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PRICE ONE PENNY

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 Floor 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.

THE WATCH FACTORY AT WALTHAM, MASS.



Every sixth minute in the working day a finished watch movement is the average production of the above factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost

HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as timekeepers. They are now almost exclusively used on

ALL THE LEADING RAILWAYS. Where they are found to run with perfect accuracy, in spite of the constant jar, which so much affects ordinary watches.

SHIP CAPTAINS

and other officers, who are frequently absent on long voyages, prefer THE AMERICAN Watch to any other, as they are not perceptibly affected by change of climate, and do not require frequent regulating. The story of the twenty-five dollar "Elmer" watch that was carried five years by a soldier in the Army of the Potomac, and that varied ONE MINUTE AND A HALF IN THAT TIME, WITHOUT OILING OR CLEANING, would hardly be told of any other watch of the price that ever was made.

TO LUMBERMEN these watches are of great value, not being liable to stop or get out of repair during their months of absence in the woods. They are admirably

ADAPTED FOR PRESENTATION,

as the movements are not only reliable, but the cases in gold are rich and handsome and of great fitness. Thousands of these watches are now worn in Canada—every day they are becoming more popular. Very soon they will be the only watches sold in any quantity in the Dominion. Buyers should always require the guarantee of the Company with each watch, to avoid being imposed upon by spurious Swiss imitations. These watches may be ordered through any Jeweller in the Dominion in gold or silver cases, for ladies or gentlemen; or in districts where there are no watchmakers, we supply them to general merchants by the dozen. To the wearer they are the cheapest watches in the world!

ROBBINS & APPLETON,

General Agents, New York. ROBERT WILKES, Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

TROTTER & GRAHAM,



DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON

LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY,

Successors in Guelph to T. Trotter.

Office, over Higginbotham's Drugstore

Guelph, 2nd August 1868. (d.w.)

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE,

OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK

A Very Superior Article

COAL OIL!

NOW ON HAND,

AT PETRIE'S

Drug Store, Wynham Street, Guelph

Nov. 19. (d.w.)

POCKET DIARIES

FOR 1869,

At prices from 15 cents to \$2.00. A large supply at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Guelph November 27. (d.w.)

OPENED THIS DAY,

CHEAP CLOUDS,

— IN —

WHITE,

BLACK,

SCARLET,

GREY and

FANCY.

JOB LOTS,

At 37 1/2 and 50c. worth double the money, at

A. O. BUCHAM'S.

PRESENTS

CUTHBERT'S

STORE

IS FILLED WITH A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF

FANCY GOODS

Suitable for the

HOLIDAY

SEASON.

Guelph, December 7. (d.w.)

NOTICE.

SILVER CREEK BREWERY.

Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being ordered will be charged.

GEORGE SLEEMAN, (d.w.)

Guelph, Nov. 20.

Special Notices.

SKATES.

Skates, skate straps, skate gimlets, skate screws, a large variety of skates suitable for ladies and gentlemen, quite cheap, at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,

Hardware Merchant, Guelph

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM!

FOR THE CURE OF

CONSUMPTION!

And all diseases that lead to it, such as Coughs, neglected Colds, Pain in the Chest, and all Diseases of the Lungs.

AS AN EXPECTORANT I HAS NO EQUAL.

It has now been before the Public for a number of years and has gained for itself a

World-Wide Reputation.

Physicians recommend it in their practice and the formula from which it is prepared is highly commended by Medical Journals. Call at the Druggists and get a pamphlet. Every Druggist sells it.

PERRY DAVIS & SON, Proprietors

Nov. 17. Montreal P. O.

BATCHELOR'S HAIR DYE

This splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless, Reliable, Instantaneous. No disappointment. No ridiculous tints. Remedies the effects of bad dyes. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and properly applied at Batchelor's Wig Factor, No. 16, Bond-St. N. Y. (d.w.)

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'NG, DEC. 9, 1868

LOCAL ITEMS.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

— We have received a letter on this subject, but are unable to find room for it this week.

ERIN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

—The annual meeting of this Society will be held at Leeson's Hotel, Bristol, on Thursday the 7th January next.

SNOW IN MINTO.

—The snow in Minto is now over twelve inches deep, and continues to fall heavy. Sleighing is pretty fair on the principal roads, and in a few days will be generally good.

THE LATE LAW EXAMINATION.

—Only three out of all those who went up before the Law Society lately passed without oral examination. One of these was Mr. Alex. Dunbar, of Rockwood, who has been studying law in Stratford.

