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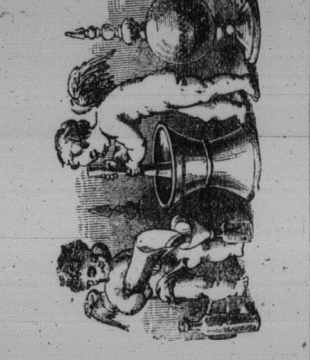
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Evening Mercury.

WEDNESDAY EV'G, MARCH 17, 1869. Local and Miscellaneous

The Columbus (Ohio) Journal pointedly remarks that "every cord of wood given to the poor here will be so much fuel saved from use in the other world."

PERSONAL.—We understand that Dr. Roseburgh, Surgeon to the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary, intends visiting Guelph shortly in a professional capacity.

PRESENTATION AT HESPELER.—We are obliged to our correspondent for sending us an account of the presentation to Rev. Mr. Hill, but we gave an account of it in last week's issue.

The County of Prince Edward has had a year's experience of the "Dunkin Bill," and the County Council has now repealed the by-law which gave it effect, because it is unsatisfactorily working.

The "Bourbon" manufactured in New York, and sold in one-half of the saloons there, is found, by chemical analysis, to contain a mixture of fusil oil, rancid lamp oil, green tea, prussic acid, winter green and gin. Wholesome beverage, truly.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL RE-UNION.—The annual Reunion of the Guelph Grammar School, takes place in the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst. when recitations, dialogues and other exercises of an interesting character will be given.

FARMING LANDS IN KENTUCKY.—We direct attention to the advertisement in another column, in which 8,000 acres of cheap and good farming lands are offered for sale in Kentucky. These lands are well wooded, very fertile and in a healthy part of the State. The price is much lower than lands in the west in old settlements can be got for.

ECLIPSES.—On August 7th a total eclipse of the sun occurs. This will be the most interesting that has been witnessed in this continent for many years, and will not happen again until 1870.

ROSSIN HOUSE, ACTON.—We would call attention to the advertisement of Mr. Campbell, who has leased the hotel near the station at Acton, and has put the house in thorough trim for the comfort and convenience of the public. Mr. C. has had many years' experience in hotel keeping, is obliging, attentive to his guests, and spares no pains to make them comfortable.

RESIGNATION OF THE TOWN CLERK.—Mr. Hough's resignation of the office of Town Clerk on Monday evening last, took every one by surprise—and the general feeling is that of regret at the loss of Mr. Hough's services to the town in this capacity. He has been induced to resign in consequence of the great loss by death of his son, who was a careful and invaluable assistant to him in his official duties. Mr. Hough desires, however, to retain the office of Town Treasurer; and considering the long period which he has served Guelph in an official capacity, extending back to the time when it was little more than a hamlet, and the great satisfaction with which he has discharged his duties to the public, Mr. Hough is certainly entitled to every consideration at the hands of the members of the Council.

SOIREE IN PUSLINCH.—The annual soiree of the congregation of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, took place on Tuesday evening, and was largely attended, especially by the younger portion of the congregation, the body of the church being well filled with a considerable number in the gallery. An excellent tea and abundance of the best refreshments were promptly served by an efficient corps of young ladies and gentlemen, who were assiduous in their attentions to the wants of all. The Rev. R. Macdonald, pastor of the church, occupied the chair, and prefaced the business of the evening with appropriate remarks. Several of the speakers expected—ministers and others—through sickness or on account of the bad roads, were unable to be present. The burden of the speaking was consequently left with Rev. Mr. Ball, Messrs. Davidson, Atkins and R. McKenzie, whose addresses were generally of an interesting character, and were listened to with attention. In the course of his address Mr. McKenzie read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Campbell, late of Rockwood, who is now at Fort Edmont, on the Saskatchewan, and who gives a glowing description of the fertility of the soil in that part of the far west. The very efficient and well trained choir, under the leadership of Mr. McFarlane added greatly to the pleasures of the evening by the excellent way in which they rendered a number of anthems and other pieces, greatly to the delight of the company, whose applause was frequent and hearty. The proceedings closed shortly after eleven o'clock. The money realized after eleven o'clock. The money realized will be believed expended in painting the new manse.

