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VILLAGE AND VICINITY.

Everything in the way of garden seeds fresh at Beattie's.

Chatham Township Council meets in Wallaceburg on Monday next.

Mr. Wm. Perkins returned on Monday last to his home in New Baltimore, Michigan.

A reply to the communication of "A Chatham Township Farmer" in our last issue is promised.

The monthly meeting of the Fire Company was held on Monday evening last in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Wm. Patterson has just returned from Buffalo whither he had gone last week on a business trip.

The Public School Board meets this afternoon in the school house at four o'clock. Minutes next week.

Oyster social on Monday evening next at the residence of Mr. Wm. Becker for the benefit of the C. M. church. Admission, twenty-five cents. Go!

The members of the Band of Hope are requested to meet on the afternoon of Wednesday next in the Temperance Hall at four o'clock for organization.

Mr. John R. McDonald lost a valuable horse on Tuesday. The animal got loose and scampered off to the river and before it could be rescued it was drowned.

We are informed that there is a new tailor in town looking for an opening and a site in which to locate. He is said to hail from Toronto.

Roads good—business brisk—trade booming—merchants smiling—and farmers going home rejoicing over the prospect of an early and favorable spring.

Mr. Thos. Hayes has sold the barge "Red Bird" to Mr. Thomas Moore in exchange for six lots in South Wallaceburg near the new mill of Steinhoff, Schnoor & Co.

Applications for tavern licenses in Dover Township have been made by Joseph M. Bechard, Francis Dubouche, John Gleason, George King, C. W. Raymond and Alfred Ross.

The date fixed for the presentation of the "Charcoal Burner" in the Town Hall, Wallaceburg, by the Dramatic Company, is Tuesday evening, April 17th. Mind that, too.

As soon as navigation opens the Hiawatha and Clark will have some big loads of freight for Wallaceburg merchants who have ordered and are expecting large stocks of new goods.

Birds are now filling the air with their glad music and the toads are being thawed out of the ice. They will all be ready in due time to join in the grand annual serenade. Admission, free.

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For a choice loaf of bread go to Beattie's. The last of the material used to enclose Beattie's skating rink was removed from the ice on Tuesday.

Messrs. John D. McDonald and Ira Henry are serving as Grand Jurors at the Spring Assizes in Barrie, this week.

Mr. William John McDonald has had some difficulty to proceed with work on Mr. Wm. A. Fraser's barge, owing to the delay in providing material.

Captain A. S. Hayward went to Chatham yesterday and is now fitting out his new boat La Belle, which will be brought to Wallaceburg on the opening of navigation.

The Dresden chief of Police has a noble new blue suit with brass buttons which became him charmingly and is worn by him every Saturday and, on state occasions.

On Friday evening last a very enjoyable church social was held at the residence of Mr. George Little on the East Branch the proceeds being about fifteen dollars. Rev. Messrs. Tester and Truax got the benefit.

Captain Taylor has the frame work of Councillor McLean's new barge completed on the river bank opposite the Public School, immediately adjoining the place where the skating rink was located on the ice.

The election of Hon. T. B. Pardee in West Lambton has been protested and it is said that Mr. E. P. Watson, his late opponent, claims the seat on the grounds that personal bribery can be proved against Mr. Pardee.

The roads have dried up rapidly during the past week and are now passably good. A rain storm will make them bad for a week or two when it comes, but it is now certain that the people cannot be afflicted very long this year with bad roads.

Mr. Greenwood states that he has been awarded the contract to drive the spiles for the Erie and Huron railway docks on the river bank immediately below the new Steinhoff, Schnoor & Co. mill. It would seem, therefore, that the location of the station has already been determined.

Every member and friend of the Dufferin Club is requested to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening next which will be the last of the season. A good programme is announced and if a few visitors should drop in we can promise that they will be treated cordially and kindly. Bear the date in mind.

A Chatham paper states that information was recently laid against a Wallaceburg young man for obtaining goods under false pretences, and that the case was taken before the Police Court there. The name of the young man was not stated nor has it been recorded in what way the case was disposed of.

The last service in the Conference year in the M. E. church was held on Sunday evening last when Rev. J. C. Nethercott preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation. Mr. Nethercott goes to attend the annual M. E. conference next week. Service will be conducted on Sunday next by Rev. Mr. Griffith, of St. Catharines.

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Gloomy weather to-day. Rain pouring down. Ice getting shakier. Roads muddy. Good time to get the mumps.

Mayor Livingstone, of Dresden, has during the winter given a series of entertainments in the shape of social gatherings of all who choose to attend at his residence. They have been popular and pleasant affairs and the last of the season was held on Friday evening last. Mr. Livingstone has a very large circle of friends in Dresden and the adjacent country.

Small Pox, Measles and Mumps are said to exist in Chatham, there being two cases of the former in the town. We do not want our people to become alarmed but they should do all in their power in the spring of the year to cleanse their premises and remove all matter that will tend to cause infection or disease to arise therefrom.

