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were a defaulter from the position of county treasurer, which he had so honorably filled for a quarter of a century, temptible trick is not on record. A morihave been elected. The fact that the the respondent had "escaped disqualifiword of complaint had been made before science-by the Tories. treasury work. As there was no complaint, neither was there magnanimity enough He has taked an active part in nine parin that slender majority for praise. liamentary elections, and not the first A shred of decency would have constrained any but the most bitter partizans to part with so faithful an official with at least a resolution alluding to his long propose such a resolution.

ed his intention of resigning at this late them accuse him of having his hands as Big Push Wilkinson, Roddy Pringle, the evidence, dismissed the case, and council meeting was a false one. It was "greased" to let the West Huron peti- Dick Purcell, McLean and the rest of the complimented the hon. gentleman upon coined to enable the controlling party in tion slip through. We don't believe Muskoka brigade who are at present his exceedingly pure election. the council to serve its own ends. No that Reform money was offered to the quartered on the Riding, have been alone really expected Col. Ross to retire petitioner in that case. There was no luded to in the Reform press and by until the fiscal year had closed, and he need of such an act. There are a couple Liberal speakers on the platform as corcould hand over his books to the council of struggling lawyers in town who pull ruptionists of the most dangerous and along the line to run the municipal elec- of shoddy about Mr. Griffin which so ment. In such an event a new treasur- The Star is simply their registering maer, properly appointed, could have enter- chine. Such masters ; such a servant ! ed with honor up in his duties three weeks later than can the man who was so narrowly and so questionable appointed to shows, too, how little confidence they receiving twenty \$5 bills in an envelope found wanting. The judges who tried had in being able to secure a majority in from a man who was to be "unknown" the contested election case in connection the council of 1884 to carry out their to him, went to the "Liberal-Conserva- with that county, specially stated that

him who for some 25 years so ably served | signed a receipt as follows : his county with honor to himself and benefit to it. It ought to resent the insolent dismissal of ther treasurer by refusing to accept the person of the schemer who plotted the whole disreputable

Huron is a solid Reform county, and a straight party vote should send at least six of a majority to the county council. But owing to the Liberals being adverse to introducing party politics into municipal afairs, and the Conservatives always working to secure a majority, we have not for some years had our normal majority at the council board, and the Tories have been ranning it to suit themselves. For three years past, the Conservatives have elected a Warden of their own political strips, and the committees have been manipulated in the party interests.

So glaring has this one side! treatment been, that on Friday morning Messrs. Holland and Britton, Conservatives with independent leanings, introduced a mo tion regretting that party politics were introduced into the county council, and urging the appointment of the warden on other than political grounds. The motion was declared out of order, but these gentlemen subsequently showed their disapproval of party bitterness and partizan revenge by voting against the disgraceful dismissal of the treasurer. In this they were assisted by two other Conservatives, Messrs. Hennings and Clare, thus turning a Conservative majority of 8 into a tie on the motion.

THE HURON SIGNAL This fact is a strong condemnation of the tactics adopted by the partizan majority of the Huron County Council of

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A LESSON IN "SHAKING." The senior editor of THE SIGNAL has joined the pushers' brigade in West Middlesex this week. He will be able to practically illustrate the manner of shaking voters by the hand.—The Goderich Star.

If Mr. McGillicuddy were anxious to learn the art of "shaking" voters by the hand, he could find no better school than

ing purposes. He is no corruptionist. word of any corrupt or unlawful act has been breathed against him.

The county council of 1884 will not By mistake he entered the "Liberal" son, "Big Push" Wilkinson, Cosgrove thank the old council for thrusting an rooms, and upon being asked if he had and the rest, had made an organized atofficial upon them, who entered upon his received any money, he pulled out the en- tempt to corrupt and debauch the conoffice (as Dr. Holmes will, if he enters at velope containing the \$100, and showed stituency. The record of these men, as all) after they had been elected. The the bank notes. The Reformers were set forth by Mr. Justice Patterson, in his all) after they had been elected. The the bank notes. The keformers were new council will very properly say, we, astonished, but did not let the scounand not the dying council of 1883 for us, drel know of his mistake. They told shame to any of the persons named, were will appoint whom we please to so im- him that last year the Johnston bank they men who made any pretensions to that account it will be all the more inportant an office as that of county trea- burst, as receipts had not been given of honor, or integrity. But they grin and teresting, as a candid opinion expressed surer; and doubtless that council will ex- money taken for canvassing purposes, bear it, and glory in their shame. They in the confidence of close friendship: press its regret at the mean treatment of and the unsuspecting briber at once could not change their tactics and run

The blunder made by Weekes reveals a repetition of the system of wholesale that the revelation has been made pub-fact that the electors of the riding are of the Covenanters in days of old. There lic, although learned by accident.

