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of Guelph.

Mr. JAMES HEWER, as MAYOR for 1897.

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ends of Mr. Hewer willing to r rigs for election day kindly less at his office this evening. To the Electors of Guelph Gitu.

Ald. T. P. COFFEE,

AS MAYOR FOR 1897. Coffee's committee rooms are in Brouldings, Douglas-st., near the of ce & Buckingham. All friends are the rooms which are open every

ST. PATRICK'S WARD. adies and Gentlemen :-Your vote and influence respectfully solicited on my behalf as Alderman fot 1897 My property qualification is all right, if you deem my other qualifications sufficient.

ROBT. McDONALD. To the Liectors of St. Andrew's Ward.

Having received and accepted a nomin tion for Aiderman in St. Andrew's Ward, at it having teen reported that I have refit from the field, t beg to say this is not the cat am before you as a candidate, but decline canvas for votes because I wish your chot to be califely free. WM. F. CLARKE.

To the Electors of St. Andrew's Ward.

Your vote and influence respectful HUGH WALKER

as Alderman for 1897. ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

Your vote and influence R. F. MADDOCK,

Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward, for the ST. ANDREW'S WARD. Your vote and influence respectfull

J. J. MAHONEY, Alderman for St. Andrew's Ward for the year 1897. To the Electors of St. Andrew's

Ward. Having accepted the nomination for Aldeman in St. Andrew's Ward for 1897, I would still the court of the same of the court of the court

JOSEPH CARTER. IF GUILTY

LOCAL NEWS.

Try our fancy Chewing and Nut Candy Bon-Bons, etc., Geo. Williams.

"The Men for Municipal Office" will be the topic tomorrow evening in Dublin-st

Miss Nora Riordan, Arthur, has re-turned after spending the past three months in Guelph.

G. C. U. Minstrels. Box plan open at Williams' Drug Store. C early, if you want a good seat for Ole Plantation." News Record: Mr. Fred. Johnson, Guelph, spent a few days with fried in Fergus this week.

Vote early and vote for JAS. HEWER for Mayor. Mrs. Sahli, Glen Williams, is spending he holfdays with her mother, Mrs. Angell. She will ctay for a couple of

The Collegiate Institute and Public Schools will re-open on Tuesday, 5th January, instead of Monday, 4th January, as previously announced. Drayton Advocate: Miss Ella Swalen, of the Guelph Collegiate Institute, visiting at Mr. Wm. Fair's, 14th con-cession, near Rothsay.

In Monday's issue, re presentation to Mrs. J. A. McCrea, it should have read: She was presented with a handsome handkerchief and box and two bottles of perfume.

Rev. Father Kehoe, of Drayton, was waited on last Christmas evening by the Altar boys of St. Martin's church, and made the recipient of two costly and handsome pieces of silver.

Fresh speckled trout, fresh sea salmon and smelts. Fresh lettuce and Mrs. Par-son's sausage. Oyster Benefit tonight-Standards 30c Selects 46c a quart. Wm. A. Gay, Successor to H. Walker & Son. G.C. U. Minstrels. If you are look-ing for fun, come Tuesday evening to Royal Opera House, and see "De Ole Plantation."

Ten per cent reduction on all Carpets, Curtains, Oilcloths, Linoleums, and House Furnishings means a big saving to the nouseholder. This is what G. B. Ryan & Co. are giving for a short time. di Rey. H. J. Leake, M.A., who has resided in Drayton during the past three for four years, removed to Rothsay this week, where a new parsonage has beer erected for him.

Mount-Forest Representative: An ostrich egg is not very often seen is Mount Forest, W. J. York received on the past week as a Christmas box fron his son in California. It is about the size of a cocoanutr. size of a cocoanutr.

G. C. U. Minstrels, Hear the Vocal guartette, "ife Comin ob de King," the instrumental quartette, trick banjo work, dig, reel and elog dancing, stump speeches and many other specialties. The greatest Southern minstrel production of a lifetime.

lifetime.

A new Presbyterian church recently receted in the upper end of Arthur township, a little to the west of Farewell, was opened on the 20th. It is a substantial brick structure, 59:33 feet, which seats 200 easily, and has cost about \$1500. The proceeds at the opening services amounted to more than \$200.

