You are aware that when I appeared before you at the late General Election I had not accepted Office, although I had been gazetted as President of the Executive Council. My reasons TEN SHILLINGS for refusing that Office I stated to you plainly and in full. I then explained to you, that although it is necessary to have a Chairman or President, the duties hitherto devolving upon the President were not such as to warrant the country in paying eight services. Since that time, however, the office of President of the Council has been materially altered and other important duties, till now neglected, have been attached to it-so that it is now in reality no longer a sinecure and hence my principle objection to it is entirely removed. Indeed, it may be presumed that

the duties allotted to the Presi-

are equal in number, and almost

of the Cabinet.

urged in strong terms, upon the 12 Alexander Mitchell, do. attention of the then Govern- 14 Andrew Montieth, do. Agriculture, feeling then as I do 18 John Pentland, do. do. Wawanosh, now, that if any one interest or department was entitled to the consideration and vigilance of Who delived a certificate that he was not elected. da's great interest-the foundation of all our hopes of wealth standing the comparative indifwhich must furnish the "men women and money," that will consisted to the above ultimately raises and money. ultimately raise us in the scale Warden, and

of nations. The Government has now established a Department of Agriculture the management of which, together with several other duties connected with emiother duties connected with emisident of the Council. And His Excellency having been pleased to offer me this office in its altered and improved character, I felt it my duty and esteemed it an honor to aid in the deliberations of an Administration in which I had full confidence—which I had assisted to form, and of which I

expected to have been, from the

first, a member.

And although I still feel that a gentleman of superior literary attainments would more properly discharge the duties of Chairman of Committees, yet as His Excellency and his Advisers ordered to be filed.

The three following documents were referred to the Commitnow attached to the office, I have now attached to the office, I have accepted it. And in doing so, I affirm in contradiction of the opposition and solution and solution of the opposition of the opposition and solution of the opposition of the opposition and solution of the opposition oppositio statements of the opposition and discontented Press, that my acceptance of it, in its present form, will be a considerable saving to the country. It has been alleged by certain portions of the Press that I am at liberty to quibble. I shall, therefore, so ment to recognize and crevate the agricultural interests by a Finance Committee.

34 Letter from the Directors of the Canada Company

Gentlemen,

Your obed't serv'nt. MALCOLM CAMERON.

OLD WOMEN -If a whimsical or ridiculrelate to an old woman. If a man lake wit, or is in any way eccentric in his idoss of neatness and propriety, he is called an old woman. A deficiency of fiamness of purpose, or timidity in intercours: with the world, subjects to a similar epithet; and yet what does the world, subjects to? Simply this that a man is like his mother? And who, pray is a real manner. pray, is a real momer! A being filled with devoted and disinterested love for her off spring. Did any one ever hear of a selfish ?-of one who would not practice sel-denial that she might miniser to her children? Here, then, is a trait which is in onr mind, that distinguishes the peculiarties of the venerable females from thos of selfish A word in your ear, girl. Leap year has 'arriv.' Study your chance, and go in.



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GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1852.

MINUTES

hundred pounds a year for his Of the Municipal Council for the United Counties of Huro f the Municipal Council for the Outer Conditions of Into.

Perth and Bruce, met in the Court Room of the United

Counties Gaol, on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1852, pursuant to Statute 12th

Victoria chapter 81.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden in the Chair.

And the following gentlemen, who delivered in their certificates f having been duly elected Town Reeves:—

Thomas Lamb, Esquire, for the Township of Usborne,
Robert Doig, do. Hay,
Andrew Walker, do. do. Stephen,
Thomas McCorr. do. Thomas McGoey, McGillivray. John Corbett, Francis Walker, dent of the Council, in future, 6 Goderich, John Holmes, William Smith, Downie, Ellice & Mor

equal in importance to the duties do. Alexander Gourlay, do. performed by any other member nington, Blanshard, do. 10 John Robinson. Biddulph, North Easthope So early as the year 1841, I 11 William H. Ryan, do. 12 Alexander Hamilton, do. South Easthop Downie, Denuty Reeve, ment, the justice and utility of 15 John Annand, Jr., do. for the Township establishing a Department of Agriculture, feeling then as I do 18 John Pentland. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. of Colborn M'Killop & Grey, Ashfield. Tuckersmith,

Legislature, that one should be the Agricultural. This is Canada's great interest—the foundation of the Canada's great interest—the foundation of the Canada and the Was more decided by Mr. Hays, That William Chalk, Esq., be Warden for the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Canada and Bruce, for the year 1852—earried unanimously.

22. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That a

and prosperity; and notwith-standing the comparative indifference with which it has hitherto been regarded, it is the one
which must furnish the "row

24 Letter from Mr. Withers and ten other inhabitants of

gration, and the statistics of the Province are entrusted to the Chairman of Committees or Precident of the Council And His Council And His Huron Perth and Bruce. Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH;

Tussday, 27th January, 1852. The Council met. PRESENT :- The Warden in the Chair. Mesers. HOLMES. Mesers. HAMILTON, RYAN, FRANCIS WALKER, ANDREW WALKER, LAMB, CORBITT, ANNAND. DOIG, RATH, COLE SMITH, McGOEY, MONTEITH, ROBINSON,

HILL, GOURLAY, MITCHELL. The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved of. 27 The Warden's Oath of office was received, read, and

competent to the several duties tee appointed to examine the certificates sent by the Township Clerks, relative to the election of Reeves.

It was verbally moved that the Council do adjourn for half as hour-carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.
WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

quibble. I shall, therefore, so soon as a writ can issue, that is, so soon as Parliament meets, resign my seat and give you, the Electors of Huron, an opportuni-

Electors of Huron, an opportunity of expressing, at the Polls, Reeves, viz: Messrs. Lamb, Corbitt, Gourlay, Ryan, Davidson your opinion of my conduct in and Pentland, being satisfactory to this Council, they be allowed thus concurring in the first at-

The Committee rose, and the Warden resumed the Chair, when tempt of any Canadian Government to recognize and elevate

The Committee rose, and the Warden resumed the Chair, when the report was again submitted and adopted.

33 Letter from the County Treasurer was referred to the

the agricultural interests by distinct Governmental Departdistinct Governmental DepartCounty Treasurer was referred to a Special Committee.

35 Moved by Mr. Rath, seconded by Mr. Robinson that a Committee of five be appointed to consider the best steps to be taken for raising means to construct the Gravel Roads, and also to take into consideration the letter of the Directors of the Canada Company to the County Treasurer - carried.

On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs Mitchell, Robinson, Hill, Holmes and Lamb.

36 Moved by Mr. Molmes, seconded by Dr. Cole, That the ous story is told of any one, it is sure to varied by Mr. Molmes, seconded by Dr. Cole, That the ous story is told of any one, it is sure to Warden do issue a Warrant forthwise for a new election in Kin-relate to an old woman. If a man lake wit, cardine, in accordance with the report in the repo cardine, in accordance with the report just now confirmed, and that Mr. Francis Walker be Returning Officer—carried.

The Council then adjourned for one hour. WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,

Huron, Perth and Bruce.

Council Room, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met, the same parties present that were in the forenoon, with the addition of Mr. Wallace, who presented certificate from Town Clerk of Goderich (Town), that he had been elected Town Reeve for the Town of Coderich which was referred to Diagnet Gommittee, when it was all Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, 71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, Reeve of Blanshard, submitted an estimate of the Mr. Robinson and Mr. Wallace, who presented certificate from Town Clerk of Goderich (Town), that he had been elected Town Reeve for the Town of Coderich who are resulted to the Mr. Robinson and Mr. Robinson reality, old womanish, and the only one, in elected Town Reeve for the Town of Goderich, which was read, and Mr. Wallace allowed to take his seat. The three following documents were referred to the

Committee. 37 Letter from John Naira, Esq., accompanied by statem of accounts against the Board of Public Instruction. Letter from Provincial Secretary. Letter from Mr. Nairn.

The four following documents were referred to School Com

Petition of Mrs. Nairn. Letter and accounts from the Rev. John Logie. Report of Mr. Nairn, accompanied with accounts and

Letter from Mr. Nairn. 44 Letter from the Messrs. Brown, Hamilton, ordered to be

45 Petition of Lowel Alvord-referred to Finance Commit-46 Letter and other documents from Local Superintendent of Schools, 1st Division—referred to School Committee.

