

St. Thomas Reporter.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1880.

THE LEFT ONE.

Her ways were dashing,
Her eyes were flashing—
A cast was in the left one;
Her waist was slender,
Her feet were tender—
A corn was on the left one;
Her voice was bell-like,
Her ears were shell-like—
A wart was on the left one;
Her talk was witty,
Her hands were pretty—
A scar was on the left one;
Her faults were stunted,
Her cheeks rose-tinted—
A mole was on the left one;
Her head was noble,
Her nostrils mobile—
A pimple marked the left one;
She walked serenely,
Her steps were queenly—
She halted in the left one;
Her hair abounded,
Her arms were rounded—
A birth-mark marred the left one;
Her brow was snow-like,
Her eye-brows bow-like—
Scant hair was on the left one;
Of five fair sisters
Straight shoulders, I wist her's
Were fairest, even the left one;
Four men the rest won,
And she, the best one,
She was the only left one!

A RHYMING ROMANCE.

A LOVER AND SWEETHEART—HOW THEY LIVED AND ACTED.

He was young, he was fair, and he parted his hair, like the average beau, in the middle; he was proud, he was bold—but the truth must be told—he played like a fiend on the fiddle.

Barring his vice, he was everything nice, and his heart was so loving and tender that he always turned pale when he trod on the tail of the cat lying down by the fender.

He clerked in a store, and the way that he tore off calico, jeans, and brown sheeting, would have tickled a calf and made the brute laugh in the face of a quarterly meeting.

He cut quite a dash with a darling moustache, which he learned to adore and cherish; for one girl had said while she dropped her proud head, that it would kill her to see the thing perish.

On Sundays he'd search the straight road road to the church, unheeding the voice of the scornor; and demurely he sat, like a young tabby cat, with the saints in the amen corner.

He sang like a bird, and his sweet voice was heard fairly tugging away at long meter; and we speak but the truth when we say that this youth, could out-sing a hungry musketer.

She was young, she was fair, and she scrambled her hair like the average belle of the city; she was proud, but not bold—yet the truth must be told—the way she chewed wax was a pity.

Barring this vice, she was everything nice, and the world admired her bustle; and the Evanton boys, being calmed by the noise; walked miles to hear it rustle.

She cut quite a swell, did this wax-chewing belle, and men flocked in crowds to meet her; but she gave them the shirk, for she loved the young clerk, who sung like a hungry musketer.

So she hemmed and she hawed, and she sighed and she chawed, till her heart and her jaws were most broken; then she walked by his store where he stood at the door awaiting some loving token.

She raised up her eyes with a mock surprise, and tried to enact the scornor, but to tell truth, she grinned at the youth, who loved the amen corner.

*** They met—alas! what came to pass was soft and sweet and precious; they wooed, they cooed, he talked, she chewed—oh! how she loved! Good gracious! They had to part, he rose to start; the grief cannot be painted; these are the facts: she swallowed her wax, then screamed, then choked, then fainted.

Her pa appeared; her bean, quite scared, rushed out to get some water; the watch dog spied his tender hide and bit him where he oughter.

The tale is sad, the sequel stern—so thinks the youth thus bitten.
He sings no more, as oft of yore—he gave the girl the mitten.

He pined apace, her pretty face looked slender and dejected; her father, kind but somewhat blind, beheld her and reflected.

His income tax he spent in wax—she smiled and called him clever.
She went to work, forgot the clerk, and chawed in bliss forever.

People who lock children in rooms where there is a fire and then go away to spend the day should be careful to take a coffin home with them.

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

A lady voter of Boston found too late that she had voted her curl papers.

When a wedding is put off did you ever notice how the gossips go on?

This is leap-year, girls; but it is just as well look before you leap.

Train a dress in the way it should go and it will never get under the feet of the wearer.

The girls who gets kissed by a young man does not mean it when she says "I like your impudence!"

English ladies have recently become interested in the game of football. This settles the narrow skirt business.

The ladies think Eve was severely punished for her transgression, from the fact that she never appeared in a nude dress afterward.

Some magazine writer says: "A woman becomes sensible at twenty-five. Then the woman is about one hundred and thirty years ahead of some men."

Twenty weddings have taken place in the Oneida community since it was decided to pair off. And all parties seem to be happier for it.

A Port Jervis man, blessed with a numerous and rapidly increasing progeny, has offered each of his homely marriageable daughters \$1,000 to catch a husband.

Ladies are warned by an exchange net, to put pieces of money in the mouth while counting change. It is not a pretty habit, and it is a most dangerous one. These coins may carry disease.

They called it a romantic marriage in Michigan when a couple of the neighbors get the bride's father into a back room and sit on him to prevent his interrupting and breaking up the wedding.

"Dear Louise, don't let the men come too near you when courting." "Oh, no, dear Ma. When Charles is here we always have one chair between us." Mother thinks the answer is rather ambiguous.

Among the costly novelties in the wonderful trousseau of the queen of Spain is a headress of electric butterflies, in which the colors are true to life, and when worn their wings flutter gracefully.

Thorough tourists and sports-woman discard umbrellas as cumbersome and inconvenient, and, in close water-proof ulsters and storm coats, defy rain or snow. It is a great deal easier to wear your umbrella than to carry it.

