

New Advertisements.

TO LET - Two rooms in a cottage...

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED - As Boarders...

HORSE FOR SALE - A good serviceable horse...

CORN FOR SALE - For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn...

TO BE LET - In the Village of Elora, the Blacksmith and Wagon Shop...

TO LET - The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE...

ROBE LOST - On Monday evening, between the Great Western Station and Town...

WANTED - A middle aged woman, to attend an invalid...

COBBERY HAND WANTED - With first-class DRY-GOODS SALESMAN...

NOTICE TO DEBTORS - All parties indebted to the subscriber...

TO MASONS - Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned...

CITY WOOD YARD - The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard...

TEACHERS WANTED - Wanted - Three Female Teachers, legally qualified...

CARE TAKER - Wanted, a steady, competent man, to take charge of and fire up the Steam Fire Engine...

TOWN OF GUELPH - Notice About Accounts. All parties having claims against the Corporation...

January Cattle Fair. CHANGE of DAY. In consequence of the January Cattle Fair falling on New Year's Day...

FINAL NOTICE. The subscribers being about to dissolve partnership...

NOTICE. The publisher would respectfully inform the advertisers...

Charlton's Directory. Entered according to Act of Parliament. The publisher would respectfully inform the advertisers...

R. M. CHARLTON & Co., Manufacturers of CHROMOS and OILGROPHS...

GORDON STREET BAKERY. ESTABLISHED 1838. J. SOLI hereby tenders his sincere thanks to his numerous customers...

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms...

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEPY SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WYOT PICKINGS. The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gore street...

RAILWAY TIME TABLE - Winter Arrangement - On after Monday, 18th November.

Grand Trunk Railway. Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST. 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:45 p.m.

EAST. 8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:35 p.m.

Great Western - Guelph Branch. Going South - 6:50 a.m.; 12:35 p.m.; 1:45 p.m. for Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.

Going North - 11:45 a.m. for Clifford; 1:15 p.m. for Oxford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 8:05 p.m. for Fergus.

Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 17, 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.

SHOOTING MATCH. A shooting match will take place at Langford's Hotel, Erasmosa Road, on Monday, 23rd inst., commencing at 1 p.m. A good time may be expected, as there will be plenty of turkeys and geese on hand.

PRIME OYSTERS. Mr. J. E. McElderry has sent us a can of his prime oysters, which he is now receiving daily from the finest beds. They will be found first-class.

Mr. T. J. Day has sent us Good Words and Sunday Magazine for December. They are as usual profusely illustrated, and are full of instructive and profitable reading.

GOOD CHEER AND NEW YEAR'S NIGHT. Mr. John Anderson has just received "Good Cheer," being the Christmas number of "Good Words," and "One New Year's Night," &c., being the Christmas number of "Sunday Magazine." For sale at Anderson's.

ACCIDENT. To-day an elderly woman was crossing Wyndham-street from Byrne's Fur Store corner to that of the Bank of Commerce, she was knocked down by the high horse of a passing team, but fortunately was not seriously injured.

They attempted to kill a book agent in Ottawa last week. He was robbed, thrown into the river, knocked off the cars, pitched from a high bridge into the river again, but in two hours after came around with a new illustrated edition of the Bible, and tried to get the subscription of the leader of the attacking party.

WESLEYAN S. S. ANNIVERSARY. - Sermons will be preached in the Wesleyan Church, Guelph, at the usual hour of service, next Sabbath, by the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, of Toronto, in behalf of the above school. The annual celebration will take place on Thursday evening, 26th inst., when there will be singing by the children, dialogues, addresses, recitations, &c.

PRESENTATION. - We learn that to-day the pupils attending Miss Wightman's Seminary presented her with a very handsome gold brooch with onyx setting, and pendant, as a mark of their appreciation of her endeavours to promote their educational interests. Miss Wightman has on several previous occasions been the happy recipient of her pupils' substantial regards, which is alike creditable to teacher and taught.

