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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 19, 1882.

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—Have

—You paid

—For the FREE PRESS for

—Eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

—Dull weather for the lumbermen.

—The rink is largely attended when it's open.

—"Tickets, please," at the skating rink to-night.

—Wonder if this year's ice crop will be a failure.

—Valentines are beginning to make their appearance.

—Farmers continue to bring in grain in small quantities.

—The Milton papers were a couple of days late last week.

—A good husband, like a good base-burner, never goes out at night.

—Georgetown is negotiating for the purchase of a new hand fire engine.

—There's not half as great a demand for snow shovels this winter as last.

—There is almost a firewood famine in town. Hardwood is very scarce.

—Acton manufacturers paid to their employees during 1881, over $22,000.

—The first meeting of the new Council will be held next Monday, at 11 a.m.

—Cannot each of our subscriber induce a friend to subscribe for the FREE PRESS for 1882.

—Reader, if you are not a subscriber to the FREE PRESS, try it this year—it's only $1.00

—Milton's municipal matters are badly mixed. Apparently nobody wants to be Mayor.

—Mr. Bengough, the well-known cartoonist of *Grip*, will lecture in Guelph to night.

—Read the new advertisements in this issue—read all the advertisements—it will pay you.

—The annual meeting of Eramosa Agricultural Society was held in Rockwood last Saturday.

—A phrenologist told some of our young men what to make of themselves, one night last week.

—The farm property offered for sale at Agnew's Hotel on Saturday, did not find a purchaser.

—The first meeting of the Fourth Division Court will be held in Matthews Hall, next Wednesday.

—Mr. Wm. Guthrie, of Guelph, will open a dry goods store in Georgetown in a couple of weeks.

—A wedding is on the tapis for next week. A couple of our citizens will be the happy contractors.

—The Fire Brigade of Georgetown has donned a new uniform. Ours is content with its old one yet.

—The Clearfield (Pa.) *Citizen* is now issued as a semi weekly. The editor exhibits any amount of enterprise.

—Shouldn't the band have serenaded the new Councillors. They might have replenished their funds thereby.

—Esquesing Agricultural Society's annual meeting is being held in the Council Chamber, Streetsville, to-day.

—The firm of Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, Barristers, Guelph, has been dissolved, Mr. W. H. Cutten retiring therefrom.

—Messrs. Hughes & Griffin have opened a branch store in Erin Village. Mr. Griffin will superintend the business there.

—A number of our citizens have been smitten with the Manitoba fever, and intend leaving for the prairie province in the spring.

—Never be at your place of business when a person wants to borrow money of you, because if you are in you will be out, but if you are out you will be in.

—The following typographical error shows the real importance of a comma. At a banquet this toast was given:—"Woman—without her man, is a brute."

—This time last year the skaters had put in six or seven weeks of skating, whereas thus far this winter only a few days of the invigorating pastime has been enjoyed.

—Wood wanted at the FREE PRESS office. Those who intend to bring us wood for their subscriptions should bring it along at once, otherwise we must have the cash.

—Since the advent of the new year it seems to have been a favorite device among correspondents to send letters dated 1881, with a 2 written over the last 1. They all do it.

—Begin the year well by devising liberally in the way of advertising for 1882, and if any doubt is felt as to the success of such a determination, first prove, satisfactorily to yourself, that there is room for such doubt.

—The worst [illegible] land in Canada is to be found in Bloomfield. The editor *Gazette* *de bang* discordant jangle, rip and tear his station.—*Georgetown Herald.* The editor will require to look out for [illegible] the next time he visits his native town.

—We like to see a news item, and variety in a home paper, and thereby to get a share of trade which else would go [illegible]. But above all things we like to see a man miserly mean, who never pays for his paper, always [illegible] and [illegible] to read the paper at the office. A man who is not worth the small part of what he is looks so economical, thrifty and prosperous, you know.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

A collection of [illegible]

—Money lost—see adv.

—Looks like winter again.

—January thaw last Sunday.

—Buy that snow shovel now.

—Clear your sidewalks of snow.

—Good Friday is the next holiday.

—Sleighs were quite numerous in town yesterday.

—Wonder if the new municipal broom will sweep clean.

—A few inches more snow would make excellent sleighing.

—The *Herald* says diphtheria is very prevalent in Guelph.

—The merry jingle of the sleigh bells has been heard during the week.

—Correspondents, boil down your communications, or we'll have to.

FORTUNATE.—Word has been received here that Mr. Jas. Barber, who recently left Milton for Winnipeg, has just cleared $20,000 on one real estate transaction in that city.—*News*

ONE AHEAD.—The trustees of Acton Public School pay their teachers' salaries monthly, and in this they are alone among the school corporations of the County. The system is commendable.

