The Evening Mercury

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The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancies in the Legislature for North Norfolk, South Norfolk, North Perth and East Durham has been fixed for Friday, January 16th, and the elections for Friday, January 23rd.

In carrying out the decision recently come to by the American Government, Secretary Rusk has written to the Collector of Customs at Burlington, instructing him that animals for his district from Canada can be imported only at St. Albans, Vt., and they must be passed by the veterinary inspector before being allowed to proceed inland.

The circular issued by Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk railway, announcing the retirement of Sir Joseph Hickson as General Manager, bears high testimony to his long and efficient services. Sir Joseph's circular taking leave of his staff is also published. In this he speaks of the valuable co-operation of all the officers on the road, and states that he shall continue to take an earnest interest in its welfare.

Among the prominent Canadians who have died during the year are:—Lieut.-Governor McLelan, of Nova Scotia; Senators John Macdonald and Thomas Archibald; Hon. Wm. Cayley; Hon. P J. O. Chauveau, ex-Premier of Quebec; Messrs. Hudspeth, Perley, Ghisholm, De St. Georges, and Desaint, members of Parliament; J. B. Freeman, M. P. P.; John Page, Chief Engineer of Canals; Andrew Robertson, Montreal, etc.

A rumor comes from Ottawa, that in order to get Sir Hector Langevin out of the way, he will be appointed Lieut. Governor of Quebec, and the present Governor will be put on the bench. It is said that the Government are anxious that both Sir Hector and Mr. McGreevy should be out of Parliament before the Opposition have an opportunity of ventilating the McGreevy scandals and boodling transactions which have lately been brought to light by Mr Tarte.

The Herald, in a very vapory article, replies to that published in the Mercury on the Mayoralty contest. But as it does not touch on a single objection we made to the fitness of Mr Howard's opponent for the office any further allusion by us to this point is unnecessary. These objections stand unchallenged and unanswered, and having stated them plainly, but without prejudice or ill-feeling, we are content to leave the decision with the ratepayers. We must, however, repel the insinuation that we are influenced by any political animus, or are seeking to run the contest on political lines. Happily for the past few years very little of the political element has been introduced into our municipal contests, and we have no desire that the present one should be an exception to this. What we have written in regard to the subject was solely in the interests of the city and for its good government and good name. Nor have we been actuated by personal feeling or spleen, as is alleged by the Herald. It is easy bringing forward such a charge when argument fails. But this will not deter us from what we consider a faithful discharge of our duty, even though it may offend the over sensitive nerves of our contemporary, which seizes hold of it as a convenient excuse for taking up a side issue and thus evading the main question.

*In inserting letters from correspondents it must be understood that in no case will we hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by them.—*Ed. Mercury

Letter From Mr. Chadwick.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

Dear Sir,—If Mr John Smith were honestly desirous of making reforms in the mode of assessing generally there are doubtless many ways in which he might make himself useful, but he will never effect anything by his present way of abuse, insinuation and falsehood.

I have more than once exposed the malicious untruths invented by Mr Smith, and I ask your permission to have as public an exposure of those tactics as you have already given by reporting some of Mr Smith's remarks at the nominations in Saint George's ward.

Mr Smith is by you reported as having stated that the total personalty of the present Council is only $4,900, and insinuating that the aldermen are let down easy. The assessment of personalty of the Council for 1890 is $8,500 instead of $4,900. The personal assessment of the same gentlemen for 1891 is $13 600, (they are really assessed for more, but in making the calculation I have taken off a proportion in cases where the alderman has a partner).

