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FOREAUGH'S white elephant is dead. We may next look for the death of that other fraud—the N. P. elephant.

BLAINE has admitted his defeat, and it is now virtually settled that Cleveland is the next President.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD has been made a Knight of the Bath. He will now have no excuse if he can't say "these hands are clean."

A NUMBER of our town councillors who have hitherto pooh-pooled the citizen's railway committee are now endeavoring to curry favor with that body and are seeking affiliation. For the benefit of our readers we take this opportunity to remark that favoring railway or other projects just before municipal elections and frowning them down the balance of the year is the constant act of the regular ward politicians.

We believe it is the intention of the Scott Act people of this section to hold a mass meeting at an early day, and thereby give a public acknowledgement to Rev. T. M. Campbell of their appreciation of the valuable services which he rendered during the recent campaign.

THE CAMPBELL LEBEL. On Friday morning J. T. Mitchell was preliminary examination on a charge of libelling Rev. T. M. Campbell, of this town.

THE BOYCOTTING. Nine subscribers undertook to boycott THE HURON SIGNAL. The SIGNAL advertises their names in its last issue, and hopes to worry along without them.

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DR. MARTYN SKIPS. The Anti-Scott Orator a Fugitive from Justice.

An Editor Arrested for Libelling Goderich Centenens—The Writer Absent—W. M. Campbell Already Vindicated.

As outlined by THE SIGNAL last week, the arrest of J. T. Mitchell, of the Wingham *Vilette*, and the "skipping out" of Dr. Martyn, took place in due form.

On Friday morning J. T. Mitchell was preliminary examination on a charge of libelling Rev. T. M. Campbell, of this town. The libel complained of was to the effect that he had been divorced from his first wife for adultery, and before entering the ministry was a horse-trader in Belleville.

Previous to the examination Mitchell had interviewed Mr. Campbell, and with earnest entreaties for leniency expressed his sorrow for publishing the libel, and offered an ample apology to the clergyman if he would withdraw the suit.

Thos. McGillicuddy testified that J. T. Mitchell was the editor and proprietor of the Wingham *Vilette*, and identified the paper produced in court as the paper received by him from the office of the accused on the Saturday previous.

Mr. Campbell, sworn, said that the first charge of being a "predestinate scoundrel" he must leave to his congregation and the community. He did not use the language at Duncannon imputed to him, nor anywhere else.

The mayor said it was a serious charge, even if it were true. He could do nothing else but send the prisoner up to the assizes. His worship said he would accept bail, prisoner in his own recognizance of \$400, and two sureties of \$400 each.

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A BARN-BURNER.

Several Destructive Fires Set by a Tramp. —Three West Zorra Farmers Lose Their Entire Season's Crop.

Windsor, Nov. 17. —Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a tramp called at Ira Hummason's, West Zorra, and after getting something to eat walked to the barn and set fire to a straw stack, which soon communicated to a barn containing 100 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of barley, also 30 tons of hay, consuming all.

He then proceeded to Alex. McDonald's, lot 26. Finding that gentleman washing his buggy, he asked for a night's lodging, and being refused, walked to the other side of the barn, remarking that he (McDonald) would be sorry for it touched a match to the straw stack, destroying it with the barn and the whole season's crop.

He then ran across to lot 57, 7th con., and set fire to Thos. Rutherford's straw stack, destroying two barns with the year's crop and four hogs.

He then went to lot 28, 8th con., and was detected setting fire to Walter Meadows' straw stack in time to drown it out but not in time to catch the tramp, who is still at large.

Age about 30; light complexion; red mustache; high cheek bones; grey coat; new boots, with red tops; wore small cap.

A regular meeting of the Presbytery of Huron was held in the Presbyterian church, Kippen, on Tuesday, Nov. 11th, commencing at 10 a.m.

The Moderator reported having visited Bayfield and Bethany congregations, and that they had agreed to raise \$400 annually towards the supply of ordinances. At their request, Rev. D. Forrest, graduate of Knox College, was appointed to labor among them for six months.

Rev. A. Stewart, on behalf of the committee, appointed to visit Bayfield road and Berne congregations, announced their failure to come up to the minimum of salary, reported having done so.

The Assembly Remit on marriage with a deceased wife's sister, was taken up. After considerable discussion motion was made that the Presbytery defer expressing its judgment till next meeting.

The afternoon of the Presbytery again met for the induction of the Rev. Sam'l Acheson into the charges of Kippen and Hills Green. There was a large attendance from the congregation.

After the induction ceremonies, which were performed by the Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Brucefield, after which the Rev. Mr. Barr led in prayer.

After the nomination of Horace Greeley for the presidency in 1872, Whiteley Reid, Mr. Albert, of Baltimore, and a number of other gentlemen, had a dinner.

One bottle of wine was left after all had been satisfied and it was agreed to place on it an inscription to the effect that it was not to be drunk until after the election of a Democratic president.

All present, and Mr. Albert has religiously preserved the bottle ever since and now has it in his possession with the signatures still legible.

Mr. Albert will send it to president-elect Cleveland with an explanatory letter.

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