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Electricity is to be put to a new use. Criminals are to be despatched into the hereafter by lightning, in New York State. We await the report of the first execution with considerable interest as the last criminal made his exit in the old style a few days ago.

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Alder Baxter, the chairman of the city Court of Revision, periodically amuses himself by raising assessment. He had the tables turned on himself by Judge McDougall recently. The learned judge raised the obese alderman's assessment was raised \$2200 on an appeal from the decision of the Court of Revision.

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"He's getting a big boy now,
And it's almost time he knew how
To brush his own clothes
And wipe his own nose,
For he's getting a big boy now."

Toronto is the boy referred to above. The chairman of the census committee Ald. Dodds, presented the official report of the census to the city council on Monday night. The figures are 166,809 against 27,857 over the assessors' report six months ago.

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Thousands of children who have been straining brains and nerve in pursuit of knowledge since midsummer will be let loose to-night for a few weeks dissipation; and their parents and friends will have a chance to taste the joys in a small way, of a pedagogue's life. We have known people who looked upon schools as merely institutions for relieving overcrowded households, teachers as deputy-nurses and holidays as unpleasant interruptions of this arrangement. We beg to bespeak for teachers a better recognition of their services and for scholars a plentiful supply of Santa Claus's goods "jolly-pops, flap-doodles, great things and small."

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The Toronto World has got itself into hot water. It has two libel suits on hand, Mr. H. A. Massey, whom the World has of late been in the habit of referring to as "Hayfork Massey" has notified the World that he intends entering an action for libel, on account of certain statements concerning him, which appeared in the World newspaper recently in connection with the University Federation Question. The second suit is that of the Mail newspaper. That paper complains of an article lately published in the World stating that the Mail and Globe were about to amalgamate. The World does not appear to be very much alarmed at the prospect as it came out the day after receiving notice from the Mail's legal adviser, with an article twice as cheeky as the one complained of in the first place. If the World gets into a scrape, which it probably will, the World people have only themselves to blame as that paper has exhibited entirely too much gall of late in their statements concerning the Globe and Mail and matters also concerning the Methodist church notably in reference to the trouble in Rev. Mr. Jeffery's church. It is a wonder those city reporters do not get fired out without ceremony when they come round with their impudent questions.

WHITCHURCH'S CAPITAL.

Items of news and words of wisdom gleaned at the seat of Government.

The venerable treasurer Collins was on hand at the final meeting of council and handed out the shekels at the order of the council. He talks of retiring from office next year and well deserves a pension.

Assessor Norman was there, prepared to explain all about the dogs that were not killed according to promise.

The Midland Railway is about the only ratepayer that has not responded to collector Walker's appeal. They will doubtless toe the mark before the 29th.

The clerk was busy writing out orders and attending to claimants for damages for sheep killed.

The township may be well satisfied with its efficient staff of officers, and if they cannot keep the council straight it is not fault of theirs.

Quite a large number of electors were "in at the death" of the present council and took advantage of the occasion to air their views on municipal matters. The utmost good feeling prevailed among all present and even the rival candidates were seen pleasantly discussing together the chances of the other man getting left.

The electors think:

That statute labor should be performed in the beat where the property is situated.

That the dog-tax should not be used except for its legitimate object.

That the township debt should be paid off and the rate ought to be high enough to do it.

That Jones and Young divide the honors for quickness and quaintness of repartee.

That there will be lots of fun on Nomination Day. That Landlord McQuillan is "a jolly good fellow."

According to the awinded law the clerk must send to the first twelve electors who ask it, a copy of detailed statement of receipts and expenditure.

The probabilities for a warm contest are exceedingly good. L. L. Hartman and M. Jones are hand-shaking for the reeveship. Messrs. Macklem and McCormack are in a state of glorious uncertainty as to whether they will be opposed for the two deputy chairs and the names of Seneca Baker, Haines, Rose, Skinner and Cooney are mentioned for counsellors.

Further developments may appear at nomination and the electors should have no difficulty in selecting an efficient council from such a phalanx of men of mental ability.

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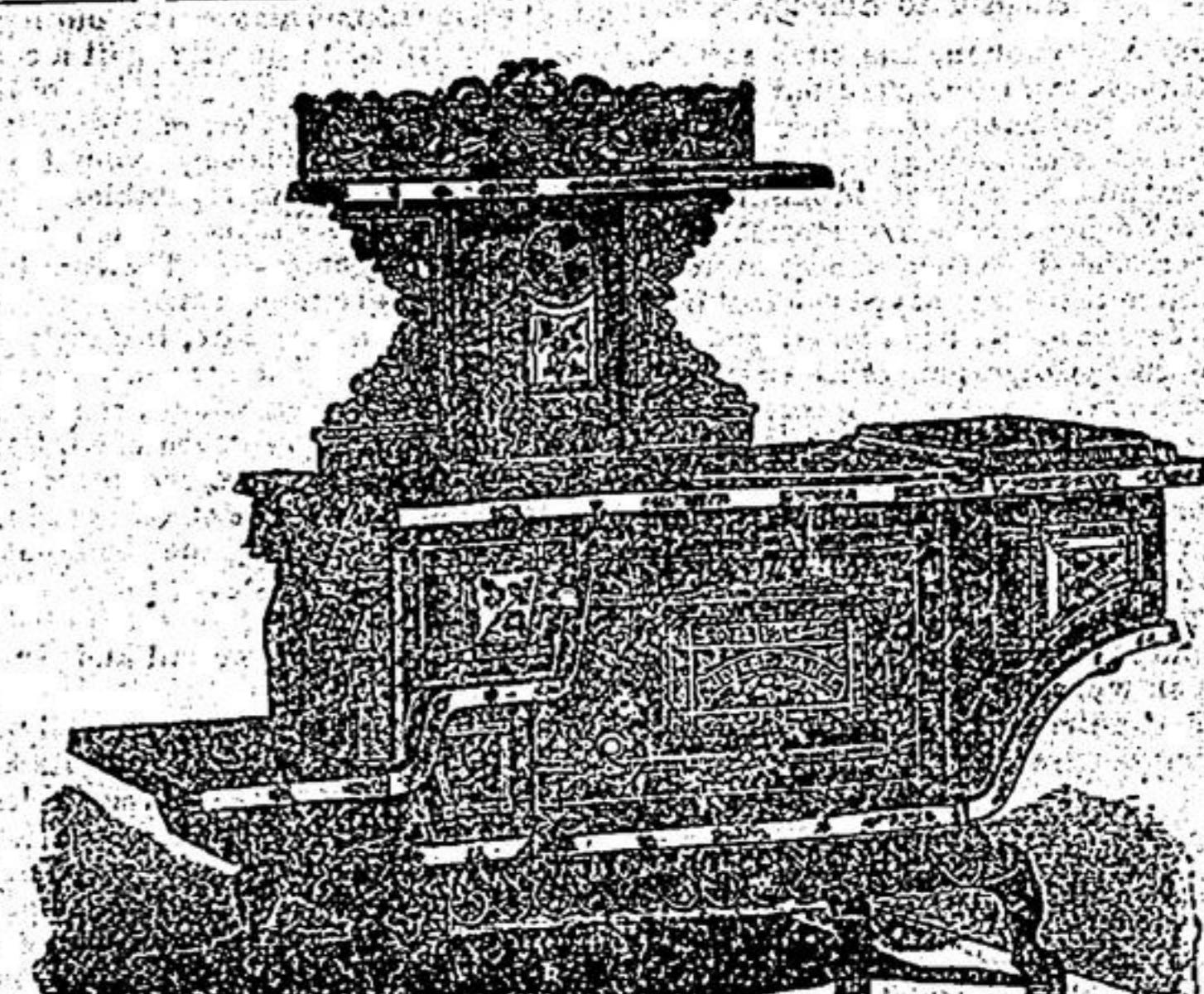
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