

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED - An...
HORSE FOR SALE - A good ser...
JOHN FOR SALE - For sale, 10,000...
MEN WANTED - Wanted a few good...
TO LET - The large room over...
NOTICE TO DEBTORS - All parties...
NEW BUTCHER SHOP - The public are respectfully informed...

RAILWAY TIME TABLE - Winter

Grand Trunk Railway
Trains leave Guelph as follows:
9:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;
8:35 p.m.
To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.

ANGEL WORLD.

There's a happy world above.
I hear its far-off sounds,
Hear light and liltedome feet
Go on their blissful rounds.

Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.

Opening the Southern Extension to Listowel.
GREAT DEMONSTRATION.
On Thursday the first section of the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway, extending from Palmerston to Listowel—nine miles in length—was formally opened for traffic.

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Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 21, 1872

THE Children's Delight, and Place of Resort for Amusement and Instruction to all—ANDERSON'S, OPPOSITE THE MARKET—has opened up a magnificent assortment of New and Beautiful Cheap Books, Toys, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Toys for Boys, Dolls for Girls, Mechanical Toys, Hot Air Toys. Lots of Novelties for this season of the year can be had cheap at Anderson's, opposite the Market.

Town and County News.

The Above Mills were sold on Tuesday at Mr. Garrett Moore, of Fergus, for the sum of \$12,500.
The Drayton Enterprise says that a few nights ago the Rev. Mr. Hayward, Minister of the Christian denomination, Drayton, was presented with a purse containing a considerable amount of money, as a token of esteem by a number of the members of his church, before leaving.

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CITY WOOD YARD.

The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard near the new English Church, where he will keep at all times, and for sale, cut and split, and will deliver it in any quantity, and in any part of the town. Orders can be left at Mrs. Ferguson's shop, opposite Chase's Hotel, or at the subscriber's residence, Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872.

THE WEST WARD.

The undersigned has been requested by a number of influential taxpayers to offer himself for the Office of Constable. He would therefore respectfully solicit the suffrages of the Voters at the ensuing election. JOHN TYSON, Guelph, Dec. 21st, 1872.

FINAL NOTICE.

The subscribers being about to dissolve partnership, beg to notify all parties indebted to them that the amounts due must be paid to them on or before the 24th inst., as the business of the firm must be settled on that date; otherwise they will have to be paid into Court with costs. All parties having claims against the firm, will please call and get their money at once. GOWDY & STEWART, Guelph, Dec. 9, 1872.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

For sale the house and lot on Surrey street, near Mr. William Allan's residence. The lot is of the ordinary size, and in the garden are a number of fruit trees. The house is of stone, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, cellar and pantry with waterlime floor, stable and woodshed, 14x24, also frame building 24 feet square, now used for a carpenter's shop. It is only five minutes walk from the Market. For terms and other particulars, apply to JAS. DOBBIE, on the premises. Dec. 18, '72.

CARE TAKER

For Steam Fire Engine. A steady, competent man, to take care of a steam fire engine, and to take care of street lamps, and to take care of the water works, on or before the 24th inst. JOHN HARVEY, Guelph, Dec. 17, 1872.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

Notice About Accounts.

All parties having claims against the Corporation are notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd inst. JOHN HARVEY, Guelph, Dec. 17, 1872.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and James Haver, Commission Merchants, &c., under the name and style of James Haver & Co., was this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Isaac B. Shantz retiring from the firm. All debts due to the firm will be collected by James Haver, Jr., who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm. JAS. HAVEN, JR., Secretary. Dated Guelph, Dec. 16, 1872.

TEACHERS WANTED.

Wanted—Three Female Teachers, legally qualified, two for the Junior Departments of the First-class (Salary \$175 each, per annum) and one for the Second-class (Salary \$200) in the Public Schools, Guelph. To enter upon duties on the 7th Jan., next. Applications to be lodged with the undersigned by the 21st inst. Applicants to state whether they apply for First or Second class. ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary U. S. S. T. Guelph, Dec. 16, 1872.

