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PRESSURE upon our space this week has crowded out our usual quota of editorial, as well as some interesting local matter. The spring advertising is responsible for the jam.

**GABRIEL DUMONT** now says the rebels had only forty-seven men at Fish Creek, and that none of them were killed. If this thing continues, and more explanations of a similarly conclusive nature are made on the subject, the future historian will find a difficulty in producing reasons good and sufficient to show why General Middleton was knighted, by the Imperial authorities, and why the Canadian Government loaded him up with \$20,000 for subduing a great rebellion in the Northwest.

The Toronto *Burr* attributes to Senator Josiah Burr-Plumb the epigrammatic verse:

"None and skin, two statesmen thin  
Would stare to the land, or near it.  
But he it known to skin and bone,  
That flesh and blood won't bear it."  
As a matter of fact these lines were quoted in Cobden's corn law agitation, and the authorship dates anterior to that period. Senator Plumb is a great reader, and is blessed with an excellent memory, but he never wrote that verse. His style is:

Thou great John A.  
Whose heart near quails  
At showing up,  
Of the steel rails.

**MR. RICHARD POPE**, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, claims that, owing to the stupidity and incompetency of many of the Tory returning officers, quite a number of the members elect will be unable to take their seats at the opening of Parliament. This shows plainly that the public interest would be better served by the appointment of registrars and sheriffs as returning officers wherever possible. These officials are always reliable, and could be depended upon in every instance. But, then, Sir John would not be able to have creatures of the Dann stamp, of Queens, N. B., placed in a position where the will of the electors could be thwarted.

**LUMBER TRADE IN GODERICH**—The following from the *Canada Lumberman* gives some interesting information concerning the trade done here last season by the firms engaged in business—Firms doing business here the past season are: Williams & Murray, H. Secord, Diment & Company, J. G. Laidlaw, W. & M. D. & Co., manufacturers of their own stock, the former at Blind River, the latter at Thessalon. The others purchase from mills North of this and on the Georgian Bay. The amount of business done has been rather small, probably did not exceed two million feet by all the dealers (4). Their markets extend from Goderich to London, St. Thomas, Port Colborne, Guelph, Norwich, and intermediate points, with occasional shipments of better qualities to the United States. Lumber consists principally of white pine, with some small cargoes of Norway or red pine. Prices for the past season have remained very steady, about as follows, f. o. b. cars here:

W. P. Mill Culls	\$ 8.00
Common Stocks	11.00
Joint and Scantling	11.00
N. P. Joint and Scantling	10 to 10.50
" 1", and 1 1/2 in. Flooring	13.50
W. P. Dressing	16.00
" 1 in Clear and Picks 24 to 26 00	
" 1 1/2 in Clear and Picks 33 to 35 00	
Lath, 1 1/2 in., 4 ft.	1.85 to 1.90

Very few shingles come here by water. Dealers supply their customers direct from mills on the Midland and N. & W. R.ys. Williams & Murray, who have been in the business since 1867, have just dissolved partnership, the senior partner continuing the business. They sold the Blind River Mill and limits to Lawson Bros., of Toledo and Geo. A. Butterfield of Alpena, who compose the new company of "Blind River Lumber Company." They expect to get out about five million feet this season on the Blind River, which will go to Toledo. Diment & Co., may get out from six to eight million at Thessalon, which will likely be brought to Goderich for distribution.

**A REMARKABLE PEN**—Fifteen Witt fountain pens have been in use in Goderich during the last seven months, and all of them have given satisfaction to the owners. In writing shorthand or longhand; in the registry office, the sheriff's office and in the law office; in the pastor's study, at the book-keeper's desk and at the druggist's prescription counter; in the lady's boudoir, and in the travelling official, the Witt fountain pen has been used in Goderich on all these ways and has been found reliable. All pens guaranteed to do perfect work, and not to go back on the writer. Sole agent THOS. MCGILLICUDDY.