Erin Council.

The municipal Council of Erin met on the 1st inst.; Reeve in the chair; members all present. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that leave be granted to bring in a by-law regulating the duties and salaries of the Town Clerk, to be read a first and second time. Carried.

The Council sat in committee of the whole on the by-law which was reported upon and declared carried. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that by-law No. 6, regulating inns and inkeepers, be read a third time and passed.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the County Treasurer be instructed to erase from his books the back taxes on the north east quarter of lot No. 31 in the second concession, containing fifty acres on receipt of the proportionate share of the taxes coming from that part of said lot, as a mistake has been made in giving in the whole lot; also that he be requested to erase from his books the back taxes on the north west quarter of lot No. 12 in the tenth concession and the west half of lot No. 4 in the 8th concession, 100 acres, and village lot No. 13 in the 9th concession, one-fourth acre; lot No. 9 in the 10th concession, east half of the east half, fifty acres, and lot No. 23 in the 9th con. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the Township Treasurer be requested to furnish the Council with a full statement of the liabilities of this Township on the 1st of January, 1869; also the amount uncollected at that time, with a statement of how he met those liabilities, with a statement also of the state of our finances up to next meeting of Council.

Carried. By-law No. 5, granting certificates of license to shopkeepers and inkeepers was read a third time and passed. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that John White be paid back one dollar, having been charged for a dog which he had not.

Mr. Currie moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Widow Berry be refunded the amount of her taxes, and that the Reeve order the payment of the same. The finance committee met and recommended that George Gibbs be paid the sum of \$8, for the board of James Clarke, an indigent blind man; also \$1 for a minute book for the Clerk.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the report of the finance committee be accepted and payments ordered. Carried. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that persons whose lands are advertised for sale for back taxes through any mistake, may attend next meeting of Council, to be held on the 22nd Monday in April, and have those mistakes corrected. Carried. Mr. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the road and bridge committee be instructed to settle the right of way on the hill known as Summerville's hill, as surveyed by T. W. Cooper, Esq., P. L. S. Carried. The Council adjourned to meet again on the second Monday in April.

Mr. TYLEY, Tp. Clerk.

The Whitaker-Chaloner Case.

To the Editor of the MERCURY.

SIR.—The last number of the Weekly Globe furnishes a few whokers as this case of the Chaloner-Whitaker case. Some of these are opportune and much needed. But why do not our legislators take hold of this matter? Why do they not grapple with it vigorously? Is it right for them to calmly look on with folded arms and read of this one and that one being shot down until Lynch Law shall become in our Dominion as common as it has long since been in the American States? If the punishment for crime renders its commission more frequent, why not enact a law which will visit severe penalty upon the proper party? A few moments' reflection will satisfy any rational mind that the man is the most guilty party. There may be instances in which the female may act very unbecomingly and would be guilty in a high degree; but this does not turn the crime of the other side into a virtue. Man being the stronger, mentally and physically, should realize that he is the protector and guardian of the woman, and not vice versa. He should be considered a gentleman, and does not nobly and honorably fill on all occasions that position. And if one depends on the commission of that crime, which is spreading desolation among the community, no matter under what pretext, or what the provocation, let him be visited with a corresponding penalty. Let it be regarded by our courts as a misdemeanor which sends a man at least to the Penitentiary. Let there be no escaping it. It may be said that difficulties will arise as to proof, and in some cases the innocent may be punished as things

hundred.

The Eramosa Social.

To the Editor of the MERCURY.

