

### THE WEDDING RING.

The Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage has recently commenced preaching upon a subject that I have been writing upon for several years, viz:—"The Marriage Ring." but with this difference, he preaches to those who have used it, I write for those who do not use it, and want to know where to get it. Well, for the latest stock, best quality and lowest price, I think I stand up head, so just drop in at once and have the matter settled.—Groom: HENRY JEWELLERY and Fancy Goods Store, Acton.

### The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1886.

### CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

- Sleighting is possible yet.
- Comfortable spring weather.
- Lent was inaugurated yesterday.
- And now they have carpet ball socials.
- Council meeting next Tuesday evening.
- Look for John Nelson's new adv. next week.
- The Spring Assizes opened at Milton yesterday.
- Halt on spring show at Milton on the 23rd April.
- Yes, it's "Lent." The punning phel-low says so.
- The sun has commenced its spring trade-tanning.
- First class ticket to New Orleans for sale here. See adv.
- A dozen new houses would receive tenants at once if built in town.
- Advertising is a good deal like making love to a widow. It can't be overdone.
- Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph, preached in Knox church last Sabbath morning and evening.
- Messrs. C. Clark and Jas. L. Warren have kindly handed us copies of interesting American papers.
- Missionary sermons were preached in St. Alban's Church last Sunday by Rev. W. J. McKenzie, Milton.
- The second sitting of the Fourth Division Court will be held in the council chamber to-day, opening at 10 a.m.
- Mr. R. E. Nelson will open his new merchant tailoring establishment on upper Wyndham St. Guelph, on Saturday.
- Did ex-councillor Ismond's "fire protection scheme" bid adieu to the council with the ex-street and sidewalk commission?
- The Milton Reformer wants the school board to take the school census. It says compulsory education in that town is a farce.
- The business card of Messrs. McLaren & Co., one of the oldest firms of boot and shoe dealers in Guelph will be found in another column.
- The Acton Free Press is the neatest and one of the best conducted country newspapers, which enters this office.—*Titanbury Liberal.*
- The Glasgow House has just put up a new sign. As usual the schoolmaster was abroad when the sign writer introduced the punctuation points.
- A meeting of all interested in the re-organization of the Star Locomotive Club, will be held in the council chamber at the town hall this evening.
- Orangeville Council have compromised with Mr. J. P. McMillan by granting him \$200 compensation for injuries received from falling into an unprovided drain.
- The butchers in town are, giving each other lively competition just now, and our citizens are being supplied with better meat than for years before.
- The annual tea-meeting in connection with the Brick Church, 2nd line, will shortly be held. We hope the friends will arrange to have it while there is sleighing.
- At a meeting of the Directors of the Halton Agricultural Society held in Milton last week, the date of the fall fair was fixed for Thursday and Friday, October 7th and 8th.
- The municipal cells continue to accommodate about half a dozen tramps per week. A man, woman and child of foreign extraction were inmates on Monday evening.
- Messrs. Kenney Bros. recently had the interior of their boot and shoe store thoroughly repainted and papered. It now presents a decidedly neat and cheerful appearance.
- Mr. James B. Hall, formerly of Georgetown, is about to establish a button manufactory in Toronto. He expects to revolutionize the button business in Canada.
- Mr. Robert Brown, 1st concession, Esqueving, has purchased a fine young stallion coming three years, got by Gladstone, dam Fly, by Argyle, from Mr. M. Kirby, Guelph Township.
- The sanitary inspector will shortly be around to tell some citizens that they are violating the Public Health Act, by having more than two loads of stable refuse on their premises.
- The attention of the chief constable is directed to the furious driving which takes place at times on Mill and other streets which endangers the lives of citizens. It must be stopped.
- The Guelph Scientific Society was organized a few evenings ago, the object being the "extension of scientific knowledge, special attention being given to our own neighborhood."
- This is the latest. A man sent 25 cents to learn how to make \$50 a week at his home working on a capital of \$1, and received the following printed slip:—"Fish for fools as I do."
- The County By-Laws have been consolidated and printed in a neat and creditable book of 70 pages by the *Champion*. We think each newspaper in the county should be supplied with a copy.
- Farmers in Hastings county are being prosecuted for allowing black knot to grow on their cherry trees. We know of some people, not in Hastings County, who are liable for prosecution for the same offence.

