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HOME NEWS.

Sayings and Doings in Town and County.

ITEMS COLLECTED AND REPORTED FOR THE FREE PRESS.

—DOG DAYS. —Now write August. —Civic Holiday next Wednesday. —The raspberry season is about over. —PEACHES are offered for sale in town. —BRAMBLE berry picking will soon commence. —WHERE do you intend to spend your Civic Holiday? —SOME of the farmers in this vicinity have commenced cutting their oats. —ACROSS voters' list has been completed, and is now in the hands of the clerk. —THE employees of the Canada Glove Works commenced this week to work overtime. —THERE was a gentleman in town on Tuesday trying to organize a concert of the order of Foresters. —MILTON celebrated its civic holiday with a city car excursion to Toronto over the C. & N. Railway. —LOU MATTHEWS practices daily on his bicycle. He'll be taking a trip to Toronto some of these days. —THERE is an excursion to Bradford on Wednesday, 10th inst., over the G. T. R. Fare, \$1.50 for the round trip. —YOU may be well known in your town without advertising, but you will not be well kept in mind as well known. —MR. DAVID McKeown, ex- of, from Acton, near Creighton's Corner, was struck on Tuesday. His recovery is doubtful. —QUITE a number of subscribers have been added to our subscription list during the week, several of them being in the Old Country. —THAT was a good start, Bro. News. Try another side this. We don't have to wander all over the world to find enough items to fill our local columns any day. —THE regular Quarterly Meeting and Sacramental services of the Methodist church of this village will take place on Sunday next, commencing at 10:30 a. m. —MERCHANTS and others requiring bills heads this fall, will be the winners by leaving their orders at this office at once. It is the early "bird" that catches the "stamps." —WE ARE sorry, very sorry, indeed, to see such "respectable" young men take such a time as Sunday night to get drunk and make such disgraceful objects of themselves upon the streets. —THE Board of Trustees of Acton School Division have purchased the triangular plot of ground north-west of the school property. The play ground will thus be augmented by nearly an acre. —WE HAVE received the initial number of "The Literary Digest," a new religious-scientific and philosophical monthly journal, published by Messrs. Hall & Co., New York. Send for sample copy. —"PIZZA picnics are the latest." —ECHOES. We heard of such a picnic being held on Main street the other day which was kept up until three o'clock in the morning. There were only two participants though. —WHILE a number of men were assisting to lower the plow factory smoke stack last Thursday, a pile pole fell, striking Mr. John P. Worden in the face. The blow bruised his nose and gave him a very sore face for a few days. —A FLOOR gate way at Barber's paper mill, Georgetown, yesterday precipitating a quantity of brick upon a workman named Oscar Maw, almost burying him. Strange to say, he escaped with a number of cuts and bruises and a broken bone in one hand. —THE secretary of the Toronto Industrial Association has favored us with a copy of the price list for the great exhibition to be held in the Exhibition Park, Toronto, from the 5th to the 17th of September next. This exhibition promises to be the greatest ever held in Canada. —MR. M. Speight, blacksmith, met with a severe accident on Thursday last. He was cutting a short piece of iron with the clipping machine, and by some means got his left thumb under the cutter, which squeezed the flesh off the bone and bruised the thumb very badly. The wound is now healing rapidly, however. —THE lightning during the thunder storm on Monday played "bob" with the telegraph offices in town and almost played "bob" with Hobbs, one of the Dominion line operators here. Mr. S. Hobbs, clerk in McGarvin's drug store, was about to send a telegram, when a customer came into the shop, and while he was waiting on him the lightning struck the wire and the electric current entered the office with a report like the discharge of a cannon, destroying all the telegraph instruments connected with the wire. Had the operator been at the key at the time he would not doubt have been instantly killed. The damage to the instruments amounted to about \$200. Both the Montreal and G. T. R. offices received shocks at the time but no damage was sustained. Several telegraph poles were shattered in the vicinity of Creighton's Corner during the storm.

