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D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, March 1, 1871.

REMOVAL OF SURGERY. DR. HEROD Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual.

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.

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IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order

GROVE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

MONEY TO LEND, On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, &c. Guelph.

W. H. TAYLOR, CARRIAGE SILVER PLATER, Opposite Knox Church, GUELPH.

RIE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

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New Advertisements.

WANTED—A servant girl. Apply at once to Mrs. Biscoe, Woolwich-st. Guelph.

TO LET—Two rooms in a pleasant locality. For particulars, apply to Anderson's Bookstore.

NOTICE—Parties indebted to us are requested to settle their accounts on or before TUESDAY, the 10th February, 1874. SHAW & MURTON, Guelph, Jan. 31, 1874.

NOTICE—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved. CHANCE & WILLIAMSON, Golden Lion, Guelph, 5th Jan. 1874.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. The undersigned has removed to the back of the Wellington Hotel, opposite Thompson & Jackson's Land and Loan Office, Douglas Street, where he will give exclusive attention to the repairing of Boots and Shoes, believing that the requirements of Guelph call for such an establishment. Parties entrusting him with their work may depend upon having it done with neatness and dispatch. The best materials used. JAMES TINDAL, Guelph, Feb. 3, 1874.

ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating. Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or P. J. Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. T. O. OLDHAM, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873.

HOTEL CARD. The Night Man in the Right Place. Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, and he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office. THOMAS WARD, Proprietor, Guelph, Dec. 11th, 1873.

St. Valentine's Day. The Festival of "Young Lovers" has come round again, and ANDERSON'S has prepared more than usually varied and beautiful assortment of Love's Missives. Satchets, Cards, &c.

ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore, East Side Wyndham-st. Guelph, Ont.

TOWN HALL, TWO NIGHTS ONLY, Friday & Saturday, Feb. 6 & 7. BEGONE, DULL CARE.

THE YOUNGS The Original Scotch Couple, from Glasgow, late of COOL BURGESS TROUPE, Charles and Marian Young

Begone, Dull Care! Two hours' genuine Fun, Mirth and Music. The stage will be fitted up and illuminated in a far superior manner to any show that has ever visited this town. Fun without vulgarity. No long and tedious waltzes, but continual flow of Wit, Wisdom, Mimicry, and Ventriiloquism. Songs and Concertina Manipulations, Songs and Danes, Scottish Life and Character portrayed by the great artists, Charles and Marian Young. The best and most interesting performances on the road. H. C. Wells, pianist; James Roberts, Violinist. Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. Doors open at 7:30; performance to commence at 8.

CHARLES YOUNG, Agent, Proprietor and Manager

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

HARD and SOFT COAL OF THE BEST QUALITY At the Lowest Prices. Coal delivered in any part of the Town. Yard next to Bell's Organ Factory

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

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 7, 1874

Town and County News

I. O. G. T.—An open Temple will be held in the Good Templars' Hall on Monday evening, February 10th, on the entertainment will consist of Music, Singing, Recitations, Dialogues, Readings &c.

Y. M. C. A.—The next lecture under the auspices of the Association will be delivered by Mr. Hague, of Toronto, in the Congregational Church on Thursday, 23rd inst; subject "Panics and Revolutions." Admission 15 cents.

FORGERY.—A colored man named John Miller was arrested recently at Arthur village by High Constable Kippert, of Berlin. He had been swindling tradesmen in Berlin by a bogus note. He was taken to Berlin and committed for trial.

The junior member of our editorial staff received to-day an unstamped letter with five cents to pay, addressed to him correctly by name, but with the addition "Editor of the Guelph Herald." Now that's what we call adding insult to injury.

SOCIAL AT MOUNTSBERG.—A social will be held in the School house at Mountsberg on Friday evening, the 20th inst. The evening's entertainment will consist of addresses, readings, recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, &c. The proceeds are to be applied towards purchasing prizes for the children.

THE VICTORIA BRIDGE.—The members of the County Council visited the Victoria Bridge on Friday afternoon, in reference to the proposed new bridge. As the work is likely to be a costly one, it was thought better for the members to see the place for themselves before the work is commenced. The urgent necessity of the work was acknowledged, also its probable costliness.

