A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Do you see the boy and pig? Yes, but why does the boy and pig run so fast? The pig runs--not the boy. Yes, but why do they go so fast? Oh, the boy is in a hurry to have his picture taken at BULMER'S Photograph Gallery, Flesherton.

Photo and all kinds of Picture Framing promptly attended to.

JAS. BULMER, - - - THE PEOPLE'S PHOTOGRAPHER.

Local and Other News.

Grey County Council meets at Owen Sound this week.

Renew your subscriptions to the ADVANCE for 1884 now. Our next issue will be the last in 1883.

Don't forget the Shooting Match at Allison's Hotel, Maxwell, on Christmas Day. Lots of sport.

Remember the grand entertainment on Christmas evening in the Town Hall, Flesherton, and bring your sisters and your cousins and your aunts to it.

REMOVED.—Mr. James Plewes and family removed from Eugenia to Markdale last week. We wish him success in his new sphere.

PUSH.—Last week the Shelburne *Economist* issued a large four-page, illustrated Christmas supplement. It was well got up, and largely patronized with advertisements.

SHOOTING MATCH.—There will be a Shooting Match at Eugenia, on New Years' Day, for a large quantity of Geese and Turkeys. Now, ye marksmen, get your guns ready. See bills.

NEW YEARS.—The teachers and scholars of the Flesherton Methodist Sabbath School are making great preparations for their New Year's entertainment, It will be one of the best entertainments ever held by them.

DENIAL.—Mr. Derusha, of the Eugenia Hotel, most emphatically denies that Jack Hopps got any liquor at his hotel on the Sunday on which it is said Hopps went to his father's and raised the row referred to in our last issue.

IS HE A DEAD BEAT?—We have good reason to believe that Mr. W. H. Steinhoff, painter, of Dundalk, is a dead beat. He has been owing us $1.50 for some masquerade bills we printed for him nearly two years ago, and although we have written to him repeatedly, we have received no answer.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the ratepayers of S. S. No. 5, Artemesia, will be held in the school room, Flesherton, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Trustee for said section, receiving report of Auditors, and discussion of any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

FROM CHATHAM.—In a letter to us under date of the 12th inst., Mr. Will Keefer says, among other things:—"I was appointed Chief Clerk and was promoted on Dec. 1st to Agency here." This corrects a little mistake of ours to the effect that he was appointed to an important position as Operator. However, its more important even than we gave credit for, and we wish our old friend continued success.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Sunday evening last, report says, a young man was courting his girl in one of the sitting rooms in Munshaw's Hotel. This is not to be wondered at, for the young men will court the young ladies whether or no. It seems natural. But somebody locked the door of the sitting room in question, and the young people were prisoners! Nothing daunted, the young man lifted up the window sash, and crawled outside: then he reached forth his arms into the room, and when last seen he was triumphantly lugging his fair companion through the open window.

Flesherton Station Items.

Brisk competition on the grain market.

A new floor was put in the station house waiting room last week. A much needed improvement.

Mr. Alex. Hannah has a splendid lot of horses on the stage route between here and Durham.

Mrs. Doupe, who keeps a small store here, has compromised matters with her creditors at seventy-five cents on the dollar.

The flour and grist mills are still lying idle. Mr. Moorehouse, the late lessee, is sojourning in Uncle Sam's domains.

PILING WOOD.—Our Township Council are having by-laws printed regulating the piling of wood. This by-law came into force in the year 1875, but has been almost totally disregarded. The outrageous manner in which some ofour farmers pile their wood, necessitates a stringent by-law, as well as an efficient inspector to see that its provisions are complied with. When a man purchases a yard of cloth from a merchant, he wants the full 36 inches or there will be a row; and when a man purchases a cord of wood, he usually expects the proper measure—but generally "gets left." People no not object so much to the price as to the manner in which the wood they buy is piled.

FROM MINNESOTA.—In a letter to us, written under date of 29th ult., enclosing $1.00 for the ADVANCE for 1884, Mr. T. E. McGirr says:—"I might just say that the cold weather set in here night before last, 27th. The thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, but of course that lasted only for a few hours. We have had beautiful weather here all fall. Scarcely any snow yet. The freight traffic over the R. R. (C. P. R.) is decreasing very rapidly; a large number of men have been discharged. Passenger traffic going east is very good. Thousands of people going east—some for the winter—others not to return. Business in the mercantile line is considered very good at present."