Mr Smith also stated that Mr C Kloepfer's place of business had been reduced $1,000. I had heard that this piece of intelligence had been circulated before, but I never could bring it home to the accuser till now. I say in the most emphatic manner that that statement is a deliberate falsehood, and that Mr Kloepfer's block (on Wyndham street) has not been reduced a dollar. With regard to Mr Kloepfer I would further say that he is now assessed for $12,000 for a property which he bought two years ago for $8,000, and he makes no complaint. I am informed that Mr Kloepfer turned the tables on Mr Smith at that meeting, as also did Mr Dowler, who was assailed as being assessed low on personal property. Mr Dowler showed that as an enterprising citizen who came to stay, he had purchased his residence and also his store, upon which he had spent quite an amount in improvements, which accounted for his not having as much in his business as he otherwise might. As to the base insinuation that the aldermen are all assessed low because [illegible] aldermen. I have simply to say [illegible] I took office every member [illegible] occupied a seat in the council [illegible] elected, with the exception [illegible] now before the [illegible] as aldermen [illegible] of the m[illegible]

[illegible] quietly stored soulless crank whose object it must be patent to everybody is not the improvement of assessment matters so much as an attempt to injure

Young Grey,

Fred J Chadwick.

Guelph, January 1, 1891.

Explosion at Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 1.—There was an explosion at the gas works in this city last evening. The force of the explosion tore out one side of the building and set fire to the structure. Mr Gaugster, Mr Dunsmoor and a boy were in the building at the time. The two latter were lifted off their feet, the lad being carried through a window into the street and Mr Saugster in another direction, but both landing with nothing further than a few scratches. Mr Dunsmoor, however, was carried down simultaneously with the brick wall and buried underneath the bricks. As soon as assistance could reach the spot, efforts were made to extricate him, but before he was reached the gas had so affected him that he died shortly afterwards. He leaves a wife and two children. The cause of the explosion is yet unknown. Strange to say, only one end of the building was thrown down, but the interior, with the machinery, is badly damaged.

The Trouble with the Indians.

Omaha, Jan 1.—A special to the Bee from Bushville, Neb, says: A blinding snowstorm, which is fast assuming the proportions of a blizzard, began falling here and at the agency at nine o'clock this morning. Up to eleven o'clock this morning everything is reported to be quiet. That further fighting will occur there seems no doubt. If the Indians should make an onslaught during the storm they would undoubtedly have a great advantage. The danger is that they will now break away to strongholds in the Bad Lands, and will be reinforced by Rosebud, Standing Rock and other Indians. Eight more dead soldiers were brought into the agency last night, being part of yesterday's fatalities. The losses to the Indians are known to have been great, but the number has not yet been definitely ascertained. The two strangers murdered within two miles of the agency yesterday are now believed to be teamsters from Rushville. Indian signal lights were plainly visible last night in the rough country twenty miles north.

THE LOSSES IN THE LATE FIGHT.

A correspondent at Pine Ridge gives some particulars of Monday's fight at Wounded Knee Creek: One hundred and sixteen warriors and forty squaws lay stiffening in death. As for the squaws they were not killed with particular intent notwithstanding that they had been running around with scalping knives trying to stab the soldiers. They were killed principally by reason of being mixed with squads of bucks that made dashes to gain the ravine, and were mowed down by the battery. It was a ghastly and bloody field, whose horror was added to by the groans of 33 wounded and dying soldiers.

While the fight was hottest there mingled with the roar of musketry the careless, joyous laughter of half a dozen little Indian children who were not more than five or six yards from the scene of the savage conflict, and were paying no more attention to it than if it were so much conversation. As a most striking illustration of how deeply rooted and founded is the ghost dance faith, even the children of these fanatic Indians have become like them. One of them, a little thing who could just talk plainly, ran up to one of our interpreters just after the firing ceased and shaking a toy tomahawk at him, exclaimed:—

"The soldiers wouldn't have killed my father (one of the braves) if they hadn't been close enough to touch him with their guns, because he had a ghost shirt on, and a white man cannot kill one of us when we have a ghost shirt on, unless they can touch us with their guns."

