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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 door 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.

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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. dlm

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A Very Superior Article

COAL OIL!

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Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph

Nov. 19. dlm

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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 time-keepers. 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 "Elery" 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, could hardly be told of any other watch of the price that it cost when made.

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

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General Agents, New York.

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Wholesale Agent for Canada, Toronto and Montreal.

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The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.

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Engaged and suitable for pupils who have taken but one or two quarters' lessons.

CRYSTAL GEMS,

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1. Fairy Footstep, Waltz. 2. Snowflake Polka. 3. Charming Schottische. 4. Romping Galop. 5. Silver Star Quickstep. 6. Fairy Mazurka. 7. Soldier Boy's March. 8. Mabel's Waltz. 9. Sweet Kiss, Polka. 10. Rosey Cheeks, Schottische. 11. Runaway Galop. 12. Hilda's Waltz. 13. Fairy Tale Polka. 14. Sunbeam Schottische. 15. Whirlwind Galop. 16. Leap Year Galop. 17. Whispering Love Maz. 18. Tambour March. 19. Belgravia Waltz. 20. Silver Shower Polka. 21. My Darling Schottische. 22. First Impression Waltz. 23. Fast Boys Galop. 24. Cornflower Waltz. Price 20 cents each. Sent, post-paid, on receipt of the price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

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CALL AND SEE IT.

THE

ALEXANDRA

QUILTED

SKIRT,

IN ALL QUALITIES AT

W. STEWART'S

TO HAND,

Black Velveteens

For DRESSES

AND JACKETS,

PRICES MODERATE.

W. STEWART

Wyndham Street, Guelph

Guelph, Dec. 11. dw

WILLIAM C. BAINE,

ACCOUNTANT.

Special attention paid to the opening, balancing and closing of Books.

Indicate and disputed Partnership accounts arranged.

OFFICE—At Messrs. C. & A. SHARPE'S, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Guelph, Nov. 26. do dw

CARTER'S

(LATE WEBSTER'S)

FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The subscriber having purchased the entire business of Mr. William Webster, begs to notify the public that he is prepared to sell

Flour, Feed & all kinds of Grain, CHOPPED STUFFS, POTATOES, &c.

Cheaper than the Cheapest IN TOWN.

A large supply always on hand. Goods delivered free of charge in any part of the Town.

JAMES CARTER. Guelph, Nov. 24. do ft

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMONT & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dw ft

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

Dr. C. BELL,

Portrait and Landscape Painter,

Has taken rooms in DAY'S BLOCK, where he will be happy to execute Likenesses of all who may favour him with their commands.

PORTRAITS

In Oil Colours, painted from life. PHOTOGRAPHS, AMBROTYPES, DAGUERROTYPES and MINUTURES of all kinds copied and enlarged to LIFE SIZE.

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Lessons given in DRAWING and PAINTING.

Inspection of Specimens respectfully invited Guelph, Nov. 17, 1868. dw 1m

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF,

SADDLER,

Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,

Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

Harness, Light and Heavy; Saddles, good and cheap; Trunks of the Cheapest and Best make; Whips, Belts,

Brushes, Combs, &c., in good supply. Special attention is directed to my stock of **HOSE CLOTHING**, Blankets, Sursungles. A call is solicited. Repairing done as usual.

Guelph, December 4. dw

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.

LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.

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First Cabin, \$87, gold value

Storage, \$29. "

Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply to

CHARLES T. JONES & CO. Exchange Brokers, Hamilton

Agents for the Erie and New York Railway, Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value Hamilton, 1st June, 1868. dw

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Direct from Labrador,

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

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15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtls. Dry Cod Fish.

ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, November 18th. dw

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON,

Market Square, GUELPH.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provide on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor. Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

TUESDAY EV'NG, DEC. 15TH, 1868.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present—Mr. Peterson, chairman; Drs. Herod and McGuire, Messrs. Knowles, Newton, Mitchell, Bruce, Watson, McNeil and Fraser.