The Tory wirepullers in West Middlesex, are dumfounded. One said: "I would give \$300 of my own money, if I could disprove the story, but I can't." it as a practical joke.'

The London Free Press shamelessly supports the bribery crew, and has no tle \$100, but condemns the Liberals for listening to him, when he thought he was is concerned. talking to Conservatives. The wickedness of the affair, from a Tory standpoint, is, not that a man accepted money o corrupt his neighbors with, but that the Liberals, through his indiscretion, learned the facts from his own lips, saw the money (twenty \$5 bills), and then exposed Weekes and the whole transac-

It is not the sinning that troubles the West Middlesex Tory; it is the being found out and exposed.

THE Tory county councillors are now following up their caucus scheme. The reeve of Goderich is already in the field, by postal card. His platform is cunningmade up. "Just like Roger.

WEST MIDDLESEX.

tempt by the Tories to Debauch the Riding-Presence of the Muskoka Gang -Unreliability of the "Mail" Reports.

Editorial Correspondence

The political fight in West Middlese is at its height. All over the riding the most determined efforts are being made the Liberals to repel the bribery brigade, which has come down upon the constituency like a plague of locusts. I have been in many political contests, but, I never yet saw one in which so corrupt means as in the present instance. defeating the ex-Finance Minister. Men like William Ralph Mcredith, who aforetime rejoiced in an honorable re-Col. Ross was abruptly dismissed as if he spent \$6,000 in corrupting the electors Purcell, and others of that ilk. The by the "envelope" and "hand-shaking" Tory corruptionists are thicker than the rulers. process last year. No wonder the member-elect telegraphed his victory in the not be for want of unscrupulous men shows to what depth party rancour and partizan blindness have carried the Con- in rebuking the Tory candidate, alluded or yet lack of bribery funds, that West Middlesex will not go Tory. But it will servatives of this County. A more con- to "the extremely lavish and recktess expenditure of money, and betting on a large words. The readers of THE SIGNAL who bund council, the fingers of the clock scale," "used as a systematic means of have come across the Mail, and have pointing towards the last hour of its corruption." Justice Cameron, former- given any attention to its utterances, existence, it dismisses a servant who has ly leader of the Ontario opposition, was may have been led to imagine that the long and faithfully served the county, and appoints a creature of its own who jectionable act on the statute had been constituency was likely to be lost to the Liberals for both the Commons and the cannot enter upon the office until the committed." The Chancellor closed his Legislature. Such a calamity is not on successors of those who appointed him judgment by the remarkable phrase that the card this time, despite the corrupt means resorted to by the Tories. The vote was a tie, and had to be decided cation by the skin of his teeth." West corruptionists believe that the constiby the voice of the warden, adds to the Middlesex certainly is the spot where tuency is a venal one, but, although at a meanness of the dismissal. Not a single the art of "hand-shaking" is reduced to a at a few points there are men who bowed the knee to Baal on the 27th of the council against Col. Ross's adminis But Mr. McGillicaddy does not travel February last, and relinquished their asked \$100 year! Another said that he tration of the office. There was nothing on that ticket. He has been delivering convictions for the time being, yet, in said against him, except, perhaps, that a series of addresses on public affairs, at many instances these men have again ashe has been so worthy a treasurer as to the solicitation of leading men of his serted their manhood, and are endeavorbe called to enter upon a higher grade of party. He carries no morey for canvassamends for the false steps made by them

> an honest election, any more than the opportunity to watch these men closely, I have been at Stathroy, Yager's,

democratic axiom, "Once a nigger, al- Our article was just the other way. The ondemnation for Weekes for accepting ways a nigger," so far as each and every Liberal party is going to upset the corways a nigger," so far as each and every individual member of the Muskoka gang rupt administration at Ottawa, and that in Hackett's Methodist church, west of this place, by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton. On Saturday last a case of bribery by ald's death was not predicted by us as the envelope system was unearthed in going to occur next year. We hope he the matter of a young man named Weeks, of Caradoc. The full particulample time to repent of his political lars, as published, are true in every par- crimes. His death, of course, would ticular, as young Weeks, (who was hasten the collapse of the Tory party. present at the Mount Brydges meeting But whether he lives or dies, Macdonwhich I attended on Monday night), aldism is doomed to an early fall at acknowledged the corn, but pleaded Ottawa. We firmly believe that the that he must have been "under the induence of liquor at the time." And as

Tory party, now so apparently secure in
place, will not continue in power for the
Rev. Mr. McCosh, of Wingham officiatduence of liquor at the time. And as place, with not continue in power with Weeks, so with others. Many full parliamentary term. The whirlwind ing.

