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Valedictory of The Guelph Advertiser.

With this issue, our readers have the last of the **GUELPH ADVERTISER** in its present form. Hereafter the paper will be amalgamated with the **Guelph Mercury**, and the two will appear as one, under the title of the "**GUELPH MERCURY AND ADVERTISER**." This step has been taken with due consideration, and with a full conviction of its benefit to all parties concerned. The two papers have for a long time been strictly in accord on all essential matters of political and local import; have been uniform in size and general appearance; and have worked harmoniously together in the promotion of what we considered the best interests of the country, the county, and the town. The subject of amalgamation has been for some time under consideration, as we felt convinced that it was not for the best interests of either ourselves or the public to keep up two distinct establishments on the same basis, both profiting to be exponents of the one political party and holding similar views in regard to local matters. Both papers having very large circulations, and having for many years been regarded as amongst the very best conducted and most influential provincial journals, the uniting of the two will give the Reform party an organ which will be in a position to wield more influence than perhaps any other outside of the large cities. And as a general newspaper for all classes of the community, the **MERCURY AND ADVERTISER** may justly claim to be excelled by none.

The **ADVERTISER** has been in existence since 1845, and during that time has undergone several changes in proprietorship. Except for a brief period, a few years ago, it has kept a uniformly consistent course as an independent, outspoken, exponent of the principles of the Reform party. That exceptional period was the result of unwise counsel and came near proving disastrous to the then publisher. It, however, recovered from the effects and we believe has since amply atoned for the error. The present publisher has worked hard and honestly to keep it up to the highest standard of provincial journalism, and if he has not succeeded in doing all that he might have wished, he has at least the satisfaction of knowing that he has done his utmost under the adverse circumstances which has surrounded him—and that he has nothing to reproach himself with, except it be, perhaps, at having undertaken too herculean a task with the limited capital at his command. He trusts he may be pardoned in indulging the belief that since the **ADVERTISER** came under his control, a year-and-a-half ago, it has at least not deteriorated in the opinion of its readers. He acknowledges many shortcomings, and has more than once felt humiliated at the apparent lack of careful attention to its practical details; but now, in writing its valedictory, he does so with a consciousness of having done his duty to his patrons, and of having expended his efforts in the cause of right and justice. While we have never looked or hoped for pecuniary reward from the party with which we are affiliated, we are not certain that we have even had the moral support or recognition of our services, that one would naturally suppose we were fairly entitled to. We don't say this in a spirit of complaint, but to disabuse the minds of the public from the generally received opinion that newspapers are largely sustained by political parties and by Government patronage. The days of "pay" are long since gone by, and newspapers now-a-days are usually published on purely commercial principles. If subscribers fail to pay up promptly, and if advertisers don't find it to their interest to give a paper sufficient patronage, the result is a financial failure, and it can only be sustained by the outlay of unlimited capital. We must confess that the publication of the **ADVERTISER** for a year-and-a-half has not been the means of adding many ducats to our private exchequer. It has been up-hill work to keep current receipts equal to current expenditures, and such being the case, it has been a very difficult task to give proper attention to editorial matters. We thus felt that the drag was greater than our resources would warrant us in sustaining. By amalgamating the subscription lists of the two papers, both would, we believe, be benefitted without detriment to the readers of either.

Mr. Innes will hereafter supply the subscribers of the **ADVERTISER** with the **MERCURY AND ADVERTISER**, and will collect all accounts due for the paper. All accounts for advertising and job printing will

be paid to the undersigned, who will continue to carry on the jobbing business in the premises now occupied, in St. George's Square. We now say to the readers of the **ADVERTISER**, Farewell, hoping that we may often have the pleasure of meeting many of them in our job printing establishment, and of executing for them any style of plain or fancy printing.
JOS. H. HACKING.

The **ADVERTISER** is the oldest paper in the County of Wellington, and one of the oldest in Ontario. Since its establishment in 1845 by Mr. John Smith, it has passed through many vicissitudes of fortune, but throughout its whole existence it has been found steadily and untiringly laboring in the cause of Reform. In 1857 the paper was purchased by Mr. P. Clerihew, who conducted it for a year, after which it passed into the hands of Mr. J. Wilkinson, who retained the management of it for about twelve years. It was then purchased by Messrs. Dunn & Walker, and about a year subsequently changed hands again, coming into the possession of the present proprietor, who has done everything that unceasing hard work, energy, and perseverance could do, to promote its prosperity and usefulness. The various changes of ownership through which the paper has passed have possibly operated injuriously to it, and may have had the effect of shaking public confidence to a certain extent, thus alienating in a measure the patronage which it formerly enjoyed. When the paper came into the hands of the present proprietor in 1872, it was not in as healthy a condition as could be wished, nevertheless the proprietor, having an extensive acquaintance with the printing business, relied upon his exertions and energy to make it more than ever worthy of public patronage, and to this end spent large sums in needed improvements, and in replenishing the office with new material. This outlay has been fruitful to a large extent in enabling us to turn out a much better quality of printing, the natural result of which was, that many of the old patrons of the institution gave their support once more, and many new customers were attracted. But while the jobbing department improved in prosperity, the support which the improved appearance of the paper would seem to warrant the publisher in looking for was lacking, and though everything was done that could be done to keep its head above water in the hope of better times, it became more and more apparent that its days were numbered. Had we received the help from our subscribers which was our due, and which we had a right to expect, we should have been able to continue the publication of the paper. But we forgive them, and shall heap coals of fire on their heads by giving them a better paper than ever, in the **MERCURY AND ADVERTISER**. We trust they will appreciate it properly, and that the delinquents will make it a point not only to pay up at once, but also to pay for their paper in advance in future.

