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You are requested to meet at JANETVILLE, on **Wednesday, the 23rd day of December, 1903,**

at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of appointing delegates who will represent the Municipality of Manvers in the Durham Liberal Association, at a meeting to be called to select a candidate to contest Durham in the Liberal interest. A full attendance is desired.

DR. W. W. NASMYTH,
December 12, 1903. Vice President.

The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

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THE POLICE COMMISSION.

The Watchman-Warder warns its readers to not forget the war that has been declared on the Police Commission, and says that "those who prefer the present efficient and peaceful order of things must take concerted steps to defeat the bold design to bring back the old order. Stuff and nonsense! We beg of our readers to keep cool, and to resist to an ice application if necessary. Nobody is trying to make an issue out of the late police court unpleasantness, and the little flurry of indignation at the Council board was merely an incident which served to illustrate one of the little weaknesses of a police administration system which is immeasurably better for Lindsay than the one it replaced. It should not be forgotten, however, that many towns prefer to have the police managed by the Council, and if the aldermen of police orgy days had been men of backbone like those at present at the head of affairs, they would not have been shorn of responsibility and Lindsay would still be lacking Police Commissioners."

PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE QUARRELS.

From some safe retreat in the wilds of Haliburton County, whither he fled the day following the publication of the alleged details of what was really a petty difference of opinion between two of our most respected business men, the Watchman-Warder man forwarded an editorial for publication in this week's issue of that paper, in which he makes a perfunctory attempt to establish an analogy between the incident he so lucrily described and the disgraceful kicking episode in which two prominent members of the Lindsay Bar took part in a public court room under the eye of the presiding Magistrate. Our successful efforts to secure the pun-

ishment of those men in the interest of law and justice to all, our cotem condemns as "the wildest demagogue attempts to embitter the laboring men against the authorities, regardless of the pernicious effects of such a course upon the community." Not a word, mark you, good citizens, as to the danger of permitting the public to imbibe a suspicion that the law is administered on class lines—that justice is at all times ready to punish the poor man, but is inclined to wink the other eye when the culprit happens to be a well-to-do man possessed of influence. That kind of "justice" is un-British—it belongs to the other side of the border and we want it not.

Impelled by a consuming desire to justify its lukewarmness in the matter of the police court fracas and its own readiness to pry into and make sport of the private affairs of citizens, the Watchman-Warder accuses us of unfair motives, in giving prominence to one incident, while ignoring the other. We do not propose to waste space on a refutation of these mean insinuations further than to say with all the earnestness possible that every man—whether Protestant or Catholic, Jew or Gentile, rich or poor—can at all times command and will receive the treatment in these columns. When we strike it shall be from the shoulder, and we will not pry into private disagreements and give them the prominence due only to public issues.

THE ONTARIO WINTER FAIR.

In view of the obstacles they had to overcome and the success they have achieved, it would be difficult, according to The Globe, to speak too highly of the work done by the promoters of the live stock exhibition which was held during last week in the city of Guelph. They have now a permanent home for their "fair," and, though it is not all that could be desired, it should be found comparatively easy hereafter to improve it. The most pressing needs are a larger show ring and a better lecture room, and in some way it ought to be possible to add these to the existing accommodation before this time next year.

The show of animals was this winter superb, the prizes were widely distributed, and the judging gave very general satisfaction. The animals were regarded from the butcher's rather than the breeder's point of view, through the merits of the various strains were constantly thrusting themselves on the spectators' attention. One of the three judges of cattle was a well known Canadian breeder, one an experienced local butcher, and one an eminent Scotchman who had been selected to serve in the same capacity at the Chicago show the week previous. Col. Ferguson, of Pictou, in Perthshire, is a breeder as well as a feeder of stock, and what is of equal importance, he has the tact, courage, and capacity to tell the audience precisely the grounds of his opinions. Judging done in this way becomes a succession of object lessons, which serve an extremely important purpose: in fitting the observer to be a better judge of animals on his own account.