47 Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Ryan, That
a Committee of five be appointed for Finance. On a ballot being
taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Holmes,

Hill, Wallace, Smith and Robinson.

48 Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Gourlay, That

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, Wednesday, 28th January, 1852. The Council met.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair. Measis. WALKER, ROBINSON, GOURLAY, Messrs. HILL, ANNAND, COLE, SMITH, HOLMES, CORBITT, RYAN, RATH, LAMB, DOIG, DAVIDSON, McGOEY, WALLACE, HAYS, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, MITCHELL, MONTEITH.

utes of yesterday were read over and approved of. 49 Petition of certain inhabitants of Stephen, Usborne and lay-referred to Road and Bridge Committee. 50 . County Surveyor's Report-referred to Road and Bridge

51 Moved by Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Rath, That a Committee of five be appointed on Roads and Bridges—carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Rath, Lamb, Robinson, Hamilton and Wallace.

Notice of motion by Dr. Cole, I intend to move to-morrow for the sum of £30 to be expended in cross-laying the Little Cran-berry Marsh and a small Gedar Swamp on the Town-line between the Townships of Hay and Stanley.

53 Notice of motion by Mr. Mitchell, I intend to move tonorow for the sum of £50, to be expended on the Town-line be ween South Easthope and the Gore of Downie.

54 Notice of motion by Mr. Rath, I give notice, That on to-morrow I will move for a grant of £15 on each of the Townlines of Logan.

55 Notice of motion by Mr. Gouriay, That to-morrow I in-

tend to move for the sum of £20 to be expended on the Town-106 Notice of motion by Mr. Hamilton, That I intend to move to-morrow for the sum of £10 for the erection of a Bridge

on the Town-line of North Easthope.

57 Notice of motion by Mr. Lamb, That on to-morrow I will move for a sum of money to finish the crossways, not already 'It is fortunate, however, that major M'Colfinished, on the Thames Road, leading through the Township of loch is with us to-day. Twelve mounted Notice of motion by Mr. Holmes, That I will on to-mor

towards repairing the Bridge over the South-east branch of the What say you, major M'Colloch?' 59 Notice of motion by Mr. Smith, That to-morrow I will move for a grant of £25 to be expended on the Town-line be-

tween Downie and Fullarion. Notice of motion by Mr. Walker, I intend to move tomorrow for £00 to erect a Bridge on the Big Sable, on the Division line between the Townships of Stephen and McGillivray.

61 Notice of motion by Mr. Hays, That I will move tomorrow for the sum of £20 for the purpose of repairing the Bridge over the Maitland River between the Townships of McKillop and Hullett, partially carried away by the Floods last

June.
62 Notice of motion by Mr. Hill, That to-morrow I will move for the sum of £30 to be expended on the Town-line be-tween Fullarton and Hibbert.
63 Notice of motion by Mr. Ryan, That I will to-morrow move for the sum of £10 for crosswaying on the Town-line be-tween Biddulph and London, on the South Boundary, between

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the same parties present, with the addition of Mr. Pentland.

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31 Report of the Committee appointed to report on the validity of elections of Town Recres, was received, read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Hamilton to the Chair. Oa the report being read over, at lice opinion and the principles of our Constitution, to evade both by availing myself of a legal quibble. I shall, therefore, so

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the same parties in making the same.

64 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That this Council do petition the Legislature, or the proper Post Office authorities, that the London Mail pass through Bayfield, in place of passing as it does at the present time through Clinton, the difference being but two miles of an increase. This route wall effect a saving of the expense of the mail now running from Bayfield to Goderich—carried.

On the last clause of the report being read over Mesers with the addition of Mr. Pentland.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the same parties in making the same.

64 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Bobream, and the proper Post this Council do petition the Legislature, or the proper Post this Council do petition the Legislature, or the proper Post for pursuant to adjournment, the same parties in making the same.

64 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Brown and the proper Post this Council do petition the Legislature, or the proper Post for pursuant to adjournment, the same parties in making the same.

64 Moved by Dr. Cole, and three, the inhabitants of London agreeing to assist in making the same.

65 Note of an indication of the South Boundary, between and three, the inhabitants of London agreeing to assist in making the same.