A social was held last Thursday night at the residence of Mr. Wm. Burrows, Nassagaways, in aid of the Methodist church, Eden Mills. There was a large attendance, and a nice little sum was realized for the object in view.

Mr. George Sleeman, Guelph, has signed nine man for the Maple Leaf, and the contracts have all been placed in the hands of the Canadian Base Ball League Secretary. The salary list will reach \$300 a month.

Mr. A. W. Green informs us that he has sold his team of carriage bays, by Goldleaf, to a Chicago dealer for \$300. The buyer was well pleased with the team, and counts it one of the finest he has purchased for some time.

Mr. Joseph Howe, left on Friday morning, with the remains of the late Mrs. Howe, for Philadelphia, their former home, where interment took place on Monday. He was accompanied by Mr. Thomas James, a kind-hearted shopmate.

Mr. J. A. Speight, manager of the estate of Jno. Speight & Son, Undertakers, is executing some of the finest work in undertaking that has ever been seen in this section. His orders are invariably turned out in every way creditable. The casket supplied for the remains of the late Mrs. Howe was equal to the best city work, and at much less cost.

In connection with the Deacons' services in St. Alban's church, Rev. W. R. Clark, M. A., Ananias, will preach on Monday evening at 7:30; Rev. Canon Bell, M. A., of Burlington, on Tuesday evening. On each Thursday evening during the season of Lent, Rev. C. G. Adams, M. A., Georgetown, will preach-gospel sermons in St. Alban's Church at 7:30.

### THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

**A Neat Sheet.**  
A copy of the Acton Free Press, (H. P. Moore, editor and proprietor), reached us this week. It is, we believe, the neatest village paper published in Canada, and in local enterprise is second only to the—*Fill in the blank somebody, please.—*Norwich Gazette.**

**A Word in Season.**  
The Chief of Police requests us to warn the ill-behaved youths who frequent the Salvation Army barracks, that they must conduct themselves properly or he will be under the necessity of taking them before the Magistrate's Court to answer for their misbehaviour. He has explicit instructions to act in the matter.

**Wide-awake Farmers.**  
Many of the farmers in this vicinity are putting in stocks of ice, Henderson's pond at the foot of Alice street affording an ample supply of pure crystal ice. We are pleased to see the farmers taking an interest in this matter and the public may look for a very satisfactory improvement in the quality of the dairy products of those farmers who are harvesting ice. All should have a supply.

**Fingers Amputated.**  
On Saturday evening Mr. Wm. Brownridge, of Ormsay, who is about to return to the Northwest, was assisting in cutting straw with a straw cutter at Mr. Porter's on the 4th line, Trafalgar. Towards the close of the day Mr. Brownridge was so unfortunate as to get the first and second fingers of his right hand in the cogs, and they were so badly smashed and bruised that Dr. Freeman, of Milton, had to amputate them close to the hand.—*See.*

**Petrie vs. the Guelph Lumber Co.**  
A telegram has been received from Ottawa stating that the Supreme Court has to-day given judgment in favor of the Respondents and has dismissed the appeals in all the cases of Petrie, Inglis & Hunter, and Stewart—*Guelph Mercury.* This case has been in the courts for years, and the costs now far exceed the amount in dispute.

**A Curious Legal Question.**  
The *Erie Advertiser* says:—A curious legal question has arisen between a farmer in this neighborhood and a machine company. The company sold the farmer an implement, taking his note in payment, and said note has a "condition" attached which declares the machine is the property of the company until the note is paid. The farm buildings are burned, and the machine is among the contents destroyed. Who stands the loss of the machine, the farmer or company? And is the note still good? The Methodist Church.

