

## The Plaindealer.

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### FIRE! FIRE!

On another page will be found an account of the fire of last Thursday which devastated Moody's Mills. The account is that telegraphed the dailies and is in the main correct. The origin of the fire is, of course, easily imagined. The machinery generated great heat, and was in contact with much inflammable material. The result is deplorable from every point of view. With a nominal insurance of nearly \$30,000 Mr. Moody will only get about \$11,000, \$2,000 is paid on the Woolen mill building, \$2,000 on the woolen mill machinery, \$1,500 on the damage to the flour mill inside, \$570 outside. The balance of the insurance paid is on contents destroyed, woolen fabrics, grain, &c. It is admitted that Mr. Moody can only rebuild the woolen mill by being assisted. It is for the farmers of the neighborhood and the people of the town to consider the question of helping him. His woolen mill is the only one between Chatham and St. Thomas. We need not enlarge on the great benefits accruing from it to this town and to the country at large. We hope the matter may take definite shape, and that aid may be extended.

### Town Council.

This body met July 16th, members all present.

After routine a letter was read from county clerk stating county rate for current year \$610.60.

Letter dated June 20th, from Eureka Fire Co., asking council to accompany the company to Mt. Clemens 4th of July.

Letter read from T. B. Shoebottom, stating that the trustees of the Methodist church had completed the conveyance of the Albert street church and asking that the corporation issue cheque for purchase money, \$1,500.

Resignation of Dr. Young as placed in the hands of Mr. McRobbie, chairman of Collegiate Institute Board disclaiming his seat at the Board, also copy of resolution passed by the Board, asking council to take action to fill the vacancy thus created.

The clerk produced warrant for holding the late election for councillor in Ward No. 3, and declaration of Alfred Page as councillor elect, in return of James Grant, resigned. Read returns of votes cast at said election, Page 81, Scane 56.

Telegram read from Toronto, dated July 28th, being notice of proceedings in the case of Young against Ridgétown. Various accounts read and referred to Finance Com. The Finance Com. then passed on the accounts recommending payments to the amount of \$123.05, and referring back to council several accounts calling for enquiry \$150.

Mr. Shaw, from the Board of Works reported that thistles were being cut on the streets.

Mr. Jas. W. Brown explained his action as Chairman of the Fire and Water Committee, defended his action in cleaning out the tank near Moody's mill. Reeve Dart objected to the expenditure on the tank. He complained of Mr. Brown giving \$2 per day to men cleaning out the tank. Mr. Lowthian defended Mr. Brown.

Report read of Fire and Water Committee reporting expenditure on cleaning tank at Moody's mills \$85.

Report read from Eureka Fire Co., containing names of members in good standing, 82 in all.

Receipts from market clerk, May & June \$18.

Mr. Kenney brought up an account from Mr. James S. Milton presented some time ago. Matter referred to Board of Works.

Motion offered in favor of appointing Dr. Lake High School Trustee. Amendment offered in favor of Dr. Stalker. For the amendment—Dart, Page, Cochrane, Lowthian, Drake, Nays—Watson, Jas. Brown, Shaw, Kenney, T. Brown and the Mayor.

Mr. A. N. McLean addressed the council, stating that Mr. Thomson, of Hamilton, would erect two dwelling houses on the site of the Georgian Bay lumber yard if allowed notwithstanding the fire limit by-law to build wood

instead of brick. Mr. McLean said the buildings would be two-story and neat and handsome. Mr. Dart gave notice of motion for next meeting to amend the fire limit by-law by restriction of the limits to Mr. McPherson's in the west to Victoria avenue on the east. Mr. John Leitch stated that Mr. Thomson would expend \$2,800 on the buildings.

Moved by Dart—Cochrane to tender Mr. Watson \$75 for collecting taxes last year. Moved by Drake—Lowthian to pay the acc's in full \$100. Original motion carried, amendment lost.

Captain Forsyth asked council on behalf of the Fire Co. for a hook and ladder outfit. In reply to Mr. T. Brown Mr. Forsyth suggested an appropriation of \$800. All the requisites could be built in town. He further stated that Mr. Pell, Secretary of the Underwriter's Association, on a visit to Ridgétown, had said that if the town had a hook and ladder truck in keeping with the engine and hose, the rates of insurance would be lowered.

Moved by Dart—Page to grant Thomson the privilege asked of building two wooden houses on Main street. Motion carried.

Moved by Drake—Lowthian to appropriate \$250 towards a hook and ladder outfit. Mr. Drake defended the expenditure. Mr. Dart said that at present he had to oppose the motion until the town lawsuits were decided. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Kenney followed in the same line. Dentist Brown—Watson in amendment to purchase one long ladder and two short ones for the firemen's use. Motion and amendment laid over till next meeting, giving an opportunity for a parley between the Fire and Water Com., and the Fire company as to the purchase of a hook and ladder outfit and also adding to the members of the company.