## WHAT'S UP?

### Things That Are Happening Around Us

#### The Safeguard for the Nation—The Duties of a Grand Jurymen—The Dignity of the Court must be Maintained.

I saw lots of the neighbors from the back townships in town during the week. Some were grand jurors, and "felt their oats" as the boys say; others were petit jurors, and looked nearly as important as the grand fellows; others were paid witnesses to do the swearing on the cases; and others were litigants, who paid the piper in many instances. Talking about grand jurors, were you ever a grand jurymen? Your weren't; well, then, you've missed a peck of fun. A grand jurymen is a two-legged pillar of the British constitution, who stands between the accused and the outraged laws of the country, and after hearing one side of a case, nods assent when the foreman writes out that a "true bill" has been found against S-and-so, for alleged infraction of the laws of the country with malice prepense, and against the peace and dignity of our sovereign lady, the Empress of India, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Protector of the Colonies, and Great Mother to the untutored redmen of the boundless prairies of the Great Northwest, &c., &c., and other things too numerous to mention. The first thing that happens to a grand jurymen is to answer to his name,—if he doesn't answer he is liable to have his day's pay docked, which is a grievous affliction to the average jurymen, or any other toiler who isn't paid by the week, the month or the year or by the piece. There are generally twenty-four of the bones and sinew of the land selected for grand jury work at an assize court. Sometimes they don't all attend, and thus leave themselves open to imprisonment for contempt of court, for sometimes the judge loses his temper and calls for the scalps of delinquent jurors. Fear of consequences of this kind caused a medical man to send a certificate to the authorities at the assize that one of the jurymen recently selected would not be present to perform the functions of his office, owing to the fact that he had unfortunately died the day before. The certificate was duly recognized, and the absent juror was excused.

As a rule, however, the judges are not averse, and it does not unfrequently happen that half-a-dozen of the good men and true fall to connect, thus leaving the business to fall upon the shoulders of some eighteen of their fellows, and it usually happens that the weight of business that hangs upon the entire eighteen would not to any extent burden the mind of a seven-year-old boy in knickerbockers. The finding of a true bill and a visit to the jail about filled the bill this trip, but the grand jurors were just as big-feeling as they owned the town and had just paid the taxes. They tilted their hats to one side, looked airy and walked on their heels to regular music. I tell you it's an important position, and when you are selected for the office don't fail to remember that I gave you the above pointers regarding the dignified billet. When you go travelling it's mighty handy to have along with you a guide book, a timetable, or an old chap that knows all about it, you know.

The grand jurymen always act decorously in court, but the unwashed sometimes forget the dignity of the court and chatter in the back corners. Don't you do it, or the first thing you know you'll be hearing the sharp, clear voice of crier Addison will ring out "Silence!" after a fashion that will cause a cold perspiration to run down your spinal column, and cleave your tongue to the roof of your mouth. Only the lawyers on cases are supposed to make remarks on side issues, and then they have to either remark below their breath, or follow the style of B. B. Oler, and speak below their moustaches. Up in London at the last court a couple of embryonic Ministers of Justice began to talk while his Lordship was addressing the jury. His Lordship interrupted his address long enough to summarily sentence the "pollywog" to twenty-four hours in durance vile, and after the tipstaffs had led them to the dungeons, took up the thread of his address, which he had dropped temporarily nor hard of hearing.

—There are a few other subjects that I would like to draw your attention to this week, such as Easter eggs, Mayer Seager's mild remarks upon the press, Caledonian games, the meeting of parliament, and what they will have to do over for the present. And if the eggs keep, the other topics won't grow stale before I take them under my charge.

## RED HOT SHOT

### From the "Grit Scribbler" of the "The Col. Colburne."

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE SIGNAL.**

DEAR SIR,—There is a certain young man in this vicinity—he generally resides on the 6th C. Division—who seems to be particularly anxious to gain some degree of notoriety among the settlers. My acquaintance with this young man has been a most profitable one, which I have seen him on two or three different occasions and you I have gleaned from hints thrown out from time to time; others, he appears to be shrewdly characterized by an excessive amount of overweening self-conceit and proportion to his size and general capacity.