The old custom was that a gentleman who refused an offer of marriage during leap-year was expected to present the lady with a new dress. In these days he prefers to marry her rather than attempt to endow her with a dry goods store in the shape of a modern "new dress."

You may blow your brains loose about the women, you may hoot down the feminine follies of the world, but in nine cases out of a possible ten you will find that man's decided will has done more damage than a woman's pensive won't.

It is said that fashionable young ladies of Philadelphia now want to be photographed in theatrical costumes, and some of them "pay fifty dollars for a Black Crook fit-out." Why they should spend fifty dollars and have nothing to show for the money, is difficult to imagine. They already own such a "fit-out." They were born that way—all except the hair-pins and about seventy-five cents' worth of fluffy stuff.

An erring husband who had exhausted all explanations for late hours, and had no apology ready, recently slipped into the house about 1 o'clock, very softly, denudded himself quietly, and began rocking the cradle by the bedside, as if he had been awakened from a sound sleep by infantile cries. He had rocked away for about five minutes when Mary Jane, who had silently observed the whole manoeuvre, said, "Come along to bed, you old fool, the baby ain't there."

An Oil City man was sitting in his parlor reading the other day, when he heard footsteps approaching. "It's my wife," he thought, "and I will bother her a little." So he said out loud, "Well, old girl, why didn't you shovel in that coal, and nail up the back gate. And see here, you've got to est less for I want some money to pay my cigar bills, and you must cut down in household expenses. Besides, wife, I've about concluded to have you take in washing, and—" The door slammed behind him and he reached the window just in time to see a neighbor woman going out the gate, and his wife nowhere in sight. The report in that neighborhood now is that the man's wife is being starved to death to get him cigars; that she does all the menial work, and is obliged to take in washing to get her husband money which he spends at saloons.

ANY LETTERS FOR THE WATTSSES.

A lantern-jawed young man stopped at the Post Office last Saturday and yelled out:—

'Anything for the Wattsse?'
George Poteet, our polite postmaster, replied, 'No, there is not.'

'Anything for Jane Watts?'

'Nothing.'

'Anything for Ace Watts?'

'No.'

'Anything for Bill Watts?'

'No, sir.'

'Anything for Tom Watts?'

'No, Nothing.'

'Anything for 'fool Joe' Watts?'

'No, nor Dick Watts, nor Jim Watts, nor Sweet Watts, nor any other Watts, dead, living, unborn, native, foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, white or black, franchised or disfranchised, naturalized or otherwise. No, there is positively nothing for any of the Wattsse, either individually, severally, jointly, now and forever, one and inseparable.'

The boy looked at the postmaster in astonishment and said:—

'Please look if there is anything for John Thomas Watts!'

WHAT THE GEM MIGHT BRING.

A wealthy gentleman, whose passion for diamonds is well remembered by his friends, was in the habit of carrying about with him a magnificent stone, which he valued at \$10,000. He carried it in his pocket, wrapped up in a piece of paper. One day he dropped into Solom's bazaar, and showing it to the proprietor, asked him what he thought it was worth. The proprietor turned to one of the young ladies who had charge of the 'jewelry counter and asked her what it was worth. She examined it closely, noted its color and weight, and finally said, slowly, 'Well if it was a little smaller, I think we might get thirty-seven cents for it.'

The 'hardly ever' of 'Pinafore' is certainly a plagiarism. It is taken from the story of an ecclesiastic who was confused by the honor of preaching before Louis XIV. During his discourse he had occasion to say, 'We must all die.' Then, catching breath, he turned in a complimentary way to Louis and added, 'Nearly all of us.'

An old darkey who peddles clams about town, was heard to remark last week, that a horse for which he had paid 75 cents had dropped dead in the shafts on the day after the purchase, and he wound up by saying: 'I's done now, and buys no more cheap hosses. I's gwine to have a good hoss nex' time if I have to go to Rahway and pay \$4 for him.'

'I wish you would keep your mouth shut!' exclaimed Hollemout, the dentist, suddenly losing patience with the patient's predilection for talking. 'All right' said the latter, suiting the action of the word. And then Hollemout asked him if he would be so kind as to open it again long enough for him (Hollemout) to get his fingers out. You never know how to please some men.

LAUGHAGRAPHS.

A rich man's son lives on his pap.

'Grinderpest' is a very appropriate name for the toothache.

'Swans sing before they die.' They have to, if they sing at all.

If your son has no brains don't send him to college. You cannot make a palace out of a shanty by putting a French roof on it.

The English have presented Cetewayo's wives with concertinas. Isandula is to be avenged. Oh, unhappy King!

The man or woman who has never loved, hugged, kissed, played with, listened to, told stories to, or thoroughly spanked a child has missed the cardinal joys of life.

The New York News informs a waiting public that 'poison' does not rhyme with 'raisin.' Neither does pie-crust rhyme with 'overshoe, and there are lots of other words that don't rhyme.

This confusion in the weather, having it cold when it should be warm, and hot when it should be frigid, is undoubtedly the work of our many weather prophets. Their booms have clashed together.

I said to my little girl one day: 'What a large forehead you have got! It is just like your father's. You could drive a pony carriage round it.' To which her brother, five years old said: 'Yes, mamma, but on papa's you can see the marks of the wheels.'