—Comiso—Civic Holiday. —The evenings are pleasant. —COUNTY Council met on Tuesday last. —COURT REPORT quarters are in circulation. —DID you hear Talmage in Georgetown last night? —OAKVILLE has chosen Wednesday, 10th inst. for its civic holiday. —A MAD dog created a sensation in Toronto on Monday. Two men were bitten. —THE FIRST threshing machine of the season passed through town on Thursday. —MR. C. S. Smith has just received a new bar on his property north of the G. T. Railway. —THERE are a number of gentlemen in town who spend the most of their leisure playing croquet. —FARMERS are buying largely of the merchants in town; another evidence of improving times. —THE Baptist congregation paid \$250 for the privilege of having Talmage lecture in Georgetown last night. —THE lumber has been on hand for the Big Six street sidewalk for a week or more, but the work has not yet commenced. —ALL items of interest, including the arrival and departure of friends, are gladly received for the benefit of our readers. —HAVE any of the farmers in this vicinity taken into consideration the construction of silos? If not they should look into the subject. —MR. J. Boyd, student of Toronto University, is officiating in the absence of Rev. W. J. Pigott. He preached an excellent sermon last Sunday evening. —THERE is an excellent opening in Acton for a Banking Institution of some kind. A branch of one of the chartered banks is preferred by our business men. —THE son of Mr. Ferr, who lives about 2 1/2 miles north of Oakville, was kicked in the face by a horse he was driving. Dr. Sutcliffe was sent for and sewed up the wound. —WE welcome to our exchange list the CIVIC, published in Clearfield, Pa. It is one of the most interesting papers on our list and devotes the greater part of its space to local matters. —THE rain storm on Monday was a most welcome one. Vegetation had begun to suffer from the absence of rain, but since Monday's shower a new life seems to have been instilled into everything. —OUR especial thanks are due to Mrs. S. A. Snood for an exquisite and most fragrant bouquet. Through the kindness of Mrs. Snood our editorial table is seldom without a collection of flowers from her garden. —THE by-law for the raising of a loan to Creelman Brothers, Georgetown, for the purpose of erecting a knitting machine factory there was voted on Monday, resulting in 100 votes for and 19 against. We congratulate the enterprise of our sister town. —A TRAVELLING fire eater struck Acton on Thursday last and gave an exhibition of his fire eating propensities, at the corner of Mill and Main streets, which amused the juveniles. The collection he received was insufficient to pay his hotel bill, (so he said). —A SHORT time ago some persons who wished to do some work in the village cemetery, borrowed the plan from the caretaker, the late John Speight, Esq., failing to return it. The plan is now urgently required, and whoever has it will kindly return it to Mr. J. Speight, jr., immediately. —T. J. WEST, formerly of this village, has been transferred from the Rockwood station to be night operator at the G. T. R. passenger station Guelph, and Fred Jennings, the late night operator at Uxbridge, has been appointed agent at Rockwood in place of Frank Dunn, who has left for England for the benefit of his health. —ON SUNDAY last as Mr. J. Sharp and wife, of Erin, were returning home from this village, after church, their horse became frightened at the cars and ran away, throwing both occupants out of the buggy. They, however, miraculously escaped injury. Mr. E. Hemstreet caught the horse a short distance from the scene of the accident. —THE executors of the estate of the late Sidney Smith, Esq., have sold the machinery, including the engine and boiler, belonging to the Plow Factory, and it has been removed from the premises. We understand that they had a good offer from a man who wanted to open a foundry in the premises, but they concluded to sell the property separately. We thought the executor, one of whom is our worthy reeve, Mr. C. S. Smith, had the interests of the village more at heart than to accede to the removal of the machinery from the factory, when there was a prospect of an important industry being permanently settled in our village. We think the executors have made a mistake and have done neither the estate nor the village justice by the transaction. But of course they have the power to act as they see fit. —BY THE proclamation in another column it will be seen that the reeve has set apart Wednesday, 10th inst., as Civic Holiday for this municipality. There has been nothing said about getting up a special excursion from Acton, but there are a number of excursions to various points of interest on that day which are available to our citizens. (An excursion leaves here for Bradford, tickets \$1.50, good to return on any train the following day. The Grand Lodge L.O.O.F. meets in that city on Wednesday, and a most interesting programme has been provided. There are also excursions to Detroit at \$2.50 for the round trip, to Cleveland for \$2.50, and Chicago for \$13.90, tickets good for ten days, the train leaves Guelph for this excursion at 9:45 a.m. Excursions to other places of interest are advertised, and altogether we think the day proclaimed by the reeve will be very acceptable to our citizens. The shops and business places in town will be closed during the day.