CHARLTON'S DIRECTORY. - We have received from the publisher a copy of "Charlton's Sheet Directory" of Guelph. It gives a list of all the business men in the Town, arranged according to their calling. It also contains the cards of some of the leading business houses, time tables, &c. The Directory is carefully got up, and neatly printed, and is very creditable to the publisher, who intends to issue it annually in an enlarged and improved form.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE. - On Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., Rev. J. Howie delivered a Temperance lecture under the auspices of the Pineshik Advance Division of the sons of temperance at Morrison. The audience was large, and the Rev. gentleman brought out a great many facts and arguments with great power and ability, which were heartily responded to, and which fully sustained and established his reputation as a Temperance lecturer in the minds of the people of this place, who will do doubt hail with pleasure his appearance at any subsequent meeting in the same capacity. The Sons of this place are quite a strong body, and seem to be determined to do what they can for the suppression of the liquor traffic, as they are fully engaged in canvassing with a view thereto. - Con.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - The Harrison Tribune says: On Friday, at noon, a serious accident occurred at Messrs. Bristol & Stewart's Sawmill. Mr. Cadwell was removing the wedge from a log which was being sawed. Having on a pair of heavy new boots he slipped, and falling slid along the carriage way with such impetuosity that his left foot came in contact with the saw, which stripped off in the boot and threw it several feet in the air, and caused his foot to rebound on his breast, breaking the left leg above the knee. The saw after cutting the boot tore the fleshy part of the foot in several directions under the instep, fortunately missing the cords. Dr. Cowan was immediately in attendance, set the broken leg, and dressed the wound in the foot. Mr. Cadwell, we are glad to say, is doing well.

Town Council.

The Council met on Monday. Present - The Mayor, Messrs. Kennedy, Snyder, Stevenson, Bell, Crowe, Massie, Bruce, Coffee, McMillan, Hogg, Robertson, Mitchell, and Howard.

The following petitions were presented: - By Mr. Massie for remission of her taxes. By Mr. Crowe from Mr. Jas. Hazleton for remission of dog tax. By Mr. Mitchell from Dr. Hoffmann asking transfer of his license to Mr. Ward, who has leased his hotel. By Mr. Mitchell from Wm. Brydges for remission of statute labour. By Mr. McMillan from Mrs. Waite, of the Albion Hotel, asking the Council to allow her to erect a wooden stable in place of the one burned down last week, as the present by-law for regulating the erection of certain kinds of buildings within the fire limits prevents her from putting up such a building as she wishes to, viz: a wooden stable, lathed and plastered on the outside. By Mr. McMillan from Mr. John Harris, Chairman of the Separate School Trustees, in reference to their claim for a larger appropriation of public money for the maintenance of the Separate School than they have hitherto received.

All the above, with the exception of Mr. Hefferman's and Mrs. Waite's petitions, were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, the petition of Mr. Hefferman was granted on his complying with the provisions of the statute as regards licenses.

With reference to Mrs. Waite's petition Mr. McMillan gave notice that he would move to amend the by-law regulating the erection of buildings. He thought it would be a hard case if Mrs. Waite could not be allowed to put up the kind of building she requires.

Mr. Robertson thought the petition should be referred to the By-law Committee.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Barber, resigning his situation as caretaker of the steam fire engine, &c.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Hogg, that his resignation be accepted as soon as a suitable person be found to fill his place, and that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for such a person.

Mr. Howard moved that the by-law for amending the Market By-law be read a third time and passed. Carried.

Mr. Kennedy reported the mode of expending the Ward appropriation in the South Ward. After paying for all repairs there remains 50 cents to the good. The report was received.

Mr. McMillan introduced a by-law for the appointment of Ward constables, which was read a first and second time.

Mr. McMillan gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a by-law to amend the by-law regulating the erection of wooden buildings within certain limits, as far as it affected lots 112 and 113 on which the Albion Hotel is built, and where the stable was burned last week.

Mr. Massie moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, that the January Cattle Fair be held on Thursday, the 2nd of January, instead of Wednesday, that being New Year's day. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Massie, all the Standing Committees were instructed to bring in full statements of their expenditures during the year at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 30th inst., and that the Clerk advertise for all accounts to be handed in to him by the 20th inst.

The Council then adjourned till the 30th inst.

The Maryboro' Riot and the Hollin Volunteers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERCURY. DEAR SIR, - In a recent issue you stated that, during the Maryboro' embroglio, the Hollin volunteers were called upon and refused to act. I felt sure while reading the paragraph that you had been misinformed, and wrote to Captain Thompson, commanding No. 8 Company, 80th Batt., for the purpose of ascertaining the facts in connection with the matter. He informs me that the Sheriff's officers called upon him, telling him that about 200 men were collected to resist the law, and that they must have the support of the volunteers. The Captain told them to bring a proper requisition from the Warden, Reeve, or two Justices of the Peace, as provided by law, and that then he would be prepared to act. No requisition was presented to him, and the Hollin Company was not called out. In justice to the volunteers of Maryboro', who have been ever ready to obey the call of duty, I hope that you will make the necessary correction in your next issue. I am, yours faithfully, CHARLES CLARKE, Lieut.-Col. Com. 30th Batt. Elora, 16th Dec., 1872.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 17. James Dickson, for being drunk on the Market Square on Monday, was fined \$1 and costs or ten days' gaol. Committed.