More Indians were killed in Monday's battle than in any one Indian fight for the past 25 years. At the beginning of the battle the opponents were not over 30 feet apart, and fired for some time at this short range before the Indians gradually retreated. Both sides fought with the greatest bravery and determination throughout, but the Indians were outnumbered four to one. Big Foot fell pierced by at least twenty bullets. His squaw rushing to his assistance, received a similar fate, falling in death across her husband's body. No quarter was given by either troops or Indians, and but two Indian prisoners were captured, they both being severely wounded during the battle.

The Methodist Magazine for January.—The Magazine begins its 33rd volume with a capital number. It is considerably enlarged, and is more copiously illustrated than ever. The romantic region of the Black Forest is fully described with pen and pencil in two articles, one by the Editor and the other by Mr Algernon Blackwood. Lord Brassey gives an account of the return voyage of the Sunbeam after the lamented death of Lady Brassey in the Southern seas. The Rev Mr Bond in his charming "Vagabond Vignettes" gives an account of the journey from Baalbec over the two Lebanons to Beyrout and Sidon. Rev M B Knight begins what promises to be an important series on the Canadian poets, with a monograph on Arthur John Lockhart. An able paper by the Rev W Arthur, M A, is that called The Mission of Methodism in Purifying and Elevating Society. A new department of Popular Science is introduced with two papers—one on The Wonders of a Celestial Journey, and the other The Former Level of the Upper Lakes, with an engraving. A thrilling Irish story of the Siege of Derry, by James E Ellis, is given; also another capital story of Christian Endeavor. Mr Shannon gives a graphic sketch of the Tombs Prison, New York. The notes on recent topics, current books and religious intelligence are as full as usual.

Municipal Nominations.

Nassagaweya.—James Menzies, Reeve; D Hutcheon, Dep. Councillors—John Marshall, Thos Moore and James Mahon. All re-elected by acclamation.

Peel Township.—The Council for this township were elected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve, John McGowan; 1st Deputy, Robt Rudd; 2nd Deputy, C W Hammond. Councillors—A Booth and W Molloy.

Grand Trunk Railway.

GOING EAST.

Express	6:55 a.m
Accom	8:50 a.m
Passenger (mail)	10:35a.m.
Through Express	5:37p m
Mixed	9:39 pm

GOING WEST.

Express	1:38 a.m
Mail	10:30 a.m
Pacific Express	5:59 p.m
Accom	6:35 p.m
Mixed	arrives 6:15 p.m

Train from Toronto arriving at 5.15 pm., is now an express train making the run from Toronto to Guelph in 1 hour 50 minutes, making all stops.

Great Western Division.

GOING SOUTH.

Mixed	6:00 a.m
Express	[illegible]
Accom	[illegible]
Accom	[illegible]

The Home Rulers.

O'BRIEN TO BE LEADER.

Dublin, Jan 1.—It is understood that Wm O'Brien has cabled John Dillon, now in New York, that Parnell consents to retire if O'Brien is made leader of the Irish party. It is further understood that the Boulogne conference adjourned in order to await a reply from Dillon. It is also reported that Dillon is consulting with several prominent friends of Ireland in the United States previous to answering.

London, Jan 1.—The statement is that if the latter would take the leadership in a spirit friendly to Mr Parnell the Government would be "aggaved" so that Mr O'Brien would not be forced to serve his term of imprisonment, but would be free to return to England or Ireland, and Mr Parnell would retire from the nominal leadership until the general elections, when with Mr O'Brien's aid he should sweep the country and ride into power again in a position of absolute independence and situated so as to hold the balance of power in Parliament with the Irish party, and force from either the Tories or the Liberals a few home rule programmes. The fact that Mr Parnell feels able to promise immunity for Mr O'Brien from Conservative molestation gives color to the theory that whenever he finds himself in a position of authority with reference to his own party again he will make an alliance with the conservatives and wreak his revenge upon the Liberals for their attempt to ruin his political prospects. Well informed Irish members declare, however, that should Mr O'Brien consent to this sham retirement of Mr Parnell, which they do not believe will be the case, the rest of the programme outlined above will not be carried through without a bitter struggle. The famous scenes of the controversy in "Room 15" preceding the split would be re-enacted, with probably as deplorable results. They say, in fact, that the party can never be reunited on any such basis, and that to attempt it would simply be to destroy the possibility of the Irish members holding the balance of power in Parliament. Mr Healy and a numbers of others could never be reconciled to the plan, and they would be powerful enough to defeat it utterly.

