

THE ALVINSTON NEWS.

The representative journal of Brook Township and East Riding of Lambton County, Ontario.

Every Wednesday Morning,

NEWS BLOCK, RIVER STREET, ALVINSTON.

Published especially to the interests of Alvinston Township of Brook, and surrounding Townships, it aims to furnish a larger amount of local news and editorial concerning such interests than can be found in any other journal.

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Nearly 150,000 Readers.

Advertisements should be sent in not later than Tuesday morning, and all charges not later than Monday of each week. Transient advertisements charged for by the line.

All communications intended for publication, must reach this office by Monday of each week, and in all cases the name of the writer must be made known to us as a guarantee of good faith on their part.

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JAMES C. TYE, Proprietor.

WILL E. JOHNSON, GEORGE ADAMS, Editor, Business Manager.

The News.

ALVINSTON, WEDNESDAY NOV. 13TH.

WINTER is commencing early enough on the Continent. On Sunday the 3rd inst., snow to the depth of several feet fell throughout Austria, railways were blocked and telegraph lines damaged.

We greet the Marquis of Lorne and his fair lady. May the bright sun of popularity which shone upon their predecessor illuminate their official career as Governor General of Canada.

We hope the first act of our new Governor General, will be to proclaim a real old fashioned Thanksgiving day. We are hungry for turkey, and turkey we must and will have, with cranberry sauce and mince pies.

The Chatham Tribune explains the mystery of its unique local column head, "The Novelist," as follows: "A novelist originally meant a news writer. Thanks for this refreshment of our memory, kind friend, though the word in that sense is obsolete.

POTATOES promise to be a luxury this year. The crop is very poor in the States, and speculators are purchasing from the Dominion for shipment there. Over 45,000 bushels, valued at fifty cents per bushel, have been cleared from New Brunswick for the States already.

Here's a gentle hint for the Bothwell Times. Please remember, friend, that there is more than one News published in Western Ontario, and when clipping from this paper, be good enough to credit to the ALVINSTON NEWS, "and your petitioner will ever play" and so forth.

A farmer at Ulverstone, England, gave a lift home from market to a neighbor woman and her three children. As his cart was licensed to carry merchandise only, he was heavily fined by the Judge presiding over the court in which he was tried. This was carrying out the letter of the law, with a vengeance.

PRINCE BISMARCK, the power behind the Throne of Germany, according to all accounts, has a very happy home life, and is almost worshipped by the members of his family. His daughter Mary lately married Count Rantzau, a rising young nobleman, and the wedding entertainment given by the Prince was superbly magnificent.

The last fly will soon take his final bite, give his final tickle to the bald head of the venerable writer and crawling cautiously up the slippery edge of the ink pitcher, tumble in and be ignominiously drowned. Then, and not until then, will we be happy, and prepared to meet with a brave heart, the compact sausage or the ice-cold canned oyster.

The Government has prohibited for the present any more children sent to this country by Miss Rye, the benevolent English lady, or by any of the charitable associations there. The Secretary of the St. George's Society of Toronto reports the labor market, as overstocked, and that situations cannot be obtained for the children in the Society's care. Unless the children are very young, we believe situations could be obtained for several of them here, as the impossibility of obtaining the services of a young girl to assist in household work, seems one of the difficulties experienced by housekeepers here.

A LITERARY and Dramatic Association should be organized in Alvinston. There are among the young men here, several who could act well their part in an Amateur performance, and many who could take a very creditable position in readings or debates. We suggest that those inclined to organize such an association, meet at this office next Friday evening, at seven o'clock, and take such steps as may be deemed advisable.

The state elections for Governor and members of the Legislature, over the line, indicate surprising strength for the Republican party. Somehow or other the Greenback question has not taken well nor received the support it deserved; the Democrats having apparently weakened themselves by laying a few planks from the new party's platform. Present indications point to another disappointment for office seeking Democrats, next presidential election in 1880.

The London Free Press is the most welcome of all our exchanges. Its news columns are always full of news items, as fresh as new laid eggs, and when they appear a week or two later in the "big" Toronto journals, they receive but little attention from readers of Free Press. Independent of its political color, the Free Press is to our mind the newspaper of the Dominion, and if it is managed in the future with the same ability as at the present time, it is destined to be in every respect, the representative journal of Canada.