Now, this party sent something (I will not dignify it by giving it a name) to the *Star* of April 1st, and this something appeared in the columns of that paragon of literary perfection. This something I judge to have been thrown off at me from two or three corners which appeared in this something, and from the kindness of the writer and the editor of the *Star* in sending me a copy of the issue in which this something appeared.

It would have been better had this something been a criticism and advice given in a candid and unassuming way; he would not then have falsely accused me of writing the "scandalous statement" made up of a Grit Scribbler in *THE SIGNAL* about Mr. J. H. Milliam, a correspondent of the *Star*, and whom this person styles a "Pory correspondent." The person who did this is without doubt the same who so kindly devoted his attention to me in the *Star* of April 1st. I have hinted above that this young man offered me advice in the aforesaid something; I will not return the compliment, believing that if I am to be taken into account, I will only warn him to be more prudent in the future, or he will be likely to run against a snag.

He calls me a scribbler "who makes a great point of religious belief, but whose religion may be styled doubtful." I am led to believe that he throws the aforesaid slur at my father; if such be the case, I will only say that my father will be answerable to a Higher Tribunal than any earthly self-appointed one, and there will exist a public opinion, which is awarded, no such thing as a rank political bigotry. If he refers to me, I will say that as I am not a professor, I am not a professor of religion. I make this statement, but not with the apparent gusto evidenced in a similar statement made by the gentleman in question. This young man is not only without Christianinity, but he shows himself to be lacking in common civility.

It is also my opinion, Mr. Editor, that I am quite as choice in my expressions as is this person. I never did intrude myself into the conversation of any other man; I never did give vent to a petulant or a highfalutin manner about the Bible and the book of selections, and then on the road home, having met with a slight mishap, swear a classical oath in the presence of young ladies. We frankly admit that this man is able to throw off a manly and manly sort of shaft, but this shaft unfortunately contains a certain amount of cheapness, as Shakespeare says, "You may search all day ere you find them, and when you have them they are not worth the finding."

This fellow tells me to go back to the place of his character as that he knows no more than I do about the matter, would expect that a reasonable person committing himself on such a question as the intelligence of citizens of the United States would visit the trade and educational centres of that country and devote some time to the study of national character, &c. What opportunity has this young man had for judging? A residence of about two months amidst the pines of Northern Michigan. What a ridiculous fellow he is! He says also that the correspondent of the *Star* has forgotten more than I ever knew. I shall say nothing to reflect on Mr. Milliam's ability, but I sincerely hope such a misfortune does not fall to the lot of this youngster; if it should, his word is the most pitiable case on record.

Now, young man, I am not afraid of your taking action against me for defamation of character as there are some young men who seem to have very little character to defend. Mr. Editor, allow me to add that I do not wish this fellow to publish a written apology for falsely accusing me, as his apology is without appreciable value to me. I never sought his acquaintance or good-will, and I do not expect to find a person with less sense or more intolerance than he has shown himself to possess. T. J. MORRIS.

P. S.—Mr. Editor, you may inform this young man that I am going back to Uncle Sam's territory again, but that I do not expect to find a person with less sense or more intolerance than he has shown himself to possess. T. J. M.

## SPRING ASSIZES

### Light Criminal Calendar, but Many Civil Suits.

**Justice Galt and the Juries Disposed Law and Equity—Oler, Lash, Loan and other Legal Lights appear.**

The Huron spring assizes of 1887 opened on Monday afternoon, Judge Galt presiding. The following gentlemen turned up as the

**GRAND JURY**  
John Hannah, foreman, G. W. Berry, James Bell, Thomas Bisson, John Currie, Thos. W. Deltor, Henry Deacon, John Dunbar, Wilson Evans, Christopher Everett, Thos. Elliot, William Fulton, John Ford, Samuel Gidley, Robt. Gibbins, William Graham, Wm. Glinn, Charles Glass, John Hewitt, Henry Heycock, Stephen Hagarth, James Harkney.

The Crier having made the usual proclamation. His lordship addressed the jury.

**THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.**  
was exceedingly brief. He said, Mr. Foreman and gentlemen—I am happy to be able to tell you that so far as my personal observation goes there is only one case to which I need allude. For although I understand there are two other charges, the only one I have to deal with is in regard to the prisoner in goal, the one who is charged with burglary. The offence of burglary consists in breaking into a dwelling house, between the hours of nine o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning, with the intention of committing a felony or getting out of a house after committing the offence. It is not necessary that you should be satisfied of the fact that he committed a theft; even if you do not find him guilty of stealing, you can find him guilty of house-breaking. In order to find him guilty of burglary, you must find that he broke into the house between nine o'clock at night and six in the morning for the purpose of committing a burglary. His lordship then made the usual allusion to the duties of the grand jury in visiting the goal, after which they retired to their room.

**F. R. Powell, counsel for Nathan Smith, Morris Smith and Sami Arapianski, applicants for naturalization under the naturalization Act of Canada of 1881, applied to his Lordship for permission to read in open court, certificates of notary public purporting to the Act. His Lordship having granted leave, the crier read in open court a certificate on each application.**

**Heffernan vs. Fell**—Action for malicious prosecution. Galloway, Q. C. for plaintiff; Idington, Q. C. for defendant. Court adjourned at 9.45 p.m. till 9.30 a.m. tomorrow.

**SECOND DAY.**  
Tuesday, April 12.  
Court opened at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

**Heffernan vs. Fell**—Case was continued and closed at 11.30 a.m. At the close of plaintiff's case his Lordship stated that he would reserve judgment on the cause on the part of defendant until he had been proved, and Mr. Idington consenting to take the responsibility of a non-suit, his lordship dismissed the action, on the ground that the plaintiff had given no evidence that the defendant acted without probable and probable cause, with costs.

**Finch v. Colebrook**—Action for seduction. F. W. Johnston for plaintiff; E. Campion for defendant. Counsel having consented to verdict for \$150 damages and costs, his Lordship ordered that judgment be entered for the plaintiff on the verdict for \$150 and costs.

**Cole v. Coleman**—Action for illegal detainer. Oler, Q. C., and Dancy for plaintiff; Galloway, Q. C., Lash, Q. C., and Holmstead for defendant. Cause settled according to consent. Minutes put in signed by counsel.

**McNeill vs. Colwell**—Action of slander. Galloway, Q. C. and Hagarth for plaintiff; Oler, Q. C., and Powell for defendant. Verdict for the plaintiff by consent for one shilling without costs.

**Perdue v. Clark**—Action for libel. Galloway, Q. C., and Manning for plaintiff; Oler, Q. C., counsel for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff by consent for one dollar without costs.

**McNaughton v. Holmes**—Action for slander. W. B. Dickson, counsel for plaintiff; Galloway, Q. C., counsel for defendant. Judgment dismissing the action by consent, with costs.

**Yeo v. Alcock**—Action for the construction of the will of the late William Alcock. Galloway, Q. C. for plaintiff; W. B. Dickson for defendant. Consent, minutes to be put in.

**McEwen v. Goveylock**—Action on promissory notes. Holmstead for plaintiff; J. M. Best for defendant. Verdict by consent for the plaintiff for \$1,500, without costs.  
Court adjourned at 3.30 p.m. till 9.30 a.m. tomorrow.

**THIRD DAY.**  
Wednesday, April 13.  
Court opened at 9.30 pursuant to adjournment.

**Dunsmuir v. O'Rourke**—Action for malicious prosecution. Galloway, Q. C. for plaintiff; Campion for defendant. Mr. Galloway moved to postpone the trial on the ground that the exhibits from the Crown officer though forwarded, had not been reached. His Lordship ordered the postponement of the case till next assize, the plaintiff to pay the costs of the day.