BALL AND SUPPER IN ACTION.

—A ball and supper in aid of the Band Fund will be held in Acton on the evening of Christmas, the 25th inst. An efficient committee has the arrangements in hand, a splendid Quadrille Band has been engaged, and a good time may be expected.

DR. LIZARS.

—As will be seen by the card in another column, this well-known talented anatomist and physician has returned to Canada from Philadelphia and resumed the practice of his profession in Toronto. Dr. Lizars will, as heretofore, attend to calls of a professional character, whether in town or country.

SOIREE AT ENNOUVILLE.

—A soiree will be held under the auspices of Lodge 27, Ennouvill, in the Farmers and Mechanics' Institute, Ennouvill, on Tuesday, 22nd December. Addresses will be given, and there will also be singing and recitations. Doors open at half-past six o'clock. Tea served at seven. Tickets 25 cents.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.

—The arrangements for the approaching Festival under the auspices of St. George are in a forward state. The tickets have been issued and parties wishing to attend should apply to some of the brethren at once, in order to procure a ticket, as only a limited number have been issued; the price being \$2.50.

GUELPH TO LIVERPOOL.

—Last week Mr. Brill shipped from his packing house to Liverpool 86 boxes of bacon, 156 tierces of beef, 150 barrels of pork, 220 kegs of butter and 100 cakes of lard. This was the result of one week's operations at the packing house. They are cutting up regularly from 300 to 400 hogs per week.

A tea meeting will be held in Alliston's Methodist Church, Nassagaweya, in behalf of the Union Sabbath School, on Tuesday the 15th inst. Several ministers and others are expected to give addresses. A choir with instrumental music will also be in attendance. Tea served at six o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Children half price.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN LUTHER.

—An accident of a fatal character befel Alex. McDonald, son of Mr. John McDonald, now of Luther, late of Eden Mills, on the 19th of last month. The young man, who was 19 years of age, was out chopping the limb of a falling tree struck him on the head, and he lived only five hours after the accident.

CUTTERS.—Mr. J. B. Armstrong has sent a car load of cutters to Toronto. They consist of some made by himself, and a number from the manufactory of Mr. G. A. Bruce. The whole have been sold to gentlemen in that city, who have no doubt reason to believe that he can make a fair profit by retelling them. This looks like sending coals to Newcastle, but they are being sent nevertheless.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

—We are glad to hear that two Literary and Debating Societies have been started in the neighbouring townships this winter. One is in the Paisley Block section of Guelph Township, and the other in Hillsburg. Weekly meetings are held when essays are read by the members in turn, and some question of interest debated. These are excellent nurseries for the young men in the country, and our sincere hope is that they will be well attended and encouraged, and that young men in other sections will at once organize Societies of a similar character.

Legislature of Ontario,

TORONTO, Dec. 7.

A large number of petitions were presented against sectarian grants. Hon Mr. Richards moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider the following resolution:—

"That it is expedient to amend the 7th section of the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1865, by striking out the words 'one hundred acres' at the end of the said section, and substituting in place thereof, the words 'two hundred acres.'"

He said he might explain very briefly the object of this change. He said it had been found that many parties who had gone on the public lands, and who had sons of 10 years of age and under, were very desirous of obtaining in the interest of their children, a larger quantity of land than 100 acres. It had, in fact, been the rule, in former years, that parties who went on public lands, did get in consideration of their children, an increased quantity of land. Under the present Act, children under 16 years were not entitled to land, and it had been considered desirable that the head of a family should under such circumstances, be entitled to draw 200 acres. In the second place, it had been considered that there were portions of the country where the land might be so inferior that the person who got 200 acres would really get no more than 100 acres of good land. The proper remedy in such a case was to allow the man to draw 200 acres.

Mr. Clarke moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal the statutory enactments respecting the protection of sheep from dogs.

Several members objected to the bill.

Mr. McKim said the greatest evil they had to complain of had reference to the working of the law. He was surprised to find any gentleman in that House ask a repeal of the law. He would propose that where sheep ran at large and were killed there should be no payment; and that when killed in an enclosure two-thirds their value should be paid. He would certainly support a dog tax.

The consideration of the measure was postponed till Wednesday.

A number of bills were read a second time.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.

Mr. Ferrier presented a petition from Rev. J. Middlemiss and others against sectarian grants; also from J. D. Bruce and others for amendments in the Municipal Laws.