The pulpit of the Methodist Church was occupied last Sunday very acceptably by Rev. J. J. Rapp, junior pastor of Georgetown circuit. His sermons were earnest, interesting and practical; the truths of the gospel being proclaimed in a most expressive manner. We look upon Mr. Rapp as a young man of very great promise and feel confident that under divine guidance a bright and successful ministry is before him. Rev. R. Phillips preached missionary sermons on Georgetown circuit on Sunday. Next Sunday special services will be inaugurated, and on the following Saturday one of the evangelistic bands of Rev. D. Savage will arrive to assist in the services for a week or so.

**The County Printing.**  
The county printing was awarded to the Milton Reformer last week at about one third the regular price for such work. The minutes, by-laws, &c., set in usual style for municipal work will make over 100 pages, about 20 of which are rule and figure work, and all the *Reformer* asks for 500 copies of the same is \$35.00. The price paid for this work in 1878 was \$121.50, and for the former year \$144.00 was paid for it. These prices were only fair paid for it. These prices were only fair paid for it. These prices were only fair paid for it. We estimate that with the strictest economy and care, the *Reformer* will be about \$45 out of pocket on the county printing this year. If it computes the time employed at the work as worth anything, and executes only a fair quality of work, and the county council will only laugh at the *Reformer's* cupidity when the contract is completed.

**Go to J. Fyfe's, Acton, for your clothing.**  
He can suit you for price, quality and style everytime.

**Removed to Guelph.**  
It is with feelings of deep personal regret that we note the removal of Mr. R. E. Nelson, late of the firm of Nelson, McRae & Co. to Guelph, to which city he has removed with the intention of opening a merchant tailoring business. Mr. Nelson has been in business here for five or six years, and has won for himself the respect and esteem of the entire community. In business he has always acted in a most upright and straightforward manner with his customers. He has been successful and his business relations with the community have been entirely satisfactory to all concerned. From a social and religious point of view Mr. Nelson has been a most desirable citizen, always ready to assist in anything which would tend to the advancement of the place. He has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and has occupied very important offices in connection therewith. By his removal to Guelph that city gains a worthy citizen and a practical and enterprising business man. The wishes of the people generally for Mr. Nelson's success follow him.

**The Farmers' Institute.**  
The second convention of the Farmers' Institute of this County held at Milton last Wednesday was well attended and proved quite successful. An interesting programme was carried out, and both afternoon and evening sessions were full of practical interest. Mr. James Bradley, of the praesiding president, opened the convention in a neat and acceptable speech, outlining the work of the institute. Mr. W. J. Watson, editor of the *Star*, read a very interesting paper on "Farmers and poultry keeping" which was well received. Mr. Watson is a poultry fancier of long standing and knew whereof he spoke. An excellent paper on the benefits to be derived by a course at the Ontario Agricultural College was given by Mr. G. Ramsay, O. A. C. Medalist, and another on seeding of grains and grasses was read by Mr. John Ramsay, Eden Mills. Lively and practical discussion followed each paper, many of the farmers of the county engaging therein. The evening session took the form of a general entertainment and was a complete success. The programme was made up as follows:—

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

Mr. G. H. Brown, Toronto, visited friends here this week.

Mr. W. P. Brown has accepted a position in the office of Acton Banking Company.

Mr. J. E. Boomer, Clifford, was the guest of Acton friends a couple of days last week.

Mr. Anson Smith spent several days last week with friends in Guelph and Hamilton.

Mr. J. K. Moore, of Crescent Lake, Man., was the guest of Mr. A. A. Ruby, a couple of days this week.

Mr. T. J. Starret, of Thornbury, was the guest of the Misses Stafford of Bover Avenue, a couple of days last week.

Mr. J. E. McGarvin, of Moore & McGarvin, Satchel and Valve Manufacturers, left on Monday on a business trip to Montreal.

Mr. John J. Kelly, of Kelly Bros. Grocers, has been suffering from a severe illness during the past week or so. He is now recovering, however.

Mr. W. H. Storey of the Canada Glove Works, left on Monday morning for Ottawa, where he will interview the Government concerning matters pertaining to his business.