## YOUNG LIBERALS.

### They close the Season with a Concert in Their Hall.

The entertainment given in the Young Men's Liberal rooms on the evening of Tuesday last was of a nature to gratify the promoters to the fullest extreme. There was but one drawback to the whole affair, and that was the inadequate size of the hall. Shortly after seven o'clock the friends began to gather, and by a quarter to eight standing room was at a premium. The gentlemen ushered tried in every way possible to squeeze in another hundred or so after that hour but despite their best efforts hundreds could only secure outside accommodation. It was a big night for the Young Liberals, and the committee of arrangements deserve thanks for the excellent manner in which they got up the affair. H. I. Strang, high school master, performed the duties of chairman in a most acceptable manner, and rushed the program through with the least possible delay. The program was one of the best ever offered to a Goderich audience, consisting of music, readings and recitations and was much appreciated by the large audience.

"White Wings," rendered by Miss Eloise Skimmings was well received; Miss Ida Wilkinson sang "Dreams," in a clear, beautiful voice showing favorable results from her late efforts in vocal culture; "Robin Ruf," a grand old duet, last issue of its true sentiment in the hands of Messrs. Reynolds and Saunders; George Carroll, in a pleasing style, produced "The Tempest," which called forth a round of applause; Miss Wynn lacked none of her usual brilliancy and vivacity in her rendition of "Dear Robin Till He True," and "Conquering The Rye"; Miss Sophie Fisher, of Kindred, scored a success in "When My Rover Comes Again," which she sang with a good degree of soulful rapture; Mr. A. B. Dickson made his debut in the "Boys of the Old Brigade." For his first appearance as a soloist he did well. Mr. S. T. Church sang in a masterly style, "The King's Kiss," possessing a rich, powerful baritone voice, highly cultivated, Mr. Church has the happy faculty of electrifying his auditors, no doubt when he comes back to his first note he reaches the grand climax at the finish. In reply to a second request, Mr. Church rendered "The Warrior Bold" in a style which might be termed faultless. The accompaniments were admirably played by Miss Cook, Miss Price, and Miss Lizzie Dickson.

Mr. Wilson, of Saltford, read an Oriental piece of considerable length and not a little humorous mixed with notes of warning to vain initiators; Miss Robertson gave a recitation with considerable power of delineation; "The Prayer," (a piece recently written by Will Carleton, on the Charleston earthquake) brought hearty applause from the large audience; "Madeline," a recitation received full treatment at the hands of Miss Flo. Williams, who recites pleasingly, gracefully and naturally, and who will be heartily welcomed on future occasions to a Goderich platform; Mr. Malcolmson's rendition of "The Exercise Book" was side-splitting and brought the roars of laughter from that audience and showed plainly that that gentleman has the happy knack of making the most out of any piece he undertakes to read.

The chairman's address, which was well received, and a vote of thanks to promoters of the program, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

**CALEDONIAN GAMES.**  
Goderich will hold its Annual Series of Games on July 1st.

A number of gentlemen who favored the organization of a Caledonian Society in Goderich met in the office of the Huron & Bruce Investment Society Friday evening last.

On motion S. Malcolmson was elected chairman, and D. McGillicuddy secretary.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that a Caledonian Society be organized in Goderich.

The following office-bearers were elected: Chief, M. Hutchison; 1st lieutenant, D. C. Strachan; 2nd lieutenant, A. Dickson; 3rd lieutenant, S. Malcolmson; 4th lieutenant, D. McDonald; secretary, Geo. Stiven; asst. secretary, E. Van Every; treasurer, C. A. Naim; bard, J. D. Stewart; piper, R. B. Ireland; marshals—T. N. Dancy, T. McKenzie, J. W. Smith, and Thos. Gundry; hon. chiefs—M. C. Cameron, Robt. Parter, M. P. Hon. A. M. Ross, M. P. P. Sheriff Gibbons, P. Adamson; Special judges—C. Seager, Horace Horton, J. T. Galloway, F. W. Johnston; general manager, W. C. Dymond; ground committee, W. C. Dymond, W. Mitchell, W. L. Horton; program committee—D. McGillicuddy, Jas. Mitchell, F. T. Prudham, Neil Campbell Alex Saunders.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a Caledonian gathering be held in Goderich on July 1st.

The committee of management, which includes the executive officers and minor committees, will meet on Monday evening at Craig's hotel to perfect arrangements for the celebration.

Plenty of protesting these days.