On Wednesday morning an old valise that contained a crying infant about two days old, in a partly dressed condition, was left at the Coursel Stevenson, tenant of the Campbell farm in Nichol, just below Ennotville. As he to Salem to see Mr. Johnston, the Reeve, and Ind out what was to be done with the child, which was an unexpected visitor at his place.

-"What in me is dark, lumine: What is low, raise and sup Illumine: What is low, raise and sup-port; That, to the height of this eternal argu-ment ment
I may assert Eternal Providence,
And justify the ways of God to men."
—Paradise Lost

—Paradise Lost.

Mr. W. F. Mitchell, who represents the Brantford bicycle in St. John, N.B., is home for the holidays. Accompanying him is Mr. Harley Davidson, the well-known skater and bicycle rider, who joined him at Montreal, comling west to get ice for practice, as there is none in Montreal. Mr. Mitchell has had a most successful season, but is glad to get back to see his friends again.

back to see his friends again.

They are having a hot Mayoralty campain in Toronto. Mayor Fleming and Mr. Hocken, of the News, had an extended debate Thursday night in Parkalae, and last night the Mayor and the Irrepressible E. A. Macdonald, of Aqueduct fame, had a hot encounter at the Pavilion. For two hours the meeting was a seene of tumult, wrangling and reorimination, in fact a veritable bear-garden. The lie direct was given scores of times between the Mayor and Mr. Macdonald. Vainly the chairman sought to stem the torrent of vituperaction. The lights were turned out, but that did not stop matters.

Do not forget our candy benefit tonight,

Do not forget our candy benefit tonight, also a lot of choice turkeys and geese from 8 to 14 pounds. J. A. McCrea, Noted Tea Store. Noted Tea Store.

Gait Reporter of Wednesday: Miss Hattle McAstocker returned home to Guelph today...Miss McKenzle, Guelph, who has been the guest of Miss Minnle Charlton, Queen street, returned home to the Royal City.

Acton East.

to the Royal City.

Acton Free Press: Mr. and Mrs.
Wm. Nellis, Mr. and Mrs. Crawshaw and
babe, of Guelph, spent Christmas at
the home of Mr. James Scott.....

Miss Jean Beattle, of Guelph,
and Dr. P. J. Scott, of Southampion, vistied at the home of Mr. Arch McNabb
during this week.

A serious accident happened to Geo.
Konnomacher, of Preston, last week.
While working at his pigeon house, he
fell about twelve feet and was rendered
unconscious. It was feared he was serjously hurt.

BIG SHIPMENT OF CHEESE

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The License Commissioners for the South Riding met at the Central hotel on Thursday. There were present: Mr. A. McIntyre, chairman, and Commissioners Messrs. Robt. Millar and John McMahon. There was no business of importance transacted. The meeting was principally for the purpose of winding up the business of the year.

AN OLD MEMORANDUAL BOOK.

The Mount Forest Representative says:
Dr. Brunskill has in his usessession a
are relic in the shape of a memorandum
ook which was used by his father's
reat grandfather in Newcastle, Eng., in
167. The entries made in the book near-130 years ago are as clear and legible s the day they were written. Printed i the book is a tariff showing how peo-le at that time were taxed according to the number of windows in their

NECK AND NECK RUN FOR REEVE NECK AND NECK RUN FOR REEVE.

An old subscriber to the Mercury, writing from Stanleydale, Muskoka, relates the following incident, which is very rare in municipal conflicts. He says Stisfed township nomination passed off quiety.

St. Jacobs, Dec. 31.—Mrs. John I. Widening for Reeve for the third time. The two previous times they ran they were ties, and Campbell was elected both times by the casting vote of the returning officer. This, we would call close work. We are anxious to know what the result will be this third contest.

MR. JOHN DUFF'S SURPRISE PARTY. MR JOHN DUFF'S SURPRISE PARTY.

The fite new home of Mr. John Duff, on the Eramosa and Erin townline, was the seene of a very enjoyable surprise party on Christmas evening. Mr. Duff, in that gental manner and kindly way which has made him such a favorite wherever he is known, welcomed the visitory and instructed them to make themselves thoroughly at home. They lost no time in doing this, and soon were "tripping the light fantastic." The evening's pleasures were kept up until a late hour, when the party separated, everyone testifying that they had spent a delightful evening.

TAKEN ILL.