IGNORED BY THE BISHOPS.

Cork, Jan. 1.—The feud between the Irish bishops and the Parnellites, which has been smouldering since the election in North Kilkenny, again burst forth fiercely today, and the most bitter feeling prevails on both sides. Mayor Morgan, an earnest supporter of Mr Parnell, was installed at the Town Hall as mayor of Cork today amid a scene of intense enthusiasm on the part of the Parnellites. The anti Parnellites were "conspicuous by their absence." The Parnellites were out in strong force owing to a rumor that there was trouble brewing for the Parnellite mayor. This trouble manifested itself when arrangements were being made for the customary installation ceremony at the Catholic Cathedral. The Parnellites were informed that the installation ceremonies at the cathedral must be abandoned, as Bishop Callahan refused to receive the Parnellite mayor This information caused extreme indignation among the Parnellites, who are now convinced that a long and desperate struggle for supremacy between themselves and the priests may be looked forward to throughout Ireland, if Parnell remains at the head of the party.

DUBLIN'S LORD MAYOR.

Dublin, Jan. 1.—Lord Mayor Mead was installed here today amid considerable excitement. Messrs Sexton and Healey were roundly abused by the crowds present, but mention of Parnell's name was cheered to the echo.

UNITED IRELAND HOPEFUL.

Dublin, Jan 1.—United Ireland says the adjournment of the Parnell-O'Brien conference encourages hope that there will be a satisfactory solution of the existing difficulties.

PARNELL'S EYE ALL RIGHT.

London, Jan. 1.—Mr Parnell arrived here from Paris yesterday. He said he was quite himself again. His eye was well, and he was in better health than he had been for a long time. He intended to spend about ten days quietly at Avondale, and would then resume his campaign in Ireland. He would commence by delivering addresses in Limerick and Waterford.

Relief Work in Ireland.

Dublin, Dec 31,—There are now ten lines of railway in the course of construction in the counties of Mayo, Galway, Donegal, Kerry, Clare and Cork, all of which are being practically built at the expense of the Government, while in Galway, Donegal and Mayo relief works of a lighter description have been begun, on which several thousands of the poorest classes are employed.

Children Burned at a Fete.

Leeds, Jan 1.—While a school fete was in progress at Wortley near there today, a string of Chinese lanterns fell upon the heads of a bevy of girls. The dresses of several girls ignited and wild excitement ensued. Other pupils rushed to the rescue and beat out the flames with their hands, but suffered severely themselves. Fifteen girls were more or less burned and it is feared some of them will die.

Food for London Poor.

London, Dec 31.—Gen Booth, leader of the Salvation Army, wires to the newspapers that, pending the prevailing severe weather, which is causing the deepest distress among the poor of the east end, he proposes to distribute food gratis and at the usual price, according to circumstances, through the Salvation Army depots, and has already distributed 10,000 tickets for that purpose.

Hard Weather in Europe.

Berlin, Jan 1.—The weather here is remarkably severe. The frost is unprecedented, and is distressing alike to man and beast. The cold is so intense that the wooden pavement of the city is cracked in every direction and is destroyed for scores of miles. The railways are also impeded from the same cause, and the intense frost is cracking the rails.

Trieste, Jan 1.—The hurricane continues. Steamers are unable to leave port. It is feared that many disasters to shipping have occurred. The Balaton Lake is frozen over and vehicles are crossing on the ice. Many persons in this vicinity have been frozen to death.