FELONY.—At Arthur on the 23rd nit, John Colleen, was charged with stealing Charles' tools, the property of James O'Brien. James O'Brien deposed that on the 27th of January, W. Kinfield called on him, having a boring machine in his sleigh. Kinfield said he obtained it from the defendant. The prosecutor obtained a search warrant. He swore that the boring machine was his property. He also missed other tools, but could not find them at the prisoner's. He believed the prisoner had stolen the machine from the premises of Hugh Gilmore. There were certain private marks on the machine by which the prosecutor committed the prisoner to take his trial. The defendant was likewise sent for trial on the charge of stealing two sets of furs, a roll of flannel and some bed cords from Ferguson & Scott.

LONG CREDIT.—An exchange says:—The great evil of business in Canada is the long credits claimed by farmers and too willingly conceded by merchants and tradesmen. Half the bankruptcies and most of the difficulties in conducting business are caused by the slow returns; and yet, with full knowledge of these things, few are found with firmness enough to depend on a cash business or short credits, although men dealing with each other are nearly always successful and many accumulate large fortunes. The commencement of another year presents a favorable opportunity for adopting a new system in finance, and we hope that many of our merchants and mechanics will not be slow to adopt "short credits or ready money." We see that our paper in Guelph advertises his intention of rendering his accounts quarterly, and requiring immediate payment thereafter. We are quite satisfied that such a plan would prove mutually beneficial, not less so to those who pay than to those who receive.

BEGONE DULL CARE.—The Youngs, in the Town Hall last night, were not so well patronized as might have been expected, owing no doubt to the unfavorable state of the weather. However, as the appearance was likewise excellent, and good reason to believe they will receive a crowded house. In their imitation of the English, Scotch, and Irish character, they acted their respective parts well, and received warm and repeated applause. A theme of great merit was Mr. Charles Young's talking heads, affording opportunity for the display of some clear ventriloquism. Marian Young gave an eloquent comic lecture, at the close of which she offered herself to the highest bidder, when with rare gallantry a handsome and popular young man of Orangeville stepped up and claimed the prize. He was declined, however, on the ground that he had some one at home who would not altogether relish the bargain. Mr. Young gave a very dexterous solo on the bones, also some airs on the dollar size of his dollar and a half concertina. In these exhibitions Mr. Young received hearty applause. The comedy was a dramatic performance was of an entertaining and laughable character.

"Gar" for Feb. 7 has reached us from John Anderson. The cartoon is "Johnnie's Return. On the wall is an amusing satire on the American cry, in shape of a map of the Pacific Railway route.

"Gar" for Feb. 7 comes to us from Day's bookstore. Sir John A. is brought back as an unruly scholar to Dominic Mackenzie, by Mrs. Canada—"full of mischief" as usual.

"EVERY WEEK."—Vol. 9 of this weekly publication has been sent us by Mr. Day. Its staple is light fiction, and there is an immense quantity of it for the money. 79 illustrations also.

A Floridian heard the other day, for the first time, the story of David and Goliath, and he became so enthusiastic that he swung his hat and called out: "Bully for the fellow with the sling!"

"Dinna be so mean w' it; it's for a pur fatherless bairn," said a Scotchman to an apothecary, who was weighing out two ounces of calomel for a sick child.

Sidney Smith once fell into an argument concerning the comparative stature and amount of brains among the men of this day. "Why," said he, "you would never suspect our friend Jeffrey of knowing much, and as for— he has not body enough to cover his mind decently with; his intellect is impropriately exposed."

Local and Other Items

The roads in every part of Nova Scotia are more or less blocked with snow. Edwin Booth, of New York, has declared himself bankrupt; liabilities, \$500,000.

The St. Catharines Times is talking about the establishment of an organ factory in that town.

All the Ministerial candidates in Algoma have retired but Mr. P. J. Brown, who is likely to be elected by acclamation.

It is proposed to start a German weekly newspaper in Ottawa, under the auspices of the Society of that nationality recently organized there.

An Indian has entered an action in Montreal against another of his tribe for the seduction of his daughter. The damages are laid at \$1,000.

The acclimated English sparrows are seen in St. Catharines, apparently near the worst of the recent severe weather. They do not, however, multiply very rapidly.

The York County Council was invited to partake of a supper at the expense of the Warden, but, singularly enough, they accepted the invitation by passing a resolution making it a condition that no liquor or any other intoxicating beverage should be supplied on the occasion.

Surplus.—At a meeting of the rate-payers of Waterloo Township, the following resolution was unanimously carried after a full discussion:—"It is the opinion of this meeting that the proportion of money coming from the Surplus Fund to the municipality be funded for school purposes, and that the interest accruing thereon be divided annually, amongst the several school sections of the municipality."