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COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, Thursday, 29th January, 1852.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden in the Chair. Messis. BOIG,
DAVIDSON,
PENTLAND,
WALLACE,
SMITH,
McGOEY, Messrs. HAMILTON, MITCHELL, WALKER. MONTIETH, ROBINSON, GOURLAY, ANNAND, LAMB, COLE, RATH, RYAN,

minutes of vesterday were read over and approved of.

Petition of James Brown was read, and referred to Fithe trouble, a bit ago, to pick out the bulnance Committee.
67 Report of Select Committee of Town Council of Gode

-referred to Finance Gommittee.

Letter of Thomas Layton, ordered to lie on the table. 69 Two accounts from Local Superintendent of School lst Division-referred to Finance Committee.

70 In accordance with the resolution of last Session Jouncil, Mr. Robinson, Reeve of Blanshard, submitted an esti-

That the sum of £150 be paid to assist in the erection of the New Bridge over the River Thames at St. Marys. The above motion was referred to Finance Committee. The Council adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

Doetrn.

From the Kirkcaldy Observer.

I wonder what you mean.
To drink sae soon i' mornin'
And drink sae late at e'en:
You'll blear out a' your een, John,
And why should you do so, Get up and sign the temperance pledge, John Anderson, my joe.

John Anderson, my joe, John, When we were first acquent, Your locks were like the raven, Your bonny brow was bront: No wonder it is so: The whicky glass is all the cause, John Anderson, my joe.

48 Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Gourlay, That a Committee of five be appointed for Schools—carried. On a foallot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hays, Lamb, Ryan, Cole and Rath.

The Council adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

Huron, Perth and Bruce.

John Anderson, my joe. John,
Wild the bonniest lass
E'er stood by bridegroom's side:
But now ye rin fras me, John,
Wild circles sots ye go;
I'm'left at hame to pine and mourn,
John Anderson, my joe.

John Anderson, my joe, John, While ye frae drink did keep, We neither wanted meat nor class, Nor peace, nor balmy sleep; But now our press is tim, John,
There's naething left but woe.
There's no a bawbee in the house, John Anderson, my joe.

John Anderson, my joe, John, Our barins were neat and clean;
Ye praised them aye baith ear' and late.
Blythe Jock and bonny Jean.
But now they're neither fed nor clad,
To the school they cannage; Get up and sign the Temp'rance pledge, John Anderson, my joe,

Jahn Anderson, my joe, John, If ye'll pit down your name, I promise and I vow to you, That I will do the same; Let us then mak' a firm resolve. And to the Hall let's go; And there we'll join the Temp'rance John Anderson, my joe.

Literature.

From the Southern Literary Messenger.
OLD CROSS-FIRE.—A STORY OF THE NORTH-WESTERN BOR-DER.

BY GEO. S. M'KIERNAN.

Concluded.

Within five minutes after the arrival of Elliot, every living being in the settlement was collected within the stockade fort at Wheeling. The story of the youth was told in a few words.

'This is a distressing affair,' said colonel Zane, the commandant of the garrison. give a good account of myself? men under his command will capture the copper-colored rascals before sunset, and restore the dear child to us unharmed.

> 'I am always ready, sir, for anything in the shape of an Indian fight,' replied the intrepid hunter.

> "Then select twelve men-myself among

'It shall be done,' answered M'Collock and quickly too! Lewis Wetzel! 'Here!' replied Lewis, as he elbowe

is way through the group of persons which had collected around the major. 'I put you at the head of the list, and will

like the colonel's plan, any way I can sift through. I'spose we all want to have know very well the thing can't be don cording to the colonel's plan.

Why not ? respectfully inquired M'Col loch, who reposed almost unbounded confi- wildest aspect. lence in the judgment and skill of Lewis

Wetzel. 'Becase the very minute Old Cross-Fire nds himself'-

'Old Cross-Fire!' exclaimed a doze oices at once.

the very minute he finds himself hunted down skins, to git a chance to riddle their hides by horsemen, he will sculp poor Rose, and with my old woman here,"-and the hunter cursed red-skin gang out of harm's way.' to be Old Cross-Fire's ! asked M'Col-

'Why, you see, major Mac, I jest tuck let that was lodged in Elliot's horse. Here it is. I know the size of the old rascal's balls too well to be mistaken.'