We shall continue the jobbing department of the office, and by giving our undivided attention to this kind of work hope to give better satisfaction to our customers than ever, and put more money in our stockings.—**Guelph Advertiser**, Nov. 28th.

New Advertisements.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailor-sesses. Apply to R. Clayton. 1847

FARM HAND WANTED—Married man preferred. To a suitable person a good house will be provided. Apply at this office. 42

NOTICE—Pork cuttings for sale at the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, opposite the Guelph, Nov. 27, 1873. d&wtf.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED—Mrs. Tyson, Quebec street, next to Dr. Clark's office.

WANTED—A respectable girl to do general housework in a small family. Liberal wages given to a competent person. No others need apply. Apply at this office. 42

TOWN RESIDENCE FOR SALE.—The subscribers offer for sale a desirable residence, within ten minutes walk of the market. The house is a substantial stone cottage, with stable, out-houses, pump, and soft water cistern attached. Terms made known on application to
MILLAN & O'CONNOR,
Solicitors, etc.,
Day's Block,
Nov. 25, 1873.

Y. M. C. A.—The Ladies' Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided having their Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of December, the two days before Christmas. Contributions will be received, and can be left with the undersigned, and can be left with the undersigned.
M. J. HIGGINBOTHAM,
Guelph, Nov. 1873. ad Secretary.

GUELPH COAL DEPOT

C. Klopfer
Returns thanks for the liberal orders received since he opened his Coal yard, and begs to state that he will always keep on hand

HARD and SOFT COAL
OF THE BEST QUALITY
At the Lowest Prices.

Coal delivered in any part of the Town.
Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory.

Orders left at Mr. Horsman's Store will receive prompt attention.
Guelph, Nov. 18, 1873. C. KLOPFER, dsm

NEW GOODS AT JNO. A. WOOD'S

- 5 boxes Lemons,
- 5 kegs Grapes,
- 100 boxes New Figs,
- 100 boxes Table Raisins,
- 100 dozen Carling's Ale,
- 100 dozen Sleeman's Ale,
- 100 dozen Bass's,
- 100 dozen Tennant's,
- 100 dozen Young's,
- 100 dozen Guinness' Porter,
- 100 dozen Bloods',
- 1 case Real Scotch Linc,
- 2 cases Keillor's Marmalade,
- 100 Prime Sultin Cheese

AT JNO. A. WOOD'S Guelph Evening Mercury

SAURDAY EVENING, NOV. 29, 1873

Town and County News

ODD-FELLOWS' FESTIVAL.—A festival, under the auspices of the Guelph brethren, will be held in the Town Hall, on 18th Dec.

THE HARRISON TRIBUTE is of the same opinion as our correspondent regarding the municipal elections there—that politics will not rule them.

THE BILLIARDS CASE.—To-day, Saturday, Mr. Saunders gave his decision in the action against Mr. Rice, of the billiard saloon, under the town by-law. He overruled the objection of defendant's solicitor, and inflicted a fine of \$2 and costs.

DEER.—Messrs. Leonard Day, Charles Bye, and Atkinson, of Guelph Township, who were on a hunting expedition in Luther last week, brought home two large bucks, weighing 184 and 194 lbs. respectively. They were purchased by Mr. Geo. Hood for \$22.

GOOD OPENING.—A young lawyer with fair legal attainments, good business habits, honest in his dealings, and prompt in doing business, is much needed in Markham Village. So says the **Economist**. We know some towns that could spare a couple or more without any inconvenience.

THE EVENING RECORDS, of Brookville, Mr. Wylie's new daily, is a unique little sheet. It is the smallest newspaper that comes to us, having only four columns on a page, the columns being somewhat wider than those of the **MERCURY**. It is well got up, and a lively, readable paper.

THE SOUTHERN.—We are requested to say that there will be a meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Association in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday first, at half-past two p. m., to take steps for starting the soup kitchen in the town for the winter. Other ladies who may feel interested in the movement are requested to attend.

SENTENCED.—The McIntyre assault case came up on Tuesday last, before his Honor Judge Macdonald. After hearing the evidence, the Judge held that the charge of feloniously doing grievous bodily harm had not been proved, but held that he had power to convict of the assault, and sentenced defendant to a month's imprisonment. Mr. Peterson prosecuted.