The Christmas examination in connect the continue in the continue in the continue in the christmas examination in connect the christmas examination in christmas examination fallen by the way, but taken all in all sweep the corrupt administration at Ot-I have an abiding faith in the integrity tawa from power is now moving onward. of the people of West Middlessx as a The party will be a woful wreck after it school house in the evening. whole and I feel assured that under no strikes them.

charming never so wisely." They are

circumstance will the constituency give a bad record on Friday next. I rest in male by the Mail that Hon. Mr. Mowat the belief, and I speak whereof I know, has "surrendered" on the Boundary that on the 14th inst., it will be my pri- question. No agreement has yet been vilege and pride to flash by wire to my come to, and the negotiations still pendfriends in Huron that West Middlesex has honored herself by electing Hon. G. W. Ross to the Provincial Legisla ture, and Mr. D. M. Cameron to the House of Commons. So mote it be.

IL DAR TANDES IN KINS YOU THOUT

D. M.G.

It is announced that the writ has been issued for South Huron, and that the nomination will be held on the 27th inst. This will make the seat a nice deliberate an attempt was made by the holiday gift for Sir Richard Cartwright. Tory party to warp public opinion by No Tory has a shadow of a chance of

THE Star is still harping upon Sir

WE learn by a despatch from Lennox that no recount is to be asked in that county, it being understood that threefourths of the rejected ballots were mark ed for the Liberal candidate. Mr. Allison will likely be permitted to sit in the victory, that of our friends in Lennox.

Some of the school trustees feel sore because we said they evidently secured their teachers as they bought their wood -the lowest tender taken. We meant what we said, and intended it not for all. but the majority of the board. One trustee has declared that he would accept an offer for the position of principal of the model school, if the applicant only began at the bottom offer and worked up! If that is not buying teachers like cord-wood, what else can it be? What wonderful economy!

Hon. Mr. PARDEE seems to be a Since his arrival in the constituency, I favorite target for Tory abuse just now. have been in the townships of Metcalfe, The other day Mr. Meredith struck Ekfrid, and Caradoc, and in the town of tragic attitude, and warned the Com-The silly innuendo in the Star ischar. Strathroy and the villages of Napier, Ap- mioner of Crown Lands of some terrible acteristic of the author. A limp poliand satisfactory services; but there was tician, a man with but little respect for from personal observation I am assured fancy that it will all fizzle out just like none of it. Conceived in party villainy his associates, he judges others by his of the success of Hon. G. W. Ross and the election protest against the talented and brought forth in brazen impudence, own standard. He takes advantage of Mr. D. M. Cameron on the evening of member for Lambton. We all know that and more now it turns out that the Mail there was no Conservative who voted an absent rival to make a contemptible the 14th, unless the "bar" of money at Mr. Pardee was accused of committing "Yea," for the scheme man enough to insinuation. We could retort by saying the disposal of the corruptionists is larg- some awful acts of corruption during his that even the friends of the editor of the er than a hogshead. The Tory papers election, but when the matter came be The excuse that Col. Ross had acclar- Star cannot depend upon him. Some of are in a terrible rage because such men fore the court, the judge, after hearing

WE understand that the Tories, after a to make so great a pretence of literary lough; pair of vases, Mrs. Camerg county caucus, have passed the word all and social superiority. There is an air water pitcher, John Smith. then elected to receive his annual state- the wires for the Conservative party, degraded stripe. As an offset to that, tions in the interest of that party, and thorough a cad cannot fully disguise. such men as Hon, T. B. Pardee, John that a desperate effort, will be made to Charlton, M. P., yours very truly, and a again return a majority of county counnumber of others who bear an equally cillors who will be servile to the trio of A BRIBER TRAPPED.