ONCE there was a man who had a multitude of corns and bunions on his feet. He had for many years been obliged to wear slippers of enormous size to prevent the slightest irritation of the unpleasant protuberances; and so comfortable were they that no man new he had corns. But on an unlucky day for him, a friend advised him to get a pair of shoes made to order. He did so and pulling them on, made his appearance on the streets. Strange to say he limped sadly, made wry faces and looked very uncomfortable generally, so that all who saw him said, that man has corns or bunions on his feet and the shoes pinch him terribly. Moral.—If the shoe pinch a better not pull it on.

It is impossible for a newspaper desiring to publish articles of interest for its readers in the way of news, to avoid occasionally giving currency to exaggerated facts or happenings; simply, because the information on which such accounts are based, is often brought to the office by parties who unintentionally misrepresent the facts, in many instances getting it second hand themselves. Any one at all familiar with newspapers, will understand the difficulty, in fact the impossibility of investigating the circumstances attending every occurrence noted; and those who find fault with any account published, should remember that if they are cognizant of the facts, they are the ones who should have reported them, and not leave them for others to learn from hear say.

THE Canada Southern Co., having had their attention called to the editorial, appearing in the News of October 23rd, concerning the dangerous condition of the stairway leading down to the passenger platform, and the inconvenience experienced by the lack of a passenger waiting room, have taken the matter in hand with their usual energy. Arrangements have been made with the landlord of the Commercial Hotel, to use the sitting room as a passenger waiting room, and railings on either side of the stairway, will make the descent to the platform much safer than formerly. We understand that in a short time a handsome passenger and freight depot will be erected. The constantly increasing traffic over the road, from this place, justifying the Company in such outlay.

"The Strathroy Age says: The English sparrows imported to this town a few years ago by L. H. Smith, are rapidly multiplying and replenishing the earth. Colonies of these useful birds are now established in Watford, Parkhill and Forest." If driving away all the song birds in their neighborhood a glutinous appetite for small grain; being possessed of a rasping, unpleasant chirp, and the ability to make more noise and disturbance to the square feather, than any other variety of birds, constitutes the villainous little sparrow a useful member of the feathered race, then we want a new dictionary. The colonies of these birds have eventually become a nuisance wherever they have been located, and in some portion of the States, the advisability of authorizing small boys to shoot the sparrows is being seriously considered.

WHAT is the use of a Look up, if it is not used. Last Thursday night a crowd of drunken loafers made a tight hideous with their yells and blasphemies. Among the number were several young men, boys, not over eighteen, and the frightful oaths they uttered were enough to make the most inveterate swearer feel

abashed. Is it necessary to wait until Alvinston is incorporated, before a competent police officer or constable can be appointed? The same might about 2 o'clock an attempt was made to break into the store, formerly occupied by A. McKenzie, and now rented by a dealer in bankrupt stock. Fortunately the thief was frightened off by the occupants of the floor above, who happened to be awake at the time. There are certain parties residing in this locality who seem to make a business of doing nothing, and we predict if there is a good man appointed as Constable or night watchman, it will not be long before the lock up is occupied by them.

ALWAYS consider a man dishonest until he proves to be honest, is the motto adopted by men, who as a rule are not above dishonest tricks themselves, and it is such men who are often indirectly accountable for the dishonesty of others. The knowledge that one is watched and suspected, often makes one reckless of reputation and morality. Says a writer in a late number of the Buffalo Express: "There are thousands of persons who could not be driven out of the narrow path of duty with a loaded coluband, in the ordinary course of events, yet who are the first to fall when they are the subject of suspicion." While society should not on this account, palliate a dishonest deed; it is well to remember that there is a secret influence exerted by every man over the actions of his fellows, in greater or less degree, as the esteem in which he is held by them.

The address delivered by Hon. Alexander Vidal, on the subject of Prohibition, was in every respect a surprise to those who heard him speak. Instead of delivering a lecture full of rabid denunciation against those in any way interested in the liquor business, the gentleman and such he is in every sense of the word—exhibited a common sense, matter-of-fact view of the subject, totally at variance with the radical opinions often heard on such occasions. The earnestness always displayed by Mr. Vidal on this subject, was at this time more noticeable from the fact that he had just lost a very dear brother, whose one fault and failing, had been the love of intoxicating liquors. If among those who have this subject at heart, there was displayed the same rational view of the question as is taken by the worthy Senator, the cause of temperance would be further advanced than at present.

