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WOODHOUSE ELECTION.

To the Editor of the JARVIS RECORD:

SIR,—For the benefit of your Woodhouse readers, I may say that the Reform caucus held last Saturday was a large farce and if those who ran the machine imagine the electors of Woodhouse will elect a ticket selected in any such manner I can tell them they are reckoning without their host and will find themselves badly left on election day. I will now state my objections. Porritt and Woolley have served their Township faithfully and so long as they did not decline to run again they should have been renominated. I don't believe in entrusting the affairs of the Township to a batch of raw hands not one of whom has had the least experience in municipal affairs. No farmer would trust his farm in that way. We all know how the too frequent changing of teachers will soon ruin the best school and some of the old Council should always be retained. No scrutineers were appointed to collect and count the ballots. The counting was done by the chairman and secretary one of whom being a candidate was an interested party. I never before knew of a candidate being allowed to count the ballots cast for himself. Modesty should have forbid this. The result of the ballots and the number of votes cast for each candidate were not announced. This is invariably done. The meeting was chiefly composed of men from the West who not only nominated the Reeve, but the councillors for the east also, instead of allowing those present from each polling division to select their own men. Had this been done both Woolley and Porritt would have been nominated. For this reason the sooner the township is divided into wards the better. Since the township was separated from Dover the east has had the Reeve two years and the west for six years and if I gauge public sentiment correctly, no gravel road man can be elected Reeve of Woodhouse this year. The nominee for Deputy Reeve I am told is ineligible as he has a contract with the Council. He sent in an offer to supply all the lumber required by the Township for sixteen dollars per thousand, which offer was accepted. If he is not thus disqualified as a central man he should have been the nominee for Reeve and as such I would support him as he is a man of the people, occupies a central position and is a good Reformer. As the matter now stands the chance now are that there will either be three tickets in the field, or a coalition, peoples' ticket, will be formed in opposition to the one now nominated. In that event it is easy to predict which will be elected and they won't be gravel road men you can bet. Some men care more to secure a party triumph than they do of the welfare of the Township. The Township has been run on party for the last four years and it has been run to the dogs. This shows the need of a strong opposition in municipal Council as well as in Legislative assemblies. There properly should be no politics in Township matters. I, perhaps, am in a better position to know of Township matters than any one outside the Council and my opinion is that Porritt and Woolley have, apart from one, or two mistakes, which all are liable to make, they have served the Township well and should have been elected into the Reeveship and Deputy-Reeveship instead of being supplanted by new and raw men. My advice to them both is under the circumstances to remain in the field. They will both get nominations from the Reform party and if they can't make a spoon they can at least spoil a horn.

AN EAST END REFORMER.

Woodhouse, Dec. 15th, 1884.

A clear head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body feels heavy and languid, and the mind works sluggishly, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will wonderfully assist to a recovery of physical buoyancy and mental vigor. The constipated should use them.

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James Austin and Frank Long.

SCHOOL.—A meeting of our school board will be held on Saturday to select an assistant teacher for the High School, Mr. Gray having resigned to go to Walkerton.

CONTESTS.—The probability is there will be a poll both for councillors and school trustees in the village this year. Some find fault for increasing some of the teachers' salaries this year. They say the very parties who objected to an increase to Passmore favor an increase to the present teacher. Very true. Passmore was in my estimation receiving more than he was worth in the first place. He never passed a second grade teacher and only one or two intermediates a year, while this year three pupils obtained second-class certificates, and some fifteen passed the intermediate and the attendance in the High School has nearly doubled. Of the hundred dollars increase of salary the government pays a third, the county a third and the school section (not the village) the remainder. It was a choice therefore, between changing teachers and thereby injuring the school, or paying thirty-three dollars.

POST OFFICE.—During the winter our post office will open at eight in the morning instead of seven thirty.

DASTARDLY.—Some time ago some dastardly youths demolished the temperance house recently erected on Main street and an old man named Evans has since burned the remains. A nice temperance man he is.

FUNERAL.—On Friday last a daughter of Col. Collier died suddenly and the funeral was announced for Monday last at two o'clock. Friends assembled, a clergyman attended and conducted the services customary on such occasions. The hearse drove up to the door when the child's father thinking she was only in a trance declined to have her buried. The funeral was consequently delayed till Wednesday afternoon.

OBSERVER.