Hon. Mr. Wood introduced a bill respecting Industrial Schools. He said the object contemplated by the Bill, was that many benevolent institutions, now in existence, might, by authority of the Provincial Secretary, be constituted Industrial Schools—and that children, who had nobody to look after them, might, by authority of law, be sent to these schools.

The bill respecting election of members was brought up for a third reading. Mr. Perry moved an amendment giving a vote to parties with a salary of \$600 and upwards in cities, \$500 in towns and \$400 in townships and incorporated villages. After a sharp debate the amendment was lost, 19 voting for, and 44 against it. Among the yeas were Messrs. Gwyn, McKim and Ferrier.

Other amendments were proposed, but they were lost, and the bill was read a third time.

After considerable discussion the bill to diminish the sittings of County Courts and Quarter Sessions was read a third time and passed. It is called the Law Reform Act of 1868.

The House went into committee on the bill respecting the tenure of County judges, and the bill for abolishing the Court of Impeachment for the trial of County judges.

The Nassagaweya Ploughing Match.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury.

SIR—Observing by your issue of the 19th ult., that a correspondent from this township writes to you in reference to some matters which did not give satisfaction in question the decision of the judges, and puts their opinion against that of the spectators, and likewise blames the directors of the Agricultural Society for making rules and then breaking them. This last allegation can be better answered by the officers of the society at their annual meeting, which precludes the necessity of a direct reply to your correspondent, but as the integrity, veracity and capacity of these gentlemen are wondrously assailed in the first, it demands more than a passing remark.

Unfortunately in this township we have a class of beings (human though they are), who having no other intellect, energy nor capacity to promote a scheme or project beneficial to mankind, in their narrow mindedness traduce and malign that of others, simply because they had not their little say in the matter. I apprehend your correspondent is one of these pests to society, whose egotism is such as to imagine himself a public. But that a discerning public may know how little blame the directors incurred in this matter, suffice it to give the names of those gentlemen who acted as judges on the occasion referred to, viz., Messrs. John Nesbit of Nelson, Abraham Stark of Evesqueing, and Chas. Mackintosh of Puslinch, gentlemen of high standing in society, practical ploughmen, and who have often served as judges of ploughing matches, and whose judgment had never been questioned, and are not now unless by some dough head as your correspondent. These gentlemen are so well and favorably known both in this county as well as in Wellington, that it is scarcely necessary to say against them are harmless. It is highly creditable to the officers of the Nassagaweya Agricultural Society that they appointed such men as judges of their ploughing match. I am Sir, yours,

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

NASSAGAWEYA, Dec. 4th, 1868.

Extract from a letter of S. C. Chandler, Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, East Middlebury, Vt. Messrs. R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N. H.—Gentlemen. Some time since when I was in your city, delivering a course of Geological Lectures, I procured a bottle of your Vegetabile Sicilian Hair Renewer, for the use of myself and family, and I am happy to state, its use has proved all that you have claimed for it. I have recommended it to my friends and neighbors, and in every instance has it given perfect satisfaction. This I regard as due to you and the public.

Eramosa Township Council.

CENTRE INN, Dec. 7, 1868.

