

**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 desire to use it, and want to know where to get it. Well, for the largest stock, best quality and lowest price, I think I stand up head, so just drop in at once and have the matter settled.—George Hynes, Jewellery and Fancy Goods Store, Acton.

—For prime Clover and Timothy Seed go to J. E. Howson's.

**The Acton Free Press.**  
THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 1886.

**CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.**  
Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

—The first of April.  
—Easter cards are being selected.  
—The amateur gardener will now arrange for spring work.

—Board of Education will meet next Monday evening.  
—Mr. James Warren, P. L. S., will be in town next week.

—Probabilities for the week—coughs, colds and lung troubles.  
—Rev. Mr. Ferguson, occupied the pulpit in Knox Church again last Sabbath.

—Don't try to pick up any pennies, or kick any hats off the sidewalk to-day.  
—Mr. Henry Bell has sold his house and lot on Church Street to Mr. George Soper for \$550.

—The Scott Act will come into force in Wellington County and the city of Guelph four weeks from Saturday.

—It will be a year ago to-morrow since the revolting Frog Lake Massacre in connection with the rebellion in the Northwest.

—The Star informs us that Oakville Town Council will pay \$94.73 for furnishing and planting 200 shade trees on the streets.

—A correspondent of the Milton Sun wants the spring show postponed for a week because it was arranged to be held on Good Friday.

—Mr. McTavish has commenced operations at his house on Mill and Wellington streets, the foundation for which was laid last fall.

—Rev. C. C. Johnson, Rural Dean, of Brampton, will preach this evening in St. Alban's Church in connection with the Lenten services.

—The revising-officer's court for preliminary revision of the Dominion Franchise Voters' List for this County will be opened in Milton next Monday.

—Messrs. John and Henry Watson and Neil Keith left on Tuesday morning for Manitoba. They took about 20 horses and a quantity of household effects with them.

—Mrs. Josiah Adams, has been appointed agent for Acton and vicinity, for the volume containing a verbatim report of the recent Harding-Wilkinson debate on baptism.

—The hotel keepers of Sarnia, according to the Sun, are going to handle "Turner's best" after the Scott Act goes into force.—Turner, in this case, being the water-works engineer.

—That giddy thing called "Gentle Spring" is getting somewhat bolder; she snaps her eyes and loudly cries to winter who doth hold her, "See here, old chap, get off my lap," and gives him the cold shoulder.

—Job Printing—All who want their printing done in the best and most artistic manner, with the latest styles of plain and fancy type, and at moderate rates are invited to apply at the Faux Press Job Printing Office.

—Mr. H. B. McCarthy has purchased a book & shoe business in Carleton Place. He has excellent prospects. Carleton Place is one of the most important points on the eastern division of the C. P. R., and is a lively town.

—The average matron is now laying plans for the spring house cleaning while the far-seeing sister-familias is trying to make the wood shed as comfortable as can be, under the circumstances, for the inevitable barrel head dinners.

—The Sanitary Inspector will shortly be on the look-out for dirty back yards and premises generally in town. Let every citizen take a personal interest in getting rid of everything about his place detrimental to public health, and the Inspector won't annoy him.

—The street and sidewalk committee will please take notice that a number of new street crossings will be asked for this spring. It is to be hoped that some more common sense principle for their construction, than is manifested in existing crossings, will be introduced.

—The special services in the Methodist church are still continued, services every afternoon and evening. An afternoon of special prayer will be held to-day, commencing at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor requests the entire membership to be present.

—What little I owe John Smith he can do without for the present, but when a majority of his customers say the same it comes hard on Smith. There is a moral hidden away here for many customers who constantly deny their Acton merchants, business men, and the printer.

—Mr. R. E. Nelson, Guelph, writes that business is booming with him. He is over-run with orders and is already employing more hands than he ever had in the tailoring business here. In another column will be found his ad. All his old customers are invited to call when in the city.

—The Olympic Lacrosse Club had a meeting on Thursday evening, and elected the following officers: Hon. Pres., W. L. P. Eager; Pres., D. W. Campbell; Vice-Pres., Conrad Hoff; 2nd Vice., R. Hemstreet; Sec'y., S. A. Goss; Treas., J. Hannant; Executive Committee, H. Watson, S. Hannant, J. A. Brothers.—*Nylon Reporter.*

—Mr. James Morton has disposed of his saddlery business to Mr. Halsted, and removed to that town. How he will re-assume a position in the establishment where he was formerly employed. We are sorry to lose him from Acton, but wish him success.

—Our thanks are extended to Mr. Geo. Hynde, Jeweller and Stationer, for an elegantly bound little volume entitled "Thoughts for Sunrise." It contains an appropriate and beautifully illuminated full page scripture text, accompanied by a hymn upon the subject of the text, for each day of the month. It is executed throughout in gold and properly contrasting colors, and printed on the best of book-paper. We regard it as a gem in its own particular line.