'John, what odor is that?' 'Cloves, love.' 'But that other?' 'Allspice, my beloved.' 'But isn't there another?' 'Yes, apples, belovedest.' 'Just one more?' 'Raisins, my most belovedest.' 'Well John, if you would only drink a little brandy, now, I think you would make a good mince pie.'

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CHANGE OF TIME.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS

On and after Sunday, Nov. 8th, Trains will leave the St. Thomas Depot as follows:

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ST. LOUIS EXPRESS, 12.3 p. m., (daily) for Detroit and Toledo.

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Do not manifest impatience.

Do not interrupt another when speaking.

Do not find fault, though you may gently criticize.

Do not talk of your private, personal and family matters.

Do not appear to notice inaccuracies of speech in others.

Do not allow yourself to lose temper or speak excitedly.

Do not allude to unfortunate peculiarities of any one present.

Do not always commence a conversation by allusion to the weather.

Do not, when narrating an incident, continually say, 'you see,' 'You know,' etc.

Do not talk very loud. A firm, clear, distinct, yet mild, gentle and musical voice, has great power.

Do not be absent-minded, requiring the speaker to repeat what has been said that you may understand.

Do not try to force yourself into the confidence of others. If they give their confidence never betray it.

Do not use profanity, vulgar terms, slang phrases, words of double meaning or language that will bring the blush to anyone.

Do not intersperse your language with foreign words and high sounding terms. It shows affectation, and will draw ridicule upon you.

Do not carry on a conversation with another in company about matters which the general company knows nothing of. It is almost as impolite as to whisper.

Do not speak with contempt and ridicule of a locality where you may be visiting. Find something to truthfully praise and commend; thus make yourself agreeable.

Do not make pretence of gentility, nor parade the fact that you are a descendant of any notable family. You must pass for just what you are, and stand on your own merit.

Do not contradict. In making a correction say, "I beg your pardon, but I had an impression that it was so and so." Be careful in contradicting as you may be wrong yourself.

Do not be unduly familiar; you will merit contempt if you are. Neither should you be dogmatic in your assertions, arrogating to yourself much consequence in your opinions.

Do not feel it incumbent upon yourself to carry your point in conversation. Should the person with whom you are conversing feel the same, your talk will lead into violent argument.

Do not make a parade of being acquainted with distinguished or wealthy people, of having been to college, or of having visited foreign lands. All this is no evidence of real genuine worth on your part.

Do not use the surname alone when speaking of your wife or husband to others. To say to another that "I told Jones," referring to your husband, sounds badly. Whereas to say, "I told Mr. Jones," shows respect and good breeding.

Do not yield to bashfulness. Do not isolate yourself, sitting back in a corner, waiting for some one to come and talk with you. Step out; have something to say. Though you may not say it very well, keep on. You will gain courage and improve. It is as much your duty to entertain others as theirs to amuse you.

Do not aspire to be a great story-teller; an inveterate teller of long stories becomes very tiresome. To tell one or two witty, new stories, appropriate to the occasion, is about all that one person should inflict on the company.

Do not indulge in satire; no doubt you are witty, and you could say a most cutting thing that would bring the laugh of the company down upon your opponent, but you must not allow it, unless it is to rebuke some impertinent fellow who can be suppressed in no other way.

Do not spend your time in talking scandal; you sink your own moral nature by so doing, and you are, perhaps, doing great injustice to those about whom you talk. You probably do not understand all the circumstances. Were they understood, you would be more lenient.

Do not flatter; in doing so you embarrass those upon whom you bestow praise, as they may not wish to offend you by repelling it, and yet they realize that if they accept it they merit your contempt. You may, however, commend their work whenever it can truthfully be done; but do not bestow praise where it is not deserved.

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IRISHTOWN COUNCIL.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

A large and influential crowd of electors assembled at the Town Hall, Irishtown, on Tuesday evening last, the occasion of the first meeting of the newly elected council.

The meeting having been called to order, Johny McNearney was appointed chairman, and as he took his seat he remarked that "he was bound to keep order in this meeting be the force of moral suasion in the shape of a hickory club which he produced. The Poll Clerk, Mr. Algernon Page Webb, then came forward and stated that Messrs. Wiggins, Babcock, Jones, Caughlin, McNearney, Little, Barry and Dr. Forbes had been elected councillors, with power to add to their number. Cheers.

It was then moved by Andrew Little, seconded by Johnny Barry, that Andrew Little be appointed mayor for the ensuing year.

Moved in amendment by H. Babcock, seconded by Con Caughlin, that Billy Wiggins be appointed Mayor.

The amendment was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Messrs Wiggins, Babcock, Jones, Caughlin, Forbes, McNearney and Barry. Nays—Andrew Little.

Billy Wiggins said that suppressed emotions, mixed with something stronger, prevented him thanking them enough for the entirely unsolicited honor conferred upon him, although he had been working for it for a long time, he would always endeavor to legislate properly; in spite of Freeman Ellison, Thomas Arkell, or any other man. He then sat down on his plug hat and calmly fell asleep.

Andrew Little then arose and said the council would be sorry for leaving him out in the cold, for he was the most honest, intelligent, active, industrious—Self-praise is no rimidy mattered Johnny McNearney, as he reached for the club, and Andrew silently and sadly sat down.