The desecration of a grave is one of the most infamous acts a man can be guilty of of late, public attention has been drawn to the subject by the frequency of such occurrences in the States. The last transaction of this nature, the stealing of A. T. Stewart's remains from the family vault in St. Mark's church yard, New York City, has created great excitement there. The perpetrators of the deed must have been daring men, as the church yard is in the very heart of the city, surrounded by private dwellings, whose occupants are often awake at all hours, and in a section quite thoroughly guarded by police officers. The body was embalmed after death, and their object evidently was to reap the benefits of a reward for its return. In this they will be mistaken; Mr. Libby, a member of the firm of A. T. Stewart & Co., having announced that not one cent would be paid for its return, but if needs be, one hundred thousand dollars would be paid for the detection and punishment of the robbers. It is an unpleasant thought that after death the body is not safe from ghoulish marauders, even in the grave, and such occurrences as this may add to the approval of cremation as a more satisfactory method of disposing of the dead.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

It is a parents duty to see that their children, of either sex, learn a trade this is specially imperative with boys. A man who has a trade at which he can work, has a confidence in himself, and is always possessed of a certain spirit of independence, which of itself aids him to resist demoralization of mind and that recklessness which naturally leads to the commission of crime. Reports from five States prisons in the west, show that one half the convicts have no trade of any kind.

In every village, are young men who are living lives of idleness, apparently with their parents consent and approval. Doing absolutely nothing to earn a livelihood, spending their days wandering about, or worse still, in drinking intoxicating liquors, and the nights in drunken carousals, or the perpetration of sometimes successful, of nefarious plots, they are growing to mature manhood with not one principle of true manliness in their characters. For some we can foresee a future, ending in a felons cell, for some, the life of a sot, the death of a drunkard. Of none of them, can we say, they have an honorable career before them.

Who is responsible? Reason and

common sense, answers, the parents. An education on their part to shirk the responsibility, may lead them to charge their son's waywardness to the temptation of older associates, to the influence of religious teachers who have nothing to say on the subject, and in fact to make all kinds of excuses for that which is inevitable—non-attention to the moral education of a child. Every parent is responsible before God and man for his child's misconduct, when, by instruction during childhood's years, he could have been taught honor and morality. Sickly sentiment, says, "oh the boy was born with an obstinate nature, he is unteachable, he is naturally of a vicious wayward disposition and his parents might labor a lifetime and never be any better than what he is now."

It is becoming an acknowledged fact, that a child inherits certain traits of character from his parents, that as selfishness, consumption, and such diseases are inherited by his physical, so is his mental spiritual nature, brightened or clouded by the moral atmosphere of those who begot him. While this is true, it is too often used as an excuse for palliating peculiarities of disposition and bad traits of character, which could have been remedied, if not obliterated, by parental instruction and example. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom, is as true now as when the words were first uttered, thousands of years ago. And parents, who mourn over the ruined lives and blackened reputation of their children, who have outgrown home restraint and authority, cannot quiet the reproach of conscience which whispers to them "you are to blame."

PROTECTION.

Sugar, 13lbs for \$1.00

AT THE

DOMINION GROCERY,

Oysters 25cts a Can.

AT THE

DOMINION GROCERY,

Salt and Fresh Wat-

er Herring.

Oranges Lemons,

And all other goods to be found in a

FIRST CLASS GROCERY.

JOHN MARLATT

PROPRIETOR.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr

LANDS FOR SALE.

1,000 ACRES in the Townships of Brook and Euphemias.

IMPROVED AND WILD LANDS

At from \$8 to \$40 per acre.

Parties intending to purchase will do well to call on my office and see description of properties.

Lands Sold on Commission

And advertised by me. No commission charged unless a sale is effected.

Alex. Lucas, Real Estate Agent.

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FAWCETT'S BANK

ALVINSTON,

Does a general banking business.

ISSUES DRAFTS PAYABLE AT PAR ON THE

Bank of Montreal,

And all its Agencies.

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GOLD AND CURRENCY DRAFTS

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INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS.

Highest price paid for Mortgages and Debentures. Money to loan on real estate at 8 per cent.

