on Saturdays until nine.

AMERICAN WATCHES.

Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate and reliable timepiece. See advertisement.