The Oddfellows of this place have been invited to spend their anniversary this year in Dresden, and the committee will report to-morrow evening in favor of the proposition, having already given the Dresden brethren an expression of their willingness to accept the invitation. What the nature of the programme of the day in Dresden will be is not yet announced, but the occasion will doubtless be one of good fellowship and harmony among the brethren. The members of the Florence lodge are also expected to join the Dresden lodge in celebrating the anniversary, which falls on Thursday, April 20th.

The workmen at Patterson's saw mill report having seen a bear crossing the river about five o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday last a short distance west of the village. The occurrence is so unusual in this section of the country that it might be supposed that the visual organs of the workmen were deceived them, but for the fact that after the event became known, some responsible citizens went to the place indicated and examined the tracks, which were pronounced to be those of a bear. Now look out for your lambs and sheepskins. The bear when seen was heading for the South.

Something should be done by the council to provide a watercourse, for stagnant water accumulating after every rain on the South side of James street opposite Hay & Robinson's store. In the spring also there is always an accumulation of refuse matter on both sides of the principal thoroughfares in the village, the removal of which would cost only a few dollars; and whose removal would add not only to the health of the village but to the appearance of the streets. We refer more particularly to this because in past years the council has not given enough attention to the condition of the main streets of the village. It will pay to keep the front streets clean and tidy.

George M. Stetson, the oldest peach packer in the United States, says that the peach crop this year will be large and of good quality. Peach trees grow to less extent than usual last year, and the sap did not rise to develop the buds till the cold of winter. These are the most favorable conditions for a good crop. There will not be quite so much fruit as last year, but it will be larger and finer, and will bring the far larger price of money than for the crop of last season. Another favorable sign is the uniformly cold weather of the present winter, which has kept the sap down and prevented the buds from swelling. They are now entirely out of danger, and can stand any amount of cold that we can possibly have.

A number of the lads and lasses of the town are making arrangements to form a Literary Society for their especial benefit. They are mostly still in their teens, but have reached the age when they know the value of literary attainments, yet they have not been able to discover that the sphere of their usefulness is in the Dufferin Club. They are "lower lights" as it were, but their purpose to let their lights burn brightly in their own spheres, hoping that some day they may cope with their older brethren and sisters of Dufferin Club. At the date of writing this item a name has not yet been selected for the organization; but whatever it may be, all wish the lads and lasses a prosperous future, lots of fun and a large measure of improvement. (Since writing the above we are informed that the new society will be known as the "Glee Club." Happy may they be.)

Mr. Peter Grant, of Sombra Township, attended the Annual Convention of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union in Guelph on the 29th and 30th of March and reports that the most successful meeting yet convened was then held, upwards of two hundred students and ex-students of the Ontario Agricultural College being in attendance, and the proceedings being of the most interesting character. We congratulate Mr. Grant on his election to the honorable position of Vice-President, the officers elected for 1888 being as follows:—Honorary President, Professor W. Brown, Guelph; President, Mr. R. J. Phin, Hespeler; Vice-President, Mr. Peter Grant, Beecher; Recording Secretary, Mr. R. A. Ramsay, Eaton Mills; Secretary, Mr. H. G. Joyce, Guelph; Treasurer, Mr. A. Shuttleworth, Guelph; and Editor, Mr. W. E. Phin, Hespeler.

Messrs. Charles Chubb and A. L. Shambelan have entered into partnership for the prosecution of an Insurance, Land and General Agency Business, Mr. Shambelan having severed his connection with the firm of Gillard and Shambelan. The new firm will find a host of business, friends and supporters, both of its members being popular. They intend to keep on hand a large assortment of Farming Implements of every variety from the well known establishments of Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co. and J. O. Wixon & Co., of Brantford, and other agents who require any kind of Machine or Implement will have an opportunity to see what they are purchasing before they complete their bargain. It is expected also that the new firm will have charge of the shipping and freight business of the Clark line of boats and others during the coming season, all of which will not only be an accommodation to the public but to the owners of vessels and boats for which they will act as the local agents. The members of the new firm hung out their shingles together on Monday morning. Success to them.

Mr. Israel Evans, License Inspector for West Kent, was in town on Monday. He reports that in addition to applications for licenses for the four hotels, another is applied for by Mr. Miles Langstaff, East Wallaceburg; also that the two shop licenses are applied for by Mr. Peter Forbes and Messrs. McEvoy and Murphy. Mr. Kirton had also determined to apply for shop license but withdrew his petition.

There was shipped from Drake & Joyce's furniture store, in Windsor a few days ago a refrigerator of fish, "en route" for England, "via" Halifax. The refrigerator and contents weighed about 1500 lbs. and is the first of the kind ever sent from Canada. It was built and stocked for the World Fishery Exposition to be held at London, England, in May next, and it will be a surprise if any country will show a finer collection of fresh water fish than the one sent from Essex. The fish were all frozen solid, and beautiful flowers were frozen with them, making the display a very pretty one. The thermometer hung in the refrigerator was kept 24 degrees below freezing point, and with proper attention it is quite possible to keep these fish in a frozen state for years. The Government has taken charge of the exhibit.

