ET — The large room over the ERCURY OFFICE, formerly used perance Hall. Suitable for an office yilght manufacturing purpose, at the Mercury Office.

THOE TO DEBTORS.—All parties indebted to the subscriber by Note or tocount, are respectfully requested to po on or before the flat line. WM. The WM. Dominion Boot and Shoe Store, Guelph 16, 1879.

TCE.—All parties indebted to the udersigned are requested to pay up for the 31st inst. All accounts un-or that date will be placed in Court flon. CHARLES FIRESTINE, f. Dec. 23rd, 1872. BUTCHER SHOP

ers with meat of the best est rates. Meat delivered

TY WOOD YARD,—The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the English Church, where he will keep at mes, and for sale, cut and split, and deliver it in quantitles to suit purchar nany part of the town. Orders can be at Mrs. Fergusson's shop, opposite se's Hotel, Cork st. Hay and Straw kept and.

THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT

THE WEST WARD.

INAL NOTICE.

JSE AND LOT FOR SALE

YARE TAKER

Wanted, a steady, competent man, to take harge of and fire up, the Steam Fire Engine. Hio, to light and take care of street lamps a two Wards. Applications to be sent in the undersigned, on or before the 34th inst.

JOHN HARVEY.
Guelph. Dec. 17, 1872 Mw HARVEY.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

Notice About Accounts.

l parties having claims against the Cortion are notified to send in the same to undersigned, on or before the 28th inst.
JOHN HARVEY, nelph, Dec. 17, 1872. dwd Town Clerk.

ISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as Froduce Dealers, Jommission Merchants, &c., under the name at style of James Hewer & Co., was this ay dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Isaac S. Shantz retiring from the firm.
All debts due to the firm will be collected by James Hewer, Jr., who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm.

18 AAC B. SHANTZ.

Witness—John Martin.
Dated Guelph, Dec. 16, 1872. d6w1

HOTEL CARD. he Right Man in the Right Place.

S WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, form the travelling public that he na possession of the Victoria door to the Posto Mice, where he urtery, attention, and good ac-net, to merit a fair share of pub-jee, both from old and new best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, tly on hand. A good hostler endance. Kemember the spot to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor.

ec, 19th, 1872.

nicipal Electors of the Town of alph, and the County of Welling-

lph, Dec. 18. '72. 6td-8tw

GUELPH

January Cattle Fair. CHANGE of DAY.

In consequence of the January Cattle Fair falling on New Year's Day, the Fair will be held on the day following.

Thursday, 2nd Jan., 1873.

By order of C uncil.

Guelph, Dec. 17, 1872. d2w3 Town Clerk.

Alvertiser conv 2t.

ew Advertisements. RAILWAY TIME TABLE - Winter

2:17 s.m.; 9.45 s.m.; 1:50 p.m.;6:00 p.m.; 8:63 p.m;. "To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin. 8:05 a.m; 7:80 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:38 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.
Going South--5.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m. 1.05 p.m.
Going North--11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixe
1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus
0.65 p.m. for Fergus

instrumental music, addresses, recitations, sessays, debates, &c. This Association is doing a good work in our midst, and deserves every encouragement at the hands of our citizens. We trust they will show their interest in it, and desire for its continued success by turning out largely this evening. Tickets 25 cents.

In Memoriam.—We regret to have to record, on the authority of one in rather too intimate pecuniary relations with him, the financial collapse and inglorious exit of Mr. George Smith, late of the Elora Road, and who formerly did a "roaring" trade as a drover, horse buyer, &c.

Amidst many sincere mourners, by none is the "non est inventus" Smith more

Very excellent snayed. Mr. Medican to find the fully believed for the ecotral to the confidence of the first of the authority of the clear and of wealth, enterprising, honest, hon unable, full of integrity, and therefore they should put him in.

Mr. Bell said that Mr. Howard had filled the office of Deputy Reeve with freat credit to himself. No one had found fault with him, and he believed had found fault with him, and he believed he would give equal satisfaction next year. At the same time he had no objection to the secondary of the extensing heroesta.