Our esteemed friend the editor of the *Palmerston Telegraph* celebrated his 60th birthday a week ago. May continued good health, prosperity and a clear conscience be his ever present blessings.

**FAREWELL SOCIAL.**  
A Fraternal Good-bye to Bro. R. E. Nelson by His Brother Odd-Fellows.

**AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.**  
On Tuesday evening the members of Acton Lodge, I.O.O.F., with their ladies and a few friends, assembled in their cosy and attractive lodge-room, at the corner of Mill and Willow streets, to spend a social evening with one of their most active brethren, R. E. Nelson, on the eve of his removal to Guelph.

After a few remarks by Bro. I. Francis, N. G., the chairman of the evening, and the rendering of a quartette, "Down the River of Time," by Misses Moore and Matthews and Messrs. Williams and Speight, with Miss Speight as accompanist, the company adjourned to the refreshment room in connection with the hall, and partook of a hearty repast, provided by the ladies.

The programme of the evening was an interesting and enjoyable one. After a piece of music, the chairman called upon Bro. H. P. Moore, D.D.G.M., who outlined the principles and labors of the order, laid down its aims and objects, illustrated the work it was accomplishing, and referred to the "mystic links" which bind the brethren of the order so closely to each other. Spoke of Bro. Nelson's connection with the order, how he had filled the highest offices acceptably and had been given the honor of occupying a seat in the Grand Lodge. Expressed regret at the loss sustained by the lodge in the removal of so enterprising and important a member, and in behalf of the lodge wished him every success in his new home.

Mr. Nelson replied in very fitting terms. He appreciated very highly the honor done him on this occasion. Regretted that his business relations necessitated his removal from Acton, for he entertained the very kindest feelings toward the place and its citizens. Acton was where he first established himself in business, and he had met

with success and every kindness had been shown him. His connections with the lodge had been in every way pleasant, and he intended to continue a member of Acton Lodge.

Remarks followed by Bros. Lowry, P. G. Snyder, P. G., and Kelly, of Guelph; H. W. Hill, P. G., Galt, of Milton; F. V. G. Williams, P. G.; Speight, P. G.; Rev. R. Phillips and John Nelson, and the expressions of all were invariably full of respect as to his character, energy and sociability, and contained heartiest wishes that he should realize every prosperity and comfort, both as connected his business and domestic future.

The speeches were interspersed with singing by the above-named quartette, and organ and violin duets by Mrs. Dr. Lowry and Mr. J. C. Hill, all of which were much appreciated. The proceedings were concluded by the singing of "God Save the Queen" by the company.

**SINGLE FARES.**  
The spirit of progress is abroad. Inducements and facilities for spreading out, for going abroad, for seeing what is going on beyond the confines of one's immediate neighborhood, and of taking advantage of every benefit thus afforded, are abundant. The very sensible procedure of the railway authorities, of offering single fare excursion tickets to Guelph from certain points on Saturday, is bringing hosts of people to the Royal City. It is to be hoped that ere long the limit will be much extended. Guelph is destined to be the distributing centre of Dry Goods to the flourishing towns and counties around it, and in this way: People come here for the BETTER CLASS OF GOODS; in smaller places, stores cannot afford to keep the assortment. They will sell staple goods, and, no doubt, sell them cheap enough too; but when a lady wants a NICE OUTFIT, A HANDSOME MANTLE OR BONNET, OR OTHER ARTICLES OF DRESS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY, she naturally looks for a place where she can get a large selection, where the newest goods are always shown, and where she has the benefit of the very best talents in these lines. And so with the gentlemen. Nobody travels far to buy a ten cent Winey or Calico, but for the better class of goods. A large assortment to choose from is always an advantage. Now, THIS IS THE CLASS OF TRADE WE ESPECIALLY CATER FOR.

Our DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT contains BEAUTY, VARIETY, AND VALUE UNSURPASSED, and we offer the services of one of the most accomplished dress-makers. Our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT contains the very choice of the market. Our TAILORING DEPARTMENT offers every inducement in style and quality.