GEORGE SCHMIDT, an old man of intemperate habits, died suddenly on Friday last week from the effects of cold and exhaustion when on his way to Conestoga. He had got within sight of the house when he began to feel the effects of life give way, and requested some men he met to help him. They did all in their power, but as the old man became unable to walk, they had to go for a sleigh, and before he could be brought to the nearest house life was extinct. Berks' Telegraph.

Accidents.—This accident is informed that several of Mr. Morris neighbors were amongst those who received injuries in Wingham on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., after the elections, where a number of the electors collected together at Johnson's hotel to congratulate Mr. Farrow over his victory in North Huron. The house being crowded to excess, the flooring gave way, letting about 300 people drop into the cellar. The counter, a stove, and a water-heater fell on and among the unlucky. Many received burns and scalds, as well as bruises. Mr. Farrow received slight injuries. We are happy to say that none are dangerously hurt.

Cheated—Not Defeated. (From the Elora News.) Centre Wellington was lost last week by a majority against the Reform Party of 46 votes. James Ross won it in 1871, by 49 votes. Why and how the change? In 1871, the Reformers went into the fight with a good cause and a good man, and were victorious. In 1874, they have a better cause, a man equally good, and a stronger canvasser in Mr. McKim than in Mr. Ross, and yet they are defeated. The change was not in public opinion. The Reformers stuck manfully to their colors. They worked like beavers. They fought every legitimate effort to place their candidate at the head of the poll. Their organization was superior to that of 1871. They have neither apathy nor neglect to charge themselves with. But these things were not enough to enable them to contend with an opposition into which they had to make headway. They kept strictly within the bounds of the law, while some of the supporters of Dr. Orton openly and shamelessly violated it. Corrupt practices were more powerful than right principles, and the Doctor was enabled to claim a majority simply because he and his friends bought it. Men voted twice for him—one is said to have voted three. At Goldstone, Peel, electors were treated in the bar-room while Dr. Orton stood behind the bar, and marched straight to the polling box to record their vote for the Conservative candidate. In West Garafraxa the polls, parties of men secured every concession in Peel, found out the purchased electors, and returned the very night preceding the election to pay out the money to those who had agreed to take it. Some of this was paid by the Ortonites to men who nevertheless voted for Mr. McKim, but many votes were bargained for Orton. In Garafraxa, whiskey was kept close to the polling place at Cull's School house, in the woodshed, and freely furnished to Orton's supporters. The whiskey released from bond in Elora during the election week was in quantities unfrequently large. In Orangeville and Elora, many bad votes were polled on behalf of the Charter Voters. Pilkington was compelled to vote on the Voters' List of 1872, and so lost many Reform votes, because his clerk had neglected to make his return of the lists for 1873 until January, although he put in his bill for the work in December. In West Garafraxa the Voters' List for 1873 was lost, and more than 30 votes were deducted from the Reform strength. Bribery, corrupt practices, double votes, and illegal rolls are all matters capable of proof, and steps are being taken, we understand, to bring the result before the proper tribunal to determine whether the majority of this Riding are to be overridden by means so outrageous. As a rule, we deprecate a Protest. If the people have spoken out fairly their decision should be accepted by the defeated without cavil. But the Reformers of Centre Wellington would be underserving the name of Reformers if they do not quietly and bravely stand up for their rights. The name of Reform has triumphed over fair play, and in which treachery has cheated the true majority of the Riding out of its representative. We learn that Mr. McKim has already taken the preliminary steps towards a Protest, that evidence of the necessity for it daily accumulates, and that there is little doubt that enough will be discharged before an Election Court to render another appeal to the electors a certainty. In the meantime, we advise the Reformers of Centre Wellington to keep on their armor, to perfect their organization, and to prepare for a contest in which their opponents will discover that honesty is the best policy and that fair play is indeed a jewel.

BY TELEGRAPH

GLADSTONE DEFEATED

DEFEAT ACKNOWLEDGED

THE REASONS WHY

London, Feb. 6.—Meyer Rothschild, a member of the great banking firm of Rothschilds, is dead.

In the Parliamentary elections held yesterday, the Conservatives gained one seat each in Belfast, Dover, Gravesend and Northampton. The Liberals gained the seat for Dumfriesshire, and one for Coventry. Home Rulers were elected from Drogheda and Wexford. In the last Parliament these two places were represented by Liberals.

The first report that all the Liberal candidates were elected in Glasgow on Wednesday is incorrect. Later returns show that the Conservatives gained one of the seats for that city.