FINE HOGS.—A couple of weeks ago Mr. James Anderson, of the Scotch Block, killed two spring pigs, one weighing 378 lbs., the other 350 lbs. Mr. Anderson thinks he can't be beaten in this line.

CALENDAR—We have received St. Jacob's Calendar from the enterprising proprietors, Messrs. A. Vogeler & Co., of Baltimore, Md. The Calendar is the most interesting little book of the kind we have seen this season.

WHEN SHALL IT BE?—When is Acton's first Fire Company to be organized? Isn't it about time we were making a stir in this direction? Acton is not generally behind in anything calculated to promote her interests.

MUSICAL CONVENTION.—A musical convention under the direction of Prof. Smyth, of Guelph, will be held in this village, commencing on Tuesday, 17th inst., and continuing for four days A profitable time is expected.

DEBATE.—The subject for debate at the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association to-night is, "Resolved that married life is more conducive to happiness than single." A full attendance of the members is requested.

AGRICULTURAL.—The annual meeting of Halton Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall, Milton, on Wednesday the 18th inst., when officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other business of the Society transacted.

FOR MANITOBA.—Mr. Wm. Hulme, of Nelson, left Milton yesterday morning for the North-west, with the intention of purchasing more land in the vicinity of Brandon, where he already owns one section, (640 acres).—*Champion.*

IMPROVED.—A splendid picket fence six feet high now encloses the public school grounds. Including the property recently purchased by the trustees, the play ground contains nearly two acres. Very few school grounds can equal it.

AUCTION SALE.—Auction sale of real estate, farm stock and implements will take place on lot 11, con. 1, Erin, on Friday, 20th inst. The property belongs to Mr. R. W. H. Dunbar. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

AN EARLY TRAIN.—The Guelph Board of Trade are endeavoring to get the G.T.R. authorities to run the Dutch Mail an hour earlier in the morning, so that people can have more time for business when they go to Toronto. They are likely to succeed.

SHIPTON AGAIN.—An antiquarian has discovered that on account of the manner in which the almanacs were calculated when Mrs. Shipton existed on this mundane sphere, the year does not end till the 24th of next March. The old lady still has a chance.

THE NEW COUNCIL.—Our citizens are waiting patiently for the first meeting of the new council, to see what action the three members who declined to accept the nomination will take. Wonder if they will stick to their assertion that they "*will not act if elected.*"

EARLY CLOSING—We are glad to be able to say that the early closing movement among our merchants has now been carried on successfully for over two months. We trust it will be a permanent success, and every merchant who entered the agreement seems anxious to make it such.

ENLARGED.—The Palmerston *Telegraph* appeared last week in an enlarged and improved form. It still clings to the patent outside system though. Have a little more independence, Bro. Lacy, and print your paper all at home. It'll pay. However, we wish you continued success and prosperity.

CONUNDRUM.—One of our village merchants handed us the following conundrum yesterday:—"Why does our tonsorial artist delight in battling the faces of his customers with bay rum? Because it BURNS." We would direct the attention of our readers to the column for alter notices for a further solution.

ACTON A SPECIALITY.—Our village is noted to a considerable extent for specialties in its manufactures. Here is situated the largest Glove Manufactory in the Dominion; the largest Glove Leather Manufactory in the Dominion, and the only Cordovan Leather Tannery in the Dominion. Acton is an enterprising little town and has facilities for quite a number of large manufactories yet.

PRESENTATION.—The contest for station in last issue [illegible] Miss McKellar was [illegible] address, [illegible] beautiful silver tea set [illegible] of the Presbyterian [illegible] D. D. Christie [illegible] Rev. Dr. [illegible] supplied [illegible] Miss McKellar. She had been a teacher in the Stone School for several years, and by her removal a loss is sustained by the school.

NEW SYMPATHY.—In Georgetown people seemingly endeavor to compensate each other on the loss, by death, of a friend, by the donation of a few paltry dollars. The following interesting item appears in the last issue of the Georgetown *Herald*:—"On Monday last, upon his return from the funeral of his late wife, the Baptist congregation gave a reception to the Rev. J. Coutts, presenting him with $50, as an expression of esteem and sympathy with him in his sad bereavement.

IN TROUBLE.—The *News* says:—It seems that Milton is not to remain long alone in her municipal troubles, the force of example having doubtless exerted its influence upon that little hive of industry at the north of this County—the village of Acton. The FREE PRESS says that twenty-two candidates were nominated for the office of Councillor, and that fifteen of them declined the honor at the nomination; four more declined afterwards, leaving only three brave men in the field. They have a town hall scheme on hand up there which is said to be a source of some trouble.

