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BITS OF BREVITY.

Local and otherwise prepared by the use of the pen and scissors for readers of the Free Press. Steady winter weather. Jubilee singers this evening. Is your paper for 1888 paid for? Another wedding is said to be on the tapis. Snow is time to look for a January thaw. Acton's snow by-law is now very well carried out. Enquesting Agricultural Society's annual meeting to-day. Considerable wood is being brought in to the G. T. R. depot. Ice may well soon commence to replenish their store-houses. A reply card, a new style of postal card, is to be issued shortly. 1888. Have you got into the way of dating your letters correctly yet? Their is some talk of another M. D. taking up his residence in Acton. The inaugural meeting of the municipal council will be held next Monday. There has been first-class sleighing from the time the first snow appeared. It is generally supposed that the Provincial elections will take place in March. That subscription must have been taken up, for Jumbo has a new set of bells. The Canadian Jubilee Singers will give a sacred concert in the Methodist Church this evening. The Toronto Industrial Exhibition will be held this year from the 11th to the 23rd of September. Owing to the sacred concert in the Methodist Church this evening, the skating rink will not be opened. Mr. Richard Hamilton desires us to state that he did not consider himself a candidate at the recent municipal elections. The annual meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society will be held next Wednesday for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Are the members of the Village Council making arrangements for the grand opening of the new town hall, talked about some time ago. Messrs. Allen & Jenner, glove manufacturers, have made an assignment to their creditors. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon to look into the matter. The Kinsale Register has been changed to an eight-page sheet and has introduced a number of improvements. Bro. Back has our best wishes for future prosperity. There is at present considerable debate among the members of the County Council as to a bill of them will be elected Wardens. It is certainly Acton's turn for the honor. A winter prolixity a general January thaw, beginning with the 20th inst. He says there will be very mild weather with rain, and that the snow will disappear in many sections. Mr. Arthur L. Cameron, of Brandon, Man., has our thanks for copies of Manitoba papers, also a very neat volume on rural architecture, published by Mr. Cameron and his partner. Mr. John Cameron has purchased the brick building at the corner of Mill and Wilbur streets, and intends converting it into a carpenter shop. It will make a very good shop for that purpose. Calendars are plentiful, as usual, at the opening of the new year, and as far as we have seen they all agree perfectly in the arrangement of the days of the coming twelve months. Isn't it remarkable? Farmers and others desiring a general, inclusive agency business, for which \$3 to \$25 a day can be earned, send address at once, on postal, to H. C. Wilkinson & Co., 193 and 197 Fulton Street, New York. Every subscriber who pays for the FREE PAGES for 1888, will receive a copy of Kendall's Home Book, on sending for it. No books sent unless requested, as many of our subscribers already have the book. There are two ways of being happy—we may either diminish our wants or augment our means. The result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself, and to do that which may happen to be the easier. Four travelers for the Canada Globe Works started out on the road on Monday, with samples of spring goods. Two of them went East, the others West. Messrs. Storey & Son anticipate a very large business this season. The clergymen of Ottawa, who are reported as favoring moderation above abstinence should be able to draw the line of moderation for all constitutions and temperaments, as well as indicate an infallible test of the "good creature," as distinguished from the noxious imitations of it which constitute a large proportion of all the alcoholic beverages sold.—Windsor. The Acton Free Press of last Thursday started the whole world by stating that O'Rourke would be executed on the following day.—Milton News. Perhaps the readers of the News are aware that no error ever accidentally creeps into the columns of that sheet, but perhaps they are not. It pleases us to see the News acknowledge the wide-spread influence of the FREE PAGES, as it does in the above paragraph. The Best Coal Oil in Acton is to be had at J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton. Try it. J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton.

VILLAGE VARIETIES.

