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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1886.

CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—Mr. W. P. Brown has been appointed assessor for 1886.

—The mercury dropped to 13° below the cipher on Tuesday night.

—The town hall is insured for \$4,500, and the public school for \$2,800.

—Mr. R. Holmes, butcher, has disposed of his business. The new proprietor takes possession next Monday.

—Mayor Andrew sold his trotting mare "Dash," on Saturday, to Mr. Jordan, of Toronto, for \$250.—*Ontario Star.*

—Mr. Martz, of Indiana, will preach in the Disciples' Meeting House on Sunday morning and evening, at the usual hours.

—Wouldn't it be just as well for the Council to permanently suspend rule 19 of their code of laws? A by-law is rarely passed without suspension of that rule.

—We are indebted to Mr. W. J. Nicklin, of New York, formerly of the Free Press staff, for copies of *Life and The Art Age.*

—They all do it. The St. Mary's Argus came to hand last week with a blank page. The explanation given was, "This page was pilled."

—Mr. N. A. Rossell has purchased the butchering business from Messrs. Billman and McConnell, which he formerly conducted.

—Councillor Joseph Fyfe—broad smiles—last Friday—glory enough for one day—it's a boy, an heir, a voter. The Free Press congratulates.

—The chairman of the Board of Education has called a meeting of the trustees for this evening, in the Council Chamber, at eight o'clock.

—Next Wednesday evening a calico apron and collar carnival will be held in Georgetown Roller Rink. A list of valuable prizes are offered.

—Last week the *Newmarket Era* commenced its 25th volume. The *Era* is an interesting journal, and is considered an authority on local affairs.

—The new lodge of Good Templars will be organized in the Odd-Fellows Hall next Monday evening. A full attendance of those interested is requested.

—Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Hillsburg, preached in Knox Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Knox College, Toronto, will be the occupant next Sunday.

—Our congratulations are extended to Mr. W. S. Johnston, editor of the *Port Elgin Times*, upon his election to the office of Warden of the County of Bruce.

—On Sunday last Rev. R. Phillips was still unable to occupy his pulpit. A prayer service was held in the morning and the usual evening service was withdrawn.

—The first announcement of Messrs. Henderson, McCrae & Co. in these columns, is made this week. They will speak frequently to our readers through this medium.

—The Sabbath School social at the residence of Mrs. B. Little, last Wednesday evening was quite successful. As a result Knox Sabbath School treasury is nearly \$25 richer.

—The village of Stonville lately paid \$200 for having defective sidewalks. We have no fears of any similar dignities in Acton; for our sidewalks are in first-class condition.

—The *Boston World*, one of our brightest and best exchanges, has been enlarged and otherwise improved. The *World* deserves and is bound to succeed, even if it is printed at a township corner.

—The regular quarterly communion services will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday. Mr. Geo. H. Kennedy, Georgetown, president of Halton Sabbath School Association, will preach morning and evening.

—The Guelph merchants have arranged with the G. T. R. authorities for a cheap trip to Guelph every Saturday. Return fare from Rockwood is 25 cents; Acton, 40 cents; Limehouse, 50 cents; Georgetown, 60 cents.

—It has been frequently stated that 400 was the utmost capacity of the new town hall. The manager of the company which played here last week has informed us that at Friday evening's entertainment 505 persons were present.

—The Emma Wells Co. appeared to crowded houses each of the four nights they were here last week. Their performances had some commendable features, but for the most part it was of a very ordinary character. Had it not been for the local bias to T. H. Marks, much of the interest manifested would have been lacking.

—A mass meeting of the electors of the county will be held in the town hall, Milton, on Monday, at 7:30 p.m., to be addressed by John Charlton, M.P.; N. Avery, M.P.P.; W. McCrae, M.P.; and W. T. R. Preston, Gen. Sec. of the Prov. Reform Association. The County Association will meet at 8 p.m.

—It is found to be such an impossibility to drive through Evergreen Avenue to the new cemetery, as was predicted by cemetery's opponents last summer, after all. A goodly-sized procession passed through a couple of times this week, and they succeeded in turning and getting out again without the predicted accidents.

—We think it would be a commendable step on the part of the Legislature to create a new office in connection with city municipalities, viz., that of a public marshal. Such an officer could do most acceptable service in expanding (under processions particularly, on which occasions the people are generally to be seen trudging in all manner of disorder, like sheep without a shepherd.

THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Oyster Social.

The social in the town hall next Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Alban's Church, promises to be one of interest. A suitable programme is in course of preparation, and will include choruses, duets, etc., the whole to conclude with an attractive exhibition of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works."

Death of Rev. I. B. Howard.