Rev. Mr. Glassford received word Rev. Mr. Glassford received word on Thursday afternoon that his brother, Dr. W. J. Glassford, of Scotland, Ont., was very fill with pneumonia. Mr. Glassford, left by the G. T. R. 5.40 train for Ham-liton, by way of Georgetown, to attend his bedside. On account of this, Rev. Dr. Torrance addressed the congregation of Chalmers church New Year's morning and Rev, J. A. Macdonald, editor of The Westminster, Toronto, will preach to-morrow. Dr. Glassford is dangerously iii.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. at the Biora Model School, and a Young the only pupil who obtained I at Galt. Miss Ethel Henderson: second in the Berlin Model Schoo was only one mark behind the candidate. The pupils as well a teaching staff of the Collegiate Inshare to be congratulated on this

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE. THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the week of united prayer to which the Christian world is again called by the Evangelical Alliance. There are three great reasons why every one of us should endeavor to make this season of united prayer a reality, and take every opportunity to engage in it ourselves, and to induce others to do so. First, there is the age itself, with its great and perplexing problems, its appailing burdens and sorrows, its magnificent possibilities of good, its tremenfificent possibilities of good, its tremeninficent possibilities of good, its tremendous possibilities for evil. We are living in a grand and awful time. There is need that we watch and pray, that we pray with intensity, with unanimity with pleading hearts and urgency of supplication before the Eternal. Then, secondly, there is the special blessing promised to united reaver. By this plan which has pleading hearts and urgency of supplication before the Eternal. Then, secondly,
there is the special blessing promised to
united prayer. By this plan, which has
now been followed for more than a quarter of a century, there is secured unity
of supplication throughout Protestant
Christendom. From east to west, from
the frozen north to the torrid south,
there will be the ceaseless outpouring
of prayer for the same great objects,
with one heart and one mind, in an irresistible volume of entreaty and supplication. Then, thirdly, in this week of
united prayer there is given opportunity
for a special manifestation of our unity
in Christ. We profess to long after the
increasing realization of that unity, for
the increasing realization of that unity, for
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who would remove our hearts and lives whatever hinders true unity, whatever separates Christians and leads them to
stand apart in worship and in work?

—The Evangelical Churchman.

THE LANTERN EXPLODED.

A couple of young lads who were driving the delivery wagon of the Parisian Steam Laundry had a bad scare on Thursday night. One of them had descended from the driver's perch to deliver a parcel on Cardigan street, and his companion was handing him down the light. They missed connections someway, and the lantern fell on the ground. The oil spilled out and began to blaze furlously. The little fellow picked it up and tried to shake it out about the same way he would a match, but it wouldn't go out the same way. When it did go out it went off with a bang, the glass flew in all directions, and nothing was left but the tin frame and the burner, and two badly scared boys. Fortunately they were not burnt. THE LANTERN EXPLODED. PLEASANT "AT HOME.

TLEASANT "AT HOME."

A very pleasant "At Home" was hat the residence of. Mrs. Hugh Wall Maxwelton, on Wednesday. The low rooms, decorated with evergreens spink and white carnations, had a chain geffect. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dougl and Mrs. Smith, who are visiting the parents, received their numerous frie and gave each a warm welcome. Am the large number of guests were not some well-known faces: Mrs. (Rev.) B Mrs. Seath Robertson, Toronto; J Jones, Jarvis, and Miss McLean, Effert and the state of the season of the seaso

COLDER TOMORROW. LOCAL NEWS.

Chatfield's Jewelry Store.

rowd of people down street. The vas located in Chatfield's jewelry ower Wyndham street, and was quenched by the fire brigade, who quenched by the fire brigade, who were out in characteristic quick order. The fire started in the rear of the shop, apparently from a small wood stove, which is used for heating purposes. The fire never gained any headway, and the damage done is largely by water and smoke.

Mr. Chaffield was in the store till after 9 o'clock doing some work, and had a small fire in the stove, but when he left everything was sib right, so far as could be seen and smoke also did considerable damage in Schultz's clyar store. D. E. Macconald & Bac, had their store filled with smoke, but it is not thought a great deal of damage was done there. The loss on building and stock is fully covered by insurance.

SALVATION ARMY. The Salvation Army held a very interesting watchnight service Thursday evening, and last night they gave a musical jubilee. The programme was well rendered, and all those that were present enjoyed the meeting.