SIR: It will be remembered by many of the readers of your valuable paper, of there being a social held at Mr. James Talbot's house on the evening of Jan. 28, in aid of building a driving shed for the W. M. church at Everton. That report, given by one present, has caused great dissatisfaction among all who were present on the occasion, the palm of the evening having been awarded to some unknown person, while some of our friends who were all too known, were deprived of their rights. There being about 120 persons present on the occasion, it would be well to mention those who took a prominent part in the exercise of the evening. Mr. Joseph Towell being called to the chair he called the meeting to order, by calling upon Miss Mary Talbot to give a tune on the melodeon. Several recitations were then given by a number of young friends, and singing by the Messrs. Wheeler, after which there was an intermission given, and the good things of the evening having been distributed, the meeting was again called to order, the chairman calling upon the Messrs. Clark, of Rockwood, assisted by Messrs. McMillan, Clark and Nairn, who favoured the company with some of their choice selection of music. A selection of reading was given by Mr. J. Morton, and sweet strains of music were sung by Miss Harriett. A speech by Mr. Isaac Tovel, and singing by Master Armstrong of the Rockwood Academy, contributed to render the evening very pleasant.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The storm in Quebec the other day was terrific. A large market was unroofed, seven houses were crushed, and four men were killed by an avalanche of snow, and one man was frozen to death.

The McLeary Case.

Last Friday, we alluded to the fact that two men named McLeary, who had been sent to Toronto, together with the wife of one of them, had been unable to gain admittance into the hospital there. Mr. Bousted, Chairman of the Board of Health in that city, wrote the Mayor of this town, telling him that "as he had been fit enough to send three of his poor people to that city, and gave them to understand that two of them would be admitted to the hospital, he would please send guarantees, at least for one, admitted on the 9th inst., to which Dr. Herod emphatically replied, giving the following facts of the case:—

McLeary and his brother's family have very lately arrived in Guelph. It appears he is laboring under a form of insanity, and escaped from his people, walking through the country without shoes and stockings. The consequence was he got his feet frozen. He was committed by the Police Magistrate to gaol as a lunatic; and would have been there no. 7; but his brother insisted upon his release, and promised to take care of him. I had lost sight of him for some time. On Monday last his sister-in-law came and asked if I would give McLeary and her a pass to Toronto, as they had agreed to get him into the hospital. I then told her they would have to pay for him whilst in hospital, which seemed perfectly satisfactory to her, and I concluded they had the means for so doing.

He gave the pass, as she represented to pay for their fares to Toronto would take away a large portion of the money they had set apart to pay expenses whilst in hospital. Under these circumstances, and considering that he had no more claim upon the town of Guelph than he had on the city of Toronto, I cannot agree to guarantee his expenses to be borne by this municipality whilst in Toronto Hospital. I hope his explanation will clear me from the imputation of having been so kind as to send our poor people to your city for admittance into your city hospital. When they get there you may rest assured they will be accompanied by the necessary guarantee for their admittance.

Enquiries made since show that the parties were in moderately good circumstances, but, possibly, to saddle the expense of the brother's maintenance elsewhere. After failing in obtaining his admittance into the hospital, it is supposed that he was committed to gaol, and was found shortly afterwards in a half-bundled state on Yonge street, and taken to gaol the same afternoon. About the same time the brother and wife left for Portland, having at least succeeded in leaving the unfortunate man, if they did not secure his admittance into the hospital.

St. Patrick's Day.

The annual return of the anniversary of the Patron Saint of Ireland brings with it a thousand remembrances to the true-hearted son of the Emerald Isle; and we trust that to-day will be no exception to the long list of St. Patrick's Days in the enthusiastic celebration. Although the Saint was not a native of that land which has for hundreds of years revered his memory and adopted him as its patron, yet he spent the best part of his life on its soil—and in this he has the advantage of his fellow saints, Sts. George and Andrew, who not only were of foreign birth, but probably never saw the island which has for centuries appropriated them as its own.

