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J. H. GUNTHER, Listowel.

The Bee.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Correction.

To the Editor of THE BEE.
DEAR SIR:—I noticed an item in last week's BEE stating that Wm. Thistle had disposed of his livery business to me. I have to state the item is incorrect, for I have not bought an article from him. I would not contradict the item in question had not Mr. Thistle reported he had sold out to me to different parties throughout the country.
Yours truly,
W. D. GILCHRIST, Liveryman.
Atwood, Dec. 5th, 1891.

Huron County Notes.

A grandson of John Govier, aged three years, was drowned at Manchester last week, by falling into a well.
D. D. Wilson made his last shipment of eggs for this season to the Old Country last week, from Seaford.
There were 200 invited guests present at the Seaford bachelors' and benefactors' ball on the evening of Nov. 27th.
The Gilpin brothers have sold their 100 acre farm, lot 7, con. 5, Howick to A. Doig, who takes possession on January 1st.
Mr. McCracken, teacher of S. S. No. 9, Turnberry, has sent in his resignation, having accepted another school at a salary of \$140.
We announce the death of Margaret Rea, of Leadbury, which sad event took place at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Crozier, on Thursday, Nov. 26th.
Isaac Lake, of Ethel, sold a yearling Berkshire pig on the Brussels market the other day for which he received \$28. It weighed 50 lbs. Pork raising of that kind soon counts.
The anniversary services of the Wingham Methodist church will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Rev. Mr. Pearson, of Orangeville, will preach both morning and evening.
One of the oldest residents of Wingham passed peacefully away on Saturday evening, Nov. 25th, in the person of Mrs. Ann Sadler. She had passed beyond the allotted age by nine years.
Damage to the amount of \$2,000 was done to Mr. Davis' mill dam, by the recent floods. The gates could not be raised, and in order to save the earthwork of the dam they had to be chopped away.—Gorrie Vidette.

The Methodist congregation at Blake, Ashfield township, are entertaining the idea of a new church. A local Board has been formed and the canvas for subscription will reveal whether it is generally desired or not.
There is at the present time a balance of \$300 in the Seaford Mechanics' Institute. When the new books ordered are added to the library it will contain 4,100 volumes of the choicest literature. The membership at the present time is 310.
George A. Dewar, of Seaford, is distinguishing himself at the College of Dental Surgery in Toronto, which he is attending. In a recent examination he stood at the head of a large class, making the highest percentage by considerable odds.
On Friday morning a man named Thomas Simpson was found dead on the road, a short distance from Chisholm. Deceased was a shoemaker and worked here, but was of dissolute habits, and his death is supposed to have been the result of exposure and drink.
The Board of Directors of the Howick Fire Insurance Company met in the Township Hall, Gorrie, on Saturday, Nov. 28. Thirty-four applications for insurance, amounting to \$54,475, were accepted and one rejected, of that number 4 were new risks and 25 renewals.
A few nights ago Wm. Wait, of the 5th concession of Howick, met with a heavy loss. The floor of his granary caved in, allowing about 1,600 bushels of oats to fall through. His horse stable was under the granary, and a valuable horse was killed and a colt seriously hurt.
Robert Miller, of Wroxeter, who is in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has just completed loading and distributing 142,420 railway ties along the line of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce and Credit Valley railways. He shipped about eighteen carloads every day for nearly seven weeks.
Mr. Ross, of Owen Sound, has been engaged as teacher of S. S. No. 6, Morris, for 1892. Mr. Day's certificate expires at the close of this year. A Mr. Taylor has been engaged as teacher of Barrie's school for 1892. He is a brother of S. Y. Taylor, who formerly taught in Grey township, now of Paris.
Cannon Smith, of London, acting as the Bishop's Commissioner, was in Wingham on Wednesday last week, but left during the day, accompanied by Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Teeswater, and recognized the Teeswater parish. They also visited Glenora during the afternoon, and decided to open a mission there.
The annual meeting of the Brussels Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, Nov. 26th. The annual report was read, showing that \$127.09 had been contributed by the Branch during the past year, the amount being equally divided between the Upper Canada and the British and Foreign Societies.

