

The circulation of the Daily and Weekly Mercury is MORE THAN DOUBLE that of any paper published in Guelph or west of Toronto.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish.

We were much impressed with the remarks of Dr. Ryerson at the School Convention on Wednesday, to the effect that the pernicious system of underbidding is one of the most fruitful causes of the frequent change of teachers.

Trichina Spiralis in Hamilton. A family named Getz, of Hamilton, was a few days ago stricken with a sudden and alarming illness. One of them, a girl aged seventeen, has died.

tive pursuits, they are very soon embraced, and the vacant places filled up with raw youths and utterly inexperienced.

There is an idea prevalent that it is folly to pay large salaries for first-class teachers in backward sections where the schools are small or the pupils not far advanced.

We have dwelt thus at length on this subject because we are satisfied that serious mistakes are committed in the selection of cheap teachers, and that for the beggarly consideration of a few dollars the educational interests of whole communities suffer.

An Explanation Wanted. To the Editor of the Mercury. DEAR SIR,—A good many people in town would like to know with what object the Advertiser has been for some time systematically misrepresenting the Galt markets to be so much higher for grain than they in reality have been.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, Feb. 26, 1899. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: H. C. Reid, New York city; J. Lynch, Brampton; E. Leslie, Orangeville; J. F. Cross, Fergus; W. Christie, Hamilton; H. M. Stephenson, Agent for the Burnett Troupe; Mr. Donohue, Elora; W. Watt, Meaford; J. Smith, Arthur; J. Taylor, Walkerton; R. Fisher, Hanover; Chas. Gorman, Hamburg; J. Griffith, Toronto; A. H. Hill, Toronto; C. Watkins, Kenilworth; John Grovey, Peel; A. Young, Sarnia.

BIRTHS.

Mitchell—At Guelph, on the 16th inst., the wife of John G. Mitchell, of twins, both boys—One died, the mother and surviving child are doing well.

MARRIAGES.

McIntyre—Stewart—At Paislieh, by the Rev. Kenneth McDonald, Mr. Hugh McIntyre, of McLaine County, Illinois, to Miss Catherine Stewart, of Paislieh.

DIED.

Farries—At Oliveville, N. Y., on the 24th inst., Helen, the beloved wife of Robert Farries, M. D., and second daughter of Alexander White, Esq., of Guelph Township, aged 29.

New Advertisements.

Building Wanted. Wanted to hire for a term of years in Guelph or vicinity, a building (or part of one) with steam or water power (either preferred). Address: G. G. H., Mercury Office, Guelph, 26th Feb.

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DRY GOODS

6 inch Grey Sheeting... former price \$0.17 Prints... former price \$0.12

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Men's Course Boots... former price \$2.75 Women's Boots, 7 1/2 to \$1.60, former price \$1.25

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865.

In the matter of GEORGE LESLIE, late of the Village of Acton, An Insolvent.

A Dividend Sheet has been prepared, subject to objection, until the fourth day of March next.

THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee, Toronto, 11th Feb. 412

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For further particulars apply to M. DEADY, Deady's Hotel, Guelph, Guelph, 5th Feb. dtf

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CREDIT SALE IN ACTON.

To be sold by public auction, at the residence of JOHN MATTHEWS, Village of Acton, the following valuable property:—1 span of good working horses, 1 entire horse rising three years (got by "Whitebone") 1 spring sally, 1 cow, 1 calf, 9 Ewes. IMPLEMENTS:—1 lumber mangle, nearly new, 1 good single buggy, 1 pair saddle, 2 long sleighs, 1 set heavy whiffletrees, 1 set light do, 2 good neck-yokes, 1 set good team harness, 1 washing machine, 1 iron stove. Also, a quantity of Household Furniture, comprising 1 new look-alike, 2 tables, 1 new Press, 1 bedstead, 1 cooking stove (nearly new), 1 six-drawer, nearly new, and numerous other articles.

Terms—All sums of \$5 and under cash, or 1/2 that amount 12 months (as above) and paid notes. Ten per cent. for cash, \$3 1/2 per cent. commencing at 12 o'clock noon.

If not previously disposed of, the premises now occupied by Mr. Matthews will be offered for sale at the same time, comprising four-fifths of an acre, on which is erected a good and comfortable dwelling house, containing 12 rooms, good cellar, stable, &c., with other conveniences for a respectable family, such as fruit and ornamental trees, &c. Terms made known at time of sale. If not sold, it will be offered to a responsible party.

Acton, 24th Feb. W. W. ROE, Auctioneer.

TO LET, IN ELMORA.

Wagon and Blacksmith Shop to let, in Elmora, but the premises formerly occupied by the late A. WALKER.—For particulars apply to W. J. WALKER, Penitentiary House & Store, Elmora, Jan. 12, 1899. 410