We regret to learn that the Rev. I. B. Howard, for several years pastor of the Methodist Church, Guelph, and well known and respected by many of our citizens, died in Toronto on Sunday. Shortly after leaving Guelph his health failed him and he resided until about a year ago. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Judge McDougall.

Acton Bible Society.

The annual meeting of Acton Branch Bible Society, held in the town hall last Monday evening, though not largely attended, was a very successful one. The address of Rev. J. G. Manly, general agent for the society, was an able and interesting one, and was listened to throughout with marked attention. The reports are about \$50 in advance of last year and amount to about \$105.

His Headless Remark.

While one of the handsome young men in town was paying his usual Sunday afternoon call to his most attractive lady friend last Sunday afternoon, they were looking out of the window watching the fleecy flakes as they fell in a continuous shower, whitening the roofs and covering the earth with a heavier mantle of drizzle, when he said: "This is a driving snowstorm, isn't it?" "Is it?" she innocently asked. "Why can't we go driving, then?" And he felt as if he could almost bite his tongue off as he gloomily took his way to the livery stable and felt his empty purse.

Skating Carnival.

The first carnival in the rink took place on Tuesday evening. The attendance was very good, but the inclement weather deterred many from being present. Among the costumed some were neat and artistic, but for the most part they were of a very grotesque character. The competitors resulted as follows:—

Best dressed ladies—Misses Bella Ramshaw and Maggie Brentner.

Best dressed gentleman—Mr. Morrison.

Two-mile race—H. Ebbage, A. Brenner.

Hurdle race—H. Ebbage, G. McGarvin.

Barrel race—Anson Smith, Jos. Moore.

Why They Agreed.

The following dialogue was overheard on the street the other day. In consideration of the feelings of the friends of the ladies concerned, we substitute fictitious names for the real ones:—

Mrs. Breeze—I am so sorry, Della, to hear that you have had trouble with your husband.

Mrs. Gooze—You have been misinformed, Amelia; merely a little disagreement. You know married people cannot always agree.

Mrs. Breeze—Can't they? Well, we always agree. In fact, I make it a point to see that we do agree; or rather that John agrees with me, which amounts to the same thing.

Death of a Pioneer.

At the close of Sabbath last the soul of Mrs. Asa Hall, one of the first settlers in this section, departed from its earthly clay. For several years Mrs. Hall has been an invalid, the past few months of which her sufferings were at times intense, but consistent with her life-long Christian testimony, she endured all that with patience and fortitude which mark the true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. For half century she was an active member of the Methodist Church. She arrived at the ripe old age of 74 years and 10 months, and for the past fifty years had been the loving helpmeet of her respected and now sorely bereaved partner in life, who survives her. She was the mother of five children, four of whom are alive and well known to our readers. They are worthy children of the godly mother who trained them in the ways of rectitude in their youthful days. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Holmes, Guelph, who preached an able and very interesting discourse in the Methodist Church on the occasion.

Serious Coasting Accident.

For some time the small boys have been in the habit of sleigh-riding down the sidewalk on Main Street, between Church and Agnes streets, until it had become almost as slippery as glass. On Monday evening a very serious and unfortunate accident occurred, by which Willie, the six-year-old son of Mr. Thomas Statham, baker, had his right thigh fractured. The little fellow was standing somewhere about the foot of the hill when a playmate came down on his sled with great force and accidentally struck against him, with the above result. Dr. Lowry was immediately summoned to dress the broken limb. This accident should be the means of putting a stop to the dangerous sport of coasting on the sidewalk, and we understand the constables have been instructed to arrest the boys who continue to indulge in this violation of the law.

A County Paper Changes Hands.

The Georgetown *Herald* this week undergoes the fourth change of proprietorship within the past seven years. Mr. D. E. Hasledo has disposed of the business to Mr. Robt. D. Warren, son of John Warren, Esq., Deputy-Reeve of Esquewaug. We have been intimately associated with Mr. Warren from his youth up, and we confidently believe he will fill the position he has thus assumed in a very worthy manner. He will give the *Herald* a high moral tone, and will look after Georgetown's interests with credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow-citizens. We have always looked upon Georgetown as one of the most desirable points in the province for a newspaper business, and we confidently expect that by close personal attention the *Herald* will, under his management, prove to be a profitable and successful investment. Mr. Hasledo has got on the right side of the Dominion Government, and goes to Bracebridge to execute \$800 or \$1,000 worth of work in connection with the new franchise voters' lists. We wish him success.

John Ross & Son, Guelph, Ontario.

