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Evening Mercury. MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9.

Local News. Buy your Christmas Cakes and Confections from John Harris.

CURLING.—A match was to be played this afternoon, between the bachelors and the married men of the Guelph Curling Club.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A frame house in the Township of Westminster was burned down on Saturday, and a sick woman named Leonard was burned to death. The body was charred to a cinder and recovered from the ruin after the fire.

THE PEEL BONUS.—The correct returns of the vote taken on the By-law in Peel for granting a bonus to the W. G. & B. Railway shows the following: Yeas 164, nays 132—majority of the grant, 32.

A FIRE IN HANOVER.—A fire broke out in the tannery of Messrs. Clark & Hollinger, of the village of Hanover, on Friday morning the 29th ult. and \$6,000 of property were destroyed. Insurance \$1,900.

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN ELORA.—This fair will be held on Wednesday next, the 11th inst. It is said that there is a large number of good cattle in the neighbourhood, and that an active business is expected to be done.

SUMMER HOTEL AT GODERICH.—It is proposed in Goderich, that the people of that town shall purchase from two to ten acres of ground, and present a deed of it free to any company who will use it as a site on which to erect a suitable summer hotel. The proposition will be submitted to certain gentlemen in Saginaw.

PRESENTATION.—On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. Geo. Morley, constable, &c., of New Hamburg, was presented with a handsome watch, valued at \$50, by his friends in North and South East-hope, in recognition of his valuable services to the inhabitants of the County of Perth, in the apprehension and bringing to justice of several notorious horse-thieves.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.—We would warn those not much accustomed to railroad travelling that when they get near a train they cannot be too careful. This morning a man and woman, who were evidently from the country and did not know much about locomotives or rail-ways, and who had each a child in their arms, walked leisurely across the track to the platform, a few yards merely in advance of the train that was drawing up at the station. A false step, or the slightest impediment to getting on the platform, and one or both of these stolid looking "greenies" would have been crushed to death. As it was, they barely got out of harm's way by the warning shouts and the assistance of some of those standing by.

HOLIDAY VS. FAIR-DAY.—It has perhaps not been thought of yet by most people who are even in the habit of thinking of such things that the first day of the year of grace, 1868, will be also the day of the regular monthly fair in Guelph. We call attention to the fact thus early that arrangements may be made, not for postponing New Year, which we believe has never yet been attempted, but for having the fair held so that it may not interfere with the holiday. Verbum sapientia &c. It is necessary to hold the fair, and it would be folly to think of making people work on New Year's day, therefore it is expedient that the fair should take place on the last day of December, for numerous reasons would be more fitting than the second day of January. The occasion of the fat cattle show will be a very fitting opportunity for the settlement of the difficulty, and we hope to hear of it having been at that time effected.

THE RACE OF ANAK.—The editor of the Perth English Standard has been regaling his readers with learned dissertations on frogs, toads, &c., in the pre-historic ages. "The following is his last:—'And these giants were sons of Anak in those days.' It is a general belief that the human race has fallen off materially, not only in size and strength, but also in longevity. We saw lately a statement by a clever French theologian, that according to modern computation Adam must have exceeded 119 feet of our measure, and Eve 108. Now, these are sizes that we cannot pretend to in our day, they accord with the pre-Adamite frogs found in the lower Silurian beds in Devonshire stone, the fossils of which are to be seen in the British Museum. They