Definition of a Kiss.

Some time ago London Tid-Bits offered a 2 guinea prize for the best definition of a kiss. Seven thousand answers were received. The prize was awarded to Benjamin J. Greenwood, of Tuise Hill, London, which is as follows:—"An insipid and tasteless morsel, which becomes delicious and delectable in proportion as it is flavored with love." The following is a selection from some of the best definitions submitted:—
Nothing divided between two.
The acme of agony to a bashful man.
The food by which the flame of love is fed.
The lover's flag of truce after a quarrel.
That in which two heads are better than one.
The sweetest labial of the world's language.
The only known "smack" that will calm a storm.
A thing of use to no one, but much prized by two.
Love's happiest expression, and sorrow's tenderest balm.
The flag of truce in the petty wars of courtship and marriage.
Not enough for one, just enough for two, too much for three.
A telegram to the heart, in which the operator uses the "sounding" system.
A gift which is sometimes expected, seldom rejected, though often returned.
That which you cannot take without giving and cannot give without taking.
The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the parent's benison, and the hypocrite's mask.
The only really agreeable two-faced action under the sun, or on the moon either.
The sweetest fruit on the tree of love. The oftener plucked the more abundant it grows.
What the chimney-sweeper imprinted on this rosy lips of the scullery maid when she told him she favored his soot.
A woman's most effective argument, whether to cajole the heart of a father, control the humors of a husband, or console the griefs of childhood.

DEFINITION OF HOME.

The London Tidbits also offered a prize for the best definition of home. Here are some of the best of 5,000 answers sent in:
Where you are treated best and grumbled the most.
The place where all husbands should be at night.
Home is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit.
A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.
The best place for a married man after business hours.
The golden setting to which the brightest jewel is mother.
The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world.
The place where the great are sometimes small and the small often great.
The centre of our affections, around which our heart's best wishes twine.
A working model of heaven, with angels in the form of mothers and wives.
The jewel casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.
A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.
Home is the coziest, kindest, sweetest place in the world, the scene of our purest earthly joys and deepest sorrows.
The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of fallen humanity are hidden under the mantle of charity.
A hive in which, like the busy bee, youth garners the sweets and memories of life for the age to meditate and feed upon.
A popular but paradoxical institution, in which woman works in the absence of man and the man rests in the presence of woman.
That source of comfort which youth does not fully appreciate, which the young men and maidens lovingly desire, which the old rightly value.
An arbor which shades when the sunshine of prosperity becomes too dazzling, a harbor where the human bark finds shelter in the time of adversity.
Home is a central telegraph office of able wires, into which run innumerable threads of affection, many of which, though extending thousands of miles, are never disconnected with the one great terminus.

Something rather dangerous,
Something rather nice,
Something rather wicked,
Though it can't be called a vice.
Some think it naughty,
Others think it wrong.
All agree it's jolly,
Though it don't last long.
I am just two and two, I am warm I am cold,
And the parent of number that cannot be told.
I am lawful—unlawful—a duty, a fault,
I am often sold dear—good for nothing when bought.
An extraordinary boon, and a matter of course,
And yielded with pleasure when taken by force.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