The show of poultry far surpassed any other ever held in Canada, not merely for the immense number and variety of the exhibits, but also for the excellent condition of the birds. The fall exhibitions came too early to have domestic fowl at their best. For that one must wait till nature by the stimulus of frosty weather perfects the plumage after the period of moulting. Nothing could have shown better than this exhibition did the enormous progress this province has made in the poultry industry within the past twenty years, for unlike the cattle department, where a good grade animal might win the first prize, the poultry were for the most part, and quite obviously, thoroughbred, and were admirably classified.

As usual, a number of breeders' associations selected this occasion for their annual meetings, thus adding to the general interest and swelling the attendance. The more popular and important gatherings for the evening consisted of topics were the annual meeting of the "Ontario Experimental Union," and the annual convention of Women's Institutes. The former has done excellent service for many years in keeping the graduate students in touch with the Agricultural College, and in drawing around the institution many who would otherwise never had made any attempt to know it. The union has also through the co-operation of its many workers conferred a great benefit on the farmers of Ontario by their careful conducted and accurately reported experiments.

The sessions of the convention of Women's Institutes were appropriately enough held in the lecture hall of the "Macdonald Institute," which had been sufficiently completed for the purpose. The spirit of the occasion was quite in harmony with Sir William Macdonald's noble purpose in donating these beautiful buildings for the specialized education of young women. The papers read and the discussions which followed were practical, suggestive and hopeful. The topics dealt with were related to the farm, the household and society at large. The delegates and visitors separated for the year, after spending a few hours together in a way that was both pleasant and profitable.

For Lindsay citizens the one better thought in connection with the success of the Guelph Winter Fair will be the recollection that some ten or a dozen years ago—before Guelph was chosen as the home of the big Show—our Central Fair and Town Council authorities had it in their power to secure the exhibition for Lindsay. That they—and our leading citizens generally—failed to realize the value of the opportunity was as great a mistake as will be committed Friday next if the members of the South Victoria Society fail to realize the imperative necessity of purchasing additional land for Central Fair purposes. The township fairs are dying out and prompt action now will give the Lindsay Central an impetus that will land it very close to London, Ottawa and other big fairs.

YE LINDSAY MINSTRELS' THIRD SUCCESS

WITH CLEVER END MEN, A ROUSING CHORUS, WITTY JOKES AND LOCAL HITS, AND GRACEFUL DANCERS.

Everybody Who Could Find the Price Was There, and the Academy was Crowded as Never Before—Many of Our Leading Citizens Subjected to Good-Natured Rallery—End Man Fullerton's Local Hits a Feature—Discovery of a Local Orchestra and a Musical Director Who Know Their Business—Read On.

Those who keep tabs on theatrical doings, and freshen up their knowledge occasionally by reading the New York Mirror, are ready to acknowledge that a few first-class Minstrel companies still hold the boards and play to crowded houses wherever they appear. But then, these are professionals, and not in the same class with those who don the cork, explode neat witticisms, compose local "gags," and do other unusual stunts just for the fun of the thing.

Many years ago—perhaps a dozen or fifteen of those earthly cycles—Lindsay possessed a gay and talented bunch of Minstrels, and some of their jokes and merry doings are occasionally recited at gatherings of the select—"when good souls get together." But the Minstrels of former days no longer snap the bones, twirl the tambourines, join lustily in the choruses or poke fun at a gentlemanly interlocutor—they have retired from the glare of the footlights. Some have settled down into a steady condition of business life that almost forbids a suspicion of youthful frivolity; others have left the old town to seek fortune or a competence elsewhere; and not a few have gone where good Minstrels go when they depart this life.

But to their credit be it said, the citizens of the Lindsay of to-day love a good Minstrel show quite as well as did the residents in the days when the north side of Kent-st. was lined with shabby wooden stands. Nor do we lack the talent to conceive, or the will to execute. Two years ago a number of our young men put on a very pleasing performance; last year the announcement of their program filled the Academy with pleased spectators, and on Monday night last, on the occasion of the third appearance of the local Minstrels, there was a popular movement in the direction of our pretty theatre which ended only when every seat upstairs and downstairs was filled and every inch of standing room was occupied. The youth and beauty, wealth and talent of the town and countryside were there, and the scene was joyous and exhilarating—so much that everybody was predisposed to obey the program motto, "It is to Laugh."

CAST.