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place. THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has a new and improved establishment, the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage. Both old and new friends, the best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler in attendance. Remember the name of the hotel to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 19th, 1872.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

GILBERT AMOS Will have an exhibition in his Stall, No. 3 Market, a splendid display of BEEF, MUTTON, LAMBS, &c., consisting of the following: 4 Very Prime Fat Cattle, fed and bred by Mr. John Schreinemann, weighing nearly 6,000 lbs. 4 Excellent Cattle, fed by Mr. William Hamilton, weighing nearly 5,000 lbs. 3 Very Prime Fat Cattle, fed by Mr. John Ames, Paisley Block. 3 Downy Fat Hens, "Early Fitter," weighing about 10 lbs. each, fed and bred by Mr. James Elliott, Paisley Block. 2 Superior Fat Cattle, fed by Mr. J. Scroggie, Paisley Block. 1 Buffalo Cow, from the West. Also, 40 very superior Sheep and Lambs, including some extra Southdowns. Guelph, Dec. 20th, 1872.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER.

Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, or Old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind, for which the highest price in cash in the District will be paid at the Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets, Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," 215 and 216 King Street West. Will receive from 10 to 10,000 lbs. HAMILTON, Dec. 14, 1872.

WEST WARD ELECTION.

As will be noticed in our advertising columns, Mr. J. Tyson has, in compliance with an expressed wish of certain of the electors, notified his intention of coming out as a candidate for the suffrages of the electors of the West Ward.

At the Mount Forest Fair.

There was an excellent demand for fat cattle, and many were sold at advanced rates. For good cattle from four to five and a quarter cents per pound, live weight, were paid. Oxen sold from \$80 to \$100 per yoke.

PRESENTATION AT FERGUS.

The master of the Fergus Grammar School, Mr. J. E. Burgess, B.A., having accepted the head-mastership of the Kincardine Grammar School, his pupils, at the close of their Christmas examination, presented him with a beautiful alabaster and bronze clock, accompanied with an address, expressing their love and esteem, and their sorrow at parting. Mr. Burgess made a very appropriate and feeling reply.

A MONSTROSITY.

The Mount Forest Examiner says, a cow belonging to Mr. W. S. Smith of this place gave birth the other day to a most singular looking creature. It was said to resemble a bear; it had a small head, large neck and a short tail, was covered with a heavy coat of black hair, and was about the size of an ordinary yearling calf. Mr. Foster, we believe, has the hide of the "lusus" in his charge, and it may be seen by the curious in such matters.

CHRISTMAS MEAL.

We draw special attention to the advertisement of George Hood, Stall No. 1, Market House, in which he announces the style and quality of meat he has supplied to feast his numerous patrons during the approaching Christmas season, and as a further distinguishing proof his energy and desire to cater for the wants of the public he has imported from the Western Provinces a young buffalo carcase, to secure a portion of which "connoisseurs" will do well to leave an early order. See advertisement.

TEACHER ASSAULTED.

Two weeks since the teacher of the junior department in the Fergus public school had occasion to chastise a pupil named William Temple, for which he was assaulted on his way home by an elder Temple. The latter was shortly afterwards arrested and fined \$5, with a like amount for costs. If school teachers can be assaulted and bribed at \$10 a head, there will soon be a decrease in their numbers. Hereafter "fighting teachers" may be as requisite as "fighting editors."—Elera Observer.

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At the close of the examination of the Senior Girls' School on Thursday, the pupils presented Miss Rowe, on the occasion of her leaving, with an elegant pair of bracelets as a slight token of their regard for her, and of her unwearied efforts in promoting their education. They also presented Miss Addison with a pair of bracelets. Both ladies made delightful feelings. Mr. Brunner, the French and German teacher, was also presented with a nice scarf pin. The examination of the School we understand was very satisfactory.

SATURDAY'S MARKET.

The market on Saturday, always a large one, was today more than usually so, and transactions for Christmas were particularly lively in the shape of poultry, of which an extensive and superior collection were brought forward by the farmers' wives and daughters, and we doubt not, in consequence, many a royal feast will be enjoyed on the coming 25th. A considerable number of dressed hogs were also brought in, which brought a ready sale at quotations. A patent medicine vendor was also on the market courteously (having waded) and eloquently entreating upon the invaluable blessings of health, and the superior adaptability of his panacea to restore it when lost and maintain it when regained, and in addition to his more serious remarks occasionally enlivened the crowd by a comic song that would not have discredited a less gratuitous entertainment.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M. Saturday, Dec. 21. Archibald Thomson was charged by the Chief Constable with being drunk on Wyndham Street on Friday. Fined one dollar and costs.