THE Columbian Exposition, or World's Fair, will open in the city of Chicago on May 1st, 1892, and will run 6 months, closing Oct. 30th. The Park, where the Fair will be held, is eight miles distant from the business centre of Chicago. It contains 650 acres, the property of the city, and is known as the Jackson (Andrew) Park. The land is low and marshy and consequently the improvements being made are taken in lieu of rent by the civic authorities, who purpose using the grounds for a park when the Fair is over. Wonderful improvements are being made toward the beautifying of the place, five months being spent in converting the swamp into a suitable site for the Fair. Long stretches of wharves have been built, miniature lakes arranged, flower gardens planted, shade trees set out, avenues and driveways surveyed and under time no expense is being spared by the Committee of Management in this particular. There are 45 local Direct ors nearly always on hand and no less than 115 of the gentler sex on the board of Lady Managers, who will, in addition to doing their own work, see that the masculine contingent mind their P's and Q's. Mrs. Potter Palmer visited the Old Land and secured the support of Madame Carnot, the wife of the President of the French Republic; Princess Christian and other members of European families.
Rapid progress is being made in the construction and the erection of the necessary buildings to accommodate the world's exhibits. The plans call for the most elaborate and extensive designs ever produced. D. H. Burnham is the chief of this Department. Building operations began about the 1st of June and the official date for their dedication is said to be Oct. 12th, 1892. 100,000 feet of lumber have been consumed in the Woman's Pavilion. Contracts are let for the mines and mining buildings; the electrical building; transportation, manufacturers', administration and other structures.
25 miles of side tracks have been put down in the Park by the Illinois Central Railroad at a cost of \$500,000 and already freight and passenger tariffs are being arranged at greatly reduced rates. The date for the opening of the Live Stock department is fixed for August 24th, continuing to the close of the Exposition—a period of 9 weeks and 4 days.
The leading nations of the world have already signified their intention of being represented and large sums of money are being set apart for this purpose. It is also expected that royalty will grace the exhibition halls as several of the rulers of the countries in both Europe and Asia are arranging to be present.
\$20,000,000 is estimated as the sum necessary to equip and manage the Exposition. Congress has already granted 1 1/2 millions towards this object and over 6,000,000 has been subscribed by Chicago citizens. The City Council has voted \$5,000,000. Twenty-eight States have made appropriations varying from \$5,000 to \$800,000. New York being about the only State refusing to aid, for the reason that the Fair was not held in their city.
A European Commission is now doing the old land and arranging the preliminaries with the various countries and pushing the work in a very successful manner. Chief Ives is soliciting an art collection from the leading artists of the world.
A visitor at the Jackson park to day might have seen 2,000 men at work arranging the landscape features, building, &c.
From 35 to 40 loaded cars arriving, laden with material for the construction of the various buildings.
Directors apportioning locations to the representatives of the various countries and states.
The 7 wonders of the world will be no where compared with what there will be exhibited at the World's Fair of 1892. There will be a representation of all the small crafts of the known world from the Indian's canoe, swan boats, dug-outs and electric launches to the basket boats of the Alaskans on the lagoons, or lake, running from one extremity of the Park to the other, each managed by an inhabitant of the country represented.
A fac-simile of Christopher Columbus' "Santa Maria" in which he sailed, will be there; the cabin of Sitting Bull, the great Indian chieftain, and the stuffed skin of the celebrated cavalry hero that was the sole survivor of the terrible Indian massacre at Little Big Horn, the time General Custer and command met their death. The horse was 45 years old and died the other day.
Theodore Thomas, the Musical Director of the Exposition, is having a Music Hall 150x250 feet to cost \$100,000 erected on an island formed by the lagoon, surrounded by flower gardens &c., 10 acres in all.
The famous Edison is arranging and developing very startling novelties in electricity, one feature being an ordinary kitchen in which all of the 1,000 and 1 things having to be done by the housewife will be performed quickly and accurately by the unexplainable power of the electric motor.
\$80,000 is being placed in the hands of the women of Illinois for expenditure by them in connection with the Fair and an acre and a half of ground