Collection of Local news and other matters of special interest to our Village Readers. Exchange of Pupils. Rev. W. Bryant, of the Methodist Church here, and Rev. W. Morton, of Georgetown, exchanged pupils last Sunday. Conservative Convention. A Conservative Convention will be held at Milton to-day, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the coming Provincial elections. Successful. We are pleased to note that Mr. Malcolm Gordon, formerly a resident of this vicinity, who entered Manitoba College, Winnipeg, several months ago, has passed a very successful preliminary examination. Acton's Taxes All Paid. The Village taxes are all collected, and the collector has returned his roll. The collector wishes to thank publicly those ratepayers who responded so willingly in the payment of their taxes after the first call. Non-Adhesive. "A Postage Stamp" writes to say that his body is too heavy for the amount of gum supplied it, and that in consequence its mission in life, namely to stick to letters, is often unfulfilled. "Any postmaster," says Postage Stamp, "will testify to the number of us who, unable to cling any longer, fall off and die in the mail bags." Fraternal Visit. On Monday evening last a number of the members of Acton Lodge, L.O.O.F., paid their brethren of Orion Lodge, Georgetown, a fraternal visit, in response to a very cordial invitation extended some time ago, and it is needless to say that the occasion was one which was highly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune of being present. The brethren met in the lodge room at the regular hour, when the usual work of the Order was proceeded with, after which D. D.G.M. Wheeler, of Georgetown Lodge, assisted by P. G. Smyth, Moore, Crane and Nicklin, of Acton Lodge, installed the officers elect for the current term. The business of the evening having been concluded, the visiting brethren were invited to adjourn to an adjoining banquet hall, where an excellent supper awaited their attention. The luscious viands, with innumerable condiments and et ceteras, were duly disposed of, and after a few warm words of welcome to the visiting brethren, the usual standard toasts were given. During the evening stirring addresses were made by members of both Georgetown and Acton Lodges, also by a couple of brethren from Brampton, which were warmly received by the company. The proceedings were interspersed with songs, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent. The Acton delegation spoke in the warmest terms of the wholesome treatment received at the hands of their Georgetown brethren, and assert that whenever the occasion presents itself they will endeavor to reciprocate their many kindnesses in the same spirit. Mr. Bennett and his good lady deserve special praise for the excellent spread provided on this occasion. PERSONALS. Miss Ada Bartol, of Toronto paid her Acton friends a short visit last week. Mr. L. McIntosh, of Brantford, spent a few days last week with Acton friends. Mr. Peter C. Grant and wife, of Caro, Mich., spent the past week with Acton friends. Miss Janet Bastede, of Milton, has charge of the second department of Acton Public School. Miss Gustie Speight, who has been spending a few weeks in her old home, returned to Markham yesterday. Mr. Chris. Swackhammer and bride spent their honeymoon with friends at Salford and Petrolia. They returned home on Saturday. Mr. Joel Leslie and wife, and Mr. Wm. Swackhammer and wife, have been visiting friends in Salford and Petrolia during the past week. THE ALTAR. NICKLIN.—STOREY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 10th inst., by Rev. W. Bryant, Mr. A. E. Nicklin, second son of Mr. Edward Nicklin, to Miss Minerva Storey, second daughter of Mr. W. H. Storey, all of Acton. NOTICE. All persons indebted to Dr. M. Forster, whether accounts have been rendered or not, will please pay Mr. James Matthews, on or before the 22nd inst. M. FORSTER, Palmerston, Jan. 5, '88. BUSINESS BREVITIES. Some Facts about our Business Men and Houses, of benefit to our general readers. Bulk Oysters by the quart at the Excelsior Bakery. E. Nicklin & Son. Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's. Fur Cloaks and Cheap Plumage go to Hughes & Griffin's, Acton. A good felt hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's. If you want a noble, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go. All kinds of Ladies Collars, Collar-ettes and Ties, at Hughes & Griffin's, Acton. Fresh Oysters by the quart constantly on hand at the Excelsior Bakery, Acton. Scotch, English and Canadian Saffings in great variety, at the East End Clothingstore, J. Fyfe, Acton. Hughes & Griffin sell Men's Fine Straw Hats at 40c. and upward. Fine Christy Stuffs at \$1.50—newest styles. Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton. We have a speedy and positive Cure for Catarrh of the Bladder, Cancer, Gonorrhoea, a Herd Acton, in Shiloh's Canada Balmery. A nasal injector free with each bottle. If you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. E. McGarvin.