MATRIMONIAL.—We clip the following from the Lincoln Neb. *State Journal*:—"At the residence of the bride's father, in Otoe county, Neb., Mr. James C Whidden to Miss Maria Jane Armstrong, Rev. M. F. Platt of Lincoln, officiating. A goodly number of the relatives and neighbors gathered in to make up the wedding party. After the marriage services were over the party sat down to a well-filled table, and as the wit and flow of soul went round the circle proved that all went merry as a marriage bell. After supper came the presentation of many rich and substantial things, from friends and neighbors, to the bride."

INSTALLATION.—At the last meeting of Acton Lodge, I.O.O.F., No. 204, the following officers were installed by Bro. M. Speight, D.D.G.M.:—

Bro. Thos. Smyth, N.G.
" James McLam, V.G.
" R. E. Nelson, R.S.
" R. Craine, P.S.
" M. Speight, Treas.
" D. Lawson, R.S.N.G.
" C. Stafford, L.S.N.G.
" D. McNair, R.S.V.G.
" M. Smith, L.S.V.G.
" A. E. Nicklin, R.S.S.
" J. E. McGarvin, L.S.S.
" W. Williams, War.
" D. McMackon, Con.
" J. Speight, I.G.
" G. Havill, O.G.
" Eli Snyder, J.P.G.
" R. Craine, G.L.R.

NOVEL.—The Acton FREE PRESS strikes off "personals" after the following charming manner:—"Mr. R. H. Watson, of Brantford, ate his Christmas dinner in Acton." The F. P. doesn't say in what part of Acton the dinner was eaten, or whether Mr. W. was all alone when he ate his dinner, or whether it was the only Christmas dinner that was eaten in Acton, or whether he ate his Christmas dinner on Christmas day, or why he ate the dinner in Acton, or whether it was because they had no Christmas dinner in Brantford, or—let's see, brother Moore, how was it, anyway?—Milton *News*. If our friend of the *News* is very anxious for particulars respecting that dinner, and will drop into our sanctum some afternoon, we'll tell him all about it. And if he comes we'll speak for a special little dinner for him, as he evidently doesn't know much about such things.

AMUSING—An incident of a rather amusing character occurred at the G.T.R. depot in this village on Tuesday last. One of our merchants (a single man) who was about to leave on the morning train, on a visit to some friends at a distance, arrived at the depot with his valise, placing it alongside a number of others while he purchased his ticket. In going to the train he accidently took a valise belonging to a young lady, and the satchels both having about the same appearance, he never noticed the mistake. During the day the young lady returned the valise, having found upon opening it that it contained wearing apparel hardly adapted to her wants, and was somewhat chagrined to learn that her own was in possession of the young gentleman, who was by this time a good many miles from home. We have not yet heard how the young man succeeded with the contents of the valise he took with him.

PERSONALS.

Mr. D. D. Christie spent several days this week in detroit.

Mrs. James Ostrander, of Salterville, Manitoba, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ryder, of Pilkington, were in town a couple of days this week.

Miss Aggie Allan, who spent her Christmas holidays with friends in Zimmerman, returned last week.

We had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. W. O. Morse, of Lowville. Mr. Morse denies the statement of the *Champion* of last week, that he was about to leave for Montana, U. S.

THE CRADLE.

SMITH.—In Acton, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex Smith, of a daughter.

PHILLIPS.—In Acton, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Phillips, of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

WORTEN—BURNS.—At the Methodist parsonage, Palmerston, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. J. Broley, Mr. J. P. Worten, to Miss Jessie Burns, both of Acton.

SEE—WOODSEE.—On Thursday, January 5th, at the residence of Hugh Seeley, Toronto, by the Rev. Jas. A. Sloan, Willie Seee, of Acton, to Miss Jessie Woodsee, eldest daughter of Thomas Woodsee, of Acton.

DEATHS.

[illegible] In Acton, on the 7th inst., Mr. Thomas [illegible], aged 61 yrs.

[illegible] In Acton, on the 9th inst., [illegible] Agnew, Esq., aged 69 yrs and 7 months.

A. W. GREEN

Desires to hereby apologise to his many customers for not inserting a Christmas advertisement, but his time has been so much occupied of late that it has been impossible.

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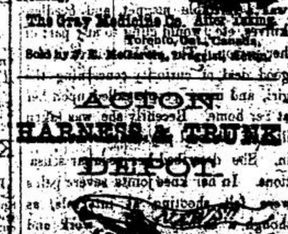

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