The council then proceeded to business, the Mayor, being awakened, in the chair, when it was

Moved by Johnny Berry, seconded by H. Babcock, that Aldernon Page Webb be appointed clerk in place of his brother, who left the limits. Carried.

The mayor, in reply to a remark about encouraging manufactures, stated that he had that day received a communication from his friend the President of the C. S. R., asking what inducement would be held out to the company in regard to removing the station and workshops to Irishtown. He also received a letter from G. Swinburne Couse, asking for a bonus to start a Hash Factory (special rates to boarding house keepers and widows), in the city. The writer said that there was an awful waste of dead dogs, cats, &c., in the town, and cited the case of H. Babcock's horse.

The clerk was ordered to communicate further with those parties in regard to the matter.

H. Babcock then said that though he was a man of few words he was a deep thinker, and had long noticed the splendid situation of the city for a harbour for vessels. It possessed all the requirements a man could wish for—but there's no water, interrupted Johnny McNearney, a harbor without water is like death in the house and no whiskey—Mr. Babcock had thought about that and he

Moved, seconded by Dr. Forbes, that the authorities at Port Stanley be communicated with in regard to procuring some.—Carried. After which it was

Moved by Johnny Berry, seconded by Johnny McNearney, that the sum of \$3.75 be granted to the Irish relief fund, and \$1.75 to the Irishtown Ladies' Aid Society.

Just then a silence fell upon the assemblage which burst into one prolonged cheer as Con Caughlin arose, adorned with a swallow-tailed coat and white necktie; after majestically wiping his nose on his coat sleeve, Con said: 'Although I've been absent from yeas for fourteen long months last year, not a one of me but shall hold yeas next me heart, forinist me flannel shirt. I'll always do everything in me power and part out of it to help yeas, though I have ranted me house to some naygurs. In regard to the last motion, Con said he did not see the use of making two bites to a cherry or two drinks to a pint of whiskey, therefore he was in favor of granting the whole sum to

the "Irish relafe," not because he was an Irishman, any wun to hear his spache and name, wud think him a Frinchman, but becase he thought they needed it more, he would therefore

Move, seconded by Mr. Jones, that \$5.00 be granted to the "Oirish relafe." The amendment as well as the original motion was lost, it being decided to raise money by private subscription.

Sam Doane, an outsider, now arose and asked the Council about getting up a 'Vegetable' Committee, such as the one at Lucan. Sam was instantly seized by a crowd of indignant citizens, and hustled out.

The learned Dr. Forbes made a few remarks about the High principles of Liberty, Parliamentary privilege, and corn's warts and bunions; after which on a Motion of Mr. Wiggin's, seconded by J. McNearney, the Council adjourned.

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SLIPS OF THE PEN.

A dentist is said to be a man who 'spares no pains' to do his work well.

The miser is a man who lives like a beggar because he is afraid of dying like one.

A lie is like a counterfeit bill. It may pass through a great many hands, but it will be found out at last.

There are a great many men in the world who, if they would only take their departure, would take what everybody would gladly give them.

One of the ancient English nobility had these words inscribed over his castle gate. They are worth copying for our own use:—"They say. What do they say? Let them say."

A bore once said to Jerrold, in a company which was discussing the merits of a certain piece of music, "That song, sir, always carries me away." The wit quietly turned to his friends and asked, "Will some one kindly sing it?"

Nothing makes a woman so mad as to go to a shoe store to buy a pair of cheap slippers for her husband and have a clerk try to sell her the identical pair she had just worked for a Christmas present for her minister.

A great many people resemble Louis XI. in their religion. He made to the Virgin Mary a present of the whole county of Boulogne, but retained the revenues thereof for himself. In this equivocal way we are willing to give our lives to the Lord.

The boomerang is an unsatisfactory missile to use, because it is apt to fly back and hit the hand that threw it. There are boomerangs of various kinds, but they are all equally dangerous, and for the same reason.

This story could not be called a misfit if nine out of ten of us should try it on. 'How are you this morning?' said Fawcett to Cooke. 'Not at all myself.' was the lugubrious reply. 'Then,' responded Fawcett, with a meaning twinkle in his eye, 'allow me to congratulate you.'

A poor fellow went to a priest to get married. On being told what the fee would be he pulled out of his pocket about half the required amount and said:—"That is all I have; but you can marry us as far as it will go." When we look into the records of the divorce courts we are convinced that the marriage fees of a great many couples were only half paid.

It is said that Limes plays poker. If report speaks truly it is not always a poker with which she expresses her exuberance of spirits, but any missile, of whatever nature, which on the spur of the moment she is able to lay her hands on. In all this she does not govern her household in a manner so entirely different from other folks that the fact need be commented on.

A Parisian flower dealer recently said to one of his customers, to whom he exhibited a pot with a green stem in it, 'Monsieur, that pot contains a very extraordinary flower, which has just been sent to me from Cochin China.' The connoisseur looked at it gravely for a few seconds and then remarked, 'Ah, indeed! but I have understood that it never blossoms.' 'Never blossoms?' was the reply. 'That's it exactly. If it ever blossomed, don't you see, it wouldn't be a very extraordinary flower?'

