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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Innes is in Detroit to-day.
Robert Gray is in Detroit to-day.
Judge Woods is in Thamesville to-day.

The Daughters of Rebekah meet to-night.

"Caste" at the Grand on Saturday night.

A moon feast will be held next Tuesday evening.

J. A. Elliott, of Ridgetown, was in the city Tuesday.

L. Ruth, of Ridgetown, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

J. V. Gardiner, of Ridgetown, was in the city Tuesday.

Robert Campbell, of Ridgetown, visited Chatham friends yesterday.

F. W. Knight, of Blenheim, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

The Rebekahs will hold an At Home in the Auditorium next Tuesday evening.

Geo. Holman and Harry Stinson, of Dresden, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Now, new City Dads, get together and make a bluff, if nothing else, at a snow by-law—Growler.

Miss Kate Delany, of Windsor, who has been visiting friends in Corunna, was in the city yesterday on her way home.

"I wonder if Fair Play will now tell us why Georgie left the Council?" asked Wm. H. Carswell of The Planet this morning.

Mr. Gilpin, representing the Temple & Patterson Company, of Toronto, and well known here, is spending the day in the city.

The 24th Regiment Band held a good practice last night. The Regiment will parade to Christ Church Sunday morning next.

The reserved seat plan for "Caste," which appears at the Grand Saturday night, opened at the Central Drug Store this morning.

The installation of officers in St. Joseph's Court, C. O. F., will be held Thursday evening, January 22. The work will be conducted by J. P. Dunn, D. H. G. R.

The C. P. R. train which brings the Toronto papers to the city was about five hours late yesterday and consequently the delivery of the papers was very much delayed.

The Independent Forerunners of Fletcher gave a dance in Murphy's Hall last evening. There were about 100 couples present and a most enjoyable time was spent. There were several present from Chatham, Tilbury and Merlin. Latham's orchestra furnished the music for the dancers.

A rare opportunity will be afforded next Sunday of learning from a well informed Japanese concerning his country. Rev. J. Hirawa, delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, will speak in the Park St. Methodist Church both morning and evening. It will be missionary day.

Jane Huff, relict of the late Daniel Huff, of Dresden, passed away in the General Hospital last evening. Deceased has been confined in the hospital for some time, and it was thought that she was improving. Death was caused from apoplexy and paralysis. She was 63 years of age. Neil, Peter and John McGeechy are brothers. Miss Kate McGeechy is a sister. The remains were taken this afternoon to Dresden for interment.

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J. B. Rankin, K. C., is in Thamesville to-day.
J. B. Rankin, K. C., was in Valetta yesterday.

Bruce Reddick is suffering from a badly sprained ankle.
Harold Rankin attended Division Court in Dresden on Tuesday.

Detective Williams, of the Wabash Ry., was in the city yesterday.

Chas. Crozier, of the T. B. Escott Co., London, is in the city to-day.

Dr. A. W. Thornton and A. I. McCall are spending the day in Dresden.

J. B. Rankin was in Thamesville to-day attending Division Court re Hawkins vs. Delane.

Chas. Blackburn, who has been the guest of his cousin, Miss Edna Smith, has returned to Windsor.

Mrs. A. T. Trost, who has been visiting Mrs. And. Heyward, Queen street, returned to Chicago to-day.

Chief Engineer Owen McKay and Roadmaster Harry Morris, of the Lake Erie Ry., were in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wake, Queen St., have returned from attending the funeral of Mr. Wake's father at Owen Sound.

Sheriff Gemmill and Justices Kerr, of Dover, and McMullen, of Huron, chose the jurors for the spring assizes.

The capes for the 24th Kent Regiment are expected to arrive on Saturday in time for Sunday's church parade.

Miss Broad, of Centre street, and Miss Seelye, of New York have been visiting a row days in the country the guests of Mrs. Henry Remington and the Misses Tucks.

Lost, this afternoon, between Grand Trunk station and King street, a bear robe. Finder will please return to J. B. Stringer. A liberal reward will be paid for its return.

Mrs. Thos. H. Coltop, of Detroit, formerly of this city, who has been in the St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, is forced to return again with another large abscess of the foot.

R. H. Ross has returned from London, where he spent the Christmas holidays. While away he played with St. John's Athletic Club hockey team, against the Ingersoll team. The aggregation with whom Mr. Ross played was successful by the score of 6 to 5.

TORONTO'S MAYOR.

