THE ADVANCE.

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THE DIFFERENCE.

When some poor unfortunate, who can scarcely provide his family with the common necessaries of life, is driven by very desperation to steal a fish, or a piece of meat, or a loaf of bread, to keep them from starving, society stands aghast, and the poor beggar is at once subjected to the most scathing denunciations. He is put down to the very lowest notch in the social scale, and looked upon as a criminal. No mercy is shown him by the law or by society. But when some bank president, or an official who has held a position of great trust and responsibility, absconds with thirty, or forty, or a hundred thousand dollars, society winks at the greater crime, and the movements of the "mighty arm" of the Law are very sluggish indeed. Perhaps the "mighty arm" is paralyzed at the magnitude of the offence. The bank president, the cashier, or official, as the case may be, *steals* enormous sums of money, and society dubs him with the polite title of *defaulter*. This illustrates very forcibly the comprehensiveness of the English language. The man who, through the force of adverse circumstances, steals a paltry fish, worth from ten to twenty cents, is called a *thief* and *vagabond*; while the official who steals his tens of thousands of dollars, and brings ruin and distress to hundreds of homes, and "makes over" all his property and money to his wife, is called a *defaulter*! What is looked upon as a heinous crime when committed by one individual, is looked upon as a "natural circumstance" when committed by another. Very "even-handed justice" this!

This reminds us of a peculiar circumstance in connection with the publication of articles, anent certain crimes against morality, in city and country papers. Scarcely a day passes in which the columns of our city dailies and weeklies do not teem with articles headed, "Horrible Outrage on a Little Girl," and all other kinds of sensational headings. These articles tell of fearful deeds committed in broad day-light, or under the black mantle of night; in the slums of the city, or on some public high-way, or in some lonely place where none but the all-seeing eye of God could possibly see the perpetration of the damnable deed. Here a young girl, only seventeen years of age, is found on the road-side, in a lonely place; her hair matted with dirt, leaves of the forest, and blood; blood on her hands, blood on the leaves, and all the signs of a violent struggle for the possession of her woman's dearest treasure. She is found laying on her back, her clothes torn and soiled, and her throat cut—dead! A little girl, only 10 years of age is found in almost a similar position, with this difference, life is not yet extinct. She is carried home to her heart-broken parents, but only lives a few hours. And so, day after day, we read of similiar tragedies in the daily papers, and are shocked, more or less, to think what a large number of wicked people there must be in the world. But we do not say these papers are not fit to come into a family because they expose these terrible outrages to morality and decency. On the contrary, we esteem them all the more for it.

But let us reverse the picture, and suppose that an individual is guilty of an immoral act in a rural community. The local paper, intent on "sitting down" on outrages to decency, reports the case—but reports it in a very mild tone, as compared with the city paper. Such occurrences not being so common in rural districts, the local paper has fewer cases to report, and exercises far more caution than would a paper reporting such cases every week or day. But it does not matter now mildly the country Editor reports such cases, there is always a class to be found who will express themselves as being terribly shocked at his *plainness*, and *want of delicacy*, and say his paper is not fit to come into a family! Now, what under the sun constitutes the difference in cases of this kind; and why are city papers allowed to go "Scot free" (of criticism) while the country paper is severely censured, and accused of *want of delicacy*, when both are guilty of similar offences (?) although the former is guilty in a much greater degree? Echo answers—what?

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Now is the time to renew your subscriptions to the ADVANCE for 1884, By doing so promptly, you will help us to turn out a better paper, and you will then have it to say your paper is paid for a year head, and need have no fear of our printer's devil.

We have done our best, with the means at our command, to give our readers a first-class local and family paper, and from the number who have already renewed their subscriptions for 1884, as well as from the opinions expressed by many of our subscribers, we are convinced our efforts are not unappreciated. We feel thankful for the many kind wishes expressed for the continued prosperity of the ADVANCE, and our readers may rest assured that we will leave nothing undone to make it worthy their continued support.

Although giving a general summary, from week to week, of important events occurring outside the County, our aim will be to make the ADVANCE a live, *home* paper. And to this end, it is our intention to devote more space to local and district news, in the future, than we have done in the past.

MUNICIPAL.

Municipal matters are still very quiet in Artemesia. The Nominations will take place in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on Monday, Dec, 31st inst., and then we shall know for a certainty who are to be the candidates for 1884. We are still of opinion, however, that the Reeve and the Councillors for Wards 1 and 3 will be elected by acclamation. There is likely to be opposition in Wards 2 and 4. The gentlemen who intend to be candidates should send in their cards, announcing the fact, to the ADVANCE, and let the public know what they will do, if elected. Of course we are aware, candidates in the main, have rather stretchy consciences just before an election, and do not always perform what they promise. Now, if they announce their intention through THE ADVANCE, you can keep a fyle of the paper containing such, and if they do not toe the mark, you can refer to your fyles and have them, literally speaking, "in a box." Send in your cards, gentlemen.

In Osprey, municipal matters are unusually quiet. We have heard nothing new since our last issue, concerning would-be Councillors, but think there will be the full quota of candidates. There are five polling subdivisions in the Township, and the Reeves and Councillors are elected by a vote of all the ratepayers in the Township. Where Townships are divided into polling subdivisions in this way, the elections are usually very lively.

We understand that Mr, J. J. Middleton will be a candidate for the Reeveship of Proton. There is no doubt, but that such an experienced municipal man as Middleton will be elected. He is the best man in the Township for the position.