Poor relations never allow themselves to be forgotten. They are so happy that you have made a fortune that they all want to help you enjoy it. A gentleman who was keeping a boarding house of this kind complained of the demonstrative affection of his country friends. 'Why,' said a visitor, 'I thought you told me they only came to see you twice a year.' 'And so I did,' was the reply, 'but the trouble is that they stay six months each time.'

At a spiritual seance in Chicago an editor was told that a departed friend desired to speak to him. The connection was made, and the friend proved to be a former country editor who desired to say a few words. He said he desired to inform his old delinquent subscribers who had promised to bring in wood on subscription, that they needn't do it, as the management where he was furnished the fuel. He said they might send ice, however. Volumes could not say more.

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I have finally come to the conclusion that lager beer as a beverage is not intoxicating.

I have been told so by a German who drank it all night long, just to try the experiment, and was obliged to go home sober in the morning. I have seen this same man drink eighteen glasses and if he was drunk it was in German, and nobody could understand it.

It is proper enough to state that this man who kept a lager beer saloon, could have no object in stating what was not strictly true.

I believe him to the full extent of my ability. I never drank but three glasses of lager in my life, and that made my head outwist as tho it was hung on the end of a string, but I was told it was owing to my bile being out of place; and I guess that was so, for I never biled over wus than I did when I got home that nite. My wife tho't I was goin' to die, and I was afraid I should to, for it seemed as tho everything I had ever eaten in my life was coming to the surface: and I believe if my wife hadn't pulled off my boots just as she did, they would have come thundering up too.

O, how sick I wuz! 14 years ago, and I can taste it now.

I never had so much experience in so short a time.

If any man shud tell me that lager beer was not intoxicating, I shud believe him; but if he shud tell me that I wasn't drunk that nite, but my stummick was out of order, I shud ask him to state over in a few words just how a man felt and acted when he was set up.

If I wern't drunk that nite, I had some ov the most natural simtams that a man ever had, and kept sober.

In the first place it was about eighty rods from where I drank the lager to mi house, and I was over two hours on the road, and a whole busted through each one of my pantalon neez, and I didn't have any hat, and tried to open the door by the bell-pull and hiccupped awfully, and saw everything in the room trying to get round on the back side of me, and, sitting down on a chair, I did not wait long enough for it to get exactly under me when I was going around, and sot down a little too soon and missed the chair about 12 inches, and couldn't get up soon enough to take the next one that come along; and that ain't all, my wife said I was drunk as a beast, and az I said before, I began to spit up things freely.

If lager beer is not intoxicating it used me almighty mean, that I know.

Still I hardly think lager beer is intoxicating, for I have been told so; and I am probably the only man living who ever drunk eny when his liver was not plumb.

I don't want to say anything against a harmless temperance beverage, but if ever I drink any more, it will be with mi mouth pried open.

I don't think lager beer is intoxicating, but, if I remember rite, I think it tasted to me like a glass of soap-suds that a pickle has been put to soak in.

JOSH BILLINGS.

At a church in a neighboring town on Sunday evening, quite a little merriment was created by the clergyman falling asleep in his chair in the pulpit, before the services were commenced. The congregation were all seated, the organist had performed the opening piece and the clergyman did not move. A loud snore was heard, when a smile ran over the house. The congregation at a moment, when a deacon arose, walked to the pulpit and quietly shook the clergyman's shoulder, when he opened his eyes with surprise and took in the situation. The effect of the eloquent sermon was not very perceptible upon the members of the congregation.

A woman at Stockton, Cal., who had a drunken husband, was waiting late one night for him to come home. The lamp was in her bedroom and she was in the parlor. Hearing a noise outside, as if a man who was drunk was trying to find the gate, she went out and sure enough a drunken man was there. She helped him into the parlor, as she had been used to doing, and placed him carefully on the lounge. After a hard struggle she got his coat and vest off, and then pulled at the boots (as she thought they were), but they would not come off. At length she felt up about the ankles and found that the man had shoes on—something that her husband never wore. Striking a light she saw he was a stranger.

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"LEGISLATING" FOR 8,000 PEOPLE

HOW THE CITY FATHERS ADVOCATE ECONOMY—TAXES STILL UNPAID—MORE CLERICAL EXEMPTIONS—THE STREET RAILWAY NUISANCE—UNLIT LAMPS WE PAY FOR—MR. BRUNS' GRIEVANCE—OUR FINANCES—THE BLOATED OFFICIALS—OTHER TOPICS.

The twelve good and true men who were elected to perform the onerous duties, pertaining to civic legislation, held their monthly session on Tuesday evening, all the members being in their places.

The minutes of previous meeting having been signed, the following COMMUNICATIONS WERE READ:

From J. Griffin, managing director of the street railway, that 100 loads of screened gravel are required by the company on St. Catharine and Talbot streets, and requesting the Council to have the same placed there at once, as per agreement. Referred to Road Committee.

From the Chief of Police, intimating that in the interval from January 9th to March 1st, thirty-six lamps were unlit. Referred to Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Crawford, asking for remission of taxes, her house having been occupied by Rev. Ellmore Harris at the time of assessment.

From C. W. Harte and other ratepayers of St. Andrew's Ward, requesting that the council reconsider and cancel the by-law relating to fire limits in as far as the north side of Talbot street, in St. Andrew's Ward is concerned, as the petitioners were convinced it hindered buildings going up in the ward. Referred to Fire and Water Committee.