The Council met here this day pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last ordinary meeting and of the special meeting on the 2nd October last were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the Clerk be instructed to have the following lots in Rockwood, say lots 22 in Block 31, 32, 5, 23, and 25 in Block B, and 15 and 73 in Block D struck out of the County Treasurer's books, as the evidence given to the council that the taxes on these lots were paid, is satisfactory. The reports of the several committees were read respecting the improvement of the Township roads, which on motion of Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Farriah, were received and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the account of A. Robertson & Sons for \$24 for three road scrapers had by three pathmasters, also the account of Mr. John Molloy, P. L. S. for \$20 for surveying be paid by the Treasurer and he take their receipts for the same. The sum of \$10 was ordered to be paid for postage and stationery connected with Clerk and Treasurer's offices for the current year. The sum of \$3.21 was ordered to be refunded to William Luttrell, and \$3 to John Ireland, they having been unemployed as teachers during the last year. Moved by Mr. Farriah, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, That the following accounts be paid for sheep killed by dogs as certified by the several justices of the peace, viz., Walter Scott \$10, Richard Cleave \$14, Daniel Linderman \$6, George Dickieson \$7 and \$1.50 costs, John Ramsey \$7, Chas. Head \$16, Matthew Ostrander \$4, Gavin McKerie \$5, Chas. Gerow \$5, Jas. Symon \$2.75, and \$1.50 costs, \$3, David Bots \$12, Jas. Lorrie \$6 and \$1.50 costs, Michael O'Connor \$4 and \$1.50 costs. Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That C. M'Laughlin be paid the sum of \$2.50, being half of the expense incurred in repairs on the bridge on the township line between the townships of Eramosa and Erin, Lot 23, and that the Reeve give his order for the amount. The sum of \$7 was ordered to be paid to Thos. Hughes for making a culvert on the cross road between lots 5 and 6 on the 3rd Concession; also, the sum of \$1.25 to Wm. Stovel for fixing a culvert on the hill near his hotel in Rockwood. On motion of Mr. Dickieson, seconded by Mr. Farriah, the following sums be paid for the support of the indigent persons named, Mrs. Sullivan \$10, Mrs. Forrester \$10, Rosa Ellis \$10, Mrs. Jones \$6. Mr. Farriah introduced a By-law for the sale of a portion of the allowance for road between the east halves of lots numbers 20 and 21 on the 5th concession of the township and for the purchase of a piece of land on the east half of lot No 20 for the purpose of a public road in lieu thereof, which on motion of Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson was read a first time. The clerk then reported that he had already got the deed to this corporation of the piece of land for a public road referred to in the By-law executed by Alex. Luttrell and the purchase of a piece of land on the east half of lot No 20 for the purpose of a public road in lieu thereof, which on motion of Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson was read a first time. The clerk then reported that he had already got the deed to this corporation of the piece of land for a public road referred to in the By-law executed by Alex. Luttrell and the purchase of a piece of land on the east half of lot No 20 for the purpose of a public road in lieu thereof, which on motion of Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, the By-law was read the third time and passed, and the Reeve signed the deed of conveyance, and attached the seal of the Corporation. Moved by Mr. McKerie, seconded by Mr. Dickieson, that the Reeve sign the deed by John Copeland to this Municipality, and attach the seal of the corporation thereto. Mr. Farriah introduced a by-law for holding the nomination of Reeves and Councilors, which was passed after three readings. The sum of \$1 each was ordered to be refunded to Alexander Sunter, W. Sunter, David Munro, and Terence O'Boyle, and the sum of \$2 to Geo. Dickieson, as they had destroyed or parted with their dogs shortly after the Assessment; and the sum of \$1 to A. McDonald, he not having had a dog. Mr. Rea introduced a by-law for the election of Reeves and Councilors for the year 1869, which was passed after three readings. Moved by Mr. Dickieson, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That the time for the Collector to make his returns be extended to the first day of March, 1869. \$3.50 were ordered to be paid to the clerk for surveying along with John Molloy, P. L. S., and \$10 to James Armstrong for the use of the hall and council room during 1868. Mr. Duffield left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Rea. Mr. Dickieson moved, seconded by Mr. McKerie, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to John Duffield, Esq., Reeve, for his courteous and impartial conduct in presiding over the meetings of this Council during the current year, and that this resolution be engrossed on the minutes. J. A. DAVIDSON, Clerk.

THE LIGHTNING EXPRESS.

—This is the name of a new paper which our friend Mr. J. M. Shaw intends to commence publishing in Elora in the first week in January. Judging from the well-known energy, experience and enterprise of the publisher, the name is a good indication of what it will be—a real live, go-ahead sheet, fully up to the requirements of the day, and of the intelligent population among whom it will circulate. In politics the Express will be thoroughly Liberal, and the publisher takes his stand on the sound principle, "that parties in the state are essential to good government." We are also promised in the prospectus a carefully prepared digest of all local news, which after all is the soul and life of a country newspaper. Mr. Shaw has his job off to already in operation, and we have no doubt that his appeal for support to the Express will be responded to in such a manner as to meet his most sanguine expectations. We wish Mr. Shaw and the Express all success.

New Jersey is called the garden field of Methodism,

which has now over 50,000 followers in that State. The Methodist Church edifices are among the handsomest in New Jersey.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Mr. Dierail had an interview with the Queen yesterday, at which he resigned the seals of office.

Among the appointments which are settled upon, is that of John Duke Colebridge as Solicitor-General.