### A Family Affair.

We have used Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in our family of six persons during twelve years, and in all cases of diarrhoea, Summer complaint, etc., it never fails to cure. This valuable medicine should be on hand in every family.

MRS. ANNA ALLEN. Harley, Ont

### Palmyra.

Mrs. G. A. Morrison and daughter of Detroit are visiting at Mrs. C. G. Key's.

Rev. B. Saunders, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church next Sabbath.

Miss Susie Foster, of Detroit, is rusticiating among her many friends here.

Mr. David and Blake Mills, of London, are spending their holidays here. Mr. Sam Knight, of Northwood, visited friends in this place a few days ago.

Mr. A. Lutz of Glenco, spent Sunday with friends here.

### The Fire Record.

Ridgétown, Ont., July 11.—A very serious fire occurred here to-day. At 2.45 loud cries of fire were heard, and in an incredibly short time flames were seen issuing from the woolen and carding mills of Messrs. John Moody & Sons, at the corner of Water and Main streets. The building was frame, four stories high, and about 150 feet deep by 50 wide, containing, besides the office and stock of woolen goods an immense storeroom for bran and flour, and a very complete set of machinery valued at \$15,000, which are a total loss, together with the building and large quantities of new wool and manufactured goods, including tweeds, blankets, yarn, flour, bran, shorts, etc. The far-famed Diamond roller flour mills, standing within twenty feet, were badly damaged by fire and water, and were only saved by what should properly be termed the superhuman efforts of the firemen. Indeed, a man had to be a hero to get within working distance, so intense was the heat. The engineer and fireman were enveloped in blankets and kept soaked, otherwise both must have succumbed. Mr. Moody also lost a dwelling house on the opposite corner, and had two others badly damaged. Grave fears were at one time entertained for the safety of adjacent residences, of which several were more than once on fire, but they were all saved by buckets of water in the hands of willing workers. The mill will probably be rebuilt at once. The following are the different insurances, with the companies interested and how placed: On woolen mills, Waterloo Mutual, \$2,000; on machinery, Lancashire, \$2,000; on tweeds and woolen goods, Phoenix, of England, \$2,000; on building, Mercantile, \$2,500; on wheat and flour, Royal, \$5,500. On stock, wools, etc., in Diamond mills; Lancashire, \$1,875; Glasgow and London, 1,875; Phoenix, of England, \$1,875; Caledonia, of Scotland, \$3,750; Imperial, \$1,865; Western, \$2,500—all this on building and machinery—Fire Insurance Association, \$200 on dwelling.

A quarter of a million pounds of candy are bought every day by the people in the streets of New York.

### Why He Goes to Spain.

London, July 10.—The Pope's supposed decision to quit Rome, which has not yet been given out officially, is discussed with special interest in France. In that country the selection of Spain instead of Monaco as a place of refuge is looked upon as clear proof that His Holiness considers that war between France and Italy is certain in time, if indeed it be not imminent at this moment.

### A Big Success.

For summer complaints and diarrhoea I can truly recommend Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, as I have used it in my family with great success and would not be without it. JOHN B. HAVENS, Grimby, Ont. Never travel without it.

### A Blazing Gas Well.

Ruthven, July 11.—Some time during Tuesday night a miscreant partly removed the capping from Coste well No. 1 near here and set fire to the escaping gas. Flames have melted a portion of the iron stoppers and piping, burnt down the frame building that rose above and enclosed the well and are now spreading far out on all sides, rendering near approach impossible. As the gas well has a yield of 10,000,000 feet per day the terrible violence, heat and deafening roar of the flames may be imagined.

Mr. John Tenniel, *Punch's* famous cartoon artist, will be seventy next year. He joined the staff in 1851, succeeding Richard Doyle, who resigned on a question of conscience, and since that year few issues of the paper have appeared without contributions from his pencil. Mr. Tenniel has worked under four editors—Mark Lemon, Tom Taylor, Shirley Brooks, and now Mr. Burnard, and he believes (with which many will agree) that *Punch* was never more humorous and readable than to-day.

### A Confirmed Grumbler.

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## Our Boots & Shoes

At sweeping Reductions. Ladies fine Oxford Ties worth \$1.50 for \$1.15, Ladies' Fine French Kid Button Boots, regular price \$3, now \$2.25. Ladies' fine Dongola Kid, \$1.65. Lot Gents' and Boys' Straw Hats, worth from 50c to \$1, to be sold for 25c.

Fine double width Cashmere for 19c, worth 25c. The above prices are for spot cash. Any goods booked will be at regular prices. Come early if you want to secure the bargains as they will not last long at these prices. Lots of other bargains, but have no room for quotations.

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