

BORN
Lafayette, At 21 Cunningham Ave., Toronto, on
Tuesday, Dec. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. H.
Lafayette, a daughter.

DIED
At the "Woodlands" near Bronte,
on Monday, Dec. 21st, John Mitchell, aged 65.

At Hartfield, Wickathens, Redditch,
on Sunday, Oct. 21st, Janet Hill, aged 70.
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The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1897

FREE PRESS CALENDAR FOR 1897

The annual meeting given, the Free Press calendar printed in past years has encouraged us to issue one more than ordinarily handsome for 1897. We have consequently executed one which will fittingly mark the opening year of the second quarter century of the Free Press history. In addition to general engravings printed in five colors we give half-tone portraits of the four editors who have stood at the helm since the 1st of July, 1875. Their portraits are excellent reproductions of the Free Press editors. The late J. H. Haskins, the founder, who disposed of the paper to Messrs. Moore and Githrahan, in 1877. Mr. Githrahan—who has succeeded to this life—retired to a position in the *Daily Post* of Montreal in 1878, and Mr. Moore, now Rev. T. Albert Moore of Palmerston, but still to local newspaper life in July 1879. The present editor and publisher has been manager since July 1879, and sole owner and editor since July 1879. We are the only paper of value in either of the Free Press will appreciate this calendar. It will be sent to all out-of-town subscribers this week.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have finally agreed upon a scheme of a treaty providing for a general system of arbitration of disputes between the United States and Great Britain.

A report comes from Ottawa that the government is negotiating with British capitalists for the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, the line to be owned and operated by a private corporation, as a competitor against the C.P. R.

The late Presidential campaign may probably prove not to be altogether a losing one to Mr. W. J. Bryan, even though the coveted office eludes his grasp. He has decided to take the lecture platform, and it is estimated that his efforts in this line will bring him more than \$50,000. The course will be begun at Atlanta, January 5th, and already a long list of engagements has been made.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

J. F. Burton, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Exeter, handed himself, on Monday.

At Elmira, little boys used to be seen lighting a Christmas tree when they managed to set fire to their clothing. One little fellow died from his burns.

Godfrey Allard, a farm laborer at L'Original, lost his life in a fire that burned Mr. Johnston's outbuildings on Saturday.

Twenty-eight persons were killed and injured in a train that fell 100 feet off a bridge near Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday.

Mr. F. X. Moosner, private banker and general contractor of Formosa, Bruce County, has assigned, with liabilities of \$100,000 and very small assets. Many of the depositors were farmers and poor people, who have lost all their savings.

MILTON.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Acton, preached eloquent sermons in Knox Church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Matlau was at Action.

The anniversary services of the Sunday School were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening. J. L. Hughes, of Toronto, presided at the services.

On Monday evening the annual tea was held, followed by the beautiful Christmas cantata "The Angel Message." The services were most successful.

The Municipal and County Council candidates are the friends of everybody and in favor of nearly all schemes mooted this week.

SILVER.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly and now everybody is hoping for a Happy New Year.

Rev. W. Bryan preached here last Sabbath in the absence of Rev. Mr. Olney, who went home to spend Christmas with his father at Shirton.

The Sunday School of the Brick Church departed from its usual custom and Christ mass eve was marked with a well attended entertainment with a Christmas tree added. Rev. J. E. Howell, M. A. served as chairman and a lengthy programme of choruses, duets, "dances," recitations and vestments was given by the scholars and others. The Christmas tree was delight to the children and Santa Claus proved himself a welcome and generous visitor.

CHEWING CANDIES.

There will shortly be a time of the past. A very pleasant event took place here on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Forbes, it being a family reunion. Between fifty and sixty relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes were present and sat down to a bountiful Christmas dinner provided by the general host and hostess.

Mr. P. Parker, son of Mr. Parker, of Lowell, was given a reception by their friends here last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Parker, and died in the evening.

A number from here attended a social dance at the home of Mr. Plummer, below Eden Mills, on Christmas night.

Mr. W. Lamb has had quite a time with sick horses the past week. Three of his horses have been under the care of a veterinarian.

Mr. Wm. Cripps will start his chipping mill here next Tuesday.

Miss J. Leslie and Wm. Coleman, of Nassagawaya, one day last, sawed a cut off a log two feet through exactly one-half of its diameter.

Mr. Joe Anderson returned home from Niagara last Thursday.

Mr. D. McNaughton, of U.S.A. is visiting at Mr. D. Townsend's.

Mr. R. Brown is spending a few days this week with friends at Merton.

Mr. Chas. Bunnell, of Lowell, is spending a few weeks with friends here.

Miss Louise Lambert, of Hospital, is spending her holidays with friends here.

THE NOMINATIONS.

Nicklin and Ginnola in the Field for the Sheriffship—Five for Councillors.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

The Kinnon, a contest for municipal honour, began at 10 a.m. on Monday. If there were any "dark horses" they have come to the front. Arbitrants who have been quiet, in order to learn what sort of a field they would have to battle against, have now been put in nomination by their friends. The nominations made on Monday, as given below, had a tendency to somewhat clear the hazy municipal atmosphere.

Promised at twelve o'clock Rotating Officer, Moore took the platform in the afternoon and announced that he was prepared to receive nominations for the office of Reeve, Councillors and Public School Trustees.

For three quarters of an hour the proposition of candidates was remarkably deliberate, but, as the hour was drawing near, nominations were put in with rapid success until the following form-table list was proposed in the order given:

1. Wm. H. Brooks—Nominated by Thomas Easton, seconded by Wm. Head.

2. A. E. Nicklin—Nominated by Hugh Mann, seconded by Thomas Easton.

3. J. P. Moore—Nominated by Col. W. Allan, seconded by Jas. C. Nelson.

4. Francis—Nominated by A. J. McKinnon, seconded by R. J. McNab.

5. A. D. Under—Nominated by A. E. Head, seconded by James Moore.

6. James McLean—Nominated by Wm. Head, seconded by Thomas Easton.

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13. H. T. Agnew—Nominated by Wm. Head, seconded by J. H. Chisholm.

14. John Hayes—Nominated by G. C. Henderson, seconded by J. C. Nelson.

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