ARTEMESIA LODGE.—The following is a list of officers elected of Artemesia L. O. L. No. 244:—

Bro. William Sharp, Master.
" W. J. Henderson, D. M.
" George Moore, R. S.
" James Love, F. S.
" William G. Orr, Treas.
" Jos. A. Blakley, Chaplain.
" John Hales, D. of C.
" James Best, First Co.
" George Blakley, Lecturer.
" Thomas J. Stinson, Com. Man.
" Thomas Blakley, "
" Thomas Wauchob, "
" Robert Sampell, "
" David A. Stinson, Inside Tylor.

GEORGE MOORE, Sec'y.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the last regular meeting of Flesherton Lodge No. 142, A. O. U. W., in their hall, Strain's block, the following gentlemen were duly elected officers for 1884:—

S. Damude, P. M. W.
M. P. McMaster, M. W.
M. Richardson, Overseer.
W. G. Pickell, Recorder.
J. Gordon. D. M.
G. Stewart, Receiver.
Sept. Good, Guide.
Alf. Melloy. I. W.
Wm. Wright, O. W.

After the business of the business of the Lodge had been transacted, the members of the Lodge were treated to an oyster supper at Munshaw's Hotel, by the retiring Master Workman, Mr. S. Damude. Mr. Damude has filled this position very worthily during the past year. There were a number of strangers at the supper, who appeared very much interested in the proceedings. After honoring the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, &c., the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," and dispersed.

The Red Flag.

The Red Flag is always a sign of danger and we warn our readers to shun it, even if it heralds a bankrupt stock. Often this is made a lure to draw the cash from the pockets of "bargain" loving people. McKenzie's stock was bought at 70½ cents on the dollar and when all expenses, together with old stock is taken into consideration, there is not much margin for selling cheap. The purchasers only remain for a few weeks, while money is supposed to be plentiful and then leave with plenty of cash in their pockets and no book debts. Deal with those who are always with you, and if you pay "spot cash," you will get just as good bargains. This bankrupt stock business is a humbug, and if you don't realize it before you purchase you will after. Remember the danger signal to your pockets—the red flag—and deal with established tradesmen instead of those who are here to-day and away to-morrow. Being always in the business a lot of inferior goods are often imported and mixed with a staple stock, which are bought under the impression that they were part of what was known to be a good selection—Don't be too eager to get bargains from those whose trade it is to make money out of these sales.—*Durham Chronicle.*

Letter from Mr. J. M. Webster.

To the Editor of The Advance.

Mr. Editor,—I have purposely delayed writing to you in order to be in a position from actual experience of this country to say what my views are in regard to it. I will therefore have to place it under certain heads,—first, the Weather; next the people as I have found them, and then the Products.

The months of June, July, August and September there was scarcely any rain, but this, I am informed was an exceptional year, as it is apt to be showery along the east range, and remember it is to this range to which I refer. From September to the present time has been very wet. It has rained about half time. Thunder and lightning is very rarely heard here. I have heard thunder; it seemed very distant. The first snow fell on the 23rd of this month, November; is now about 7 inches deep, but it is expected it will all go. After two or three days rain the sun will come out bright and warm and you soon forget that it had rained.

The People.—They are from all parts of the world; from Australia, California, Manitoba—quite a few, after having taken up land in Washington Territory, have abandoned it and come here. Californians speak of this country as being far ahead of California. Yet I must say, that although the thermometer seldom falls lower than 15 above zero, I feel a sort of cold and chilly this damp weather, yet withal, I like this country.

Products.—Grain of any kind comes to great perfection. Spring wheat I have seen equal to our Fall Wheat. Peas are sown in March, but April is the general seed time. Root crops come to amazing perfection. Potatoes—I have never seen any like them in Canada. I have seen Cabbage 30 lbs. in weight, and I am told this is quite common. Farming is very little attended to. The great rush is for grazing land. Cattle raising is more profitable. and there is less labor. The rivers swarm with fish—Salmon of different kinds. You can wade into any small stream and pull them out with a crooked spike tied to a pole, but take care they don't knock you off your feet. Sturgeon have been caught in the Frazer weighing 15 cwt.