Guelph Rifle Match. This tournament was concluded on Saturday. The "All Comers match" had been begun on Friday, and was of course resumed and finished first on Saturday. The conditions of the match were, that the competitors should be residents of the County of Wellington; any rifle; distance two hundred and four hundred yards, with an entrance fee of fifty cents. The prizes were as follow:—First, Mr. R. Cuthbert, silver watch, value \$25, second, Mr. C. Raymond, sewing machine, \$12, third, the Innkeepers' purse, \$10, fourth, Mr. E. Harvey, pair vases, \$5, fifth, Drovers' and Butchers' purse, \$5, sixth, Messrs. Priest & Hepburn, pair boots, \$5, seventh, Mr. James Macdonald, tea set, \$4, eighth, Mr. M. Shewan, Goldsmith's works, \$4, ninth, Mr. T. Holliday, half barrel beer, \$4, tenth, Mr. W. Sunley, box stove, \$4. There were 86 entries, and the following is the score made:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, 400 Total, 300 Total, Grand Total. Includes Tribe, Elora Rifles, Miller, Bryan, Fry, J. & C., Washburn, Elora, Armstrong, Jordan, Elora Rifles, O'Connor, Beattie, Fergus Rifles, Judge Macdonald, G. Skinner, Guelph Rifles.

There were a number of "ties" in the foregoing, but they are placed in the positions which they assumed after they had shot off. There was no eleventh prize, but it is only justice to Private O'Grady to show that it was in shooting to decide the tie that he lost the tenth prize.

The last was a "consolation match" open to parties who had not been winners in any of the previous matches; any rifle; distances, 200 and 400 yards, five rounds at each. The following are the prizes:—1st, Cash, \$5; 2nd, Mr. George Jeffrey, dry goods, \$4; 3rd, Mr. John L. Lewis, dry goods, \$4; 4th, Mr. J. Cormack, a hat, \$2.50; 5th, Messrs. G. & A. Hadden, mitts and comforters, \$2; 6th, Mr. Edward Carroll, fancy jug, \$1; 7th, G. Meredith, fancy jug, \$1.

In order to expedite the finale of the proceedings it was mutually resolved that all should abide by the result of the five rounds at the 300 yards range. The following is the score:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, 300 yds Total, Total. Includes Wishart, Erasmus Rifles, Martin, do, Nelson, civilian, Kennedy, Erasmus Rifles, Boiterville, civilian, Swales, Erasmus Rifles, Tapp, Guelph Rifles.

It is to be hoped that the next match under the patronage of the Guelph Rifle Association will be got up at a less in-clement season of the year, as the weather during the continuance of that which has just closed was the most unfavorable that could well be imagined.

Wellington County Council. Saturday, Dec. 7th. The Council met at nine o'clock a. m. Present, the Warden in the chair, and 24 members.

Mr Stephenson presented the report of the Committee, who submitted draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, to amend the Act for the protection of sheep. The memorial recommends that dogs and bitches be on the same footing, also that clauses from No. 8 to the end of the Act should be repealed, and that the following amendment should be substituted:—'That the Council of each municipality may, should they deem it proper, pass such by-laws for remunerating parties for the loss of sheep by dogs as to them may seem fit.'

The report was adopted. Mr Lealie presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of Blair & Guthrie's and Mr N. Higginbotham's accounts. They recommended that the memorial of F. Mayberry be referred to the County Treasurer to report thereon at the January session.

They recommended that the consideration of the petition of Building Committee of Drill Shed in Erin be held over until the January session. The report was adopted. Mr Peterson presented the report of the County Property Committee. They report that they procured a change of locks in such parts of the Gaol as they considered advisable. The windows have also been made properly secure by the introduction of additional bars between every existing bar in the same. Other necessary repairs have also been made, and the Committee hope that the additional means of security against escape thus provided, it will be impossible for any prisoner to effect his escape.

The front doors of the Court House have been changed to open outwards, in accordance with the law. The total cost of all these alterations and repairs on the Gaol and Court House amount to \$673.10.

The Committee recommended the payment of Mr Brownlow's account, amounting to \$16, for repairs on the Gaol dome and in the Gaol itself. Some of the members complained of the exorbitant charges made by some of the mechanics employed, but the report recommending the payment of the several accounts was passed without taking a vote.