has been allotted them for their display. A building in the form of an iceberg will be put up and a company of Eskimos, accompanied by reindeers, sleds and furs, will exhibit it in representing the frozen north.
Various Orders, Lodges and Commissions are already taking initiatory steps for holding gatherings on the great Park and it is expected that hundreds of thousands of people will visit the Fair.
The Cunard steamship company is building a fleet of rapid sailing vessels and some of the railroad lines are experimenting on mile-a-minute trains, including stoppages in the race for passenger traffic to the Exposition.
Every convenience will be afforded the public on the Park in the way of telegraphic, telephonic, railway and carriage facilities and a number of newspapers will be issued almost hourly on the grounds.
Great advantages are expected to result from the gatherings of the nations of the earth at the Fair in the way of friendly intercourse, examining the various products, inventions and the like, and above all in broadening our views regarding others and proving the great brotherhood of mankind.
Great Britain will take no small part in this Fair and the finest portion of British possessions—the Dominion of Canada—will there, as she has done on past occasions, prove her right to occupy the proud position she does to-day among the nations of the world.
There has been an expressed desire on the part of some people to open this Great Fair on the Sabbath day but it is thought that the voice and vote of the thousands who reverence the first day of the week will over rule this sacrilegious proposal. Already very pronounced opinions have been expressed upon the subject.

Monkton.
The Monkton Presbyterian church reopening services last Sunday were well attended. Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Seaford, preaching morning and evening. On Monday evening a tea meeting was held, which was a success in every sense of the word. Able and instructive addresses were delivered by Revs. A. D. McDonald, Seaford; Dr. Campbell, Listowel; W. M. McKibbin, M.A., Millbank; J. W. Cameron, B.A., North Mornington; J. W. Brandon and Irwin, Monkton. The proceeds, including Sunday's collections, netted \$110.
Perth County Notes.
Alex. Smith, of Millbank, has bought his father's place consisting of 150 acres, price \$8,000.
The first locomotive boiler built entirely in Stratford was turned out of the G. T. R. shops week before last.
George Gross, of Wallace, brought a goose to Messrs. McGillivray & Spears' store, Listowel, the other day which weighed 19 1/2 lbs.
Messrs. John Scott and Chas. Brothers have purchased the Williamson livery barn from Messrs. Forbs' Bros., of Stratford, and Mr. Brothers has left to take charge.
The new hotel erected by T. H. Rolls on part of the site of the Grand Central, Listowel, has been leased by G. L. Haydon, formerly of Fergus, who took possession the other day.
"Holy Mark" was in Stratford the other day. He thinks this is a queer generation, when a man who can neither read nor write may be arrested and put in gaol for forgery.
Arrangements are pending which we hope may result in the starting of a chartered bank in Milverton—by the way, and a newspaper too. What a paragon of a place Milverton will then be.
We regret to learn that Miss Lamont could not be engaged to teach the Trade school for another year, as her certificate expires with this term. She was a very intelligent young lady and will be greatly missed. The trustees have engaged Alfred Lytle, of Dorking, to teach the coming term.
Mrs. Robert McAulay, daughter of Alex. Scott, Molesworth, died at Joliette, Dakota, on the 16th November last. She was suffering from cancer on the cheek and was given a plaster by an Indian, from which blood poisoning set in, causing death. She was a sister of John Scott, of Listowel.
Daisy Lee, a beautiful 17 year old girl, committed suicide in St. Marys the other day. She had been reproved by her father on account of a young man who was paying her attention, and her brother also upbraided her. She sent to a drug store, secured a dose of poison, and was found half an hour later in her death agony.
Our Shakespeare lady teachers have all been re-engaged for another year. Miss Fraser remains at Shakespeare, Miss Anderson at Watford, the Misses I. and E. Donaldson at Elmira, while Miss Thompson leaves Baden and takes Zerh's school in South Easthope. Mr. Snider has been re-engaged for the Senior department.
The will of the late James Stewart, of North Easthope, who died on November 10th, 1891, was on Nov. 30 entered for probate, by Duncan Stewart, son of the deceased and his sole executor. The will bears date February 13th, 1886, and to it are attached two codicils. The total value of the personal estate and effects of deceased are set down at \$59,980.64.