**THE WEEK'S RAKINGS.**  
Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

**The Assessment.**  
Mr. W. P. Brown, assessor, has just completed a summary of the assessment for 1886. The total assessment is \$178,230, an increase of \$3,294 over that of last year. The assessor's census shows that the population has increased by 72.

**Guelph District Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the ministers and laymen of Guelph District of the Methodist Church, is arranged to be held in Acton about the 20th of May. About fifty delegates will be present and the meeting will be a session for two days. Our citizens will no doubt extend a cordial welcome.

**Popular and Successful.**  
Mr. Wm. Hemstreet, auctioneer, has conducted an unusually large number of sales during the season which is about closing. He has invariably succeeded in disposing of the property offered for sale at prices very satisfactory to those employing him. Mr. Hemstreet is a great favorite as an auctioneer.

**A Bad Fall.**  
Yesterday as Mr. Chas. Kneess, proprietor of the Milton Cordovan Tannery, was superintending the operations of workmen who were building some new vats in his establishment, he slipped on a slimy plank and fell into one of the new vats, his back striking on a stone. He was severely, but we hope not seriously, hurt and is confined to his house.—*Champion.*

**A Prominent Day of the Year.**  
Persons who have a superstitious dread of Friday will not be pleased to learn that this is a thoroughly Friday year. It came in on a Friday, will go out on a Friday, and will have fifty-three Fridays. There are four months in the year that have five Fridays each; changes of the moon occur five times on a Friday, and the longest and the shortest day of the year each falls on a Friday.

**The Chopper Base Ball Club.**  
A meeting of those interested in base ball was held in the Council Chamber last Tuesday evening. The following officers were appointed for the season:—  
President—W. H. Storey.  
Vice—Isaac Francis.  
Cor. Sec.—C. L. Young.  
Treas.—W. A. Stark.  
Field Capt.—H. White.

A second meeting will be held next Wednesday evening.

**Death of a Former Resident.**  
On Saturday last the sad news of the death of Mr. James Ryder, Carriage Manufacturer and blacksmith, of Petrolia, in many years a resident of Acton, was received. It seems that a couple of weeks previously Mr. Ryder accidentally struck his knee against an anvil. The wound was at first treated indifferently but inflammation set in and blood poisoning ensued and in a few days life departed. The corpse was brought to Acton on Saturday evening, and the funeral took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Thomas Ryder, deceased's boyhood's home, to Church Hill Cemetery.

**Honors won by a Former Acton Boy.**  
At the recent examinations of the Ontario School of Art, Mr. L. P. Snyder, of this city, carried off the Government bronze medal defeating competitors from all parts of the province. This was the highest prize awarded, and included five subjects: namely: Freehand, practical geometry, perspective, model, and memory drawing.—*Guelph Herald.* It is with very great pleasure that we learn of the success of our young friend, and the Faux Press heartily congratulates him upon the honors won on this occasion. Mr. Snyder is a rising young man, and is continually ascending the ladder of life honorably and with no retrograde steps.

**An April Shower.**  
The first of the plate engravings illustrating the house of our former president, which the *American Agriculturist* is preparing at great expense, will appear as a supplement to its May number. It represents the home farm and rural surroundings of Jefferson. The accompanying description is by James Parton. The others will follow in succession. These special engravings by the first American artist, and special descriptions by the most eminent of living American authors, are furnished free to all subscribers. The price of the *American Agriculturist* is \$1.50 a year. Send to 751 Broadway, New York, for any further particulars required regarding paper and engravings, directing to David W. Jewett, Publisher.

**Business Change.**  
Our readers will no doubt be surprised to learn that Mrs. S. A. Secord, who for more than a quarter of a century has conducted a general business at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, has retired and disposed of her business. The purchaser is Mr. Edgar Knowlton, of Huntville, Muskoka, who made an exchange of four lots with residence and shop in the above place, for Mrs. Secord's stock. We understand that he will take immediate possession. Mrs. Secord is certainly deserving of this respite from business cares. By strict attention to business, careful investments, and the practice of that tact and energy which ensure success, and which we of the sterner sex generally deem peculiar only to ourselves, Mrs. Secord has become possessor of a considerable amount of valuable property here. She retired with an ample competence, and we trust her future years will be characterized with every comfort, happiness and peace of mind.

**Upset and Accident.**  
Mr. Wm. Smith, of Nassagawaya, was in town one day the week before last with a load of wood, and in some way the load was upset and part of it fell upon him. He was considerably bruised and it was thought somewhat injured internally, but fortunately no bones were broken. Dr. Stacey was called and ministered to his injuries.

**Test of Fire Extinguishers.**  
The Globe Hand Grenade Fire Extinguisher Co., of London, gave a practical test of their grenades last Friday, on the vacant lot north of Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son's Glove Manufactory. The test was most successful in every respect. A large frame structure representing the wall of a house, 14 feet by 7 was built and coated with coal tar. A large quantity of kindling wood, which was saturated with plenty of coal oil, was placed against it; a match was applied when in a few seconds the whole was one mass of living flames. When the fire was at its utmost height, two or three bottles grenades were broken and in an instant the fire was out and not a spark remained. The hand-grenades are admirably adapted for extinguishing fires when they first break out, and it would be a great protection if a few of them were kept in mills, factories, stores, churches and public places. Their utility is self-evident. We would recommend every one to protect their property with them.