THE HOUSE of Mr. George Henry, Piblington, was burned down last week, with nearly all its contents. The progress of the fire was rapid, and it was impossible to save upwards of \$100 in cash, which was in the house at the time. The building belonged to Mr. Geo. Howard, and was insured, it is said for \$200. Much sympathy is felt for the family thus rendered homeless, and a subscription has been opened for them.

PRETTY ORNAMENT.—Here is something pretty that is within the reach of every little girl. Try it.—Take a white sponge of large size, and sew it full of rice, oats, or wheat. Then place it for a week or two in a shallow dish of water, and as the sponge will absorb the moisture, the seeds will begin to sprout before many days. When this has fairly taken place, the sponge may be suspended by means of cords from a hook in the top of the window where a little sun enters. It will then become like a mass of green and can be kept wet by the mere immersion of it in a bowl of water.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. George Stewart, 5th concession, Peel, met with a severe accident last week. He and his son were drawing staves, and while in the act of raising a large one out of the ground he had a lever under it and the stone fell back, striking the lever with such force that it was caused to fly up and struck Mr. Stewart on the cheek, loosening all the flesh and leaving a cut from the eye down to the jaw bone. He bled profusely, and was taken home in a state of insensibility, remaining so for nearly two hours. Dr. Bell, of Hallin, dressed the wound, and Mr. Stewart is improving. Had the lever struck him two inches higher up there is no doubt it would have caused instant death.

FRENCH POLICE NEWS.—On Thursday last a woman named Martha Orr, who had been in the employ of Wm. McMullen, of the Queen's Arms Hotel, and was dismissed for drunkenness the Monday previous, went back in a state of intoxication and took possession of a bed. Mr. McMullen ordered her to either leave the house or pay for the bed, but she refused to comply. She was ejected by force, and laid an information before Mr. Henry Jones and Andrew Frank, the parties who put her out of the house, with committing an assault and battery upon her. After the case had been once adjourned through the plaintiff being drunk, the magistrates dismissed the case—giving the defendant a reprimand, however, for the rough manner in which they handled the unfortunate woman.

Local and Other Items

Mr. Robt. Wilson has rented Mr. Daniel Quinlan's tavern at Salems.

Mr. Ulloden has left Elora to take charge of the **Goderich Star**.

An Elora manufacturer has an order for 15 vehicles from British Columbia.

Mr. F. W. Tuerk, jr., has been appointed Chief Engineer of the new Berlin Fire Brigade.

One of the children, attending school-section 3, 5th school, named Albert Amy, fell and broke his leg. Dr. Wright set it.

Mr. Edward Brooks, 8th con., Peel, has purchased a steam vat and ordinary screw presses for the manufacture of cheese.

Drs. Pipe and Whiting, of Berlin, are at present seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs, but hopes are entertained that both are fast recovering.

People are beginning to talk about the municipal elections in Pilkington, and the name of Mr. Brohman is freely mentioned as that of one of the candidates for the Reveship. Mr. Roberts will probably enter the field. It so, a close contest may be looked for.—**News**.

The South Riding Christmas Fair and Cattle Show will be held on Wednesday, 10th Dec. The Centre Wellington one will be held in Fergus on Tuesday, 9th Dec. Prizes are offered at both for cattle, sheep, hog, turkeys, and geese.

A cure for corns the **Medical Press and Circular** says:—Castor-oil should be applied to the corns after paring closely each night before going to bed. It softens the corn, which becomes as the other flesh. It will cause every time.

A cow of Mr. Edward Brooks, 9th con., Peel, was killed lately in a very curious way. She seems to have been stepping over a few rails, the remains of a fence that had been taken down, when she stumbled and fell, her horns striking her head under her shoulder, she was found quite dead.

Messrs. J. & B. Hunter's recent sale was not so successful as could be wished, owing to the absence of American buyers—no doubt through the financial panic. The animals were in fine condition. Amongst the sales Mr. W. Telfer, of Pibkington, became possessor of a fine thorough-bred bull calf at \$180, which Mr. E. B. Rennie, of Nichol, purchased a thorough-bred and two grades at proportionate figures.

Changes in our Schools.

The following remarks from the **Waterloo Chronicle** will very aptly describe the state of things in Guelph, and are well worthy the attention of our School Board:—

"We understand that Miss Morningstar, who has taught the third division of the Waterloo Central School very creditably for a number of years past, has resigned her situation here, to accept one elsewhere at a higher salary. Last year we lost a very efficient lady teacher in a similar way, though our Trustees were fortunate enough to get a competent substitute. The Board of Examiners, in fulfilling their duties as defined by law, are gradually weeding out the profession and, of course, diminishing the supply. The result is a parallel rise in wages, a rise that must be continued at its present rate for several years before the compensation of teachers reaches the level of that of other professions of equal rank. If under these circumstances, our School Board persists in allowing trustees of rural schools to call out our best teachers by offers of higher wages, it does not require a prophetic vision to discover our position in the near future. 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