The Warden read the report of the Auditors, showing the amount expended on the different gravel roads. The amount expended on the Elora and Saugeen Road during the year is \$5419.174; on the Mount Forest road \$6419.90; on Guelph and Dundas road \$1285.65; on the road from Guelph to Card's Corner, \$1687.32; on the Erin and Erasmus road \$1441.88; on the Hillsburg and Equesting road, \$820.71. Of the sum of \$400 to improve the road between the townships of Luther and Arthur, \$394.90 have been spent. Of the grant of \$400 to improve the road on the Anarath and Garafraxa line, \$190.10c. have been spent. The whole of the grant to erect a bridge over the Grand River at Fergus has been expended. The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr Jull, the Warden was requested to leave the chair, and Mr Burton to take the same.

Mr Jull then moved that the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Warden for the able manner in which he had presided over their deliberations, and for the courtesy he had displayed to every member during the year.

Mr Melvin said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion, and in endorsing every word which had fallen from Mr Jull's mouth. Nothing could have been more courteous than the way in which the Warden had presided over the Council. The different meetings during the year

emphatically "the right man in the right place." The motion was carried by acclamation. The Warden thanked the Council for the vote they had just passed, and for the kindly sentiments the motion conveyed. He had to thank every member for the kindness they had invariably shown him, and for the valuable assistance they had always rendered to him in the discharge of his duties. This had made the work both easy and pleasant, and this coupled with the good feeling which had prevailed would ever give him cause to look back with pleasure to the period when he occupied the position of Warden. The Council then adjourned.

The Fenian Executions. Late English papers contain a full account of the Execution of the Fenians in Manchester. After describing the condition of the city, which appeared as if in a state of siege, the mental condition of the prisoners, and their previous pre-occupation with their spiritual guide the account proceeds:—At ten o'clock the crowd presented the appearance of a huge excited throng. Many persons were heated with liquor, some with passion. Irishmen, and still more Irish women, were becoming still more conspicuous in the swaying mass. Seditious and violent language was heard. Throats were bawled about. Undoubted Fenians were banded about, wearing about, pale and resolute-looking. Happily no violence was attempted. The troops took up their positions on the railway at half-past nine o'clock. The police cleared the barricaded streets at eight o'clock, and only those who had passed from the authorities were allowed to go in front of the prison.

The removal of the crowd was effected very speedily, and with comparatively little disorder. Detectives mixed with the crowd, and apprehended several persons who were detected in picking pockets in front of the scaffold. The special constables mustered at the Salford Town Hall at ten o'clock, and marched through New Bailey street. The space in front of the Salford Town Hall was densely crowded, and the uproar was excessive until midnight. The night was cold, and at midnight the crowd began to disperse. A score or two of persons had now taken up their positions to wait till morning. As the small hours wore wearily on they watched. A platform was erected inside the wall of the gaol yard for the soldiers to mount upon and fire upon the mob, if any rescue was attempted. All the firemen in the city were on duty, and ready to turn out at a moment's notice. All the banks and public buildings in the city were strongly fortified.

The night wore on tediously enough to those who watched and waited outside the prison walls. Inside the condemned were engaged in bidding a last farewell to their relations, and in listening to and praying with their spiritual advisers. Father Gadd, who spent the whole of the last twenty-four hours with them, stated that the men had become resigned to their fate, and were preparing themselves to meet it in a becoming manner. Larkin's mother, wife and children visited him in the evening. The mother was much excited, and declared that the rope was not spun which could hang her son. Two of Larkin's sisters-in-law came from Dublin to see him, but the prisoner declined to see them. The Marchioness of Queensberry sent a letter containing £100 for the family of Larkin.

At length it is daylight: the crowd anticipated the dawn; open spaces are filling on every side. It is very misty, but a dense fog overshadows the scene, and every window and place of vantage is crowded with spectators, and 30,000 persons at least are within sight of the scaffold. The scaffold is covered with black cloth so that only the head and shoulders of those who stand upon it can be seen. Close to the scaffold were two large platforms, upon each of which, with their Sanders at the "ready," stood a score of Salford Highlanders, immovable as statues ready to pour a volley into any band of desperadoes who might attempt to stay the proceedings. Three companies of the 72nd Highlanders were formed in line at the foot of the steps.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. Wm. Hogan, supposed to be one who furnished the arms to Fenians, who rescued Kelly and Deacy, was arrested yesterday in Birmingham.

