

## THE FREE PRESS.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 6, 1881.

### IS CRIME INCREASING?

The great number of crimes of various characters, daily brought to light, lead many to exclaim "What is the world coming to?" we think, considering the increase of population and the rapidly improving facilities for committing crime, that this is scarcely a just inference. Locally considered, criminal cases seem to be on the decrease, but the bulk of population are enlarging so rapidly and new territories are easily that the evils referred to are more apparent than real.

### THE WINNING OF WEALTH

We believe the winning of wealth to be a perfectly legitimate pursuit. Wealth has great and beneficial uses, and the world would go very slowly if money could not be accumulated in wise and enterprising hands; but wealth may be used to make all men poor if it is not used for the public welfare. When a rich man is only excited by his wealth with the desire to be richer, and goes on to exact larger profits and to grind the bones of the poor, in order that he may be superfluously rich, he becomes inhuman and unchristian. The Christian use of wealth is what we need in this country and in all countries. It is not that wealth is not sufficiently taxed for the support of those who are wrecked in health or fortune, but it is that wealth does not give the people a chance to escape from poverty; that it does not share its chances with the poor, and point the pathway for the poor toward prosperity. As a rule, wealth is only brought toward wealth, and the poor man feels himself cut off from sympathy with those who have the power of winning money. We may rest assured of one thing, namely, that the post in the future will insist on being recognized.

### THURSDAY'S STORM.

#### Terrible Thunder and Lightning.

The rain that had been longed for came down in torrents in this section last Thursday afternoon. It was preceded by a dense blackness in the heavens, so much so that the lamps had to be lit at 3 o'clock. After heavy claps of thunder and terrific lightning came a rain that in a few minutes flooded down the streets in heavy streams. It continued in this way for nearly an hour, fortunately without much damage around the near neighborhood.

A number of buildings in Nassagweys were struck with lightning, and others were unroofed by the strong wind.

A barn belonging to James Nickell, Equegan, was struck by lightning and burned, together with the contents. He had another barn in which part of this season's crop was stored, which was saved. Loss unknown.

The most painful incident in connection with the thunderstorm that has come to our notice, is that of Mrs. John McPherson, of the gate of Pusluc, who was killed by lightning at her own house between three and four o'clock in the afternoon.

### EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENON

Midnight Darkness at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a strange brilliant appearance, after which darkness again set in.

The general subject of discussion on the streets on Monday evening seemed to be the phenomenal appearance of the sky. As early as two o'clock a yellowish light was drifting eastward, and by three o'clock, the sun appeared as a blood-red disc in the heavens. As the afternoon advanced the atmosphere continually grew yellow, until, four o'clock a dark cloud appeared in the west, which gradually spread over the horizon, and in less than an hour all was darkness. About 5:30 the dark mass began to leave, and the sky once more became red and remained so until sunset, when Egyptian darkness again set in. When the lamps were first lit they presented a most peculiar appearance, resembling electric magnesium light. At intervals during the afternoon showers of ashes fell at different places in this vicinity.

The opinion expressed as to the cause of the strange appearance of the heavens, was that the volume of smoke collecting from the bush fires raging in all parts of the country, was hanging over the earth at a considerable elevation, and the sunlight shining through this gave that peculiar tint which everyone observed.

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### ANOTHER SUICIDE.

A Milton Man Shoots Himself With Revolver.

On Monday evening, 29th ult., Robert Suiter, a slightly respectably resident of the Township of Truelger, attempted to take his own life by shooting himself with a revolver. He had spent the day in Milton, and had taken his tea there. Reaching home about seven o'clock he proceeded to his own room, where he had not been more than fifteen minutes when the other inmates of the house were startled by the report of a revolver. The ball entered just over the heart, passed through the left lung and lodged in the back, about two inches from the spine, whence Dr. Bennett, of Milton, extracted it when he arrived. In consequence of the weapon having been held so close to the body, the flesh in the neighborhood of the wound was badly scorched. The patient is unable to lie down, and is induced to lose his breath on doing so, and is obliged to sit propped up by pillows in a chair. No cause can be assigned for the rash act of Mr. Suiter except that he had been in a low state of health and spirits for some time previous. Mr. Suiter is a man about 35 years old, unmarried, and in good circumstances.

LATER.—The victim of the above tragedy breathed his last on Friday and was buried on Sunday. The funeral was very largely attended, and great sympathy is expressed for the family and friends of the deceased.

### OVER THE FALLS

Suicide of a Toronto Man at Niagara Falls on Monday.

Domestic Troubles the Alleged Cause of the Act.

PROSPECT HOTEL, NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 5.—About 3 p.m. today David Crimmins, of 69 Edward street, Toronto, committed suicide by jumping over the falls from the log projecting from Table rock. He was last seen lying prostrated on the log; but at six quite a common occurrence for adventurous tourists to do the same, nothing was thought of his position. John Moore, employed as runner by Saul Davis, of the Table Rock house, had been observing him. When Moore turned and was going into the house the deed was committed. Moore, through curiosity, faced around to take one more look, and Crimmins was gone. He left his coat on the log. In the pocket of that garment was a letter which goes to say that he was driven to commit suicide by his wife and family and three Toronto priests. The body was recovered.

Marion's Career Finished.