Nothing new from other neighboring Townships, other than what is chronicled in our "This & That" column.

—O'Donnell, the murderer of Carey, the informer, was hung on Monday morning. He exhibited great firmness to the last. Great efforts were put forth to obtain a reprieve for him, by many powerful friends. Victor Hugo, the celebrated French novelist and politician, wrote a letter to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, concerning the matter, and the Yankee Government made strenuous offorts to save his neck from the halter—but all without avail. British justice is not Yankee justice, by any means; the old eagle may scream itself hoarse, and flap its wings to pieces, but sturdy John Bull will continue to pursue the even tenor of his way, calmly, cooly, and uninfluenced by all the hot-heads of Yankeedom, who have ever trod the floors of Congress.

Obituary.

Scarcely had this neighborhood ceased lamenting the sudden and unexpected death of Miss Hannah Thompson by the lightning stroke than another family is visited by the angel of death, and one of its inmates summoned to the world of spirits. On the 4th of October Mr. Jas. Cornfield's daughter, Fanny, was called to exchange time for eternity. A little over a year before her death, she had an attack of inflammatory rheumatism from which she never fully recovered. All that kind hearts could suggest and willing hands could do was done to remove the disease, but of no avail. Fanny possessed a quiet, genial disposition to all, and was beloved by the young people; and being brought up under the care of a godly mother, was doubtless early impressed with the reality there is in the religion of Jesus. She passed away peacefully from the toils and trials of earth to enjoy the rest of Heaven. How admonitory to the young people of the neighborhood to be also ready, "for in such an hour as they know not, the Son of Man cometh."

REV. THOS. GRANDY.

Letter From Mr. Thos. R. Moore.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to inform my friends and old neighbors in the Co. of Grey, what my impressions are about this far West, or bunch grass country.

We arrived here on the 17th November, making the trip from Flesherton in nine days. We found this town (Spokana Falls) a lively place about the size of Owen Sound, and only four years old! The country around here, for about ten miles, is nothing but rock and gravel with small red Pine timber. To the North and West of this is the great Spokana plain, and one the South-East lies the Snake River plain. On the plains the best of grain, and vegetables of mammoth are raised; and they (the plains) are rapidly filling up with prosperous settlers. Horses feed on the bunch grass the year round, and cattle, with little care. In this market there is the best grass beef and mutton I ever saw.

This place lies about 200 miles South-East from New Westminister, and 125 miles South of the boundary line between British Columbia and Washington Territory. The climate is mild compared with Ontario. Ploughing usually commences in the middle of March, and can be prolonged until December. Spring and Fall Wheat can be cultivated here to perfection.

All the best Government land is taken and a good deal of the railway land is claimed. Within 30 miles of here, outside of that range, both government and railway land can be had; but good claims can be bought cheap near here.

The Cordelane gold mines are attracting considerable attention here. They are located about 125 miles to the South of us, and great preparations are being made here for active operations there in the spring.

Times are dull here for laborers, but good tradesmen are in demand at $4.00 per day. Board is $5 per week. Servant girls are in demand at from $4 to $6 per week. Wheat is 75 cents per bushel, Oats 68 cents, and Barley 70 cents. Butter is 50 cents per lb, Eggs 40 cents per dozen, Beefsteak is 10 to 15 cents per lb. Horses are from $80 to $125 each; Cows $30 to $50 each. Hay $20 to 22 per ton; Dried Hides from $2 to $5 each.

I am afraid I am trespassing too much on your valuable space. At some other time I will write you another letter, if you wish.

THOS. R. MOORE.

Nov. 24th, 1883.

A CURE FOR SORE THROAT.—Mrs. Wm Allen, of Acton, speaks highly of Hagyard's Yellow Oil as a household remedy for colds, sore throat, stiff neck, croup, etc., as well as for burns, scalds, and other injuries of common occurence in every family.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE!

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JAS. THOMPSON.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of James Thompson, late of the Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer, who died on or about the 4th day of April, A. D. 1883, at the at the said Township of Artemesia are, on or before the

TENTH Day of JANUARY

next, to send to either of the undersigned Executors at Flesherton, their Christian and Surnames addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities (if any) held by them. After the said Fourth day of January next the said Executors will distribute the assets of the said James Thompson, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims as the said Executors shall then have notice of.

This nottice is given in parsuance of Chap. 107, Sec. 34, R. S. O.

Dated at Flesherton this 11th day of December 1883.

(Signed) ISAAC SINCLAIR.
WILLIAM HILL.

Strayed.

Came into the premises of the subscriber, Lot 3, Con. 4, Euphrasia, some time in October, a yearling Heifer. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply at THE ADVANCE Office, or to Andrew Wickens, Flesherton P. O.

Lost!

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Lot 3, Con. 4, Osprey, some time last summer, a white Heifer coming 2 year old. Any person giving information that will lead to its recovery, will be paid for their trouble.

Dec. 15th, 1883. J. W. HODGSON.

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THE MARKETS

FLESHERTON.

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Fall Wheat	$0 75	to	1	0
Spring Wheat	0 75		1	5
Barley	0 40		0	55
Oats	0 25		0	28
Peas	0 58		0	65
Butter	0 15		0	18
Eggs, fresh	0 20		0	22
Potatoes	0 35		0	40
Pork	4 50		5	00
Hay, per ton	7 50		0	00
Hides	6 00		7	00
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