—Are you a subscriber? —The weather is pleasant. —Our story this week is a good one. —DARRENWOOD's hotel, Brantford, was burned last week. —ISN'T it about time the Frederick street sidewalk was completed. —THE thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade yesterday. —MRS. HUGHES & GRIFFIN have erected a very neat veranda in front of their store. —A FIGHT took place between two horse traders on Main street, on Monday night. Bad business. —SOME person has borrowed a shovel belonging to the sexton of the Methodist Church, and forgotten to return it. —THE Acton Free Press, of Acton, Ont., Canada, is one of the newest papers we receive. —MR. JAMES MOORE has just got in over 4000 pickled lambkins, which he will manufacture into various kinds of glove leather. —ONE reason why people do not visit stores that do not advertise is because they do not wish to disturb the person who is reading behind the counter. —THURSDAY is flourishing. In the country, fields are sown with them, and in town vacant lots and yards in many instances have a plentiful supply. —A MATCH between Milton and Georgetown lacrosse clubs was played here last Thursday afternoon, resulting in a victory for the former by three games to one. —TWO more glovecutters arrived on Monday last from England, and have taken their places in the cutting department of the Canada Glove Works. The staff of this important industry is constantly increasing. —THE Hamilton Spectator says:—"The Telegram markets because a Bradford horse walked into a bar room. Just as if a horse can't do what many an ass has done," and adds, "This is by the temperance editor." —ON THE 10th of August a grand excursion, under the auspices of Progress Lodge, L. O. O. F., will leave Guelph on the 9:45 train, G. T. R., for Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Grand Rapids, and other points in the Western States, good for ten days. —OWING to the civic holiday having been proclaimed for Wednesday, 10th inst., the Free Press will be issued on Tuesday afternoon, 9th inst. The majority of the country papers suspended publication during the week of the annual civic holiday but the FREE PRESS has never failed to appear any week since the first issue, on July 2nd, 1875. —IN OUR next issue we will publish a chronological table of the Kings of Judah and Israel, with observations on the same, prepared by Mr. R. Little, P. S. L. The table will be of considerable interest to biblical students, and as there will no doubt be a large demand for extra copies of the paper, those wishing extras will kindly leave their orders early. —ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Mr. Robt. Wilkott, near this town, met with a very serious accident last Sunday night. During the storm that night he arose from bed to close some windows, and in returning, in the dark, missed his way and stepped down the cellar-way. He was badly hurt about the head, and it is feared his spine has received serious injury. —MILITARY.—The population of our county is found by the recent census to be 21,330, which is a decrease since 1871 of 576. Had the census not been taken until next year, the opponents of the Scott Act would no doubt have attributed the decrease to the passage of the Scott Act in the county. The present population of Milton is 1,303, an increase of 412 in ten years. That of Oakville is 1,710, an increase of only 22 in the same period. —ON Thursday evening Mr. D. Whitley drove past the band stand while the band was playing, and not noticing a little boy, son of Mrs. Josiah Adams, who was playing in the street, ran over him. The wheel passed over the right leg, but luckily no bones were broken, and the injury was not serious. We have repeatedly advised parents to keep their children at home at night, as when under the parental roof they are out of either physical or moral danger. —THE Brass Band rendered a number of fine selections, the most of them in excellent style, on the band stand last Thursday evening. The boys are improving rapidly and our little town is in a position to boast of possessing the finest brass band in the county. "The boys' apparatus in these open air concerts is uniform, and our citizens no doubt appreciate the trouble taken to make a creditable appearance, as well as to provide good music. The following was the programme performed during the evening:— 1. Polka.....Philopis. 2. Quickstep.....The Boes. 3. Waltz.....Charming. 4. Quickstep.....Gathering up the Stars. 5. Fantasia.....The Mocking Bird. 6. Quickstep.....Adelia. 7......The National Anthem. —THE Guelph Mercury says:—"William Monteith, Alfred A. Riddell, Harry Baker, and William McKeocher, who are students at the Agricultural College, on Thursday afternoon in a trial of speed in binding, did about the best work we have heard of on the harvest field. In six hours they bound eight acres of heavy fall wheat, following the reaper, which was driven at high speed, so closely that the last sheaf was taken from the table as the machine stopped. Who can beat this? We can hear Mr. George Leslie, Esq., out with a Massey reaper, fourteen acres of fall wheat in ten hours. The first was one of the best in this section of the country, and the grain was heavy throughout. Messrs. Jas. Gamble, John McFarish, and Neil and Alex. McLean, bound the wheat and kept up to the machine to the last.

—CIVIC HOLIDAY! WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS of the Municipality of the Village of Acton would hereby request your Worship to have... Wednesday, the 10th of August, Proclaimed as a Civic Holiday for our Village. Dated 3rd August, 1881. James Matthews and thirty-eight others.

PROCLAMATION: In compliance with the above petition, I hereby proclaim WEDNESDAY, the 10th of AUGUST, 1881, a Public Holiday in the Village of Acton, and request all citizens thereof to observe the same in a due and proper manner. C. S. SMITH, Reeve. Acton, Aug. 3, '81.

AUCTION SALE: REAL ESTATE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Emanuel Garrett, to sell by public auction on the premises, next to Agnew's hotel, Acton, on... SATURDAY, 27th AUG., 1881, the following real estate and household furniture:— Lot No. 11, West Main street, in the Village of Acton, containing one-fifth of an acre. On the premises is a good dwelling house, containing six rooms and summer kitchen, hard and soft water. The property is situated in the business part of the village. Furniture:— 3 Bedsteads; 1 bureau; 2 closed Washstands; 2 Centre-Tables; 1 Hall and Table; 1 Extension Table; 1 Sideboard; 1 corner Cupboard; 2 Sewing Machines; 2 Lounges; 1 Parlor Chair; 2 rocking Chairs; 1 Kitchen Chair; 1 Cook Stove; No. 10 Cook Stove; other articles not mentioned. TERMS.—On Real Estate to be made known on application, and on day of sale on Furniture, Cash. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock p.m. No reserve, as the proprietor is leaving Acton. W. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

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