The Secretary read a communication to himself from Mr. Cowan, in which the latter said he considered it his duty to resign his position as teacher, and requested that his intention might be made known to the Board.

The following accounts were presented and referred to the Finance Committee: Mr. Sayers, \$10.20; Gouck & Sturdy, \$3.47; McLagan & Innes, \$9.75; Mr. Ansel, \$13.43; Mr. McNeil also presented an account from Mr. Jacob, and one from Mrs. Goodfellow.

The Chairman read a communication from Mr. Dunn. He expected that the question of compensating him for extra services would come up, and he had no wish to accept a sum like \$15 for his services, or rather for money paid out. He does not make any claim, will be happy to receive any sum the Board may think proper to give, but in his opinion the services were worth much more than the amount proposed. He referred the Board to sec. 9, of the New Grammar School Act for a mode of settling the question.

The Superintendent reported that he had suspended a boy at the North Ward School for unruly conduct and refusal to comply with the rules, and had sent notice to his father.

Dr. McGuire said the teachers were complaining because they had to pay for kindling the fires and keeping the school-houses clean. They engaged at a certain salary and afterwards found that they had to pay twenty or twenty-five dollars out of it for the purposes named. This he thought was unfair.

Mr. Cowan's communication was referred to the Visiting Committee of the Ward.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Chairman if he knew anything of the working of the English Department of the Grammar School. He heard that pupils who went to learn English alone were compelled to learn classics.

Dr. Herod said he had been in the school and in reply to an inquiry Mr. Dunn told him there were only two pupils in the school not learning classics.

Mr. McNeil moved, seconded by Dr. McGuire, that Mr. Dunn be requested to communicate to the Board the amount paid to Mr. Von Hoxar, and what, in his opinion, would be just compensation for his extra services between the time Mr. Walker left, and the time Mr. Porter was appointed. Lost.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that it be an instruction to the Finance Committee to consider the propriety of adding \$15 to the teachers' salaries for the purpose of sweeping the schools and lighting fires. Carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce, that the Secretary be instructed to advertise in the three Guelph weekly papers for a teacher for the East Ward School at \$350, and an assistant for the North Ward School, and one for the Senior Girls' School, each at a salary of \$350. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Newton, that Miss McRobert be allowed to retain fees received from her pupils over and above her salary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that Fanny and Wm. Howard be admitted free pupils in the Junior Girls' School, West Ward. Carried. The Board adjourned.

Town Council--Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last night for the purpose of reporting by-law 179, passed at the previous meeting appointing Returning Officers. Some of those appointed had contracts with, or were in the employ of, the Corporation and were therefore disqualified. Mr. Jas. Armstrong has a contract for tanks, Mr. George Houghlas is Police Clerk, and Mr. Kribs is Inspector of Weights and Measures.

At the meeting were present, the Mayor in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Sayers, Buckland, Melvin, McCurdy, Mays, Heffernan, Chadwick, Howard, Thomson and Mitchell.

The Town Solicitor was present and gave his opinion. The Act does not state the qualifications necessary for Returning Officers, it simply prescribes an oath, and he believed that an election would be valid held by any person who had taken that oath, nevertheless to avoid all possibility of trouble he believed it would be better to strike out the names mentioned and substitute others about which there could be no doubt.

A by-law was then introduced, and put through all the stages, in virtue of which the Returning Officers are as follows: North Ward, Joseph Mimmack; South Ward, Robert Hadden; East Ward, John Watson; West Ward, E. Newton. The by-law having passed, the Council adjourned.

A PROSPEROUS WINTER.—The Hamilton Times says: The winter we have now entered upon promises to be one of the most prosperous experienced for some years. In most branches and manufacturing enterprise being exceedingly active. No good mechanic, or labouring man need remain without employment a day, there being a constant demand for such at the best rates of wages. The same encouraging state of business is remarked in American cities, and we seem to be verging on an era of good times, which had been approaching from an indefinite period. The high rates at which the common necessities of life are held, always the cause of great complaint, is nevertheless a sure evidence of prosperity in the country.