It is common in Ireland to wear a shamrock, or small white clover (the trifolium repens), in the hat, on St. Patrick's Day, and it is a long-standing belief that this custom arises from the use made of the plant by St. Patrick, when illustrating the Trinity. Plucking a trefoil from the ground, he is reported to have said: "Is it not so possible for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as for these three leaves to grow upon a single stalk?" It is a fact worth noting that the trefoil in Arabia is called "shamrak," and was held sacred as an emblematic of the Persian Triads; Pliny, a very ancient Latin writer, says that the trefoil was never visited by serpents, and that it prevailed against the stings of snakes and scorpions. May not this belief, coupled with St. Patrick's use of the trefoil, have something to do with the origin of the legend which tells of his banishment of snakes and toads from Irish soil? He this as many, wherever the English language is spoken throughout the globe, there will the sons of Ireland be gathered together on this day to interchange thoughts and sentiments connected with the far-off "gen of the sea."

A Guelph Insurance Case.

At the Wentworth Spring Assizes at Hamilton, before Mr. Justice Hagarty, an action was brought against the Gore District Mutual Insurance Company by Mr. Fitzgerald, of that city, for the payment of \$1,000, he having, in 1865, insured property in Guelph to that amount in this Company. The building insured was the Grand Trunk Hotel, which was occupied by Mr. H. Newton and mortgaged to him by plaintiff for \$1,000—to whom also he transferred the policy, notifying the insurance company of the same. The hotel, with the barns and sheds, were burnt on the 2nd July, 1867, and defendants claimed that assessments made by them were unpaid and in arrears, and that after the transfer of the policy, defendants had nothing to do with the plaintiff. Plaintiff set up that a by-law had been adopted by the Company, extending the time of levying assessments, but that it had never been enforced, and he was unaware that they were levied monthly.

After hearing arguments and an examination of several witnesses, his lordship ruled that plaintiff was non-suited, with leave to enter a verdict of \$1,000, if it was proved by law that he was entitled to recover.

WORMY.—The Auburn Advertiser gives currency to a most extraordinary story that a man residing outside of the city came to some laborious employment, suddenly took a coughing spell. Feeling something strange in his chest he put up his hand and found a foreign substance between his fingers and upon drawing upon it discovered that it was a continuous string of peculiar formation, which continued to come from his throat as fast as he could pull it away. It suddenly broke in two, but catching the end between his teeth he renewed the pulling process until he had captured thirty-four feet of tape-worm.

REPORTED FAILURES IN MONTREAL.—Smyth & Langston's large boot and shoe manufacturers in McGill street, stopped payment to-day; liabilities stated at \$105,000. There is also a good deal of talk in the city about the disappearance of Cashfield Dorwin, one of the partners in the firm of C. Dorwin & Co., brokers, who, it is said, left the city on Saturday, and that his whereabouts cannot be discovered. It seems to be a fact that this old man has also suspended, and it is stated that Mr. Dorwin had taken \$5,000 with him. Extent of liabilities not ascertained. Mr. Dorwin's partner, Mr. Gault, is still here.

The Chatham Banner says that the Premier of Ontario, in a stump speech, a few days ago used the pronoun I 172 times. Beatty of Welland can best that. He used the word sir, in addressing the Legislature for only 20 minutes, 214 times.

A capital joke occurred in the Quebec Parliament on Friday. A Bill passed by the Assembly respecting rewards for the destruction of wolves came up in the Legislative Council when Hon. Mr. Beaubien, Minister of Crown Lands, who thought the question was on the Bill relating to the independence of members, moved to add a clause to exempt members of the Council from the operation of the Bill.

There was no meeting of the Board of School Trustees last (Tuesday) evening—a quorum not having been present.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE. Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, March 16th.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in the eastern part of Lancashire this morning. No damage done.

In the House of Commons this evening, the Mayor of Dublin appeared at the bar, and presented petitions praying for the establishment of religious equality in Ireland, and that amnesty and pardon be granted to all Fenians. In reply to a question from Mr. Torrens, the House was informed by Mr. O'way, under Secretary of the Foreign Department, that the Government would soon bring in a Bill establishing a uniform and permanent law of extradition.