Florence, December 7.—The Italian government have granted universal amnesty to the adherents of Garibaldi.

London, December 7.—The present state of political affairs in Italy creates anxiety and distrust in monetary circles here. The Globe says the present latitude of France renders the Conference on the Roman question impossible.

London December 6.—The Times in an editorial on the correspondence in the Alabama controversy says:—Lord Stanley is right in refusing to permit foreign policy of England to be reviewed by any foreign power whatever. On the other hand England will gladly meet the United States half way, as she is thoroughly tired of discussion.

Florence, December 6.—The session of the Italian Parliament was opened yesterday. Prime Minister Menabrea, in a speech on the occasion justified the action of the Government in arresting Garibaldi and suppressing his illegal attempt at invasion but declared that it was as inconsistent for the temporal power to exist at Rome as it would be for a foreign power to hold possession of the city of Paris.

Paris, December 6.—The Press, of this city, says this morning that the Conference on the Roman question proposed by France, said he could not see that any good would result from the meeting of the representatives of the European powers in a general conference, without a previous agreement as to the basis upon which their deliberations should be conducted. At a late hour both Houses adjourned to meet again on the 13th Feb., 1868.

Paris, Dec. 8th.—Fears are entertained here of a ministerial crisis, in consequence of the last speech of M. Rouher on the Roman question.

Florence, Dec. 8th.—It is reported that Garibaldi has again disappeared from the Island of Caprea, and it is feared another attempt against Rome will be made by the party of action. The speech of the French minister, M. Rouher, in which he said that Italy should not take forcible possession of Rome, gave rise to an angry debate in the Italian Chamber of Deputies yesterday. Prime Minister Menabrea informed the House that he had asked the French Government for explanations, of the speech, and expected to receive a reply from Paris by Monday. He adds that Italy could only gain possession of Rome with the concurrence of France and the European powers, that it would be impossible to achieve that object by force. At the end of the debate, a vote was taken, and the government was sustained by a majority.

American Despatches. Chicago, Dec. 7th.—Flour quiet, good choice spring \$9.15 at \$9.50; wheat firm and advanced 2 to 3c; No. 1 sold at \$2.85 and No. 2 at \$2.75; corn dull at 84c for No. 1; oats quiet at 55c; rye firm and advanced 3c; barley unsettled; pork dull at \$21.50.

Schenectady, N.Y., Dec. 7.—On the nine mile level, west of and adjoining the 16 locks, considerable progress has been made in passing boats from the level above. It is reported that 75 boats will be moving preparatory to entering the 16 locks during the night. The water on the level is up to the standard height, and everything is being done by the Canal authorities that is possible to facilitate navigation. An ice-breaker was started west this morning, but has not returned, so we have no report of operations. The boats at Schenectady have not moved during the day, from the fact that it was not practicable to start them until an outlet was made in the lower end of the section. Things look precarious, as it is now snowing, and the barometer indicates 30°.

New York, Dec. 8.—A large meeting of Irishmen was held in the Faneuil Hall, Boston, last evening, to express indignation at the course of the British Government in executing the Manchester Fenians. Addresses were delivered by ex-Mayor, Wightman, John Savage, and others, and a letter of hearty approval was read from George Francis Train. Resolutions were adopted, demanding that the government insist on the release of all naturalized American citizens in England, and demand reparation for injuries sustained by such citizens. A similar mass meeting was also held in St. Louis.

Schenectady, Dec. 8.—Boats were passing through Lock 19, eleven miles east of this city, this morning, and were being locked through the 16 locks at rate of 4 an hour. Prospect of boats reaching the tide water is very doubtful.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.—The resolution for the impeachment of President Johnson came up in the House on Saturday, and was discussed by 108 to 67.