The well-known dry goods firm of John Ross & Son, for 24 years in business in Guelph, has retired. This has been recognized as one of the most extensive and successful businesses west of Toronto. Lumber, enterprise, and a thorough knowledge of the business by Mr. Ross himself is the secret of the success achieved. The successors in the business are Messrs. Ryan, Berkushaw & Co., of Barrie and Toronto, the members of which firm are highly spoken of. *The Mercury* says:—"They begin their career as merchants in Guelph under the most favorable auspices, and we wish them every success."

Halton Sabbath School Association.

The annual convention will be held at Burlington, on Thursday and Friday, the 25th and 26th of February. A very interesting programme has been prepared, and will be issued this week. It will include the following:—

Address of welcome—Major Kerns, M.P.P., Esq., Georgetown.

Address—Rev. Prof. McVicar, McMaster Hall, Toronto.

Address—Rev. S. J. Hunter, Hamilton.

Paper—"The superintendent before his school"—Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick, Esquewaug.

Paper—"The true purpose in Sabbath School teaching"—Rev. Mr. Pedley, Georgetown.

Paper—"Best method of teaching a Sabbath School class"—Rev. S. Claver, B.A., Burlington.

Paper—"Most approved plan of conducting Sabbath School services"—Rev. W. Meade, Oakville.

Paper—"An examination in a certain line of study desirable previous to making a person a Sabbath School teacher"—Rev. A. Blair, B.A., Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Blackboard—"Manner of illustrating the lesson"—R. Coates, Esq., Principal Public School, Burlington.

Each paper will be followed by general discussion. It is hoped that Sabbath School workers from all parts of the county will endeavor to be present.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Respecting People with Whom our Readers are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Mrs. D. Butchart, of Milton, is visiting friends in Acton this week.

Messrs. J. and T. Gowdy, of Guelph, visited friends in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. A. C. Wallace and Harry, of St. Thomas, visited friends here during the week.

Mr. Thomas MacLaccon, of Ayr, visited friends and relatives in Acton during the week.

Miss Bella Talbert, of Guelph, was the guest of Mr. Wm. Moore and family a few days this week.

Miss Emma Moore, of the Guelph Collegiate Institute, spent a couple of days at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Storey attended the wedding of Miss Anne A. Taylor, daughter of Mr. J. E. Taylor, to Mr. J. W. Bessy, all of Georgetown, yesterday.

Messrs. Z. A. Hall, of Penetanguishuen, and H. J. Hall, of Berlin, with their families, visited their parental home during the week to bid a last farewell to their dying mother and to attend her funeral.

Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.

The organ recital netted forty dollars.

An entertainment for the library funds is the next.

Two lady salvationists, are holding meetings in the old hall.

James Forrester had his leg broken by a kick from a horse the other day.

Mr. Sinclair, the new teacher, is giving satisfaction to the residents of this section.

Several of our Rockwood boys are now in Australia and like it well. Two are teaching, one is principal of a High School, one is controlling manager of Mr. Lyon's agents. All are receiving good salaries.

The entertainment, by the Methodist Sabbath School Children here was very interesting. Many new features were introduced and a programme in which the children took the greatest part after weeks of drill gave much pleasure and profit.

THE TOWN'S BUSINESS.

The Finance Committee Inaugurate Their Recommendations for the Disposal of Cash.

A LIGHT DOCKET.

Council met on Tuesday evening.

Members present, the Reeve, and Councillors Henderson, Fyfe and Cameron.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A by-law to appoint an assessor was regularly introduced and passed, the name of Mr. W. P. Brown being inserted as assessor for the year.

The committee on Finance presented their first report recommending payment of the following accounts:—

J. E. McGarvin, postage, stationery and sundries for 1885, \$12 15

J. E. McGarvin, registering births, marriages and deaths, 5 50

\$17 65

Upon motion of Councillors Henderson and Fyfe the report was adopted.

After half an hour's desultory conversation the council adjourned to meet again next Tuesday evening.

THE CRADLE.

BRADLEY—At Georgetown, on Sunday, Jan 17th, the wife of James Bradley of a son.

KENNEY—In Esquewaug, on the 24th January, the wife of Mr. Paul Kenney, of a son.

FYFE—In Acton, on the 29th January, the wife of Councillor Fyfe, of a son.

THE GRAVE.

GIBBS—In Acton, on the 26th ult., Maggie, beloved wife of Mr. A. W. Green, aged 80 years and 2 months.

HALL—In Acton, on the 21st ult., Sarah, beloved wife of Asa Hall, Esq., aged 74 years and 10 months.

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H. B. MCCARTHY.

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Heavy quality Nap (U-4), reduced to 95c.

Ladies' \$7 Fur Capes, reduced to \$4.

Velvettes, reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.

Dress Goods, worth 60c., reduced to 20c.