FIRE IN HAMILTON. - On Monday afternoon a fire broke out in the large building on King-st., occupied by John Harvey & Co. as wool brokers. The fire spread rapidly. The next building to the left, which was occupied by J. Davis & Co., as wool brokers, was in great danger, and it was thought at one time it would go. The building to the right, which is occupied by McKenzie & McKay, wool brokers, suffered a like danger. These stores were, however, saved. The fire originated in the rear of the premises on the ground floor, from causes unknown, but supposed to have been spontaneous combustion. The firm had a very heavy stock of wool and woolen goods on hand, which is a total loss. John Harvey & Co. are sufferers to the amount of nearly \$100,000; McKenzie & McKay and J. Davis & Co. had their stocks considerably damaged by water; but it was well covered with insurance.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Penian Amnesty Meeting. British Labourers in Brazil. Eighty Persons Rescued from an Emigrant Ship. New York "Tribune" Shares. Municipal Quarrelling at Matamoros.

London, Dec. 16. - An open air meeting was held in the town of Stockton in favour of a Penian amnesty, at which 12,000 persons were present. The crowd was very disorderly and there was some fighting, during which several persons were injured. The English and Welsh, who outnumbered the Irishmen, charged on the platforms, carried off the Irish flag, and trampled them in the mud. Mr. O'ger was announced to speak, but failed to appear.

The British labourers who emigrated from England to Brazil to work on farms, have petitioned the Brazilian Government to assist them in returning home. Letters have been received from them giving accounts of the hardships they have suffered, and warning their friends against coming to the country.

London, Dec. 16. - Information has reached this morning that eighty persons, believed to have perished by the stranding of the emigrant ship Franklin, from Hamburg for San Francisco, of the Island of Vieland, had been rescued.

Berlin, Dec. 16. - The Spener Gazette says Prince Bismarck will resign the Presidency of the Prussian Cabinet, but will remain Minister of Foreign Affairs.

New York, Dec. 17. - The fifty-one shares of the capital stock of the Tribune Association, constituting a majority, were to-day sold to Wm. Orton. The parties going out besides Mr. Sinclair, and the representatives of the estates of dead proprietors, are Geo. Ripley, Whitelaw Reid, John Hay, Thomas N. Rooker, Philip Fitzpatrick, Patrick O'Rourke and Dr. J. Cayer. Each of the old proprietors was earnestly requested to retain at least a part of his stock. Messrs. Reid and Hay refused. It is understood that eight shares are reserved for Schuyler Colfax, who is to be invited to assume the editorship. Mr. Reid was requested to remain, but declined. The majority of the trustees who desired to continue the paper on the basis of Mr. Greeley's card, with Mr. Reid at its head, needed only eighteen shares to secure a clear majority. It is expected that ex-Governor Morgan, ex-Surveyor Cornell and others of that wing of the Republican party array to the with Mr. Orton in carrying the stock.

Matamoros, Dec. 17. - The delegates assembled to count the municipal votes commenced quarrelling, and to prevent a row troops were called.

The Government has abolished the franchise granted to merchants here.

Chalmers' Church Soiree.

The anniversary soiree in connection with this Church came off yesterday (Monday) evening. The attendance was all that could be desired, and embraced representatives of most of the other congregations in town. Tea was served in the basement shortly after 6 o'clock, and it was nearly 8 o'clock ere the services of the ladies and the crowd of young gentlemen and lady waiters could be dispensed with. After the company had abundantly partaken of the varied and tempting refreshments, they adjourned to the Church, where addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Barrie, Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Walter Inglis (Ayr), Grant, Ingersoll, McMillan, and Dr. Hogg, and Mackie. In the interval between the speeches the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Maitland, sang several pieces of choice music, which merited much applause. In this connection we must omit to pay tribute to a very fine song and melody entitled the "Blind Musician and his Harp," the solo of which was rendered by Mr. McWhirter, and the chorus effectively performed by the choir. Miss Amanda Cossitt presided at the organ with great ability. The customary votes of thanks were cordially passed to the speakers by the choir, and the meeting broke up at a seasonable hour.