So far, 420 members of the new Parliament have been elected. Of this number 227 are Conservatives, and 193 Liberals and Home Rulers. The Conservatives have been chosen for 61 seats occupied by Liberals in the last Parliament, and the Liberals have ousted 24 Conservatives.

The Liberals gain seats in Coleraine and Danganonn, and the Home Rulers in Dundalk and Limerick, the latter returning Dr. Butt and Mr. O'Shaughnessy. The Marquis of Hartington is re-elected from Radnor. According to the latest despatches 494 members of Parliament have been returned, of whom 255 are Conservatives, and 239 Liberals. Conservatives replace 71 Liberals, and the latter have ousted 27 Conservatives.

London, Feb. 7.—The Daily Telegraph says:—"The opinion of the country has been pronounced, and it is strongly adverse to Gladstone. He will comply with the decision, as he is bound to do, and will follow the constitutional precedents set by Peel, Melbourne and others under similar circumstances; they met Parliament with the Royal Speech, and either resigned thereupon or submitted to a formal defeat. Not only is the field lost, but it is lost most decisively. The result is to be attributed to Mr. Bruce's unpopular Licensing Act; to the division of the Liberal party which took place on the side issues, such as the Education Act, Female Suffrage, Permissive Bills, &c.; to the deep and not unnatural displeasure felt at the violent language against society used by supporters of workingmen's candidates; and lastly to the want of tact and sympathy shown by several members of the Administration.

Mr. Dalby moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts, that John Mair, Esq., be appointed a Director of the Great Northern Railway, for the current year, in accordance with clause 6 of the amended Act of the said Company.—Carried.

Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Duffield, that the Warden be empowered to grant orders on the Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of the several boards of Road Commissioners for repair of County Roads, but in no case to exceed \$50 per mile, as per report of Committee on County Roads.—Carried.

The report of the Education Committee was brought up by Mr. Raymond. It recommended that Mr. Robt. Cochran be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners of Public School Teachers.—The report was adopted.

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A number of accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Howard presented a petition from the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Hospital under their charge was in great need of assistance, and it was urged to meet the demands made upon it by sick and destitute persons. The annual report accompanied the petition. There was a deficiency of \$366, or nearly twice the amount of the Council's usual annual grant.—Mr. Howard strongly supported the prayer of the petitioners. There might be an objection on account of the hospital being a denominational institution; but so long as the county did not maintain any institution of this kind he thought the hospital deserved their support, and he hoped that a liberal grant would be made.

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Wellington County Council.

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The Council met at ten o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

Mr. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, that the motion asking that this Council memorialize the House of Assembly of Ontario, praying for the repeal of clause 413 of the Municipal Act, be rescinded. The clause provides that boundary line bridges be kept up at the expense of the county. Mr. Dawson said that there were many bridges to be kept up in the northern townships, where there were no gravel roads, and it was only just to these townships that the county should maintain the town line bridges.

Mr. Leslie said that the motion was out of order. Rule 61 provided that no matter could be discussed twice by the Council in the same session.

Mr. Dawson said that several members of the Council had not fully understood the purport of the motion.

Mr. Leslie said that after the matter had been passed upon by the Council without any remark whatever, it was entirely out of order to bring it up again.

Mr. Dawson said that the matter was not thoroughly understood. He moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, that rule 61 be suspended in order to allow of his motion being put.

Some conversation ensued as to whether a two-thirds vote was necessary for the suspension of a rule. Ultimately the motion for suspension was put to the Council and carried by a vote of 22 to 11.

Mr. Dawson's original motion for the rescinding of the resolution was then put and carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, under the suspended rule, that the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective municipalities be ex-officio Road Commissioners of town line bridges where they are required to be built. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson complained that his portion of the county was not represented at all in this matter.

Mr. Howard did not think that any section of the county ought to bear injustices at the hands of the Road Commissioners, in the matter of town line bridges. He was sure that the Warden and the ex-Warden were anxious to see fairly to all parts of the county. It was only with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Mair was induced to consent to the building of the bridge at Pipe's Mill; and not until he was convinced that its dangerous state might cost the county money by way of compensation that the building of a new bridge. The resolution would remove all authority from the Road Commissioners.

Mr. Anderson said he did not think that the Road Commissioners would knowingly commit an injustice, but he wanted the Reeves of the interested municipalities to have a voice in the matter.

Mr. McGowan said that these municipalities would be consulted as to their requirements.

Mr. Leslie protested against opening up the matter again.

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