The champion is now ex-champion. On Monday night he and Ross met at Queen's hotel, and the latter wanted Haskett to arrange a race. Haskett declined, knowing that he intended to retire altogether from boat-racing. His business required his undivided attention. When he went away from home it went to the bad, and now he was determined to devote himself entirely to it.

Little he had attempted to both train himself and attend to his hotel, but he had found it impossible, and therefore he had made up his mind to retire. He was perfectly aware he would sacrifice his title, but they were no objection to him. Thus ends the career of the greatest oarsman that ever lived.

### ARRANGED AT LAST

The Credit Valley Road to Run Their Trains into the Union Depot

For the past few months negotiations have been pending between the authorities of the Grand Trunk and the Credit Valley roads to make the Union Depot, Toronto, the terminus of the latter road. Through parlor cars will be run from Detroit and Toronto. A new time-table will go into effect on the 12th of September, by which three express trains will be run daily between To

ronto and St. Thomas.—*News.*

### Fall Exhibitions.

Canada's Greatest Exhibition, at Montreal, from 14th to 23rd Sept.

Toronto Industrial Exhibition, at Toronto, from 6th to 17th Sept.

Provincial Exhibition, at London, from 21st to 28th Sept.

Central Fair, at Guelph, on 4th, 5th and 6th Oct.

Equestrian Fair, at Georgetown, on Friday, 30th Sept.

Nassagweys Fair, at Brookville, on Friday, 30th Sept.

Halton County Show, at Milton, on 11th and 12th October.

Erastina, at Rockwood, on October 13th.

Northern, at Walkerton, October 4th and 5th.

Pelham County Show, at Brampton, on 3rd, 4th and 5th October.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Burnt's sawmill near Sydenham was burned on Tuesday. The mill had not been running for several years but nearly all the machinery was in the building at the time. The property belongs to the estate of the late Sidney Smith Esq., No insurance.

On Monday morning as Dr. Robertson, of Milton, was harnessing his team to take his team to town, he was attacked by a horse, the bridle took flight and kicked the Dr. in the groin, knocking him to the floor, from which he was carried insensible into his home. Dr. Bennett was summoned and dressed the wound, which is not considered dangerous.

Two robberies were committed in town one night last week. The thieves entered the residence of Mrs. Moore and stole a silver watch. The same night Mr. Goodman's residence was entered and his gold watch and some other articles were carried off. The belief is that they are professional thieves. A night policeman for a week or two might be a benefit.—Milton News.

The Georgetown Herald man thus exposes his penurious condition—“If our delinquent subscribers could only pay up, we would have enough money to get married with.” Well, Bro., if your funds are so low as that, and the girl is likely to go lack o’ you if you don’t get the knot tied soon, we will lend you enough to purchase the license, provided you give us your note with good security.

Mr. Mouldey lost a child belonging to Mr. J. Donnelly, stationer, of this place, accidentally shot into a cistern at play with his little sister. Mrs. Donnelly, attracted by the cries, rushed to the place, sprang down and saved the child. Life was almost extinct, and it was some time before a return of consciousness was obtained. We are pleased to learn that the little one has entirely recovered and is able to run around again.—Georgetown Herald.

### Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent. The Academy has been opened for the fall term, and there promises to be a large attendance.

Mr. Dyer, miller for Mr. Wm. Horrop, of Eden Mills, has removed to Rockwood to take charge of the oatmeal mill belonging to Mr. W. Farrel.

Mr. Harry McCarthy, who has kept a general store here for a number of years, has retired from the business. Mr. David Shantz has bought his stock of goods and will carry on the business.

The chief topic of conversation on Monday evening was the remarkable brightness which overspread the heavens, and speculations were rife, accounting for the strange phenomenon. Not a few were considerably frightened, thinking that mother Shipton's prophecy was about to be fulfilled.

### CITIZEN.

Nassagweys News.

From our own correspondent.

Mr. Peter Gould, of this Township, had the misfortune to have his dwelling house burned on Tuesday, the 30th ult.

It is supposed that a spark fell from the roof from the chimney and burning a hole through it fired the second story of the house. Most of the household goods were saved.

Nassagweys has been troubled with a great number of bush fires lately, destroying a great deal of good timber and in some instances injuring the crops.

The extreme heat, smoke and dust has made it hard to endure for some while back, but the shower on Thursday had a salutary effect on the atmosphere and fires.

Mr. McPherson returned to Nassagweys on the 2nd inst., and feels better for his trip to the ocean.

Open air meetings are being held at Campbellville Sunday evenings by Mr. Goodfellow.

### NED.

Improvements are constantly being made in the manufacture of steel pens. Estabrook's are of superior excellence. For sale by all stationers.

### FANCY WOOL GOODS.

Christie, Henderson & Co. have received and will open in a few days an immense stock of all kinds of Fancy Wool Goods, comprising Rain Shawls, Clouds, etc., etc., all of the latest designs and shades. These goods are extremely handsome and will be sold at very closest prices.

### "A SOUND MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY."

The old Roman idea of the highest degree of health is that the body must be the root, foundation, corner-stone of the physical system. Convalescence, Biliousness, distemper and bad taste in the mouth, yellow skin and eye, loss of appetite, loss of energy and low spirits, pain in the back and side, wind and foul stomach; all these create bad blood. Regulate the Bowels, Stomach, Liver and Kidneys with Zorilla (from Brazil); try a ten cent sample and ask your Druggist, J. E. McMurtry, about it.

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