To-night the children of the Sabbath School will be entertained, and we have no doubt the juveniles will have a right pleasant time of it. Tea will be served at 6 o'clock sharp. Parents and friends are cordially invited to contribute to the occasion with their presence.

General Sessions.

Before Judge Macdonald. QUEEN vs. LOREE. - Upon the prisoner coming up for sentence, His Honor said that he had received petitions numerously signed, asking that a lenient sentence be passed upon the prisoner. He said it was a case in which the prisoner might have fairly asked for a new trial. - Had the law empowering the Court to grant a new trial in criminal cases not been repealed - under the circumstances he would accept bail for the prisoner's appearance at the June Court - meantime the real question in dispute would perhaps be tried in a civil court. Two of the prisoner's friends at once gave the required bail and he was released.

STRICTE IN HURON. - John Cartin, of the township of Huron, who attempted suicide about two weeks ago by cutting his throat, purchased poison on Saturday last, and put an end to his life with it on Monday morning, leaving a wife and six children.

Mr. John Anderson has sent us Good Words and the Sunday Magazine for December. Both contain very interesting reading matter. He has also sent us Wedding Bells for December, richly illustrated.

The letter of "A Reader" on the question of putting up certain kinds of buildings within the fire limits will appear to-morrow.

Annual Meeting of the Wellington Mutual Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of this Insurance Company took place, pursuant to advertisement, at the Queen's Hotel, on Monday afternoon, the 16th inst., at one o'clock. The attendance, beyond that of Directors, was limited. On motion of Mr. F. W. Stone, Mr. George Murton, senr., was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the following Report of the Directors for the past year, also the Financial Statement for the same period.

Report of the Directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Wellington.

The Directors in submitting this the 30th Annual Report of the Company regret that they have to announce the death of Richard Jackson, Esq., who had occupied the position of President of the Society for the long period of twenty-three years, who took a deep interest in its affairs, watching over it with a father's care. The Board in consideration of his long services voted a year's salary to his widow, subject however to the approval of this meeting.

The Directors have great pleasure in being able to submit such a satisfactory statement of the affairs of the Company as the annexed, showing that the losses during the year have been very light, and for a short assessment of the year, would have required little more than the expenses to have been called for, which must be gratifying to the members of the Company.

Losses. The balance of 31st Dec's loss, not paid until this year.....\$8966 08

Loss of Blacksmith's shop, Rothsay..... 300 00

Loss of Mrs. Elizabeth Heller's house..... 700 00

Berlin..... 150 00

Damage to Jacob Bode's brewery, Preston..... 20 00

Damage to Thos. Carbery's house, Preston..... 5 00

Damage to Christopher Doring's store, Phillipsburg..... 15 00

Which, with the expenses of the year, after deducting the receipts, will require a call of 4 per cent. (which we have ordered to be made) on all policies in force during the year, and a proportionate amount on all expiring, cancelled, and new policies during the same period, keeping in view the dates of the losses sustained.

One hundred and ninety-four new risks, besides renewals were taken during the year, and three hundred and fifty-seven have expired and been cancelled, leaving one thousand three hundred and fifty policies in force, covering property to the amount of \$1,882,650.00 with premium notes on hand to secure the sum of \$185,247.93, which we have the most explicit of the soundness of the Company, and the unexceptional security offered to insurers of ability to pay in case of loss.

The Secretary acting under the order of the general meeting last year, viz., to collect by suit all arrears of assessment, has within a given time, did so, and although it caused a considerable feeling, has had the effect of reducing the amount of arrears, there being now only \$152.92 uncollected, of which sum \$119.56 is now in course of collection through the Court, and \$33.26, small sums not sued, will be added in this year's assessment and collected or sued.

It is to be hoped that members of the Company will be prompt in paying up the call this year, seeing that it is but small, and not give unnecessary trouble and annoyance which must be both disagreeable and expensive to them.

On motion of Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Dr. Herod, the Auditors were in future allowed the sum of \$10 each. Dr. Herod stated that from his experience as an Auditor, it takes two days and a half careful consideration of the books to arrive at a satisfactory audit.

