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WANTED at this office, a number of boys to sell
The Evening Mercury
Active lads can make good wages after school hours. Apply at the counting room at once.
Guelph, 23rd November.

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 26, 1908.

Grammar Schools Amendment Bill.
A bill has been introduced in the Legislature, which, if it should pass, will give new aims and a somewhat changed character to the Grammar Schools. Its object is to make the primary functions of these institutions the giving of instruction in all the higher branches of a practical English and commercial education, including the natural sciences; making classics a secondary consideration, which shall be taught, together with the modern languages and the more advanced departments of mathematics to those who desire to prepare for entering University College, or any College in affiliation with the Toronto University, as students in arts. They are also to give, if required, the amount of information requisite for the entrance examination before any faculty of law, medicine, divinity or civil engineering in Ontario. The instruction shall be given according to a programme of studies and general rules and regulations to be hereafter prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, and approved by the Lieut-Governor in Council; and each Grammar School's share of the Fund is to be contingent upon its adherence to this programme. No regulation shall be made prescribing the number of pupils to be required for a school, or for pursuing any special branch of study; nor shall any different qualifications be required for admission of classical and non-classical students. The third and last section of the bill is designed to invalidate the law by which the apportionment of the Grammar School Fund is made on the basis of the average attendance of classical pupils. It seeks that the word "pupils," in all Acts relating to Grammar Schools, should be deemed to include both sexes, and that it should be the duty of the Board of Trustees of each school to make suitable regulations for the proper management of the school in this behalf. The passage of the foregoing amendment to the Grammar School Act would remove many of the difficulties which now stand in the way of a more successful working of the schools. The idea that the pupils should first of all have a good English education to be followed by classical instruction, if they demand it, is certainly a very rational and proper one; and the distribution of the fund on the basis of the average attendance of all the pupils would prevent the hot-house forcing of boys, who know very little about the English language, to the acquirement of a very inconsiderable smattering of Latin. These and other notable errors in the Act require to be retrieved, and the more quickly the work is performed the better it will be for education.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.
Before T. W. Saunders Esq., Police Magistrate.
THURSDAY, 26th. — *Catharine Ogilby* was charged with drunkenness. Her appearance indicated that she had been rather on a bender, and there was all that contrition in her countenance which generally succeeds a heavy drunk. Sent up for 21 days.
Wm. Fraser was charged by Thomas Martin of Elora, with breach of the Highway Act. We have already recorded the injury inflicted by his infringement of the law. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were driving to Guelph with a load of sheepskins, when they were met by the defendant, on a bridge about three miles from town, with a team and heavy wagon. He did not turn out as he should have done, there was a collision of the waggons, Mrs. Martin was thrown on the railing of the bridge sustaining very severe injuries. Her head and forehead were fearfully cut, and a piece of the scalp entirely removed. Her condition is at present precarious. Fraser paid no attention to the matter, and the plaintiff says, refused to assist him in lifting her on the wagon again. Constable Nichols arrested Fraser in Elora yesterday. The Magistrate said that this was the worst case of the kind which had come before him, and he would impose the heaviest penalty in his power, namely, \$20 and costs, the latter amounting to \$65. Fraser paid the money, but he is still liable for damages, if Mrs. Martin live, and her husband should die of course he will be held answer for her life.

John Stuart Mill, during his late canvass, steadily adhered to his former refusal to make any statement of his religious opinions, or any defence of himself against the unjust charge of Atheism, first started and promulgated by the Tories to injure his chances of election. "I owe it to future candidates," he says in his manly reply to a friend who asked "for some means for defending him," not "to encourage a practice, the effect of which would be that, when no objection can be found to a candidate's character or political opinions, attempts would be made to extract from himself materials for raising a religious prejudice against him."

The "madness" of Wall Street is not all a figure of speech, but often becomes a fearful reality under the more specific term of insanity. The most eminent American physician in the treatment of lunacy remarked the other day that Wall Street was the principal lunatic field where he reaped his crack-brained victims.

The Centre Riding.
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL REFORM COMMITTEE AT FERGUS.
(Special Telegraph from our Correspondent.)
[The following appeared in our weekly edition printed last night.]
FERGUS, Nov. 25.