'Perhaps you are right,' said M'Colloci after he had examined the shapeless piece of lead.

'There's nary doubt about it,' replied Vetzel.

'Upon reflection,' remarked M'Collect I agree with you that it is not prudent to go mounted. We will all go on foot.' 'I don't like that neither,' said Wetzel. If we all go, there will be too many of us to do any good.'

· How many do you think will be suffient for the purpose?" inquired the ma-

'Two at the outside,' returned Wetzel: or if the colonel's agreed, I'll go by my- said the youth.

"That will never do!" exclaimed sever-

stepped boldly up to the hunter, that I when he gets about the Indians, or they'll be shall go at all hazards. It was turough my mighty apt to get about him. indiscretion that Miss Mason fell into the

rescue! Ellit.?

force. Here comes the colonel; we will ble, unless it might have been to check his hear what he has to say about it."

own hands, fully explained to him.

colonel of Wetzel. if I have to follow the skulking dogs all the sandy; but a wide strip of wet and unctuway to the Sandusky towns.'

olonel. I hope, at this late day? Did you ever ed Wetzel to his companion. They were know Lewis Wetzel to act the fool when then standing at the lower angle of the juncred-skins were about! Now, if we want tion of the streams-screened, however, to fetch back poor Rose, we must go about from observation by the thick pawpaw

like fox hunters.' 'Do you think you can bring the child 'What is to be done now?' asked Elliot back in safety, Lewis?' seriously asked colo- in a like low whisper. nel Zane.

know full well that I can do more towards it a bit of noise, while I go and look around a by myself than I can with a pack of noisy little. fellows along with me.'

he had revolved the question in his mind. ness peculiar to the skilful Indian hunter. In an affair of this kind, I have never After an absence of several minutes he refound him wrong. Major M'Colloch, we turned, and made a signal to Elliot to folwill commit the business to him alone. low him. The latter stepped forward as 'I am glad to hear you say so; colonel? cautiously as he could, and accompanied exclaimed Wetzel, whose eyes now sud- Lewis a few rods up the creek bank, when

'I shall go with you, Lewis,' said Elliot, which the recent marks of the hatchet were impatiently-'I will go at the risk of my visible.

will do no harm. You wont be headstrong, Cross-Fire himself.? becase you're a green hand, and will have to do jest as I tell you. Besides, you ought to help Rose out of the bad box your fool-

ery got her into.'

your rifle and all your fixin's in good order?' 'All right,' responded the youth. 'Then, come, let's be off.' The two adventurers shouldered their

gate of the fortification, many a brief prayer spect much from you,' continued .M'Col- for their success was uttered by the inmates of the fort; all of whom had been deeply in- handed man, because the highest point of terested auditors of the conversation above the stump is on the right side.2 related. They pursued a well-beaten path four or five aniles up the bank of the river. the child fotch back safe and sound, but I until they reached the mouth of a large run. which emptied itself into the Ohio, immediately opposite a small island in the latter stream. Here, nature appeared in her two red-skins here—one left-handed and

'This is a suspicious looking place,' ob-

crved Elliot. 'Not a bit,' said Wetzel. 'There haint been an Indian here for a long, long time. A good while back, this was a famous place for 'em to cross over in their canoes; and 'Aye, Old Cross-Fire I' repeated Wet- many's the fine I've laid for days and nights zel, with rather a succeing emphasis, 'he's at a stretch, on the piat of that little island Wetzel, as he moved near the bank, and at the top and bottom of this business; and, yander watching the motions of the redthen take good care to put himself and his patted the breech of his gun with manifest affection. 'Old Cross-Fire,' he continued But how do you know the Indian gang 'used to paddle over, hereabouts; but me and hun have had so many cracks at each other, along yander, that he's got aleard to ventur his old red hide in this quarter, any more. He's got his ferry at Short ercele ow; and there's where we'll have to nail

Do you think the old fellow himself caried off Rosel' interrogated Elliot.