**TERMS:--CHEAP FOR CASH AND NO CREDIT.**  
Telephone in the office. If you cannot come, send for samples.

**E. R. Bollert,**  
27 Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ontario.

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Everybody to know that

**Sewing Machines,**  
Pianos and Organs,  
are sold at  
**WHOLESALE**  
To the people direct by  
**THE PEOPLE'S COY,**  
326 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.  
Write for Catalogues.

**Change in Business.**  
New for Good, Reliable  
**BOOTS AND SHOES!**  
Williams to the Front.

Having purchased the Boot and Shoe Business lately carried on by Mr. H. B. McCARTHY, in the Village of Acton, and having replenished the stock with a first class assortment of all lines usually kept in a No. 1 Boot and Shoe Store, I am prepared to guarantee entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

A good supply of first-class Trunks and Valises will always be kept on hand.

As the Orders, Work and Repairing is all under my own supervision, the public may rely upon its receiving the best of attention.

Give me a trial and see for yourselves.  
Wm. Williams.

# BROOMS

New Brooms Sweep Clean, but the Old Ones Know the Corners.

MR. R. E. NELSON having by mutual agreement withdrawn from the business of the  
**GLASGOW HOUSE**  
We will continue the same under the name of  
**Henderson, McRae & Co.**

After an experience of over thirteen years, we flatter ourselves that we know the wants of the community, and will at all times do our utmost to furnish everything in our lines that is

**FRESH, NEW AND DESIRABLE**

We purpose largely reducing our present well-assorted stock to make room for

**SPRING ARRIVALS**

and will offer the most pronounced bargains in all lines.

We cordially request the patronage of the public, and will spare no pains in securing for them the  
**Very Best Values in the Trade**

**Remember that famous 50c. Tea.**

**HENDERSON, M'RAE & CO.**

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### BOOTS AND SHOES

LEADING  
Boot & Shoe Store,  
GUELPH.

Arrival of Spring Goods.

Bright new styles, bought in large lots direct from the manufacturers for prompt cash. We sell first-class goods at lower prices than other dealers charge for inferior kinds.

Critical and economical buyers pronounce our goods to be the cheapest and best in Western Ontario.

We invite the ladies to see our New French Kids.

Turned Boots, also with Flexible Soles, a perfect fit as well as comfort guaranteed.

We offer special inducements to customers visiting our store on Saturdays.

We lead in low prices and sell only first-class goods. All goods marked in plain figures and one price.

**SIGN OF THE BIG BOOT**  
W. McLAREN & CO.  
P.S.—We keep a large staff of first-class workmen, and claim for our goods, made to order, excellence in fitting, comfort and durability in wearing.

### PICTURE FRAMING

C. C. Speight, Acton,

Has a large assortment of Picture Frames, of all kinds and sizes. Also a full line of Mountings, Cornices, &c.

Special Frames made to order promptly. Parlor Mountings and Picture Hooks a specialty.

I can sell you better frames for the same money than you can purchase elsewhere. Only first-class work turned out. Your orders solicited.

Leave your orders at Hill's Shoe Depot.  
C. C. SPEIGHT.

### GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

### SHAW & GRUNDY

Would announce the arrival of a large

### Importation of Scotch Tweeds

Direct from Britain.

Gentlemen would do well to call at once and secure an early choice of Patterns.

### SHAW & GRUNDY

Merchant Tailors, Guelph.

### FINE WATCH REPAIRING



Particular attention paid to the repairing and cleaning of

### Fine Watches and Clocks

At the Old Established

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### Rutledge & Crosson,

BUTCHERS,

Have purchased the business of Mr. R. Holmes, and solicit a share of public patronage.

The members of the firm are practical butchers, and are prepared to ensure their customers thorough satisfaction. There will always be found on hand a full stock of all kinds of meat, &c., in season.

We have settled in Acton to stay, and feel satisfied that by associating business upon business principles we will win public confidence and support.

Rutledge & Crosson.  
Acton, Feb. 9th, 1886.