The Liberal rooms are situated in the branded as being of a class "steeped to branded as being of a class " succeed the dismissed treasurer. The same block as the Tory headquarters in the lips in corruption." But there is a is not of our own choosing, but we accept Huron. The Mitchell Advocate hints Their best programmes were the third incontinent haste of the ultra Tories to Strathroy, and on Saturday a young man vast difference between the two sets of it. We hope the town of Clinton and that \$5000 were paid that gentleman the staunch Reform townships of South for resigning. Such charges are false seize upon the office, revealed that lust manded weeks, vice-president of the winners, after their first professional for place which rules that party, and Caradoc Conservative Association, after weighed in the election court balance and Huron will do their duty at the forth- and cruel. Mr. McMillan is too honest gramme, formed an ambulance committee soming election. The dastardly treat-

> WE take the liberty of printing the but who could be bought with money, following extract from a private letter and they judge Reformers by their own from Mr. D. McGillicuddy, who has standard. There is not a Tory editor in been delivering addresses in the Liberal Western Ontario who has a reputation was not intended for publication, but on John McMillan. So little is the editor

"The Liberal party is conducting a campaign, that exceeds in clean work Received \$100 from A. Johnston's leapard could change its spots, or the committee. (Signed,)

anything I have even seen. So far, I have not seen a speaker or worker on the Reform side take a glass of liquor, and case. If the editor is free from guilt of and I am free to admit that I fully be-lieve that the last state of this gang in Wenther the last state of this gang in There is an earnestness about the Rebribery adopted by Johnston last year.

All honest men will be pleased to learn the first in Muskoka, were it not for the of what history gives us of the manner fact that the electors of the riding of the Covenanters in days of old. In less venal and on that account less liable is no levity or inactivity—all appears to be work, work, work."

the same unadulterated political corrup-Our verdant friend, the editor of the tionists, and despite the futile efforts of Gorrie Enterprise, is given to fibbing. Charlie McIntosh said: "It's a bad job, the Tory press to make their characters He says that The Signal had a long but we must make the best of it. Treat radiant and bright, and clean, and pure, editorial the week before last in support radiant and bright, and clean, and pure, editorial the week before last in support teacher here, steps out at the end of a large majority of the people of West of the statement that the Reformers this year, giving place to Wm. Hackett, Middlesex continue to abide by the old cannot beat Sir John A. Macdonald. at an early day. Sir John A. Macdongoing to occur next year. We hope he may long be spared, in order to have ett's church on Christmas evening.

ing are confidential. The Mail is fighting a desperate game, and will stop at nothing to accomplish its ends. Mr. Mowat has the confidence and the support of the majority of the people of Ontario.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEIR, on Friday afternoon, mumbled in his usual incoherent style on the subject of the county organ was used for the first time at the poor house. He accused the editor of a local paper of misrepresenting Howick "Who is he?" asked a fellow councillor, in anxious suspense, as the orator of the north, paused to take breath. Then occurred a most dramatic scene. Fasten-FRIDAY, DEC. 14TH, 1883.

A CONTEMPTIBLE TRICK.

The desperate deal of Friday, when loss was absured a large of the Tory party of West Middlesex which loss was absured a large of the Star's loss was absured a large of the Star's loss was absured a large of the Star's loss was absured a large of the speaker's right and in full learn that he came out triumphantly in the end. Now that he is even at the walls of the parliamentary Nineven there last week.

Richard Cartwright as a Jonah. We who sat to the speaker's right and in full learn that he came out triumphantly in the end. Now that he is even at the walls of the parliamentary Nineven there last week.

Dr. McKay has purchased a front from Crane's bird store in G was visiting here last week.

Dr. McKay has purchased a front from Crane's bird store in G walls of the parliamentary Nineven there and then pointing at the pale-faced editor, he sternly exclaimed, "There's the mar." There was hardly a dry eye in the room-for laughter. The editor looked as scared as Mr. Pardee at Mount

> THE double leaded articles in the Mail about West Middlesex and the "down-House undisturbed. It was a noble fall" of the Mowat administration, leads the Toronto Telegram, an independent journal, to make the following shrewd journal, to make the following shrewd for some time past, it is to be hoped that observations: "The Conservative organ the trip will completely restore he is making a great outcry about Mr. health. Mowat. It says he is doomed. A leador may be doomed with a majority of a
> dozen at his back, but it certainly does
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> the liber of those happy occasions which
> put everybody in good humor, occurred
> at the house of one of our neighboring
> farmers, Wm. Mallough, last Tuesday not look like it. If Mr. Mowat is doomed with a dozen of a majority, in what his daughter Rebecca, to Ben. McClure, sort of a fix is Mr. Meredith with that of Lucknow, Charles Hoed, of Lucknow, many in the minority? It must be kept in mind that the Reformers carried on charmingly discharged the duties of charmingly discharged the duties of the government after Sandfield Mac-donald's fall with a majority of only ed by Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Lucknow, seven. A majority of seven is as good as a majority of seventeen, if they all and relatives. After supper all enjeyed