Thomas Urquhart, the newly elected Mayor of Toronto, is a former fellow student and a very intimate acquaintance of John A. Walker, barrister, of this city. Mr. Walker was teaching the Public school at Walsworth in the year 1876. Mr. Urquhart was a merchant at Walsworth and his brother was a pupil of Mr. Walker's. Mr. Walker and Thomas Urquhart, who was also clerk of the municipality of Dunwich, were members of a class of young men who made a habit of meeting and studying together in the evenings. In speaking of Mr. Urquhart this afternoon Mr. Walker said:

"Mr. Urquhart is a man of about 45 years of age, and a lawyer in Toronto. I was very much pleased when I learned that he was elected mayor, for he is a very capable man and worthy of the position. He is naturally a student and an excellent example of a self-made man."

Mr. Urquhart and his sister summered at Erie Beach a few seasons ago.

TILBURY EAST.

Reeve—

No. 1—Campbell 62, Fletcher 40.
No. 2—Campbell 77, Fletcher 31.
No. 3—Campbell 44, Fletcher 35.
No. 4—Campbell 76, Fletcher 30.
No. 5—Campbell 62, Fletcher 69.
No. 6—Campbell 39, Fletcher 20.
No. 7—Campbell 26, Fletcher 14.
No. 8—Campbell 56, Fletcher 8.
Total—Campbell 442, Fletcher 247.

Councillors—

No. 1—Clark 81, Cooper 44, Richards 45, McGregor 44, Graham 55, Doyle 44, Hope 27, Chalmers 34.
No. 2—Clark 80, Cooper 34, Richards 50, McGregor 76, Graham 37, Doyle 18, Hope 17, Chalmers 27.
No. 3—Clark 38, Cooper 67, Richards 14, McGregor 32, Graham 24, Doyle 9, Hope 30, Chalmers 12.
No. 4—Clark 12, Cooper 51, Richards 18, McGregor 25, Graham 24, Doyle 84, Hope 60, Chalmers 19.
No. 5—Clark 47, Cooper 31, Richards 107, McGregor 31, Graham 50, Doyle 9, Hope 25, Chalmers 27.
No. 6—Clark 30, Cooper 36, Richards 18, McGregor 24, Graham 10, Doyle 4, Hope 5, Chalmers 10.
No. 7—Clark 4, Cooper 15, Richards 3, McGregor 3, Graham 11, Doyle 19, Hope 20, Chalmers 1.
No. 8—Clark 30, Cooper 39, Richards 26, McGregor 16, Graham 23, Doyle 29, Hope 24, Chalmers 17.

Totals—Clark 322, elected; Cooper 317, elected; Richards 281, elected; McGregor 251, elected; Graham 239, Doyle 216, Hope 214, Chalmers 147.

THE WATSON BURGLARY.

Alfred Hanley and Edward Ray Acquitted.

Brantford, Jan. 8.—Alfred Hanley and Edward Ray, the two Ancaster men charged with robbing the Watson brothers, were acquitted by Mr. Leitch, J.P., yesterday, and the judgment was received with applause by scores of spectators who crowded the court room.

The Crown authorities threw up the case after several witnesses had been called by the defence to establish an alibi. It was proven that the defendants were not near Middleport on the day when the robbery is said to have taken place; nor were they near there on the preceding day. An adjournment was suggested in order that other witnesses might be called for the Crown, but Crown Attorney Wilkes stated that he was convinced that the wrong men had been apprehended. There was no doubt in his mind that the Watson brothers, who were so positive in their identification, believed that they were right, but there was also no doubt that they were mistaken.

Samuel Watson, the man who now awaits trial on a charge of manslaughter, was the chief witness for the Crown in the afternoon, and his story was substantially the same as that told by his brother James in the morning.

The Crown is pretty sure now that it knows who the robbers were, and if it had not been for the fact that the two material witnesses, the Watsons, have committed themselves to the belief that Ray and Hanley did it a conviction of the guilty parties might be easily secured. In the face, however, of the evidence that has already been submitted, it will be very difficult to secure the conviction of the guilty parties.

FOSTER FOR NORTH ONTARIO.

Conservative Ex-Finance Minister Nominated.

Beaverton, Jan. 8.—The Conservative of North Ontario met here yesterday in convention and mass meeting to nominate a candidate for the Commons. Dr. Donald Gillespie, Cannington, President of the Conservative Association, presided. The convention was called at 1 o'clock, and after nearly three hours' discussion a ballot was taken, and Hon. Geo. E. Foster was declared the choice of the convention. A telegram was sent to him shortly after 4 o'clock, and he replied, accepting the nomination, and started on the 5 o'clock train for Cannington, where he will address a meeting. Some sixteen names were placed in nomination, but only six other than that of the candidate finally selected were seriously entertained. They were Dr. Gillespie, Chairman, and Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who was tendered the nomination, but declined it for private reasons; Mr. Hugh Wilson, Cannington; Mr. O. M. Arnold, Bracebridge; Mr. T. E. Godson, Bracebridge; Mr. Thos. Cooper, postmaster at Cooper's Falls, and Mr. Jesse Cook.