INTERLOCUTOR
T W GREER

BONES JACK FULLERTON, **TAMBOS** JACK WALKER
GEO BELL, **WILL HAMBLY**

CHORUS
G L SILVER W LOW
SCOTT PATON J HALWARD
A NAYLOR C PERKINS
J HARTLEY H MAGWOOD
A PARKIN B HARBSTONE
A KEITH J ROSS
G TAYLOR F MCRAE
D MOPFATT R PORTER
W PILKEY L PRIMEAU
J BUSH H STEVENS
J GRAY J DEYELL
F PATON WHARTWICK
V GLADMAN S MEEHAN
J LUNNY C WEBSTER
F LENNON H KELLY
R SHELTON R LAMONT
R BALFOUR B EYERS
A PODGER C BATESON
ROY THOMPSON G ROBINSON

ORCHESTRA
GEO DENNISON E GORDON
G IRWIN L MONTGOMERY
W ROENIGK F TAYLOR
F MANNING MISS ROENIGK
W SILVER G GARLAND
J YOUNG A DAY, (Conductor)

It was almost 8.30 when the scramble for seats came to an end, but the interval of waiting was pleasantly enlivened by the fine orchestra. When the curtain rose the ebony-hued and correctly clothed Minstrels were disclosed sitting in formation like this: A two double rows of chorus singers composing the sides, the gaily attired end men in pairs giving a finish to the ranks next the audience; and the interlocutor—with Club mascot—occupying raised seats, at the junction point in the rear. The musical conductor, Dr. Day, stood in front of the stage alongside the pianist, Miss Roenigk, where all the company could watch the movement of his baton, and where his eagle eye and well-brained ear could detect sign of wavering in the chorus line.

PART ONE.
The opening chorus, "Conville Cullud Bird," was given with great spirit and at once established the fact that the voices had been chosen with much care and the instruction had been thorough. In this and other choruses throughout the evening the effect was greatly enhanced by the clever work of the orchestra. Other choruses in the first part were "My Palm Leaf Maid," "Good-bye, Eliz Jane," "Under a Panama," "Come and Meet Me, Eddie," and "Dance." The majority were rendered in a way that elicited hearty applause and won the approbation of the many musical critics in the house, but perhaps special mention should be made of "My Palm Leaf Maid" and the two concluding numbers. "The Sun Dance" was given in excellent harmony; the music was "catchy" and the singers appeared to be united with the conductor in making a special effort to do their best, the result eliciting a furor of applause.

The Council of our little town will put us on the tramp And leave us all without a cent of change. They spend our money right and left And never count the cost, Or what we poor taxpayers e'er will do—

But wait till the new year, Then their tale of woe we'll hear When they all get up to sing their little song.

(Chorus.)
O'Rielly says we spend some twenty thousand, While Storer says an 'auto' I have got; Mayor Southern says it keeps me every busy To regulate and control this blooming lot; McCrea, he says, let us fire the Police Commission, While Cinnamon puts up a "spicy" fight; But if they would only talk a little business Then I know that I'd be satisfied with life.