To day the meeting of the Central Reform Committee for Centre Wellington was held at Whyte's Music Hall. There was a good attendance of members. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to have the candidate for member chosen by representatives, the number of which from each Municipality to be based upon the Reform vote polled at the elections in 1861 and 1863. A committee was thereupon appointed, who after some deliberation reported the following as the basis: Erin eight representatives, allowing an increase of 33 1/2 per cent; Eramosa five, an increase of 16 per cent (the last election not being taken as a criterion); Garafraxa eight; Orangeville one; Pilkington three; Nichol three; Fergus one; Elora two.

The following gentlemen were chosen Conveners for calling meetings in each Municipality for the purpose of electing representatives:—Erin, George Martin; Eramosa, Robert Royce; Garafraxa, Alex. Dyce; Orangeville, Thomas Jull; Pilkington, John Smith; Elora, George Barron; Nichol, Alex. Watt; Fergus, Henry Michie.

It was arranged that the meetings in the Municipalities will be held on Monday, the 7th of December, and that the representatives chosen at these meetings will convene in Fergus on Monday, the 14th of December, to decide on a candidate.

The best of feeling prevailed at the meeting to-day, and a desire was felt by every one present that justice should be done to all sections of the Riding.

A curious Enoch Arden case is reported in Ireland. A woman, married ten years ago, was shortly afterwards forsaken by her husband, who emigrated to America. At the end of nine years she married again, the second husband, like the first, belonging to the laboring class. Soon after this the return of the first husband was reported, whereupon the woman, who had kept the fact of her first marriage a profound secret, immediately disappeared, and the most diligent search by both husbands has failed to discover her retreat.

A fine silver fox was shot in the neighborhood of Galt last week.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, Nov. 26.
Dr. Wallace, Alma; B. W. Westwood, Toronto; H. Nichols, J. W. Farewell, London; J. W. Mahan, Brantford; J. Reid, Mount Forest; N. W. Welsh, Walkerton; J. Carpenter, G. Wylie, Owen Sound; J. S. McMullen, Chicago; G. W. Adams, Erie City, Pa.; J. Armstrong, Detroit; T. Robinson, Durham; A. Anderson, Fergus.

New Advertisements.
TAILOR WANTED.
Wanted, a tailor for a country store. Must be a good cutter, and be able to conduct the custom business. Apply on TUESDAY, 1st Dec., from 11 till 2 p. m., to Thomas Whitehead, at Hogg's Dry Goods store.
Guelph, Nov. 23. d2

WILLIAM C. BAINE,
ACCOUNTANT.
Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.
Intricate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.
OFFICE—AT MESSRS. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.
Guelph, Nov. 23. do 5w

BIRTHS.
GOULDING—In Maryborough, on the 20th ult., the wife of Jonathan Goulding, Esq., of a daughter.
TAYLOR—At Bosworth, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Taylor, saddler, of a son.
DUNBAR—In Mount Forest, on the 14th inst., the wife of Dr. Dunbar, of a daughter.
GREGORY—In Mount Forest, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. A. R. Gregory, of a daughter.
THOMPSON—In Mount Forest, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. John Thompson of a son.

MARRIAGES.
TANSEY—NUNAN—At Guelph, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. J. B. Archambault, S. J., Mr. John Tansy, Nichol, to Ellen, second daughter of Mr. James Nunan, of Guelph.
SHULTIS—TOZELAND—At his own residence, by the Rev. B. Torrance, on the 25th Nov., Mr. Bernard Shultis, to Miss Sarah Tozeland, both of Eramosa.
DOUPE—DOUGLAS—By the Rev. S. Bond, on the 12th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Doupe to Miss Harriet Douglas, both of Egremont.
SWANSTON—FARRELL—In Mount Forest, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. Allister Murray, Mr. James Swanston to Miss Susan Farrell, both of Egremont.
SYLER—MCGUIRE—At Conestogo, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. E. Graham, Mr. Jacob K. Syler, of Conestogo, to Miss Matilda E. McGuire, of Salem, Ont.
SMALL—CHURCH—By the Rev. Robt. Brewster, on the 25th October at the residence of Mrs. Small, Fergus, Mr. Samuel Small, to Miss Jane Church, both of Arthur.
STOVEL—LILLY—By the same, on the 13th inst., at the residence of James Lamson, Esq., Fergus, Mr. N. Stovel of Guelph, to Miss Margaret Lilly of Fergus.
LESTER—JACKSON—On the 17th inst., by the Rev. R. L. Tucker, James Lester, Esq. to Miss E. Jackson, both of Orangeville.