The question of an office for the Company next came under consideration, several gentlemen thinking the rent demanded by the Town Council as too high, also that the company being yearly tenants were clearly entitled to six months' notice to quit, and that in the meantime the Directors should look about them with a view of securing a suitable office. Other gentlemen were of opinion that it was injudicious to be frequently changing business premises, and that an attempt should be made to secure a lease from the Town Council. Ultimately it was resolved to leave the matter to the discretion of the Directors, they being fully empowered to deal with the matter as they deemed most advisable.

The suggestion of the Directors as to sending a deputation to Toronto to watch over and further the interests of the Company in any Bill introduced in, and Local Legislatures was acted on, and Sheriff Davidson, Messrs James Cattamach, Geo. Hespeler and the Secretary were appointed accordingly. - The Secretary stated in connection with this matter that he regarded the present year as one that should seriously engage the attention of Insurance Legislators, as in consequence of the advanced rate now charged by the English Insurance Companies, insurers will largely patronize the insured Insurance Companies on account of their cheapness, without stopping to enquire what are the securities they offer the insured.

It was then moved by Mr. Jas. Wilson, Esq., seconded by Mr. Joseph Hefferman, that the thanks of the shareholders, directors and are hereby tendered to the Directors and officers of the Company for their careful and assiduous attention to their duties. Carried.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting then adjourned.

Immediately thereafter the new Board of Directors met, and on a ballot being taken, F. W. Stone, Esq., was elected President, and David Allan, Esq., Vice-President of the Board for the following year. The new appointment of Vice-President was made to obviate the inconvenience arising from the possible illness or absence from home of the President.

FIRE IN ST. CATHERINES. - On Saturday night a fire broke out in P. B. Owen's dry goods store. The steam fire engine arriving promptly the fire was put out in a short time. Goods were damaged by fire, smoke and water, to the extent of about \$12,000; partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. About 11:30 the same evening an attempt was made to fire Dolson's planing mills, on Church street; but the incipient conflagration was discovered and extinguished by parties returning from Owen's fire.

any deficiency that may arise from heavy fires; and should their premium notes be insufficient, then the Company goes into liquidation, and then the cash insurers, as well as the premium note men, would be equally assessed to the extent of one per cent. on the amount insured to make up the deficiency required. The premium notes taken by such companies are becoming smaller by degrees every year, and soon there will be no security beyond the cash paid in advance, which will also rapidly decrease under the incessant competition that is now made by insurance men, when nearly every available risk is insured.

From and after this date the 5 per cent. charged on all premium notes will be continued to be collected, but at the end of the year the insured will receive credit for the amount on their assessment. - The Directors feel it is necessary to adopt this course, as other companies are doing it for the sake of popularity. The following table will show the rates charged this year:

On first-class lighted Private Dwellings, etc., 20th Nov. 72..... 15 cents per \$100

On second-class stone " " 20 cents per \$100

On third-class frame isolated " " per \$100 25 " "

On second-class stone blocks, with fire proof roofing..... 32 cents per \$100

The general run of stone mills will be about 60c per \$100; these rates will they trust suffice to show the advantage to those insured in this Company.

The Financial Statement will now be submitted; many of the outlays are much the same as in former years. A good deal has been paid in the case of McMillan vs. the Company, which will, it is expected, be partly refunded; the stationery account is large, a new set of books being required, and stationary, which will not require to be renewed for some time; also the printing account, those of last year and this year being included.

In resigning the trust reposed in us we do so under the very agreeable feeling that the Company is steadily progressing, and steadily but surely maintaining its position as one of the cheapest and most reliable Companies in the Province.

F. W. STONE, President.

C. DAVIDSON, Secretary.

The following is a brief synopsis of the Financial Statement: -

DR. To Company's expenses, losses, &c., during year ending 30th Nov. 72.....\$2,250.00

Assessments overdue and unpaid..... 152.92

Costs advanced in J. A. McMillan's suit against Company..... 28.31

Cash in agents hands..... 53.20

\$3,474.84

CR. By Bills payable (loan).....\$2,750.00

Cash due Treasurer..... 747.34

\$3,497.34

On motion of Mr. F. J. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. John Harris, the Directors Report and Financial Statement were adopted, and ordered to be printed. The next business was the election of Directors for 1873.

Dr. Herod and Mr. F. W. Chadwick were appointed scrutineers, and handed in the following names as the result of the ballot: Messrs. F. W. Stone, David Allan, John Harris, James Goldie, Geo. Hespeler, Geo. Davidson, Geo. Randall, J. M. Fraser, C. Doring, Jas. Cattamach and C. McMillan.

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