MADRID, March 16.—In Constituent Cortes yesterday, a motion was made by a Republican member that Cortes take ground in favor of legalizing civil marriages; and several Republicans spoke in support of the motion. At the conclusion of the debate it was announced that the Government intended to introduce a bill on the subject; a discussion arose concerning conscription, and recent popular demonstrations against it. Ministers Sa-gascha, Tophe and Priou accused Drouse and Pierrat of making speeches to the people on Sunday last subversive of the Government. Creuse was charged with inciting the people to oppose the authority of the Cortes, and Pierrat was accused of exhorting soldiers to disobey the orders of their officers. A violent scene ensued in the Cortes—the exasperation of both parties rendered discussion impracticable—and after a few words from Deputy Figuras, pledging the Republican party, whatever its political desires might be, to submit to the decision of the Constituent Cortes, the subject was dropped, and soon afterwards the sitting was adjourned.

American Despatches

St. Louis, 17th.—Reports from Fort Lyon states that Gen. Custer was captured about eight days since while out on scouting expedition. No particulars.

Havana, 17th.—Mexican advices state that a church in Zacatlan was struck by lightning on the 9th inst., and destroyed. One hundred persons were buried in the ruins.

New York, 17th.—The steamship China from Liverpool, has arrived.

New Orleans, 17th.—Matamoros papers of the 6th says that a carrier brings news of the defeat of Vargas, who, in his blindness and courage, dared to attack Martiagon's position at Janez. The state of Tamaulipas will now enjoy peace, security and order which has been so long interrupted.

Washington, 17th.—Miss Van Lew, the loyal woman of Richmond, who rendered inestimable services to our army during its operations before that city, was yesterday appointed post mistress of that place by order of the President.

New Orleans, 17th.—The nomination of Gen. Longstreet, as Surveyor of this port has not yet been fully considered in committee, but very considerable opposition to it is organizing in the Senate at Washington.

Washington, 17th.—Indications now are that the Senate will repeal the Tenure of Office laws by probably five majority.

"Honour to Whom Honour."

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR: Dr. Ryerson has done a great good in the matter of education for this country. I like the idea of a limited amount of compulsory education. I approve very much of the idea of a thoroughly practical and efficient County Superintendent, appointed by the County Council, the standard of competence having reference more to the teaching capability than high scholastic attainments. The other proposed changes are rather alterations than improvements. I like the manly stand for British freedom as against the French system of centralization taken by Mr. Stirton at the Convention lately held in your town.

I wanted, however, to tell you about our school examination held last Wednesday. The day was very stormy, yet we never had a larger attendance of pupils and visitors. This is due to the steady and untiring zeal of the teacher, Mr. Robert Little, who by his disinterested labors as well as the more than faithful discharge of his school duties, is educating the parents as well as the children. I tell you, Mr. Editor, that if school teachers will lift themselves mentally and morally head and shoulders above the Section in which they reside, Dr. Ryerson will have no need to stipulate for a minimum salary. But about the examination: the children acquitted themselves as all children will where they are well taught; and as a token of their appreciation of the efforts of their teacher, Mr. Little, they amongst themselves raised some \$20 and presented the teacher with Smith's Bible Dictionary in three large volumes. The accompanying address and the reply breathed a spirit of affection rarely heard of when you and I were schoolboys. Mr. Little has taught our school for seven years, and I expect he will continue to do so until he is invited to "come up higher." The little scholars, for we are a prolific people, and have two large and well appointed schools, presented their teacher, Miss Cameron, with a black silk dress-piece. We are having an addition of \$100 worth of books to our already well-stocked library, and it is proposed to invite your Battalion Band and local vocalists to the public opening of our Drill Shed at an early day before the sleighing breaks up. CORRESPONDENT. Puslinch, March 13th, 1869.

A GOOD HIT.—An editor who seems to have lost his temper, gets off the following well-merited hit—on a certain class of people. "Those fellows who don't take their paper home, watch them! They are always on the alert on publication day, and when the paper comes to your place of business, are the first to snatch it up; falling in this they read it over your shoulders, too impatient to demean themselves in a respectful manner. Spot these fellows. They are the small-souled, stingy, handal, who go through the world on other folks' money."

We notice, among the promotions in the late London Gazette, the name of the late Ensign Whitaker, of the 53rd Regiment, whose promotion to a lieutenancy is gazetted.