From H. Comfort, reporting the reason of Mrs. Crawford's refusing to pay the \$30 taxes on her property; that Rev. Mr. Simson asked to be exempt from paying taxes on a house which he had purchased one year after its construction; and that Dr. Wilson, as owner, refused to pay \$24 assessment on the "Home," and threatened to sue the Council for the recovery of the sum if made to pay the taxes.

From G. Laidlaw, requesting that petitions be signed and forwarded to our member at Ottawa, in favor of an Act to give the Credit Valley Railway access to the Toronto Esplanade, and for the appointment of a Railway Commission to regulate business between railways and municipalities and between railways and individuals. Resolved that they be signed and sealed.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT exhibited a balance of \$388.01, and stated the indebtedness to the Merchant's Bank has been reduced to \$4,000, and that the amount due from the collector is \$3,893.25.

THE GREAT NUISANCE. Mr. Roe referred to a motion passed at last regular session, instructing the town engineer to see that the rails of the street railway were made flush with the road, but said nothing had been done yet.

Mr. Hunt thought it would be dangerous to delay putting on more material any longer.

Mr. Still favored having the gravel stored on some lot, so the Company could use it as required.

Dr. Vanbuskirk endeavored to apologize for the neglect of the street railway company, alleging that the town was at fault in not furnishing the necessary gravel.

Mr. Roe advocated the establishment of a wide gauge, and thought the company should be compelled to keep their rails flush with the street.

Mr. Wright mentioned another very great grievance of the public, which was that the company are in the habit of having the slush cleaned from between their rails and thrown upon the road on each side, often to a depth of seven or eight inches.

Mr. Morse urged that it was impossible to draw gravel at present. The motion carried on division.

Moved by C. O. Ermatinger, seconded by P. Martyn, that a communication be sent to the Credit Valley Railway, respecting the Credit Valley Railway, be signed by the Mayor and the corporation seal attached, and the document be forwarded to the Council.—Carried.

MR. BRUNS SPEAKS. At this juncture, considerable merriment was created by the reading of the wing communication from an indigent ratepayer:

Mrs. I beg to inform you as Council St. David's Ward: "your collector ram Comfort charged us for five years for dollars for one-tenth of one acre and we have not more than one-eighth." The indenture says we should have a south-east angle north sixty-four

feet and we have it not. The other party "have the benefit of seven feet."

"Hiram Comfort is boss over the Town "paint work and the building society are "the boss gentlemen for giving wrong "measurement. Please let us know if we "will get our taxes cheaper next spring, E. "D. Burnes."

HOW TAX EXEMPTION WORKS. It was moved by J. H. Still, seconded by F. Hunt, that the collector be authorized to accept one-half the taxes of Rev. Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Roe made some very sensible remarks upon this subject expressing his belief that clergymen enjoyed too many favors altogether. He was willing to comply with the law and give clergymen every privilege the law allows them, but was most strongly opposed to the action proposed by the resolution to exempt property that was not owned or tenanted by a clergyman at the time of assessment. He was aware that some clergymen in town received \$1,500 or \$1,600 a year as salary, and he could not see what right they had to be exempted from taxes more than other ratepayers. He favored the repeal of the law.

Mr. Ellis, the solicitor, being asked his opinion of the matter, expressed his opinion that as the property was assessed to another party, it was liable for taxes.

Mr. Still stated that as remission had been granted to others under similar circumstances he thought it "only right to pursue the same course in this instance. However, it was his belief also that clergymen enjoy too many favors and he was favorable to repealing the exemption law.

Upon a vote being called, the motion was lost, the yeas and nays being as below:

YEAS.—Ermatinger, Wright, Morse, Mann, Coyne, Drake, Martyn.—7.

YEAS.—Fraser, Vanbuskirk, Hunt, Still.—4.

THE FINANCES. The Finance committee reported payment of several accounts amounting to \$935.84, and recommended as follows:

"Your committee have carefully considered the different applications for increase of salary. In the case of A. Ware, your committee would recommend that his salary be increased to \$400, with an allowance of \$25 a year for stationery, use of office and gas for the purposes of committees during the year. With reference to the application of Mr. Ellis, your committee would not recommend any increase. The Treasurer's claim for an increase of salary your committee decided to leave entirely to open Council.

Your committee recommend that the Auditors' report be received, and that the Clerk be instructed to have the same published in pamphlet form."

Mr. Drake enquired the cause of the large expenditure for telegrams, and was informed by Mr. Still that it was on account of the London Junction Railway Bill.

Mr. Still stated that the increase was recommended on account of the extra work the engineer would have to perform in preparing plans for sewerage, pavement and other improvements that were projected.

Mr. Roe however found a totally different excuse for increasing the salary; the engineer's books which he said, are more difficult to keep than those of the treasurer, and concluded by expressing his belief that Mr. Ware was the right man in the right place.

G. W. Boggs having spoken in reference to accounts against the town it was decided to allow the same as offset to the judgment against him when he should pay one half the amount.

An account from the C. S. R. was not passed, the same not having been handed in at the proper time. A report was presented from the Market committee specifying the sales of market and other fees and recommending a grant of \$50 to S. Rhyard as settlement of his claims.