DIED.
WATSON—On the 11th inst., at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, after a long illness, borne with Christian resignation, Alex. Wallace Watson, Furnishing Tailor, aged 27 years.—Deceased was the youngest brother of Mrs. Robinson, of the Dominion Store, Guelph.
HUSTON.—At Orangeville, on Friday, the 15th inst., Mrs. Robert Huston, aged 43 years, greatly lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.
FRENCH.—At Whittington, in Amaranth, on Sunday, the 16th inst., Thomas French, aged 45 years. The deceased was respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.
DAY.—At his residence near Alma, on the 5th inst., Mr. Edward Thomas Day, a native of Walworth, Surrey, England, aged 75.
JACKSON.—In Guelph on the 20th inst., Mr. Robert Jackson, a native of Yorkshire, England, aged 54 years.

SALE
A fine silver fox was shot in the neighborhood of Galt last week.

TO-NIGHT
SOMETHING NEW.
All of which will be offered at Montreal and Toronto prices.
Guelph, 14th Nov. D. SAVAGE dw

ST. ANDREW'S DAY
1868. 1868.
CELEBRATION.
GUELPH ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY will celebrate THE DAY by a grand
PROMENADE CONCERT,
IN THE TOWN HALL,
On Monday Ev'g, November 30,
To be followed by
Parlor Entertainments and a Ball.
REFRESHMENTS will be served during the interval of the Concert.
Gentlemen's tickets \$1; Ladies' ticket 50c, which may be procured at the Castle Garden Saloon, at the Bookstore, and of the members of Committee.
SUPPER will be provided by Mr. Miller, of the Castle Garden Saloon, at 25 cents each.
Guelph November 25. d5-w1

CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 20th November. dw
THE FOUNTAIN PEN,
Warranted equal to the best Steel Pen in the Market.
Ink will not drop from the Pen, as it is liable to with the Common Pen.
25 Cents Per Dozen.
All Large Supply at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market
Guelph, November 13. dw

SALT AND CORN.
Just Received by the subscribers and arriving
1000 Barrels Goderich Salt,
5000 Bushels No. 1 Corn,
Which they are prepared to sell at LOW RATES to the Trade.
ROBINS & TOLTON.
Guelph, Nov. 23. daw 2w

NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE
East Market Square, Guelph.
A. GRAHAM & CO.
Have to intimate to the public of Guelph and vicinity that they have opened a NEW FLOUR AND FEED STORE in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hugh Hogg,
First door East of Bell's Melodeon Factory,
EAST MARKET SQUARE,
where they will keep constantly on hand Flour and Feed of all kinds, of the very best quality. All orders promptly attended to, and goods delivered free of charge in any part of the town.

POTATOES.
On hand, a large consignment of capital potatoes, which we will sell at the lowest possible price. Give us a call.
A. GRAHAM & CO.
Guelph, Nov. 23. dlm

CARTER'S
(LATE WEBSTER'S)
FLOUR & FEED STORE.
The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to see.
Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain,
CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.,
Cheaper than the Cheapest IN TOWN.
A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.
Guelph, Nov. 24. JAMES CARTER do tf

NEW GOODS.
D. SAVAGE
Is now opening his Fall Stock, which is unusual large and attractive.
CAKE BASKETS, CRUETS
BUTTER COOLERS, SUGAR BOWLS
CREAM JUGS, CARD BASKETS
FLOWER VASES.
PURE SILVER SPOONS
ELECTRO-PLATED SPOONS.
Gold and Silver Watches
FINE GOLD SETS
BROOCHES, EAR-RINGS,
GUARDS, ALBERTS,
SECRETS
RINGS, LOCKETS, &c.