QUITE SATISFACTORY. Mayor Lamprey this morning stated hat the explanations given by Driver lewer to the magistrate and himself re-rarding the folder transaction were quite atisfactory. Mr. Hewer was simply pay-

Vote against cliques and rings by voting for JAS. HEWER.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Hughes took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, Cross street. The cortege was a very large one. Ser-vice was held at the Church of Our Lady, by Rev. Father Kenny, S.J. and at the grave by Rev. Father Kavanagh, S.J. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thos. Dulg-nan, J. A. Sulliyan, T. Jos. Sullivan, W. Bedford, John Sullivan and J. Mahoney. Friends and Edatives were present from

WILL NOT BE RELEASED. WILL NOT BE RELEASEL.

Some short time ago a petition was forwarded to the authorities at Ottawa asking for the release of Robt. Fields, known as "Curley" Fields. The Mayor received this morning a letter from Mr. Joseph Pope, Under Secretary of State, stating that he was directed to inform the Mayor that His Excellency the Governor General does not consider the case of Robert Fields, now confined in the Kingston Penitentiary, to be one for executive interference.

FAMILY REUNION.

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Rev. Mr. Ball, Mrs. Ball, Mr. and Mrs.
Peter Ball, and Mr. Geo. B. Ball, Torooto, and Mr. and Miss McTarish, of
Parkhill, were spending New Year's with
Mr. and Mrs. K. Maclean. It was a sor
of a family reunion. Mr. Ball assisted
in the service of Knox church Year's Day, and returned home this
morning. The other relatives returned
this afternoon. Mrs. Ball will remain
with her daughter until Monday. "ON DE OLE PLANTATION." "ON DE OLE PLANTATION."

Those desirous of witnessing a scene of Southern life should not fail to be present at the Royal Opera House on Tuesday evening next, and see a regular cottonfield scene, as well as songs, choruses, medleys, plantation, reel, lig and clog dancing, stump speeches, etc. The singting and music is especially fine, with Mr. Trendell in charge it could hardly be otherwise. Through the courtest of the Mikado management a rehearsal of the misstreis will be held tonight at the Opera House, the members of which appreciate the favor very much, as the Mikado Co. had it previously engaged. The box plan was opened today. The tickets are selling very well and prospects are bright for a full house.

FIREMEN'S BALL. On New Year's eve the žist annual ball and supper in connection with the Guelph fire department took place in the City. Hall. The ball was yery well attended. There were ži numbers on the programme. The music was turnished by the Opera House orchestra, and was excellently rendered, and those who tripped the "light fantastic" were highly pleased with it. The supper was held at the Western Hotel, and reflected great credit on Mr. and Mrs. Welsh. In all 213 people partook of the delicates prepared for the occasion. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, pictures, Japanese panels, etc. Everything passed off very pleasantly.

Mr. Alex. McQuarrie, Milton, an o Guelph fireman, is in the city on a visit At the Christmas tree and bazaar und the auspices of St. Patrick's Chure Galt, Mr. Harry Ellis, of this city, wa

THE ELECTI

FOUND BY A DOC.

in a demented condition and amost from exhaustion. Her feet, too, badly frozen.

Miss Damer was formerly a tra nurse in a New York hospital and tended Mrs. James H. Hill in her illness. She received \$5,000 by the following that the filling of the filling that t

the house of A. W. Newton, of this leaving a large amount of her bolong there, bought a draft for \$500 whiten mailed to her mother in Buffalo, and not been seen by her friends since was traced to a factory sould of city, where she was seen walking ward on Thursday, and on Monday worman answering her description seen walking along a road not far fit woods where sits was found. In ot known that she had had food for days.

Margaret Fuller Tragedy Still (Special to the Mercury.) Boston, Mass., Jan 2 .- The jury in the

Thorold, Jan. 1.—A Barnardo boy named Bert Davis, about eighteen years of age, who has been living for some time with Fred Grenville, a farmer about two miles out of town, shot Grenville in the neck with a revolver last evening. It appears that Grenville had just returned home, and the two were unattching the horses, when without and the two were unintiching the phorses, when, without provocation or words, when, without provocation or words, Davis Ired, the ball lodging in the back of Grenville's neck, which studied him for a while. On recovering, he saw Davis snapping the weapon at him again, but it failed to go off. It is supposed that Davis intended robbery as well as murder. Davis was arrested.