The Relief committee estimated that \$1,200 would be required for relief purposes during the year, \$900 of which would be for the home.

After a lengthened discussion the report was adopted and the council adjourned.

Robert Miller was fined \$20 and costs by squire Gordon, at Melbourne, for giving liquor to an Indian. Mr. Miller stated that the Indian was a half-breed, and did not come under the provisions of the Act, but his objections were overruled. A neighbor tells us that the Indian being of mixed breed, Mr. M. would give him nothing but mixed drinks, the water for the Indian and the whiskey for the white part. Mr. Miller since denies the statement altogether.

Mr. Leitch, a hotel keeper of Duart, endeavored to make a target of the body of the well known brewer, Mr. Frank Wener, by firing two shots from a revolver at him, for which he was brought before two Highgate J. P.'s., but was discharged on the grounds "that he did not know it was loaded." Evidently Mr. L. must have been pretty well loaded himself, to perform such a foolhardy action.

The concert held at the Opera House on Friday evening last, for the benefit of the Irish sufferers, was not as well attended as it might have been; however, those who did attend had no occasion to regret it. The speeches by the Revs. Flannery and Ballard were delivered in their usual excellent style, while the singing, reading, &c., were without a flaw. The singing of Miss Reidy was especially worthy of notice, holding the audience enraptured while singing the old Scotch song "We'll meet na' mair at sunset." The rest of the company are too well known for any comment from us, we can only say, they each and every one, acquitted themselves perfectly.

URBANA'S DEFAULTING CLERK.

HIS CAREER IN CRIME AND HOW IT WAS TERMINATED.

"This Canada of ours" has come to be regarded as the Paradise of defaulters and other peccators, and another instance wherein a recalcitrant official who sought immunity from his misdeeds in Canada has been brought to justice, has just been revealed through the skill and cleverness of Chief of Police Fewings of this town.

During the past ten years, L. C. Hovey, or as he was more familiarly known "Cook" Hovey, has occupied the position of clerk in the city of Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, and has performed the duties appertaining to his position in a manner that placed him above any shade of suspicion. But, Hovey, who is a somewhat fine looking man himself, is wedded to a handsome and elegant lady, and in accordance with the too prevalent custom of American people the couple appear to have been living in luxurious style, occasionally visiting the popular watering resorts and in other methods dispensing the almighty dollar. Hovey appears to have mingled to some extent in the political arena, and was supported by a coterie of friends sufficient to elect him at every election.

The first occasion offered for the display of his versatility, claimed by the prosecution, was in 1871, at which period the clerk was authorized by resolution of the city council to issue debentures to the amount of \$15,000. However, it is claimed that Hovey subsequently erased these figures and substituted others, thereby increasing the value of the bonds to \$50,000. Of course, the disposal of the extra amount is obvious; but so completely did Hovey enjoy the confidence of the citizens that no suspicion attached to him until in November last it was discovered that a bank in an adjoining place held an over issue of the city bonds of Urbana, amounting to \$2,000 or \$3,000, the same having been deposited by Hovey as collateral security for a call loan made to him; and the prosecution claim that these bonds were forgeries, Hovey having issued \$3,000 of 8 per cents in addition to the authorized 7 per cent bonds.

The board of auditors made a thorough examination of Hovey's books, and despite a rigid examination, reported his accounts correct. As this did not satisfy many citizens a special board was appointed, who after a very laborious examination were upon the point of returning a similar report when an examination of the city debenture account revealed the deficit. In the meantime Hovey had fled to Canada, and arrived in this town from the west upon the Canada Southern Railway, during the month of December last, but at once proceeded to London where he registered under the name of Grant, at the Tecumseh House, but subsequently removed to a more retired locality on the Hamilton Road, known as the One-Horse Tavern, where he has since remained.

Chief Fewings, of this town, became cognizant of the defalcation and soon he became satisfied as to the identity of Grant. Thereupon, some few weeks ago, he communicated with the authorities of Urbana, enquiring if a man named Hovey was wanted there and received a reply in the affirmative. City Marshal, J. J. Anderson, was at once despatched here with the requisite information for Hovey's arrest, and having made himself known to Chief Fewings, applied to Judge Hughes for a warrant of arrest, which was placed in Chief Fewings' hands, who proceeded to London on Monday last, and securing the assistance of Detective Murphy, went to the hostelry that evening and the Chief entered the room where a man whom he at once recognized as Hovey was seated, and after an interval the Chief arrested his man who submitted quietly while the bracelets were clapped upon his wrists.

He remarked that he had nothing to say about the affair, but upon the warrant being read to him, although he acknowledged to having taken the money, he denied any forgeries in connection therewith. The prisoner was identified by the Marshall, and Chief Fewings at once left for this town which he reached early on Tuesday morning, and immediately lodged his man in gaol. On the following day he was brought before Judge Hughes, and remanded until Tuesday next. A telegram was received from Mr. Duncan McDonald, prosecuting attorney of Urbana, announcing that Governor Foster of Ohio had forwarded the necessary documents to Washington, and that upon receipt of the papers required for extradition he would proceed here at once. In the meantime, County Attorney Stanton has been engaged to prosecute on behalf of the city, while Messrs. E. Meredith and A. J. McDonald, of London, have been retained by the prisoner.