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Steamer "Shannon" Missing.

Heavy Gale in Naples.

Victor Emmanuel Unwell.

Heavy Rain Storms.

New York, Dec. 20.—George Francis Train and Wesley Nicols have been arrested for publishing obscene literature. Chicago, Dec. 20.—John L. Birby, confidential clerk of W. W. Condliss, general agent of Star Union Freight Line, is reported to have absconded to Canada with a considerable amount of funds belonging to the Company. Weather intensely cold. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Henry Porter Tenison, confined here for bigamy, was to-day discharged on his own recognisance, but was immediately arrested at the instigation of Perry Mapes, father of the girl with whom Tenison eloped. Mapes sues for damages done his daughter's feelings. Liverpool, Dec. 21.—A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited yesterday on General Leslie Fairchild, the newly appointed Consul of the United States, at Liverpool, and tendered him a hearty welcome. London, Dec. 20, 6 a.m.—Count Von Buest, the Austrian Ambassador to Great Britain, has gone to Vienna, probably to assume higher functions. There are fears that the steamship Shannon, which sailed from Montreal for Hull has foundered. The Ospey, from Quebec, has arrived at Hull. She reports very heavy weather. Her carpenter was washed overboard and lost. The river Cam has overflowed the vicinity of Cambridge. For miles it is like a swamp, and the streets of the city are flooded. Brookside and Eynesbury are deluged. The recent rain fall is estimated at fifty millions of tons of water. Naples, Dec. 20.—A gale of unprecedented violence swept over Naples yesterday. Much damage was done to property in the city and to shipping in the bay. Rome, Dec. 20.—King Victor Emmanuel has been indisposed since yesterday, having had an attack of rheumatic fever. His physicians do not consider his illness serious. The king passed a quiet night, and this morning the fever had considerably diminished. Immense Wheat Farms. There are three wheat farms in the San Joaquin Valley with areas respectively 86,000 acres, 23,000, and 17,000 acres. On the largest of these farms the wheat crop this year is reputed to be equal to an average of 40 bushels to the acre, the yield running up on some parts of the farm to 60 bushels. The product of this farm for the present year is 1,440,000 bushels. The boundary on one side of this farm is 17 miles long. At the season of plowing ten four-horse teams were attached to ten gang plows, each having four plows—40 horses with as many plows were started at the same time, the teams following in quick succession. Lunch or dinner was served at a midway station, and supper at the terminus of the first, seventeen miles on the starting point. The teams rested on the following day. The wheat in this field was cut with twenty of the largest reapers, and we believe has now all been threshed and put in sacks. It would require over forty ships of the medium size to transport the wheat raised on this farm to a foreign market. Even the sacks required would make a large hole in the surplus funds of most farmers. We have not the figures for the product of the other two farms; but presume that the average is not much below that of the first. There are thousands of tons of wheat which cannot be taken out of the valley this season, and must remain over as dead capital, or what is nearly as undesirable, will only command advances at heavy rates of interest. THE FLOODS IN ENGLAND.—The late heavy storms have swollen the streams throughout England to a great height and several of them have overflowed their banks. Windsor and Eton are flooded. The river Trent and its affluents, the Soar and the Derwent, have risen above their banks, submerging a large portion of the country in Leicestershire, Derby, and Nottingham. In some sections of these counties only the tops of the trees and hedges are visible. Heavy landslides have occurred near Dover, and railway communication with that town is interrupted. The town of Peterborough in Northamptonshire, is flooded, and many of the residents have been compelled to take refuge from the water in the upper stories of their dwellings. A despatch from Liverpool says that 449 persons, including sailors, have perished by marine disasters during the past ten days. Thirty persons were lost by the sinking of the ship Matchless, off the coast of Northumberland. One of the coroners for London stated the other day, at an inquest held on the body of an infant who had been suffocated while in bed with its mother, that more than 5,000 infants were suffocated in England every year from being put to the breast and their mothers talking asleep. In Bavaria there was a law which prohibited parents having children under two years in bed with them, the result being that instances of suffocation of infants were very rare there. London had now the coroner said, a very expensive School Board, and it was to be hoped that they would order children to be instructed in the rudiments of the knowledge and requirements of the human system.

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