> > proverb, and in no instance has it come truer than in the case of Martin J. Griffin, the editor of the Toronto Mail. He has been persistently assailing Hon. G. W, Ross for not being a university man, W. Ross for not being a university man, and more now it turns out that the Mail do., B. Mallough; set of glassware, Miss R. Davidson; sett of china dishes, D. Mallough; cheese dish, Mrs. Grier; This should put him out of court as an This should put him out of court as an educational authority, on his own showing. For a man who was educated at the expense of the parish, Martin J. Griffin puts on lofty airs. It is no disgrace to have been poor, but it is downright impudence for a man of his calibre to make so great a pretence of literary lough; pair of yases. Mrs. Camerar;

THE Tory papers, our own local sheet among them, are insinuating that there evening last. The ment of Col. Ross should be resented by need of money as a bribe, and were he now slandering the late member, of the Star held in estimation by those whose dirty work he does, that his own political friends have declared to Reformers that they believe he was bought this charge, and we have good reasons

Belfast.

The roads are badly cut up and almost The pupils of Belfast school have re ceived a foot ball from Seaforth, and are going to exchange 'foot-ball' for 'shin-

Miss Maggie Rutherford, assistant who has been attending the Goderich Model School.

Revival services are being carried When is the Post Office going to b moved to Belfast ?

Auburn.

The Good Templars purchased a handsome new organ for use in their meetings, from R. McGee, of Blyth, last

tion with the public school will be held on Friday the 21st inst. The pupils will give a public entertainment in the A missionary sermon will (D.V.)

THERE is no truth in the statement preached in the West list church here next Sabbath blant it by Rev. R. Davey, of Bervie. Co cettion at close of service in aid of missions. The annual missionary meeting will be held an Wednesday evening following, at which addresses will be delivered by Revs Davey and T. Stobbs, of Louresborough.

The Temperance meeting held on Friday evening last was on account or the unfavorable state of the roads and weather, not so well attended as it would have otherwise been. The address by Rev. Mr. Turnball was thoroughly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks tendered that gentle nun. The nev

Lungannon.

Mrs. Wright, of Flesherton, was visit-

Rey. Mr. Carrie's brother, from Loa-D. E. Munro and wife were visiting

Dr. McKay has purchased a fine parot from Crane's bird store in Gaderi Mrs. D. S. Munro has gone on a visit to friends in Flesherton and Owen

Missionary services were conducted in the English church last Sabbath by Rev Mr. Craig, of Clinton.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied by Mr. Anderson, of St. Helens, on Sunday last. Fox hunting is a favorite pastime with our young men at present, but the foxes

seein to be perfectly safe so far,

Mrs. Carrie has gone to visit friends in London, As this lady has been ill

stick."

"Pur a beggar on horseback, and he will ride to the devil," is a well know a spend a few weeks visiting the principal cities and other places of interest in On-tario and neighboring states. The bride was the recipient of valuable presents, of which the following list gives a few:— Silver butter cooler, by A. Stewart; lamp and butter knife, Miss Davidson;

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LITERARY CONTEST. - This contest closed in the temperance hall on Friday mer. The winners, after their first pro ment of Col. Ross should be resented by need of money as a bribe, and were he tants got hoarse and out of tune, and but for the skill of the Dunlop architect, tive rooms" for further instructions. Shields, Pringle, "Gum Swamp" Ander-shilly-shallying with the Tories is past. There is not one of these Tory writers, who was also in the hands of the ambulance, its nonappearance, at their last programme, would have lessened the number of points for the winning side, as they only attempted three songs withfair captains who led the opposing sides credit belongs, as in storm and clear weather they marshalled their hosts to battle with the pluck of the heroines of mythology. Their last order, and per-haps the most popular one, is for all the contestants to "prepare for oysters" on the evening of the 21st inst. Your correspondent will let you know all abo



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the Genuine Singer. Residence: Victoria street, near the M. E. Church, Goderich.