A despatch to Henderson Bros., agents of the Anchor Line of steamships in this city, from Handyside of Henderson, of Glasgow, under date of December 8th, says:—The *Hibernia* in a heavy gale broke her shaft and stern pipe, and sprung a desperate leak and foundered on the 25th ult., in latitude 53 degrees, long 29 degrees. Passengers and crew behaved admirably, and were embarked in an orderly manner, in five boats duly provisioned. The Captain and boatswain's boats, containing fifty-two persons, and including all the cabin passengers excepting two, have arrived safely. Three boats under the 2nd and third officers, containing the remainder of the passengers and crew, eighty-one persons in all, are still missing, but their safety is hoped for.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The funeral of the late M. Berryer took place yesterday. It was attended by M. Thiers and many other nobles. Deputations from the English and French legal professions, and delegations from several Typographers' and Carpenters' Associations were present.

American Despatches

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Advices from the interior of this State represent an immense quantity of snow as having fallen in some places. It is over a foot deep and all trains have been delayed.

Washington, Dec. 9th.—The President's message was finally read to the Cabinet yesterday. What has been published as an abstract is a complete fabrication. It is understood to report favorable progress upon the *Alabama* claims.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

TUESDAY, 8th.

COFFEY vs KELLY.—In this case the verdict was for the appellant, Coffey, thus quashing the Police Magistrate's conviction. Mr. Guthrie for appellant; Mr. Kelly managed his own case.

O'BOYLE vs ALEXANDER.—This was an action brought to recover damages for injury done to property by fire in August last. Both plaintiff and defendant live in Eramosa, their farms adjoining each other. On the 24th of August defendant set fire to the brush in a fallow, and the flames extending to Mr. O'Boyle's land burnt the timber and even the soil on about six acres. It turned out, however, that the timber was of but little value, and the jury did not think that the defendant should be held responsible for the vagaries of the wind, and brought in a verdict in his favor. Mr. McCurry for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

ROBERTS vs ROBERTS.—This was an action to recover a balance on five promissory notes, dated 7th February 1853, and made for the collective sum of \$487.50. There had been some payments made on them, leaving, however, according to the plaintiff's statement a balance of \$378.53 including interest. In defence the statute of limitation was pleaded. Mr. Drew for plaintiff; the defendant was not represented in Court. Verdict for plaintiff \$195.

Jas. Gibson, George Fladd and Henry Mulligan were indicted with having, on the 19th of August last, stolen a steer from Joel Boyle, of Peel. They all pleaded not guilty and said they were not ready for trial. The Mulligan here mentioned is the same who is undergoing a sentence of one year's imprisonment in goal for stealing a heifer from Mr. Keith, of Nichol.

THE QUEEN, vs. FREDERICK BETZ.

—This was a case of embezzlement, of which we have already given the particulars, and the defendant was committed for trial at the Police Court. In July, 1867, and even until recently, he was in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, as a clerk in the Freight Department. At the date above mentioned, he was employed at their station at Guelph, and had received from Mr. Berry of Glenlyon, the sum of \$97 as freight and demurrage on a steam engine. The amount for the former was \$25, and for the latter \$12. It was his duty to enter the whole and hand it over to Mr. Brodie, Station Master, but he entered only the \$25 and gave no account of the \$12. He afterwards made a sort of confession that he had kept the money, but averred that Mr. Brodie had got part of it. Mr. Brodie, however, was absent on leave at the time, and had no knowledge of the transaction until about the time that the Company's detective discovered it.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

—The annual meeting of this Company was held in Miller's Saloon, on Wednesday, Mr. C. Schofield presiding. From the report of the Directors, read by Mr. C. Davidson, the Secretary, the policies issued have increased from 281 in 1855, to 1007 in 1868. In the former year the amount insured was \$398,942, and in the latter this amount was \$1,133,789, which shows a very large increase. The actual loss for the year amounts to \$2,492.03. There are eighty-two more policies on the books of the Company this year than last (representing an increase of \$82,500) although forty policies were cancelled for various causes. A call of 5 per cent. was ordered to meet all losses, and to form a reserve fund. It was recommended that the same call should be made every year until there was a reserve fund of \$5,000, which would pay for losses as they occur without having to discount at the bank. The former President, Directors, and Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected.

A five hundred pound bear was shot the other day near Sherbrooke, Quebec, and was so surprised at the thing that he jumped fifteen feet when the ball struck him.

Two young ladies, Misses Sims, of Lachine, gallantly rescued from drowning a gentleman, one of their companions, who had broken through the ice while skating.

A petition signed by 220 citizens of London has been presented to the Executive, praying for the commutation of the death sentence against Jones, the Delaware murderer to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary.