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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction Sale—Thos. Campbell.
New Goods—John Anderson.
Fixing up for Winter—T. Day.
Clothing, Clothing—J. D. Williamson
New Dry Goods—Wm. Stewart & Co.
That Wonderful Man—John Hogg.
Hardware—A. McLean & Co.
The Great Tea House—Second Floor.
Dominion Emporium—G. M. Scott.
A Bargain—Chas. Cameron.
Dr. Robert's Celebrated Ointment.

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THE CANDIDATES.

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MR. LYON'S MEETING.

There was a large attendance at Mr. Lyon's meeting last night. Excellent speeches were made by W. D. Lyon and W. Clay, the opposing candidates, and by Thomas Oliver, M. P., and B. D. Hay, M. P. P. on behalf of the Reform candidate. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Speight. The meeting was conducted very orderly and quietly.

The *Ottawa's* cable despatch from London on Tuesday says:—"The Canadian loan of two millions and a half sterling offered last week has been subscribed for many times over. It is expected that no allotment will be made under nine-eighty pounds fifteen shillings per barrow 100, and the rate of interest four per cent."

The latest and official news about Guelph is, that he is to be buried on the 18th November next, having died on that day six years ago. Canadian Institute members have chosen the anniversary of his death as a fitting time, believing that they will be successful this time, having already brought his remains to the gates of the Roman Catholic Cemetery on two occasions and were refused an entrance.

Mr. Scott (Opposition) has been elected for West Peterborough by a majority of one.

An Exciting Drive.

The *Spectator* contains a highly sensational tale of a farmer in that vicinity named William Orr, who has gone to Wellington Square with a load of grain, which he disposed of. With the proceeds he invested rather extensively in stumps, and when in a high state of preservation started for home. Unfortunately he had a spirited span of horses, and a very deep pine box to his wagon, which was half filled with straw. He started off at a merry pace, and after going a short distance pulled up the horses and proceeded to light his pipe. There was no back to the wagon seat, and while engaged in holding his match and pipe, his horses gave a jerk which caused Orr to lose his balance and fall backwards into the straw with the lighted match in his hand. Springing upwards, with an oath, he caught his whip and laid it vigorously over the backs of his spirited steeds, causing them to dash away at a furious gallop. At the same time the match had ignited the straw, and the next moment the wagon was enveloped in a sheet of roaring flames. Thus they dashed till they came to the village of Nelson. By this time the whole wagon was a mass of flames, and the tails were completely burned off the horses. In turning a corner in the village the remainder of the wagon was upset, scattering the burning frame and the driver all over the road. The poor horses staggered onward a short distance, and then shrank into a shed, presenting a pitiable picture. They were covered with foam and cinders, their eyes were starting, their flanks trembled with fear and exhaustion, while their tails were denuded of every particle of hair. Orr was carried into Smith's tavern, where it was found that his clothes had been burned completely off him, and that he had suffered some serious injuries.

A despatch from Washington announces that President Grant has determined to remove all the Federal officers in Utah "who hold to the Mormon faith, whether in the public service or not." Complain the individuals merits

of opposing candidates is not a delightful task, at the best; but especially is it difficult where there are so few flaws to pick, and so little fault to find, on either side, as in this case. Both candidates have been members of the municipal councils in which they resided, of the county councils, and they appear to be singularly free from any glaring misdeeds. Each has a certain number of personal friends who will doubtless give him their vote irrespective of party distinction; but we judge that the election generally may be expected to be a strictly party one. The canvass is apparently being conducted very quietly, and that fact we have seen but little enthusiasm on either side. A few days more however, will settle the matter. Every elector should endeavor to be at the polls next Tuesday and exercise his franchise in behalf of the man of his choice.

THE KINGSTON AND PEMBROKE RAILWAY.

It would be sheer presumption on the part of the *FREE PRESS* to seek to dictate to the electors of Halton the way they should vote. But while the editor has his own private political opinions and偏見, he can very well afford to discuss the matter without partisan prejudice. It is true, our personal acquaintances with the two aspirants for legislative honor is very limited, still we have seen and learned enough of both to enable us to judge something of the merits and demerits of each. So far as we can learn, by diligent inquiry, both the gentlemen have a good personal record; they are old residents of this country, have held similar business and official positions, and as representative men are well known and held in high esteem. Mr. Lyon has the advantage of being younger, and presumably more vigorous, while his opponent has the appearance of being considerably beyond the meridian of life, and of having some time since passed the allotted span of three score years and ten.

A man of Col. Clay's advanced years can hardly be expected to retain his executive faculties for any great length of time; and if he were elected, it is scarcely probable that in the ordinary course of human events he could remain long enough in the House to gain that experience in legislative affairs that would be likely to command a reasonable degree of influence; and without influence and vigorous mental activity, a representative becomes mere roving machine, whose opinions and expressions carry but little weight. Col. Clay, we believe, has been, and no doubt is yet, a man of considerable executive ability, but it strikes us that his day has gone by, that his head has been frosty with too many winters, and that his wonted vigor is too far on the wane to render him a desirable representative as we should be inclined to seek. This is our own view merely, but he has been chosen by the responsible delegates of his political party who we have no doubt have an abiding faith in his abilities, we have no right to urge these objections except as the passing remarks of a comparative stranger.

Mr. Lyon, on the other hand, is in the prime of vigorous manhood, a reflecting, active, solid-looking man of business, apparently capable of exerting a good deal of influence. He has been for many years a leading merchant and representative man in Milton, and is, naturally, thoroughly conversant with the local interests of the County. His exertions in behalf of the Credit Valley Railway, and of the Hamilton and North Western Railway, will no doubt have the tendency of securing his majority in some sections of the County where the ratemakers are opposed to being saddled with a heavy railway debt. About a prospect of receiving any benefit therefrom, still, we fancy most people will take a more sensible view of the matter and see that Mr. Lyon was then working in what he believed to be the best interests of the whole community. As a representative man, it is not likely that he could stand idly by, and set the promoters of a great public work struggling to secure the requisite bonuses, without lending them his active assistance. And, now that the work has not progressed as anticipated, it is scarcely fair that Mr. Lyon should be made to shoulder the blame for the shortcomings of the Railway Companies.

Comparing the individual merits

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Under the above caption, the Rochester Democrat gives a long and interesting account of the life and early character of Mrs. Davis, now known as the famous "lunatic" in Toronto, who, it is said, committed suicide on Tuesday, by cutting his throat with a razor, which he procured from the pocket of one of the prisoners.

FIRE IN PUBLINCH.—Mr. R. Little's chess factory and dry house in Publinch, were burned down on Monday night. The fire is supposed to have originated from the dry house. All the machinery and most of the cheese were burned.

POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.—As a good many people are still ignorant of the rule with respect to the postage on newspapers, we may state for their information that the rate on such matter is one cent per four ounces; and that one cent is therefore the proper payment for one or more papers, provided the weight does not exceed four oz.

A HEAVY STOCK.—The Thomson & Williams iron works of Mitchell, are about to be acquired by the Stratford Company, the machinery and plant were valued last week at \$54,000. This does not include the iron, lumber and raw material on hand, implements already manufactured, wagons, horses, etc., which is expected to amount to \$25,000 or \$30,000 more.

MAIL ROMNEY.—About the time the branch train was leaving Monday morning for Prescott Junction, to connect with No. 4 West, the lock of the main mail box was forced open and one bag of the east and one of the west mail, was taken therefrom. They were found this morning in a snow plough in the yard, the straps cut and the contents rifled. No clue as yet to the perpetrators of the robbery.

MISSING BOY.—The St. Catharines News say: Handbills are now being circulated, offering a reward of \$100 to any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of Alfred Isaac, a boy, who mysteriously disappeared from St. Catharines on the 10th of June. The lad was thirteen years of age, with a suit of dark tweed, and a gray, happy, gentle face. Today, however, he changed his ways! The boy is a terrible one. Then over the heads of the couple staring out on the journey of life together were the leaf-covered branches of the fruit trees, about them was gathered a host of friends, while the strains of music and the odor of sweet flowers filled the air. The boy, however, delighted in the company of the girls, and was except for that reason a company. The day arrived, and all of Alice's friends were in attendance at the nuptials. The ceremony was performed in her father's orchard, amid flowers and music, and a gay, happy, gentle party. To-day, however, he changed his ways!

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GENERAL NEWS.

SUICIDE IN MILTON.—James McFetran, a lunatic confined in the Milton gaol, committed suicide on Tuesday, by cutting his throat with a razor, which he procured from the pocket of one of the prisoners.

FIRE IN PUBLINCH.—Mr. R. Little's chess factory and dry house in Publinch, were burned down on Monday night. The fire is supposed to have originated from the dry house.

THE DUNKIN BILL.—The Dunkin bill has been defeated in the township of Kitley by a majority of 40.

TWO DOCTORS.—Two doctors were fined \$25 each at Woodstock last week for practising without license.

ONE DEALER.—One dealer shipped from Kingstont last week \$50,000 worth of cheese.

MORGAN'S WHOLESALE DRUGS.—Morgan's wholesale dry goods establishment, Montreal, was robbed of \$13,000 worth of silk and lace on Sunday night.

IT IS AGAIN EXPLICITLY ANNOUNCED.—That the Crown Prince of Prussia will visit the Philadelphia exhibition next summer.

MR. SAMUEL WILMOT.—Mr. Samuel Wilmet, the well-known pincushionist, is founding a fish-breeding establishment near Sandwich.

THE COLOGNE GAZETTE.—The Cologne Gazette asserts that the Crown Prince of Germany will visit America and Philadelphia exhibition next summer.

THE KINGSTON AND PEMBROKE RAILWAY.—The Kingston and Pembroke Railway are running daily freight and passenger trains forty miles northward.

SIX WOMEN AND FORTY MEN.—Six women and forty men and boys were arrested in five disreputable houses in Hamilton, on Saturday night.