At Arthabaska a Mrs. Guilmette and her two children have been murdered; it is supposed by her husband and their father. He is said to have been paying his addresses to a young girl and to have promised her that his wife should not be an obstacle to the union. The girl is the chief witness against him.

A burglar who has been for a long time committing depredations in Peterboro, has at length been detected. Eight indictments were drawn out against him, and he confessed himself guilty of all that was laid to his charge.

FROM WALKERTON.

Execution of Hoag.

(Special to the MERCURY.)

WALKERTON, Dec. 15, 1868.

John Hoag who was sentenced to death for the murder of Stephen Neubecker was executed between ten and eleven o'clock this forenoon. He was attended by the Revs. Father Schmitz and Kelly. He addressed the large concourse of people who were present, chiefly Germans. He denied having intended to take the life of Neubecker. He attributed his position to disobedience to his parents, whiskey and fast women and hoped that his death would be a warning to young men to avoid these. He thanked all those with whom he came in contact for their kindness, shook hands with all present, shook off his cap, and took his leave over the drop, manifesting great courage in all that he did. He was on the drop but a few minutes when the bolt was drawn, and Hoag, with the exception of a twitch or two of the shoulders was no more.

PUSLINCH COUNCIL.

The Municipal Council of Puslinch met in the Town Hall on Monday the 7th of December. Members all present. The Reeve in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. Spreuhau, seconded by Mr. Macfarlane, that the Reeve do issue his order on the Treasurer in favour of the following persons and for the sums opposite their names respectively, the same being for sheep destroyed by dogs as per certificates produced to the Council viz, Malcolm McBeth, \$12.75; Charles Colfax, \$7.75; Christian Morlock, \$13.75; George Barb, \$7.75; Wm. Jacobs, \$9.25; Hamilton Hill, \$9.75; Lewis Heath, \$31.75; Peter Todd, \$7.75; Donald Munroe, \$7.75; Andrew Stuart, \$6.75. Carried. Moved by Mr. Cassin, seconded by Mr. Spreuhau, that the sum of 60 cents be refunded to Edward Ramsay, being an overcharge in the collector's roll.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Spreuhau, that the petition of J. Grant and others praying for aid to a poor blind man named Lewis Grant be received, and that the sum of \$20 be given to John Clark senior for the benefit of Lewis Grant, and the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Spreuhau, that Jas. McEdward be paid the sum of \$43 for eight months support of an indigent person named Annie Paton, up to the 1st of January, 1869, and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Murdoch McLeod being erroneously assessed for a dog, was refunded the same. John McCallum presented a petition for assistance, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Cassin, that the petition be not accepted. Carried. James McIntosh being erroneously assessed for two dogs was ordered to be refunded the same. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Cassin, that the petition of Thos. Arkell and others be received, and that Mr. Macfarlane be deputed to examine into the matter complained of, and have the bridge made passable.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, that the report of the Inspector of Houses of Public Entertainment be received and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Haines and others for relief for Francis Clay be received and that the Reeve do issue his order for the sum of ten dollars for the support of Francis Clay, James Caulfield to have the expenditure of the same. Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, that no action be taken at present on the petition of Samuel Taylor and others praying for the division of the Township for electoral purposes. Carried. Moved by Mr. Spreuhau, seconded by Mr. Macfarlane, that a by-law be introduced to fix a place where the nomination and polling for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for 1869 shall be held and that it be now read a first and second time. Carried. Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Cassin, that the By-law fixing a place for the nomination of and polling for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for 1869 be read a third time, and passed.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Cassin, that the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges for the west side of the Brock road be received and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Spreuhau, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, that the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges on the East side of the Brock road be received and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, that the following accounts presented by the Treasurer, viz., \$148.25 for discount on silver and \$13.63 for postage and stationery making \$161.88 be paid and that the Reeve give his order for the same. Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane seconded by Mr. Spreuhau, that the sum of \$8 be paid to the Town hall keeper, the same being for certain repairs and his services as keeper and the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane seconded by Mr. Cassin, that the Reeve issue his order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$150, the same being the allowance as provided by law to the members of Council, viz: for attending meeting of Council, and superintending the repairs of roads and bridges in the Township for the current year.—Carried. James McNaughton and Matthew McPhatter were each refunded \$1 dog tax, being erroneously rated for the same. Moved by Mr. Spreuhau, seconded by Mr. Macfarlane, that a vote of thanks be tendered to David Stinton, Esq., for the efficient and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties as Reeve of this Council during the current year.—Carried. The nomination is on the 21st of December, and the polling on the 4th of January. R. T. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