London, Jan 1.—The weather has moderated here. A thaw has set in.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Photograph Albums, Scrap Books, Leather Writing Portfolios, Pocket Books, Wallets, [illegible] Blocks, Plush Cases, Day's big [illegible] prices win every time.

[illegible] Canada in Dolls, Toys, [illegible] Booklets, Writing [illegible] Books, Albums, [illegible] cash and sold [illegible] store.

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OFF FOR EUROPE.

OUR BUYER

Mr. George Jeffrey,

Leaves Guelph on Thursday, Jan. 1st, and sails from New York by the Umbria on the 3rd for the European Markets, to make extensive purchases for the Spring Trade.

Special Sale of Mantles on Just Now.

G. B. RYAN & Co.

News Item

The first supply of Koch's lymph was brought to Toronto on Wednesday. Arrangements are being made for its use in appropriate cases in the hospitals.

The Dominion Inland Revenue Department is considering the advisability of establishing a standard for milk, as well the introduction of legislation to prevent fraud in the manufacture of paints, linseed oil, etc.

The well known banking house of Bateman & Co., of New York and Washington, has made an assignment. This has caused considerable surprise in financial circles, both in New York and London, where the standing of the firm was good.

The number of settlers arriving in Manitoba for the past ten months is 10,104.

In 1861 when Sir Joseph Hickson first entered the Grand Trunk Company, its mileage was 1090 and earnings only $766,579, while today its mileage is 4107 and its earnings about $3,165,000, or an increase of about fourfold in the last 30 years.

Dr Day, of Trenton, has been appointed registrar for Hastings.

Farmers in Western Alberta think of starting their ploughs if the warm weather continues.

Maine experienced severe weather on Wednesday. At Bangor 35° below zero was registered, and at Fort Fairfield the record was broken with 60° below.

W A Winfield & Co, confectioners and biscuit manufacturers, Montreal, have failed, with liabilities of $55,000.

A Burgt, blacksmith, Cobourg, tried every known remedy during fifteen years suffering with Dyspepsia. Four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Keep your Eye on

BOLLERT'S

GRAND WINTER

Clearing Sale

At 25 and 27 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Commencing on

Saturday, Jan. 3rd, '91,

To Last—well, Nobody knows yet for how long.

We are carrying an immense stock of Goods—more than we think we ought to have—and we take this means of clearing out the shelves. This is our practice each season. We must have the stock clean and fresh with every season's trade, hence you never find trashy or shop worn goods in our house; but are always assured of the NEWEST and BEST. At present we are in the mood for a

Grand Sweeping Sale,

Though we may have to sacrifice considerable to do it. Our trade this whole past year has shown a big, A VERY BIG INCREASE, over preceding years, and we don't mind a sacrifice now to secure our purpose, of converting the larger part of our IMMENSE STOCK into cash as speedily as possible. The Sale commences on

Saturday, 3rd January.

Special lines will be laid out on counters and tables each day, and you will find the force of our announcement when you see the prices at which the goods are offered. Space forbids to mention in detail the

Startling Bargains

which we have for our friends to take away. You must see, to believe, and to know! Both former and reduced prices marked in plain figures on all goods offered.

☞ Please be on hand on the early days of the sale. Many lines will go with a rush that you will not see again.

Now we have made every arrangement in the reduction of prices, in the arranging of Goods, and in every way to facilitate a great rush of customers, and we ask you to share in this great offering.

Remember Saturday, January 3rd, 1891 the Sale commences. Again we say, don't mistake the place and wander in anywhere else, and then feel sorry you did'nt get one of the BIG BARGAINS.

E. R. Bollert & Co.,

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Our Reduction Sale

A GRAND SUCCESS.

Everybody delighted with the value we are offering.