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Mr. John Thomas Cunningham, while pra trade as a drover, horse buyer, co-hamidst many sincere mourners, by none is the "non est invenfus" Smith more sincerely bewailed than the proprietor of this journal. With this paragraph crumbles into oblivion the mortal re-mains of a four year's subscription, and with an indescribable sigh we ruminate over the "sic transit gloria mundi."

TRAINS SNOWED UP ON THE T. G. &. B.R. -At about six o'clock on Saturday night a tremendous storm of snow and wind spring up, and the former, drifting into the track, stopped the up freight train on the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, going from Orangeville to Mount Forest. The engine ran short of wood about two miles east of Amaranth station, and, there being no station agent there, it had to leave the train and proceed to Waldemar station for wood. No wood was there, so it had to lay over for assistance. It is reported that the up passenger train is stuck between Arthur and Mount Forest, and up to noon on Sunday the storm still continued, the snow averaging one foot and a half to two feet deep. a tremendous storm of snow and wind

TOWN OF GUELPH.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

in nominations for Mayor, Seeve and ties took place in the Town Hall Monday) forenoon, at ten or lock, was a fair attendance of the rate.

The Returning Officer, John y, Esq., presided, and after stating ject of the meeting, called for no-

Mr. John The praising Mr. Howard, Council for spending so much railway expeditions and champagne, ventilated his old sorrows about the town debt.

Mr. Jas. Ferguson said Mr. Kennedy was all that Mr. Knowles had said about Mr. Chadwick,—a thoronghly honest, good man.

Mr. Hazleton said Mr. McMillan was highly esteemed, and as Deputy-Reeve would do honor to himself.

Mr. Maddock believed that Mr. Goldish would have more than three-fourths of a majority. He had been elected once far Deputy-Reeve without his consent, and in train Railway, Mr. Heffernan said Mr. Hatch had more energy than either Mr. Massic or Mr. Chadwick, and they should put their shoulders to the wheel and election.

Mr. Crott had every confidence in Mr. John Crowe, proposed by Mr. E. Mr. Hoth, proposed by Mr. G. Bruce, seconded by Mr. G. Lies Wr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Stewart second

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of numerous others of the

NEGRO'S ADSTREET,—And old Negro red Pete was much troubled about his Perceiving him one day with very

The Guelph Christmas Meat Marke With the advent of the Christmasses on, comes also the usually attractive display of butchers' meat in every tow of any importance the world over, and would be strange indeed if in this Canad of ours, its very "Smithfield" should be strange indeed if the Canada of ours, its very "Smithfield" should be suppossible.

of any importance the world over, and it would be strange indeed if in this Canada of ours, its very "Smithfield" should not lead the van. To those appreciators of very choice Christmas meat an inspection of our butchers stalls cannot fail to reveal the fact that the lieges of Guelph and vicinity have verily settled in a goodly heritage, and one that can proudly defy any superiority elsewhere.

To particularise, we begin with Stall No. 1, occupied by that prominent veteran in the trade, Mr. George Hood, whose premises literally groan under \$\tilde{a}\$ in the trade, Mr. George Hood, whose premises literally groan under \$\tilde{a}\$ in the trade, Mr. George Hood, whose premises literally groan under \$\tilde{a}\$ in the plump, well-fed chicken. Mr. Hood has on exhibition the daintiest of Durham heifers bred and fed by Mr. Whitelaw, and the easy winner in her class at the three great stock exhibitions of the year. The richness and excellence of the feeding of this animal is shown by the half-afoot of fat laid on the rib, a depth that any Russian taste for that sort of delicacy would fairly gheat over. Then we have the "Doddies" represented by some superb animals from the herd of Mr. Thos. McCrae, and the grades by superior specimens from the feeding stalls of Mr. G. B. Hood, Paisley Block.

pounds.
Mr. I. T. Waters makes a fine display
with some very superior cattle fed by Mr.
Peter Bathgate, of Eramosa, a particularty noticeable beifer, fed by Mr. McFarlaue, of Eramosa, near Eden Mills, a fine