ALEX. LUCAS, Manager.

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E. & N. BOWLBY.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in HARDWARE.

The cheapest place west of Hamilton to buy Carpenters Tools, Axes, Saws, Cutlery, Glass, Paints, and Oils.

No. 1 COAL OIL

A specialty, and cheaper than at any place in town.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY.

Kept constantly on hand. Repairing of all kinds promptly attended to. River Street, opposite Beners Hotel, Alvinston. 3m.

October 16th, 1878.

ALVINSTON

FOUNDRY,

JAS PANNEL, PROPRIETOR.

All kinds of

CASTINGS

Made on short notice. Having the services of a first-class Moulder, I am prepared to make to order anything in

Agricultural Implements.

Repairs Promptly Executed.

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CLARKE & ARCHER

Cabinet Makers,

AND

UNDERTAKERS.

Having lately removed to more commodious quarters we keep all kinds of furniture on sale or made to order and Furniture repaired. A fine assortment of

PICTURE FRAMES.

Of latest styles in stock.

A First Class hearse kept on hand.

UNDERTAKING,

In all its details promptly attended to. Please call and examine stock before purchasing elsewhere. Opposite Ray Brothers Hardware store.

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ALVINSTON

Steam Flouring Mill.

This is one of the largest flouring mills in Lambton County; it is fitted up with new and improved machinery and in every way merits its claim as

AN A 1 MILL.

Customer's grists attended to with Expedition and Satisfaction!

Flour, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Etc.

For sale by the hundred, or less, for cash, and delivered in any part of Alvinston free of charge.

PINCOCK & MARTIN, Proprietors.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr

Clarke's Saw Mills.

I am now running two heavy teams for the purpose of hauling in a large stock of lumber suitable for

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and I will be in a position to furnish any quantity of such lumber to farmers and others. My mill being situated by railroad side I have unrivalled facilities for freight-

Lumber Shipped

To any point via Canada Southern. During the winter I will be prepared to do

CUSTOM WORK

With prompt dispatch for patrons. Correspondence solicited.

ADAM CLARKE, Proprietor.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr

ELLIS & MCINTYRE

Wagon and Carriage Makers.

Blacksmithing in all its Branches.

Plough repairing and Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

All Work Guaranteed.

Come and give us a call. Center street, east of River street, Alvinston.

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PRODUCE STORE.

John A. McKenzie,

PROPRIETOR.

Groceries,

Crockery,

Dry Goods,

Boots and

Shoes Clothing, Etc.

Unexcelled for cheapness and quality by any store in town.

Everything First-Class.

Examine his fine line

Hand Sewed Boots,

For men and boys, before purchasing elsewhere.

River Street, North, Alvinston.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr

J. W. BRANAN

PROPRIETOR OF THE

GLENELG

FLOURING MILL.

This mill being run by either steam or water power, no derangement of power is likely to occur to prevent its continuous operation.

GRISTS

PROMPTLY GROUND!

Flour, Corn-Meal,

and Mill Feed, Etc.

Sold in quantities to suit, at lowest market price for cash.

Grain Bought at Good Prices.

Having lately erected a brick block on River Street, the chief business thoroughfare, I have for rent a commodious store, also a spacious hall on second floor, 40 x 50, for entertainments, lectures, etc.

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THE

Medical Hall,

ALVINSTON.

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DRUGS,

PERFUMERY,

Toilet Articles

PATENT

MEDICINES

ALWAYS IN STOCK.

Also a Large Stock of

Wall Paper,

Stationery,

School and Account Books,

AND FANCY GOODS.

P. A. McDiarmid, Chemist, &c.

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October 16th, 1878. 3-m

R. G. MORRISH.

Calls the attention of intending purchasers to his large and complete stock of

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Groceries,

Millinery Goods,

Boots & Shoes, etc., etc.

WHICH HE SELLS AT VERY LOW PRICES.

Millinery a Specialty.

a competent Milliner in charge of this department.

A SPECIAL RUN ON

MENS CALF BOOTS

AT \$4 PER PAIR.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Gentlemen's Suits made to Order in Latest Styles, Ten per cent below City Prices, and FIT GUARANTEED.

WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD.

R. G. MORRISH.

River Street, Alvinston.

October 16th, 1878. 3m

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