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FLESHERTON:
THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1885.

WAS HE GUILTY?

"After reading the last statement of Cook Teets, who was executed a couple of weeks ago at Owen Sound, we are inclined to think that an innocent man has been doomed to death. It can scarcely be imagined (when he knew all hope of reprieve was gone) that, standing literally on the brink of the grave, he would so strangely protest his innocence were he guilty. He had nothing then to gain but everything to lose by asserting to his spiritual adviser his innocence of the death of his wife. From any point of view it would have been better to admit the crime were he guilty of it than taking the opposite course. If he were really guilty of the crime his statement adds very materially to his load of guilt. With the grave open to receive him we cannot understand how any sane man would persist in falsehood in his very last step down to it. Circumstances were evidently against the condemned. But should a man be hanged on purely circumstantial evidence? Grant that he had a fair trial; grant that he was seen with strychnine in his possession; grant that strychnine was found in the stomach of his wife after her death; grant further that he held an insurance policy on the life of his wife. After granting all this we must admit that the fact of his having the strychnine and the policy were known to some person or persons, then how easy, with such a knowledge, for the person with malice and murderous intent to administer the strychnine and hang poor blind Cook Teets for the murder, and how impossible for Cook Teets to disengage himself from the net in which he might be innocently enveloped."—*Hanover Post.*

The above article may have been written with the best intentions, and possibly it was; but we emphatically protest against the sentiments contained therein; besides, the article having been written too late in the day to be of any service to the unfortunate criminal, is extremely injudicious. It questions the justice of judge and jury, and declares its belief that Cook Teets was an innocent man—*after* the criminal had paid the full penalty of the law for the heinous crime of which he stood convicted. Our cotem. also darkly hints at the possibility of some other person or persons being implicated in the atrocious murder. As the *Post* was acquainted with all the facts in connection with the case months before Cook Teet's trial, why did it not *then* give expression to its views? In our opinion the criminal's "last statement" does not necessarily prove his innocence of the crime. How many murderers—who have been proven such on the most unquestionable evidence—have gone to the bar of God with a *lie* on their lips? Is it not a fact that the majority of murderers are innocent men, *in their own opinion*, up to the very moment when the fatal bolts are drawn?

We do not pretend to say that Cook Teets was either innocent or guilty of poisoning his wife; what we do say is, that he had a fair trial before an upright judge and jury, was found guilty, and punished to the fullest extent of the laws of the land. If he was innocent, so much the better when he appeared before the bar of the Judge of the universe, who knows all hearts; if guilty, then justice has been done, and while he had more than four weeks in which to prepare to meet his Maker, his unhappy victim *had not that many hours.*

A sense of duty has compelled us to refer to the very injudicious and unwarrantable strictures of the Hanover *Post.*

STEALING EDITORIALS.

In reference to the communication from the pen of Wm. Brown in last week's STANDARD, anent the *Canada Presbyterian*, we may say, the article referred to was a clipping from Toronto *Truth* (not credited). We consider *Truth* a very reliable journal, and have no doubt there was a great deal of truth in the article; further more the fact of a new paper being established in the intrests of the same denomination, strengthens our opinion in the matter; be that as it may we have no desire to discuss the question. —*Markdale Standard.*

An open confession, they say, is good for the soul. If so, then our confrere of the *Standard* is to be congratulated; although the confession wrung from him by the severe pen of Mr. Wm. Brown, that the article anent the *Canada Presbyterian*—one of the very ablest religious papers on this side the Atlantic—was from Toronto *Truth* and not original, as the public were led to suppose, must have cost the *Standard* man some severe qualms of conscience ere he made the heartbreaking confession in the item quoted above. For how many articles may he not have slyly stolen from the same source and palmed off as original! Goodness only knows; according to his own confession, in a previous issue, he is in the habit of frequently clipping articles from exchanges without giving credit. His *own* confession, gentle reader. Toronto *Truth* is no more reliable than many other papers published in that city, and because another Presbyterian Journal has sprung into existence it does not necessarily follow that our esteemed and long-established contemporary, the *Canada Presbyterian*, is not true to the best interests of the Church of which it is the great champion in this country.

HOWARD CLIFTON AND JAMES TAYLOR COMBINATION

The entertainment in the Town Hall, on Monday evening, 22nd Dec, under the auspices of the above combination, was, owing to the big storm, not very well attended. Those who were present, however, say it was the best entertainment ever given in our village. Our P. D. says Taylor is just "stunnin," Howard Clifton a "buster," and Miss Ada Alexandra "immense." We are unable to particularize as we were suffering from a severe illness at the time and were unable to attend.

The Meaford-Flesherton Mail route.

It is understood that the contract of carrying the mail on the Meaford and Flesherton route, as per new arrangement, has been awarded to Mr. Thomas Jordan, postmaster at Epping, his offer, $760 per annum, having been the lowest received. The contract will remain in operation four years, unless otherwise determined by the Postmaster-General, who reserves the right to terminate it at any time during the term by giving the contractor three months previous notice. We are informed that Mr. Jordan will take charge of the Epping-Meaford service himself, and that he will sublet the Epping-Flesherton branch to Mr. Jas. C. Curry, of Epping. The duties commence on January 1.—*Meaford Mirror.*

A HUMAN BAROMETER.—The man with rheumatism can feel the approach of bad weather in his aching joints. Hagyard's Yellow Oil cures rheumatism, aches, pains and injuries.

JAMES HANSON, ESQ.

In a letter in last week's Markdale *Standard*, one James Hanson—evidently living out in the Vandeleur neighborhood—says, among other things with which we have nothing to do:—

"I appeal to you for a short space in the columns of the *Standard as it is the only medium* through which *ordinary mortals* in this part of the county *can hope to obtain a fair hearing.*"

Now, Mr. James Hanson, we beg to inform you in the plainest and most expressive Anglo Saxon at our command, that YOU LIED when you made that outrageous statement. We might have said you prevaricated, or you uttered a falsehood, or you did not tell what was true, or some other *genteel* rant, but we much prefer the vigorous tongue which strikes straight out from the shoulder and knocks the lie down the throat of the man who has had the temerity to utter it. We do not know that James Hanson has ever had a letter published in the columns of a newspaper before the one we refer to appeared in print, and, therefore, he is not justified in expressing any opinion whatever in the matter. THE ADVANCE has *never yet refused*—and *never will* refuse to allow any man, woman or child, to "obtain a fair hearing" in its columns. And Hanson must know there are other papers in this part of the county equally impartial in this respect.

We trust when Mr. Hanson next has occasion to "rush into print" he will not preface his remarks by a *lie*, as he has done in this case. It doesn't speak well for his character as a truthful man.

"JOURNALISTIC AMENITIES."

The Meaford *Monitor* of 19th ult, has an excellent editorial on the above subject in reply to an article in the Barrie *Advance* under the same heading. The *Monitor* takes the correct view when it points out the absurdity of country newspapers *affecting* impersonality when controlled by one person. There are many other excellent points in the editorial referred to, but want of space forbids specific reference.

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