At the Village Council meeting last night the following officers for 1888 were appointed: By-Laws, viz.—Auditors, Arthur Fisher and H. E. Johnson at a salary of \$8 each; Assessor, Charles Chubb, salary \$45; Collector, L. A. McDougall, salary \$120; Poundkeeper, S. L. Mann; Fence Viewers, Aaron Gordon, Miles Langstaff and Wm. A. McDougall; Chief Constable, B. M. Hubble, salary \$15; Street and Sidewalk Commissioner, Pierce Welsh, salary \$1.50 per day while on duty; and Health Officers, John Grayson, B. M. Hubble, and Councilors, Ayres, Dugan and McLean. A proposition to discontinue lighting the street lamps after May 1st was voted down. A resolution was passed authorizing the ratepayers to discuss the advisability of erecting new school buildings; said meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening next. And the services of Mr. Albert Ayres as special constable were by resolution dispensed with. Full report next week.

We have once more received a batch of Dresden correspondence from the same correspondent who has favored us several times already. We thank him for his favors but if he cannot take the hint we give on receipt of his first letter and send his notes. It is not necessary for us to say why we should know who our correspondents are—any newspaper man will give information on that point. We believe that the gentleman is our friend and we should like to hear from him regularly, but we cannot do business with a "dark horse," lest, peradventure, we should find ourselves mistaken in reference to his good intentions towards us and be led into a trap by publishing something that we could not even make an attempt to substantiate if necessary. Our correspondent has some points about him that we like and we hope to hear from him again. He hits right and left at abuses in Dresden that the local paper is too cowardly to touch. If our friend chooses to write again, we shall know him to be a friend; if not, we have only done our duty to ourselves and our readers by declining his notes.

The unfortunate lady, to whom reference was made last week as being drowned on Black Creek, was the wife of Mr. Peter Wilson, who is well known in Wallaceburg. She was the daughter of Mr. Matthew Humphrey whose farm is just across the creek from that of Mr. Wilson, and on the afternoon of Wednesday she visited her father's house, leaving her sister-in-law at home in care of her infant child, having been married only a little more than a year. On her way home the unfortunate event happened, but she was not missed until five o'clock when her father was found on the ice near the hole through which she disappeared, told too plainly the fate that had overtaken her. The alarm was given and search was made until midnight without avail. On the following day the sad duty was continued, but not until five o'clock was the search successful, the body having been carried some distance down the stream in the current. The bereaved friends have the heartfelt sympathy of all, and the funeral on Saturday was very largely attended, a gloom being spread over the entire community. At one time on Thursday (election day) there was not less than two hundred people off the bridge leading to the body. Mr. Charles Wilson, assessor, was a brother-in-law of the deceased.

Mr. George H. Taylor delivered an address on Friday evening last in the Temperance Hall on the subject, "Western Civilization and Advancement." The hall was comfortably filled, and Rev. D. Currie occupied the chair and introduced the lecturer in a few brief remarks. Mr. Taylor explained that he was not informed about the invitation extended to him by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. until his return from the States, his mail matter having miscarried. He was pleased to appear before his Wallaceburg friends and particularly so to do in any way possible to advance the cause espoused by the ladies of the Union. He briefly referred to the scenes witnessed by him on his recent tour through Manitoba and the Western and Northern States, and the thorough explanation given of the rise and progress of civilization in the West, and the moral and intellectual status of the people bore evidence that Mr. Taylor was more than observant during his trip—that he had stored his information away in his amply filled "knowledge box" for use when occasion requires it. Mr. Taylor is gifted with a retentive memory and used choice language in his address, though no preparation had been given, and though nothing more was intended than to give an address of a purely conversational nature. He has a bright future before him, being a thoughtful, ready writer as well as a lucid debater and an accomplished stenographer. A vote of thanks was tendered to him on motion of Rev. Messrs. Russell and Nethercott. Mr. Taylor left on Monday morning for Hamilton.

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Shirtings, Pillows Cottons, Duck,

Denims, Ticks, Check Shirtings, &c., in great variety.

See our Embroideries. See our Black Spanish and Real Lace. See our Women's, Misses and Children's Hosiery.

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OUR STOCK OF Canadian and Scotch Tweeds,

Worsted Coatings, And Trouserings,

For extent, value and style is not easily surpassed, and invariably astonishes those who look through this department. The style in which our Clothing is got up is well known and requires no further comment. Those who wish to buy their Clothes ready made will find our suits cheap and durable.

Gents' White Shirts, Collars, Ties, Socks, Underclothing,

Braces, Gents' Stiff and soft Hats in all the newest Styles.

Our Stock of Boots and Shoes

Is far ahead of what it formerly has been, and promises to give universal satisfaction.

As our business is managed strictly on the

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no time is lost in bantering. In fact so universally is it known that our prices are right that our system of marking goods is not questioned.

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