Perth County Parliament.
DECEMBER SESSION.

THE December session of the County Council opened in the court chamber in the Court House, Stratford, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 1st. Warden Schaefer occupied the chair, and all the members were present at the opening except Messrs. Bricker, reeve of Listowel, and Kennedy, deputy-reeve of Wallace.
Warden Schaefer expressed his pleasure at meeting the members again. He announced that so far as he knew no special business was to come before the Council at the present meeting and hoped in consequence that the session would be a short one.
Clerk Davidson announced that he had been notified officially that Mr. Ziegler had been elected in the place of Mr. Grieve, but had not yet filed his declaration of qualification and office.
The Clerk also read the presentation of the grand jury made at the last assizes, with its elaborate eulogium on the late Sir John A. Macdonald. One of the members, with a grim sense of humor, moved to refer the presentation to the road and bridge committee. This motion was seconded with an air of seriousness, but Clerk Davidson remarked that the road traveled last by the late Premier was the road to heaven, a road which he was afraid the road and bridge committee was not very well acquainted with.
Communications were read from the Stratford and the St. Marys Collegiate Institutes, notifying the Council that these schools were open to county pupils on the same terms as high schools in municipalities of the county separated from the county.
The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Cleland, of Elma, asked that a by-law be introduced to authorize the engineer of the townships of Elma and Grey to make a survey of a certain ditch running through parts of the townships of Elma and Grey, on the boundary line of Huron, so as to furnish an outlet through the township of Grey to what is known as the Southwestern ditch, originating in the township of Elma, the Engineer's report to be ready for the January session. He said that the township of Elma would be quite willing to guarantee the county against loss in case of the failure of the project.
Mr. McLaren, of Hibbert, argued that the Council of Perth would have no power to assess the cost of employing an engineer to survey the township of Grey, a township in another county.
An amendment was introduced deferring action on Mr. Cleland's motion until the advice of the county solicitor had been obtained.
Mr. Cleland had no objection to this and the amendment was adopted.
On motion the following members were appointed to meet the commissioners appointed by the Ontario Government for the purpose of enquiring into the working of the Municipal Drainage Act and the Ditches and Watercourses Act so as to render them more practicable: Messrs. McMillan, Coveney, Freeborn, O'Brien, Cleland and Leversage.
The resolution was carried after considerable discussion, in which some of the members protested that there was no use in simplifying the law for the lawyers would tear it to pieces anyway.
The Council then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY.

A large deputation, representing the different High schools of the county, waited on the Council this morning in behalf of increased grants to their respective schools. The deputation was composed as follows:—St. Marys, Messrs. P. Whelan and H. Fred. Sharp; Dent, Messrs. T. H. Iace and A. Dent; Listowel, Dr. Nichol and Robert Martin.
According to recent legislation, where the proportionate cost of maintenance of county pupils exceeds the amount of money granted by the County Council and of the fees received from county pupils, the county shall be liable for a further sum in the proportion which the attendance for the previous three years bears to the proportionate attendance of all pupils for the same three years.
Mr. Leversage complained that St. Marys and Stratford were much to blame in not signifying their intention of coming into the county before the June session, when the arrangement was made by the Council fixing the fees at \$6. He would be in favor of throwing over the June arrangement altogether and fixing the fees at \$10 instead of \$6.
The matter was referred to the Finance Committee, with the chairman of the Education committee added, to report Thursday morning.
The Road and Bridge committee, Tom Coveney, chairman, recommended the adoption of Mr. Corrie's report with its several recommendations, and that Mr. Corrie be authorized to take necessary steps to carry out the recommendations. The committee's report was adopted. Among the chief points of Mr. Corrie's complete report was recommendation of the renewal as soon as practicable of a bridge on the boundary between Elma and Grey; he noted the repairs he had made during the year to the bridge on the Waterloo boundary and the Armstrong bridge between Mornington and Wellesley.

(CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.)