The warrant issued against Hovey specifies the crime as forgery in the third degree—the penalty attached thereto being five years imprisonment at hard labor. From the fact that at the time of his arrest, beyond a valuable gold watch, only two dollars was found upon Hovey, it is surmised that the greater portion of the money remains in the possession of his Ohio friends who have been in constant communication with him, and have forwarded money to him as required. Hovey is about forty years of age, but appears much younger, and has been twice wedded. He has a family of three children, and his wife has been residing in London with him for some time. He is very reticent in regard to the affair, and disclaims any purpose of fraud or forgery. He also expresses his confidence in the failure of the attempt to procure his extradition, from want of evidence.

A reward of \$500 offered for his apprehension has been paid to Chief Fewings and Detective Murphy.

The American horse, Parole, retired from the first to the fifth place in the betting for the Lincolnshire handicap, to be run for on March 17th.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

LISGAR HOUSE. Friday, Feb. 27.—Fred J. Pavey, Chas. James, J. Cozens, T. Beattie, A. J. Watson, London; D. Beridan, Brownville; J. Bobier, Sparta; A. J. Wilson, Montreal; J. McLeerie, Thonburg, Saturday, 28.—G. Spence, G. McHolm, Toronto; S. S. Paupet, Aylmer; L. W. McIntyre, Wallacestown; L. W. Stansfield, London. Monday, March 1.—G. McHolm, R. W. Boyd, Toronto; S. Brown, A. E. Peters, C. James, W. J. Rutherford, London; J. Smythe, Kalamazoo, Mich.; R. W. Jones, Rochester, N. Y.; J. McMartin, W. A. M. Millman, Montreal; J. Peten, Berlin; J. A. McCausland, S. S. Paupet, Aylmer; S. Wilkins, A. Frazier, Hamilton; W. H. Merritt, St. Catharines. Tuesday, 2.—J. C. Morgan, E. H. Smyth, H. Bell, Toronto; A. J. Watson, A. J. B. Macdonald, J. C. Wilson, C. Jones, J. A. Hutton, F. M. Williams, J. L. Fitzgibbon, London; B. Hicks, Goderich; A. N. C. Black, W. S. Jackson, Dutton; J. W. Hagne, Alvinston; John Gilland, D. G. Ellis, W. Bremner, Hamilton; W. H. Barerson, Sandusky, Mo.; J. W. Graney, North East, Penn. Wednesday, 3.—I. W. Stansfield, C. A. Sippi, H. H. Bray, J. Eagan, Thomas Billingham, N. H. Tubb, London; Mrs. Hayne, Alvinston; E. K. Bullock, Detroit; A. Peterson, E. Musgrove, C. A. Kelly, Jr., O. R. Graham, Toronto; O. J. Moore, A. E. Fulton, Fingal; E. M. Matchet, Caledonia; J. H. Quarry, C. H. Field, E. K. Hope, Hamilton; J. L. Smith, Sonoma, N. Y.; A. C. Dewar, Dunwich; S. Pierson, Detroit, and 15 members of the Popular Dime Co's. Thursday, 4.—A. T. Higginson, R. Betancourt, R. G. Watson, Montreal; E. Kilner, F. G. Tisdale, A. Kranse, Hamilton; G. Watt, jr., Brantford; J. C. Wilson, F. M. Williams, London; R. Armstrong, F. W. Coles, Toronto; E. D. Tison, Mrs. VanNorman, Tilsonburg; H. F. McNally, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R'y.; J. S. Minegar, Rodney.

HUTCHINSON HOUSE. Friday, Feb. 27.—J. T. Trindren, Ayr; C. A. O'Malley, Wardsville; C. W. Johnston, W. A. Sutherland, Kingston; J. H. London; N. T. McCall, G. A. Short, Alvinston; Y. A. Gosomer, Oil City; J. Brennan, M. Crenant, Amherstburg. Saturday, 28.—J. J. Auger, Ridgeway; D. McKillop, Shedd; J. W. Dougherty, T. Haggart, London; G. P. Deuby, A. Worster, Toronto; T. W. Kirkpatrick, Rodney; L. Clark, M. D., Iona; T. Falla, Muncytown; W. Kenedy, Oneida; W. Haight, Frome; W. S. Bodine, Glenoco; C. E. Bailey, J. S. McDiarmid, Ingersoll; H. Ginnack, Dundas; J. Hunter, Leamington; T. Bingham, do.; J. W. Hungerford, Hagersville. Monday, March 1.—J. Flanagan, W. H. Kennedy, Houston; W. T. Rutherford, A. U. Mitchell, D. Wilson, London; A. Neilson and wife, Streetsville; H. C. Street, Toronto; J. Rosenyong, Buffalo; T. Warrenclyff, do.; H. W. Langford, W. S. Gingham, Newbury; A. Mountjoy, Wingham. Tuesday, 2.—J. C. McColl, Shedd; R. Sylvester, Enniskillen; S. Hillard, Cosh, Brantford; H. S. Zolyn, Hamilton; P. C. Sleeman, Toronto; J. Richardson, J. Hogan, A. Biggs, A. M. Grimabee, London; A. H. Hughes, Aylmer; J. Whitlow, J. Wilson, R. D. Paterson, Montreal.

Elias Hawkins made his bow to his worship for assaulting Josephine Bassett, fined \$2.

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