Jist as sartin he did as my name's Wet-'Then, Lewis, I am resolved that my rifle shall kill the infernal old scound-

. 'Tut tut, Ellit! Do jest as I tell you; I didn't fetch you along to talk that way. Boy, there's nary man in this part of the univarse that I'd trust with Old Cross-

why may I not as well pull at him. Because it wouldn't be of no use, at all for it runs strong in my head that powder and lead can't kill him. My old woman here has tried so often to hush his jaw, without doing it, that I've made up my mind to try him some other way. He's got a charmed life-that's a clear case !

But if a fair chance

'Fudge, Lewis! Do you believe in such old woman's stories?

Well, I don't know that I do, as a genething; but I must say that I've satisfied myself that Old Cross-Fire is proof again rifle balls, any how. But we must move along quicker, Ellit. We're only half way to Short creek, and we haven't a minute's

'I can keek up with you-move along,'

'It's high time to quit talking, now,' observed the elder hunter, in a softened tone, after they had left the run some distance 'I tell you, Lewis,' said Elliot, who in their rear. 'A body has to be quiet

Elliot promised to keep silence. The hands of the Indians, and no power under two hunters now quickened their pace, the sun shall prevent me from aiding in her though care was taken to bring their feet to the ground as lightly as possible. Wetzel, Don't talk so fast, observed the imper- who walked before his youthful companion, turable scout- jest let me fix the. thing, continually glanced his well-practised eyes around him, penetrating the mazes of the "Wetzel,' said M'Colloch, too much forest on every side. He moved with surmay be risked by sending out an inclinient prising stillness, and never uttered a sylla-

comrade from making unnecessary noise. The colonel, who now reappeared to an- When the hunters reached the mouth of nounce that the horses were forthcoming, had Wetzel's objection to the original plan disappear behind the bold heights on the and his desire to take the matter into his opposite shore of the Onio. The banks of the creek at its confluence with the river, What can you do by yourself? asked the were abrupt, though not high, and covered Veven to their extreme borders with a luxu-Why, colonel, I will do all that I can. riant growth of pawpaws. The outer edge I'll get the poor child out of their red paws of the beach of either stream was dry and ous earth next to the waters's edge, had But you should have help,' remarked the been exposed to view by the recent subsi-

dence of a freshet. 'Colonel, you aint a gitting jubous of me 'This is the cend of our tramp,' whisperthe business like true Indian hunters-not grove which extended to the verge of the

'I'll see,' said Wetzel. 'You stay where "I can't promise sartinly, colonel; but I you are, and do not budge a peg. nor make

He cautiously drew the branches aside. Wetzel is right,' said the colonel, after and glided through the bushes with a quietdenly brightened with hope and joy- I'll the clder hunter called the attention of his companion to the stumps of two bushes, on

'This one,' whispered Wetzel, stooping 'So you may,' replied the hunter; 'you down to the nearer stump,' was cut by Old 'How do you know that ?' inquired El-

'Can't you see that it was cut by a lefthanded man? The highest pint of a stump Where do you purpose going? asked is always where the heel of the hatcht cuts and that high pint is next to us on thi

> 'New look at the other stump,' resurred Wetzel, 'and give me your idea about

Elliot carefully examined the second relocks, and as they passed through the stump, and ventured his opinion prompt-"This one," said he, " was out by a right

> 'That's right, Ellit. I've larnt you that nuch, and it's worth minding, too." 'Why is the information so valuable?' 'It's valuable on this account, Ellit: you see it shows us that there have been at least

one right-handed one. The left handed

left-handed man I know of in these parts;

one is Old Cross-Fire, becase he's the only

and the other, I judge, is one of his hangers But might there not have been more

than two. Lewis! 'So there might, but we can't tell,' said cast his keen eyes upon the bosom of the water. 'There's another discivery I've made,' he added. 'Do you see that little green twig in the creek there.' Elliot glanced his eye in the direction denoted by his comrade's finger, and answ ered in the affirmative.

Well, Ellit, that little twig is fast to Old Cross-Fire's cance, which is there sunk in the water; and I arger that these bushe ere were cut to make forks to fasten it to

the bottom.

Very likely, said Elliot. And I now arger that there might have been one or more Indians taking care canoe, while the old dog and his imp

ashore to cut the forks." You reason like a philosopher, Lev I will soon become an expert hund your tutorage."

'Now, Ellit,' said the scout, 'you back to your old place and keep quiet, have a bright look-out, while I ship ar