DRESS GOODS, MANTLE CLOTHS,

FLANNELS &c.

all reduced. Special Bargains in every Department. A few ends of

SEALETTE

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A. J. Little & Co.

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We wish our Patrons and the General Public a

Bright and Happy New Year.

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THE GREAT CASH HOUSE

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The largest and best assortment of Hanging Lamps with Decorated or Silk Shades, Beautiful Parlor Lamps, Cutlery, Plated Ware and the Celebrated "Superior" Bissell Carpet Sweepers in the city.

SKATES, SKATES. SKATES.

Special prices for Holiday Trade at

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CHOICE FURS.

SOUTH SEA SEAL
OTTER CAPS,
BEAVER CAPS,
PERSIAN LAMB CAPS.

Otter, Beaver, and Persian Lamb Collars and Cuffs.
All our Furs are No 1 selected.
Notwithstanding the great rise in price of all Furs, our prices have not advanced, as we bought long before the advance took place.

Shaw & Grundy,

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WATCHES.

New Stock Just in.

Key Wind Hampden Watches in Silveroid Cases, which I will sell cheap for Cash.

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Direct from Florida.

ONE CAR LOAD

300 BOXES OF

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Direct Importers of Foreign Fruit, &c.

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TELEPHONE 111.

We sell as Cheap as the Cheapest.

Fresh Oysters arrived today 40c per quart; also Florida Oranges to be sold cheap.

2 cans best Red Salmon for	25c
2 lbs best September Cheese for	25c
4 lbs Laundry Starch for	25c
19 doz best Clothes Pins	25c
6 squares of Blue for	25c
6 bars Electric Soap for	25c
4½ lbs bright Sugar for	25c
3½ lbs Currants or Raisins	25c

Don't forget we have Allen's sweet refined Cider only 10c per quart.

We have another lot of those Royal City mixed Candy at 10c per lb.

We do not object to giving short credits to people who intend to pay. Give us a call.

J. H. SIMPSONS,

dec23dtm Paisley street.

Arcade Grocery

WE ARE SELLING

2 cans best Red Salmon for	25c
4 lbs bright Yellow Sugar for	25c
1 lb good Green or Black or Japan Tea for	25c
2 lbs good Cheese for	25c
7 lbs White Beans (picked) for	25c
10 lbs Gold Dust Cornmeal for	25c
4 lbs best Sago for	25c
3½ lbs best Tapioca for	25c
10 lbs best Washing Soda for	25c
15 bars Laundry Soap for	25c
6 lbs Best Baking Soda for	25c
9 lbs Cream Mixed Candy for	25c
4 lbs New Cooking Figs for	25c
4 tins Mustard (10c tins) for	25c
3 packages Fyle's Pearline for	25c
6 bottles Essence Lemon and Vanilla for	25c
9 quarts Mixed Pickles for	25c
3½ lbs new Valencia Raisins for	25c
3½ lbs new Provincial Currants for	25c
4 lbs very best Laundry Starch for	25c

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NOTICE.

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A SEAL CAP,
A SUIT UNDERWEAR,
A PAIR OF KID GLOVES,
A SILK SCARF,
A FLANNEL NIGHT ROBE,
COLLARS OR CUFFS,

If you want any of those Goods call at

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On Saturday, 6th December,

Will commence to sell at a great reduction the balance of her Winter Millinery.

We have a great variety of Fancy Articles, consisting of Celluloid and Parchment Goods, Plushes, Silks, Flosses, Cords and Pompoms &c.

Also, a fine lot of Handkerchiefs, Gloves Hair Ornaments, Brooches, &c.

Fancy Articles made up on shortest notice.

Stamping done while waiting.

Misses E. & H. Ross,

Fancy Goods

Art Embroidery Materials, Plushes, Felts, Silks, etc.

All kinds of Woolen Yarns.

Stamping and Embroidery done to order.

Bindery Removal.

Frank Nunan

Has removed his Bindery to the old Free Library Room over George Williams Store.