**Mr. Ebbage's New Shop.**  
Mr. Thomas Ebbage has purchased the old shingle factory building standing on Mr. Francis Brown's property on Main Street and will remove it in the course of a few days to the planing mill site at the head of River Street. The additional timber required is on the ground, and a new mill will be fitted and in operation in short order. The second story of the new building will be occupied by Mr. Isaac Francis as a glove leather finishing shop. It is very conveniently situated for such an industry. Certain citizens seem to have the impression that it is a tannery. Mr. Francis contemplates opening. In this they are mistaken. He will only handle kid and other fine skins that have undergone the disagreeable work of sweating, pulling, and liming before reaching him, and his part of the work will not by any means render the establishment a nuisance or annoyance of any kind to adjacent residents, but will be as tidy and wholesome as any other mechanical industry. Mr. Francis had made arrangements to commence business in a part of the plover factory just a few days before it was destroyed by fire.

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

Dr. and Mrs. McGarvin, were in Georgetown over Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Bryan, late of Galt, has removed to Acton with his family.

Mr. Simon MacLean, of Ripley, visited friends in this vicinity last week.

Miss Jessie Gordon and Miss Josie McRae, of Erin, are visiting friends here.

Mr. Crosson of Rutledge & Crosson, has removed his family from Markdale to Acton.

Miss Annie Boomer left last week to take a position as head milliner in a dry goods house in Port Arthur.

Miss Jennie Storey returned to Demill's College, Oshawa, on Monday, after spending a week at home.

Mrs. A. L. Soverby and two children, have been visiting friends in Acton and vicinity during the week.

Mr. W. H. Storey, sailed from New York on Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. George Beardmore, of Beardmore & Co.

Mr. A. E. Matthews left on Tuesday morning for New York, to commence his duties as secretary of the American Railroad Construction Co.

Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, Parkdale, spent a day or so last week with his many friends here. His parishioners of four years ago accorded him a hearty welcome to his former field.

**Rockwood News.**  
From our own Correspondent.

A creamery is to be established at Eden Mills.

The rink here was closed with the last carnival. The season proved very successful.

Your correspondent is glad that the rumor of Rev. Mr. Pigott's resignation was incorrect. From the source from which he got the information he thought it was correct and reliable.

Rev. Mr. Strachan preached his tenth anniversary sermon last Sabbath, reviewing his history and work during that time, showed the increase of families and membership to be fourfold and the good feeling that existed between them as pastor and people. His people here and at Eden Mills bear out his zeal in the great work of the ministry.

—Hale from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

—For prime clover and Timothy Seed go to J. E. Howson's.

—Scottish, English and Canadian suitings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

—If you want a nobby durable and cheap suit, go to J. Fyfe's, Acton.

**THE GRAVE.**  
MacLean—At his residence, Milton, on the 26th March, Peter MacLean, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools in Algoma, aged 44 years.

**THE ALTAR.**  
Ketter—Spouse—At the residence of the bride's father, on 24th March, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, Mr. Duncan Keith, 44 Miss Jennie, daughter of John Brown, Esq., all of Esquevieux.

**Me Bean—Spouse—At the Royal Hotel, Guelph, on 19th March, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, Mr. Geo. McBean, to Miss Soper, both of Erin Township.**

**Spring Opening MERCHANT TAILORING.**  
—IN OUR—  
**Millinery Rooms**  
Wednesday, March 22nd, 1886

MISS JOHNSON, our popular manager in the DRESS-MAKING DEPARTMENT, has just returned from New York. She left for that centre of fashion nearly three weeks ago. She has visited most of the leading Modistes and Designers of Ladies' Tailors, and thus availed herself of MANY OF THE NEWEST PRODUCTIONS of the very best talent in the fashionable world. She also visited the large warehouses, and made SELECTIONS OF NOVELTIES, including DRESS MATERIALS, TRIMMINGS, LIBLE AND LACE GOODS, and many lines of FANCY GOODS that we are assured will commend themselves to the good taste of our many lady patrons. It is almost needless to say to ladies who have had experience of Miss Johnson's abilities that their requirements will receive the best attention at her hands.

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Give me a trial and see for yourselves.  
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Good Cheek Winsay, 10c., worth 15c.  
Ladies' and Children's Wool Mitts, 15c., worth 30c.  
Large Wool Cloths, 38c., worth 50c.  
Ladies' Wool Cuffs, reduced to 12c.

Ladies' Underwear, reduced to 50c.  
Boys' Wool Vests, reduced to 25c.  
Boys' Top Shirts, reduced to 45c.  
New Embroideries, just received, from 5c. upwards.  
New Prints, elegant designs, from 5c. per yard to 20c.  
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