Shating Exhibition. Mr. J. D. Bruce, the renowned, fancy and artistic shater, will give an exhibition in Acton rink on Monday evening next. A number of wonderful feats in the art of skating will be exhibited during the evening. Another attraction in the shape of an Obstacle Race, will also take place. Acton Brass band will be present. Wedding Bells. One by one our young men are overstepping the limits of single blessedness (!) and entering upon the more solemn duties of matrimonial life. This week it is our pleasant duty to record the marriage of our esteemed townsmen and former school fellow, Mr. A. E. Nicklin, of the Excelsior Bakery, to Miss Minerva Storey, second daughter of Mr. W. H. Storey, proprietor of the Canada Globe Works. The interesting ceremony was performed last evening at 6 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. Bryant, pastor of the Methodist Church, and the happy couple left on the evening train for Niagara Falls, where we understand it is their intention to remain for a few days, after which they will return to Acton and take up their residence here. We extend to the newly-wedded pair our best congratulations, and wish them a long and happy voyage over the sea of matrimonial life. Both are universally respected in this vicinity, and in extending to friend Nicklin and his bride the usual congratulations on such occasions, we feel assured that we fully endorse the sentiments of the community. Fraternal Visit. On Monday evening last a number of the members of Acton Lodge, L.O.O.F., paid their brethren of Orion Lodge, Georgetown, a fraternal visit, in response to a very cordial invitation extended some time ago, and it is needless to say that the occasion was one which was highly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune of being present. The brethren met in the lodge room at the regular hour, when the usual work of the Order was proceeded with, after which D. D.G.M. Wheeler, of Georgetown Lodge, assisted by P. G. Smyth, Moore, Crane and Nicklin, of Acton Lodge, installed the officers elect for the current term. The business of the evening having been concluded, the visiting brethren were invited to adjourn to an adjoining banquet hall, where an excellent supper awaited their attention. The luscious viands, with innumerable condiments and et ceteras, were duly disposed of, and after a few warm words of welcome to the visiting brethren, the usual standard toasts were given. During the evening stirring addresses were made by members of both Georgetown and Acton Lodges, also by a couple of brethren from Brampton, which were warmly received by the company. The proceedings were interspersed with songs, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent. The Acton delegation spoke in the warmest terms of the wholesome treatment received at the hands of their Georgetown brethren, and assert that whenever the occasion presents itself they will endeavor to reciprocate their many kindnesses in the same spirit. Mr. Bennett and his good lady deserve special praise for the excellent spread provided on this occasion.

A. W. Green. Desires to tender his warmest thanks to his many customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and takes this opportunity of presenting to them all the compliments of the season. THE CITY GROCERY. Is full from cellar to garret with goods suitable for the Holiday Season. I have not room to give the name of every article as some do, but I invite the public to come and inspect my stock for themselves. EVERYTHING AT BOTTOM PRICES. "I Won't be Undersold." I have on hand the finest grades of TEAS AND SUGARS. IN THE MARKET. I have just received a large quantity of that famous Gunpowder Tea, which will be sold at the low sum of 50c. per lb., or 45c. per lb. in five lb. lots; also 3 lbs. of good Japan Tea for \$1.00—during the holidays. GREEN sells cheap. GREEN does the trade. Acton, Dec. 21, 1882. GREAT BARGAINS Business Booming. AT THE— People's Flour & Feed Store. AS THE UNDERSIGNED HAS A large experience in the manufacture of FLOUR AND FEED. There is no doubt he can secure a good article of Flour at reasonable prices. Also, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Granulated Oatmeal, Granulated Wheat, Patent Roller Flour, (Hungarian System) Graham Flour, Potatoes, Apples, Bran, Shorts, and all kinds of Feed usually kept in a First-Class Feed Store. *All he asks is a fair trial and he will give you good satisfaction. Yours respectfully, R. ELLIOTT. Acton, Aug. 18th, 1882. The Largest AND BEST ASSORTMENT OF Biscuits, Confectionery ETC. ETC. AT THE EXCELSIOR BAKERY. Comprising, Fresh Biscuits from leading manufacturers. Choice Confectionery in great variety. Raisins Nuts, Icing Sugar, Cakes Trimmings, Wedding Cake Boxes, Mince Meat, Dates, Figs, Fancy Boxes of Xmas Confectionery, Jollies, Canned Goods Etc. Etc. Christmas & Wedding Cakes Made to Order. BULK OYSTERS constantly on hand fresh. Oyster parties supplied at a reduced rate. Christmas and Wedding Cakes Made to Order. Call and See Us. We wish you the compliments of the season, Yours Respectfully, E. NICKLIN & SON. Store, Acton. Try it. J. E. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton.

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