REAL JET SETS
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FRESH ARRIVALS.
500 dozen Turnip Baskets
50 dozen Corn Brooms
12 " Fancy Corn Whisks
20 " Spruce Pails
5 " Stable Pails
" Toy Pails
Cases Telegraph Matches
5 Cases Parlor Match.
12 dozen Lutter Spoons, Caris, &c.
At
JOHN A. WOOD'S,
Wynham Street.
Guelph October 31st. dw

PORTRAIT PAINTING.
D. C. BELL,
Portrait and Landscape Painter,
Has taken rooms in DAY'S BLOCK, where he will be happy to execute Likenesses of all who may favor him with their commands.
PORTRAITS
In Oil Colours, painted from life. PHOTOGRAPHS, AMBROTYPES, DAGUERROTYPES and MINATURES of all kinds copied and enlarged to LIFE SIZE.
FLAGS & BANNERS PAINTED
Lessons given in DRAWING and PAINTING.
Inspection of Specimens respectfully invited.
Guelph, Nov. 17, 1868. daw 1m

PLATT & CO'S
Cheapside Bay
BALTIMORE OYSTERS,
At Geo. Wilkinson's.
H. C. ROWE & LEE'S
NEW HAVEN
CONNECTICUT OYSTERS,
Wholesale and Retail.
AT GEO. WILKINSON'S.

FRESH ARRIVALS AT
THE FRUIT DEPOT
Another Lot of those Delicious
Oranges,
Lemons,
Sweet Potatoes,
Pea Nuts,
Chestnuts, &c.,
Will be sold to the Trade at LOW PRICES for Cash.
HUGH WALKER,
Guelph, Nov. 25. dw
Fruit Depot, Wynham Street, Guelph.

BUSINESS STILL GOOD
AT THE
BRADFORD HOUSE
DRESS GOODS!
Another LARGE ARRIVAL at 12 Cents, worth DOUBLE the Money.
JACKETS! JACKETS!
Jackets at Panic Prices. Astrachan Jackets, Sealskin Jackets, Whiting—Black and Coloured. Petersburg—Black and Coloured, and an immense variety of
FANCY JACKETS, COMMENCING AT \$1.00.
Table Linen and Sheetings.
The BRADFORD HOUSE is still a Household Word amongst Homekeepers, for cheap Furnishings of every description. CALL AND EXAMINE.

MILLINERY!
For stylish BONNETS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.
For CHEAP HATS go to the BRADFORD HOUSE.
The best assortment of FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, &c., is to be found at the BRADFORD HOUSE.
PHILIP BISH
Wynham Street, Guelph, November 23. daw tf

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,
OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK
A Very Superior Article
NOW ON HAND,
AT PETRIE'S
Drug Store, Wynham Street, Guelph.
Nov. 19. daw tf

FISH, FISH.
Finnan Haddie,
Smoked Salmon,
Yarmouth Bloaters,
Fresh Lobsters.
AT GEO. WILKINSON'S.

LABRADOR HERRINGS,
Lake Huron Herring,
New Scaled Herrings,
Codfish and Haddock
AT GEO. WILKINSON'S.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.
DIVIDEND NO. 3.
Notice is hereby given, that a dividend at the rate of FOUR per cent on the paid up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, and at its branches, on or after
SATURDAY, the 2nd DAY OF JANUARY NEXT.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board.
R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Toronto Nov. 23. dtd-w6

THE NEW VICTORIA & Alexandria Quilt,
Just Imported.
Irish Satin Finish Table Linen,
The Finest in Ontario.
Scotch Table Hollands
Very heavy and very cheap.
HUCKABACK AND DIAPER BED-ROOM TOWELS,
GLASS TOWELS,
KITCHEN TOWELS, &c.
500 Prs Canadian Tw'd Blankets
HEFFERNAN BROS.
Britannia House, Guelph.
Guelph, Nov. 19. daw tf

First Prize Boar
THE splendid large-boned Berkshire Boar belonging to the undersigned, which took the First Prize at the late South Riding Fall Show will serve sows for the season. Terms, \$1, cash at time of service.
ALLAN SIMPSON,
Blacksmith, Guelph
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