There is very little talk of gold at present. I forgot to mention the Chinese: they are in swarms all over the country. Victoria is full of them, Westminster has a goodly share, and Yale, 100 miles further up, is alive with them. They work cheaper than white men, yet *one white man will do as much work as three of them.*

The timber is simply of an enormous size. Fir large enough to make 10,000 feet of lumber, clear of the limbs, are quite common.

The C. P. R. will be in operation some time in the Spring, from Yale. the head of navigation on the Fraser, to Port Moody, a neck of the sea running inland. This division will be over 100 miles; they are working at it day and night, Sundays not excepted.

I have boiled this down as small as possible, and have not time to write more at present.

There is great carelessness in the mails between Canada and here, as I have lost some letters which I sent home.—J.M.W.

Nov. 26th, 1883.

Public Reprobates.

To the Editor of the Advance.

Evil-minded persons give vent to their spleen in such manner as brings upon its perpetrator the contempt it deservedly merits. It is one of the penalties of our fallen humanity, that the just must suffer the penalty of other men's sins.

Recently a villainous illustration of this was brought to the door of one of our most respectable hotels. A studious regard for the welfare of others led the writer to suppose that innovations upon respectability would be an impossibility. However, our estimate of a portion of the "humanity" that exists in our locality, undeceived us in the moral estimate we made of the moral—or immoral—surroundings.

A few evenings ago an individual made a dastardly and violent physical assault upon members of the household of the "Mansion House" in this town. The well-known respectability of those who were attacked renders it apparent that the assault was the deliberate result of a low, villanous, plot; and the contemptable tool used for the purpose is to-day heartily sorry for the degraded position evil advice led him into; yes, the tool of one who seeks public favour, but endeavours to carry out baseness, and at the same time bear the semblance of white-wash cordiality.

Were this an individual case, the trouble might not be taken to expose the villany; but when it is known that the same House has been the originator of intent which merged upon murder, so far as public opinion went to show, then I think *Reverence* for respectability should be avoided. Evil intent may be inferred from the fact of a lusty young man of 22 years of age assaulting two aged men, one 60 and the other 75 years.

The increase of population in our community has not been productive of this good which we might reasonably expect. Those who are expected by the rules of law and society are expected to be peace-protectors; but when we find those individuals inciting to deeds of violence and bloodshed thro' the influence of a few glasses of wiskey, we say the dwellings of such should not receive much *Reverence.*

Yours
RATEPAYER.

Markdale, Dec. 14th, 1883.

Very Remarkable Recovery.

Mr. Geo. V. Willing, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "My wife has been almost helpless for five years, so helpless that she could not turn ever in bed alone. She used two bottles of Electric Bitters, and is so much improved, that she is able now to do her own work." Electric Bitters will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of testimonials attest their great curative powers. Only 50 cents a bottle at Richardson's Drug Store.

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Such as Monuments, Tomb Tables, Headstones Counter and Table Tops—in American and Italian Marble and Granite, and made on short notice. Also Mantles in Marble and Marbleized Slate, &c., &c.

Flesherton, Aug. 30, 1883.

WILLIAM HOGG,

FLESHERTON STATION.

Respectfully announces that he has received a

Large Supply of New Goods,

suitable for the season, all of which have been purchased to the best advantage, and will be sold cheap for Cash or Country Produce. The new arrivals are Extensive and varied in

Dry Goods, Winter Clothing, Boots &c., &c., &c.

Also a full supply of **Hardware, Groceries, Provisions, Crockery,** &c. Inspection of the Stock invited.

My Branch Store at EUGENIA kept fully supplied with Goods.

I offer FOR SALE or TO LET, my SAW MILL at Little Falls; drives under 36 ft. head of water; all in good order, with about 400 acres of Timber Land on which the Mill is situated. There are also several other Good Mill Sites on the property. Liberal Terms on either purchase or lease to a competent man. WM. HOGG.

Flesherton Station, 1st Nov., 1883.