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we said that the time would come when these services would be appreciated, and when he would be brought forward as the unanimous choice of the electors. This has come about sconer than we expected, but it only shows the sudden revulsion of feeling against the present Mayor, who has utterly failed to come up to the expectations formed by those who supported him last January. We cannot yet tell what sort of a Council Mr. Howard will have under him, but we feel assured that whatever may be its complexion he will discharge his duties with a dignity, impartiality, and fidelity that will gain for him the respect of all classes of the community.

Mr. Chadwick having been forced to give up all idea of succeeding to the Mayoralty for a second term, seeks to take refuge in the Reeveship, and comes out as a candidate for that office. His organ advanced a convenient excuse why he could not run for Mayor, that he could not spare the time to his duties. Such being the case, how can he spare the time to discharge the duties pertaining to the Reeveship, which, in addition to his attendance at the Town Council, will require his presence at the County Council three times a year at lesst, and each time extending over four days. Besides, as Reeve he would require to give his attendance at the various committee meetings of the Town Council, which he was not obliged to do as Mayor. And more than all that, he, at a previous meeting, intimated that he did not intend this year to run for any office. It is, therefore, evident that at the last moment he was thrown into the breach in order to lighten his fall, and give him a chancto make for himself a position in the County Council.

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As regards his opponents we regret that two such good men as Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hart should be in antagonism, and we trust that such an arrangement will be come to before the election as will leave but one in the field as opposed to Mr. Chadwick, in which case we have no fear as to the result. The Heràld's sneers at Mr. Elliott\_and Mr. Hart will have no weight with the electors. They are any day as good menas Hart will have no weight with the elec-tors. They are any day as good menas Mr. Chadwick is, and will do as much credit to the Town at the County Coun-cil as he will.

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Mr. Sleeman, having been rather dishonourably shoved aside by Mr. Chadwick for the Reeveship, has been nominated for first Deputy. Mr. Kennedy, an old and valued representative of the Town, has been nominated against him. Several good men have been nominated for second and third Deputy Reeves, but it is doubtful if they will all stand. There are far too many candidates for Councillors in the different Wards. The nomination of so many distracts the electors, and serves no good purposer. Far better would it be to have Ward meetings, as in old times, when the candidates could be selected without leaving it to nomination day, when there is no previous arrangement, and every man is free to nominate his friend, without considering his fitness for the office, or whether he will consent to run. This matter must be reformed in another year, for it would greatly facilitate the work of getting a good Council.

Since the above was written we have received a letter from Mr. Hart, announcing that he declines to be a candidate for Reeve. It will be found in another column.

#### The War News.

December 31.

A St. Petersburg special says Russia will probably consent to an armistice on the basis of the ratification of the Armenian frontier, the free passage of the Dardanells, eaguarantee of good administration in Bulgarantee of good administration in Bulgarantee of good administration.

It is probable that Ruesia will reply that she is ready to open negotiations if the Porte directly addresses itself to St. Petersburg.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: The request of the British Government for information whether Russia would be disposed to enter into peace negotiations at the desire of the Porte has pean received if statements have been published abroad respecting the Ruesian answer and the conditions which she would propose for a settlement, such intelligence muscle premature and inaccurate. Nothing whatever has been determined, upon, the ugh fin well informed dir. less it is assumed that Russia will make no harsh reply to the step taken with the object of paving the way for peace, but will show herself accessible to any gearnest endeave us for the restoration of reace.

The following is stated to be the text of England's note to Russia:

Her Majesty's Government begs to inform the Emperor that the Porte is ready to open peace negotiations. The Emperor's wirdom and repeatedly expressed love of peace justify Her Majesty's Government in the hone that he will lend a favourable ear to the Sultan's request.

Another Vienna c rrespondent hears that Russia has already replied to England's note that if the Turks desire an armistice they must apply direct to the Russian Commander. It is reported that there are 25,000 sick in Bulgaria, and that the supplies are inadequate. This number probably includes the sick among the Turkish prisoners.

Along the eastern front, namely the River Loom, the Turks have withdrawn from all their positions, leaving only small armed bodies composed of troops and in-

who retired to the woods after

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 2, 1878

The Municipal Elections.
The all absorbing subject of discussion in fown at present is the municipal elections. The nominations on Monday engaged a large measure of public attention, and since then speculation is rife as to the chances of the different candidates.

to receive any Turkish overtures for a trucs.

A Vienna special says the peace party, at Constantinop e is gaining ground.

A Paris despatch asserts that the Porte has decided to accept an armistice.

A St. Petersburg telegram states chat Russia will be found more moderate than commonly expected.

A Constantinople despatch says — Fund Pasha, who is defending the Lihliman decide, has been reinforced. It is believed that the defile is impregnable.

An Erzeroum telegram says A junction between Generals Melikoff and Tergukasoff south of Erzeroum is believed to be imminent.

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tier, the free passage of good administration in Bulgarias, and the independence of Koumania. The official Vienna Evening Post says:

There are grounds for believing that Russia will not st once reject, but will reply in suitable terms to England's enquiry, which only reises the question of peace in very general terms; but only optimists can hope that by England's action any real foundation is secured for the conclusion of peace. The Political Correspondence says:

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GUELPH, DEC. 26TH, 1877.

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