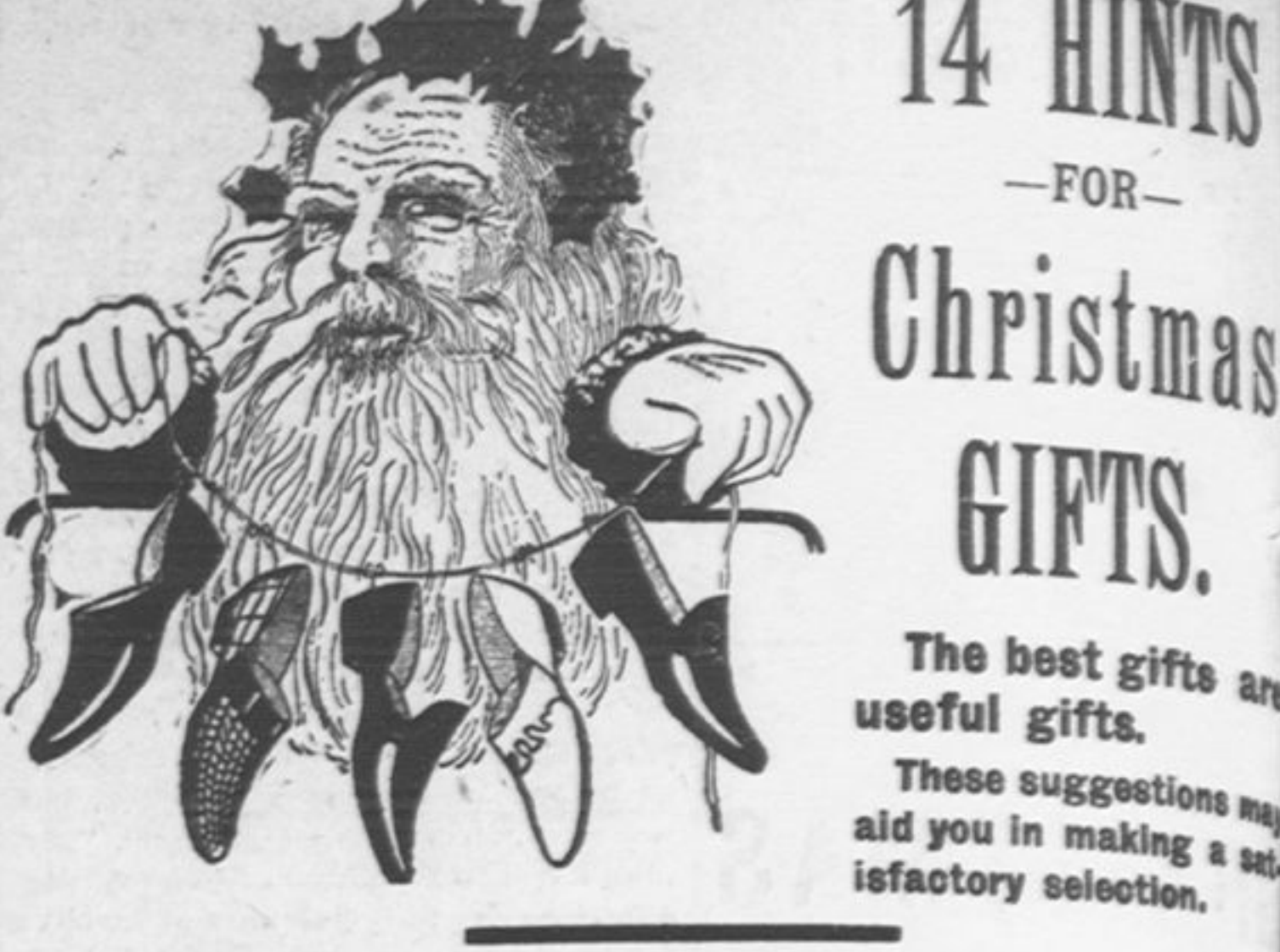
How happy would I be If some persons we daily see (Would only change their present mode of life— If my friend G. A. Lytle, Of the Watchman-Warder fame, Would only take unto himself a wife!

If in our Mayor's chair I could see A. D. Millon there, And hear him do the Council members "brown" Then from Belrose Cottage high His flag I'd proudly fly, He would show us how he'd keep our taxes down.

(Chorus.)
If Colonel Deacon only knew his business, If Chief Nevison would only do his best, If John Crawford was only paid a salary Instead of being paid for each horse he rode, If I only owned Doc. Shier's pneumatic buggy, I'd paint this town a red so very bright; If I only owned the Lindsay-Cayceon railroad, Then I know that I'd be satisfied with life.

(Encore Chorus.)
If the Grand Trunk trains on time were running, If Walter Reesor would only hurry with our light, If our Council would provide us all with candles To guide our steps while hurrying home at night; If I only knew that Cinnamon and Bexall Would only kiss and then be friends for life; If I only knew this song had really pleased you, Then I know that I'd be satisfied with life.

THE POLICE COURT FARCE.
The pantomime entitled "Fun in a Lindsay Court of Justice," was an amusing parody of recent police court events, the principal characters being represented with a faithfulness that excited the mirth of the spectators to the explosive point. "Wasn't it rich?" is the way those present now refer to it.



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