CADIZ, Dec. 14th. — The Insurgents have surrendered their arms to the American consul, who, according to the arrangements previously made handed them over to the military authorities. From 6,000 to 10,000 troops and nine war vessels were ready to attack the city at noon. All is quiet now. The flag carried by the Insurgents is a tri-colour. Over 30,000 persons have left the city. There is great distress among the poor who remain, and among those who fled to adjacent towns. All foreign consuls and their families, except the Swedish and American, have left the city. Gen. De Roda entered Cadiz this afternoon with all his troops. The Insurgents seem satisfied with the result. Their feelings are undoubtedly in favor of a Republic. 500 persons were killed and wounded on both sides during the fight of last week. The Government promises to act magnanimously.

MADRID, Dec. 14. — Notwithstanding the surrender of the Cadiz Insurgents there is a reactionary movement spreading throughout Spain. Disturbances are prevalent in many places. The National Guard was again called out yesterday to prevent the workmen from rising. Families continue to leave Madrid in fear of coming troubles. The poor are in a fearful condition, and business in general is paralyzed. The Governor of Tarragona telegraphs that the Carlists are fomenting agitations in the environs of Mont Blanc. Associations formed there have branches which extend all over the country. The Marquis of Villuna is President of the organization. It is ostensibly for the protection of the unity of Catholicism, but is in reality established for the propagation of absolute principles preparatory to a rising in favor of Don Carlos.

VIENNA, Dec. 14. — In compliance with the demands of the Turkish ultimatum, the Greek Government is requested to disband its volunteer corps and forbid Grecian officials from participating in the Cretan insurrection, and also to permit the families of the insurgents to return to Crete. Greece refuses these demands and looks upon them as offensive. The Turkish Minister is preparing to depart from Athens.

LONDON, Dec. 14. — Advice from the west coast of Africa report that the Spanish inhabitants of Fernando Po were holding a great jubilee over the downfall of the Spanish Bourbons.

London, Dec. 14. — Mr. Gladstone has issued an address to the electors of Greenwich, preliminary to the re-election for that borough, rendered necessary by his acceptance of Ministerial office. He says after the part taken by the movement for the endorsement of the Irish Church, it was impossible for him to decline the task of forming a Ministry. He trusts the new administration will deserve the confidence of the country, and promises to use every exertion which he urged while out of office in the House of Commons.

Petitions have been presented contesting the elections of 34 Liberals and 37 Conservatives members for boroughs.

Morals from the Elections.

Intellect will not seat a man.—Mill.

Nor gold.—Rothschild.

Nor faithful service.—Roebuck.

Nor handsome.—The Atty-General.

Nor wit.—Bernal Osborne.

Nor its reverse.—Darby Griffith.

Nor raising railway fares.—Sir E. Watkin.

Nor philanthropy.—Sir Powell Buxton.

Nor causticity.—Horsman.

Nor educational science.—Bruce.

Nor love for one's pope.—Sir G. Bowyer.

Nor a Duke of Devonshire.—Lord Hartington.

Nor a Duke of Buccleuch.—Lord Dalkeith.

Nor a Duke of Abercorn.—Lord Claud Hamilton.

Nor a philosopher's recommendation.—Chadwick.

Nor popularity and amiability.—Miner Gibson.

Nor vulgar atheism.—Bradlaugh.