COAL SITUATION NO BRIGHTER.

Dealers Blame Railways and Miners—City Selling Again.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The fuel situation in this city does not appear to be easing, looked at through the spectacles of the coal dealers, and their telescope reveals no relief this season. Mr. Elias Rogers stated yesterday that it was a continual fight, first to get hard coal and second to get it forwarded from Buffalo. He was keeping a man there to get his cars forwarded. Another reason for the present stringency was that the miners had not yet resumed work after the Christmas festivals. He stated also that the American retail dealers were bringing influence to bear on the operators to prevent coal coming to Toronto on the ground that the Canadian city was getting more than its share.

The railways, on the other hand, say they are handling the coal as expeditiously as possible, but the Christmas passenger traffic has been so heavy that the locomotive power of the companies has been required for this purpose.

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Walter Herbert's Case.

London, Ont., Jan. 7.—The prisoner, Walter Herbert, who is so widely known for having confessed his guilt as an accomplice in the alleged Sifton murder, is to appear before Chief Justice Sir William Meredith at the Assizes, which commence on Monday next. The prisoner does not stand for trial, since his confession stands as a verdict against himself. He is simply awaiting the passing of judgment. Five jury did one non-jury actions have been entered.

GLENWOOD.

Miss Violet Oberster spent a few days last week with friends in Renwick.

W. O. Estabrook was in the city on Saturday.

Miss Alice Estabrook returned on Monday to resume her school duties.

P. J. McGee was a city visitor on Saturday.

Miss Lulu Palmer, our new teacher, re-opened the school on Monday.

At the school meeting on the 31st of Dec. W. O. Estabrook was re-elected trustee for a three year term.

Mr. A. Boughner, of Detroit, who has been visiting his brother Charles, of this village, returned to his home in Detroit on Tuesday.

The municipal elections are again over and we will not observe groups of talking, gesticulating canvassers and their auditors until next year.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

CIVIC SLATES.

Considerable Speculation as to how the Chairmanships will be Allotted—Present Draft

"Well, can you name the new civic chairmanships?" is the question bandied about in municipal chat on the streets to-day. A score of combinations are mentioned, but the majority of slates are shattered because of one or the other more or less valid objections.

On Tuesday The Planet published the initial slate, compiled by street speculation, and its contemporary copied the same in its yesterday's issue.

But since that time some important changes are scheduled and whispered. There are said to be wheels within wheels and there may be some startling amendments and doings at the caucus of the new Council on Saturday evening.

For chairman of Finance Ald. Marshall and Taylor are both mentioned and are both said to have a strong following, although there is said to be a dark horse in the running.

Ald. McCong is now slated for the Board of Works. This is, perhaps, the most audacious committee and it is customary to award it to the alderman at the head of the polls.

Mayor McKeough held the honors last January and, although the difficulties confronting the chairman at that time were exceptional, did not shirk the responsibilities. In addition, those who favor Ald. McCong's claims point out that he has always been one of the most energetic and persistent critics of this department and should be afforded an opportunity to show the citizens how it should be conducted.

For the Property committee the names of Ald. Scullard and Piggott are both mentioned and either would make an excellent chairman.

The Industrial committee will likely fall to the lot of Ald. Mounteer or Ald. Robinson, and in the hands of either of these gentlemen the city's interests and progress would be safe.

The Parks and Cemetery committee, as previously stated in The Planet, will likely fall to the lot of Ald. Edmondson, who promises to be one of the most zealous of the new aldermen.

Gradually the council-elect is preparing for its inaugural next Monday. Mayor McKeough took the oath of office yesterday in order to be in a position to represent the Council at the inaugural meeting of the new Board of Water Commissioners to-night, while Ald. G. G. Martin and Ald. Thos. Scullard have also made the necessary declaration.

TAKE NOTICE.

We publish simple, straight testimonials, not press agent's interviews, from well known people.

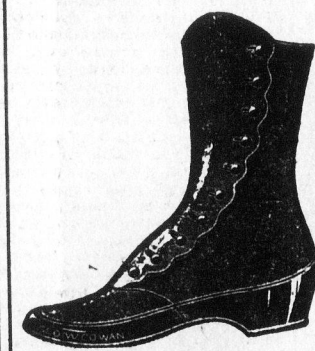
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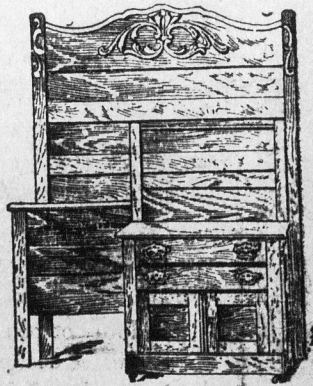
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