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**The Acton Free Press.**

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1886.

**CRUMBS FOR BREAKFAST.**

Provided by the Ever Thoughtful Free Press Reporters.

The days draw in.

No program at the Council Board on Tuesday evening.

The public schools in rural sections reopened on Monday.

The crossing in front of the Presbyterian church has been repaired.

The hum of the threshing machine now mingles with the hum of the reaper.

A great storm period is predicted to occur between the 16th and 27th insts.

The Nassawagawa fall show will be held at Brookville on Tuesday, October 5th.

We expect the editor home to-day, and there will probably be a strike—for the woods.

A poet asks: Why are thy spirits thus concealed? Because this is a Scott Act county.

The rains of Friday and Monday were gladly welcomed by every one. Mother earth needed a drink badly.

There is talk of a base ball match between the Rockwood base ball club and the married men of Acton.

The Toronto Mail types beat Oakville at base ball the other day in a six-inning game by 17 to 12.

Over \$1300 has been donated for the North Simcoe Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Stayner on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th September.

The Grand Trunk locomotive works and car shops are to be located at Stratford, that city having voted a bonus of \$120,000 by 68 majority.

Many persons like to see the names of those whom they have visiting them published, but seldom think to tell the editor their names and from whence they came.

A great number of our citizens attended the Prohibition Camp at Georgetown on Sabbath last, in consequence of which our churches presented a goodly number of empty pews.

A total eclipse of the sun will occur August 20, visible in this section, however, only as a very small partial eclipse. It will begin at 6:16 o'clock a.m. and last twenty-two minutes.

When you receive a letter from the Post office, says the Wilson Star, always stop in front of the mail delivery, open and read it—you will receive the thanks of those who are waiting to get their mail.

The Milton Star proposes taking a rest for a week. In the interest of the Conservative candidate for Halton, at the next general election, it might be wise if the Star would extend its holiday-trip for a half year at least.

On Saturday last a lad of about 12 or 13 years of age, son of Mr. Thos. Talbot, let his arm, while trying to lift an arm of a threshing machine, slip and fell, breaking his arm. Dr. Lowry was called in and reduced the fracture.

A new Presbyterian church is to be erected in Georgetown next summer, the present building being insufficient to accommodate the congregation. It is proposed to build on the site of the old one, and it will doubtless be a magnificent structure.

Judgment was given against Mr. Jos. Williams, of Glen Williams, at Rochester the other day for \$4,000, and as he had no means of satisfying the judgment he was sentenced to 90 days' imprisonment for the debt. We understand his friends will at once bail him out.

Onions inhaled cause sleep, rest and repose. The soldier on his march and the exhausted iron-worker get great strength from eating the onion. Tie a fresh onion around the neck and bruise it to make its odor thorough, and you secure sound sleep from its nightly inhalation.

Mr. Harvey has completed the putting in of the new flume at the pond, and the council took advantage of the occasion to have the road straightened at the top of the hill at the dam. This was a much needed improvement as the old turn was a very awkward and dangerous one, especially at night.

The General Superintendent and the President of the Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, have invited the members and friends of the Church to observe Wednesday, 25th inst., as a day of prayer and intercession in connection with the General Conference which will assemble on the first day of September.

An exchange says—Farmers who have been in the habit of drawing potato vines to their barn yards, to be worked up into manure, had better omit the practice this year, especially in places where the potato rot has been prevalent. The rot is undoubtedly produced by a fungus growth, which originates in the leaf and carrying this to the manure heap is the most certain mode of spreading it over the farm.

It is said that owing to the lying reports which have from time to time appeared in the Champion as regards the state of Milton under the Scott Act, our town has every day name in localities unacquainted with the true condition of things. There are several prominent anti-Scotts in town who are beginning to realize the fact that the sooner the Champion ceases lying about the town the better for all concerned.—Reflector.

**THE WEEK'S TAKINGS.**

Which are Principally Local and All Interesting.

Call Declined.

Rev. John Mackay, having received a hearty and unanimous call from Scarborough, has declined acceptance of the call from Knox Church, Acton.

Base Ball Match.

The game between the Athletics of Toronto, and the Clippers resulted in a draw at the end of the 4th innings, the score being 4 runs each. Rain prevented what promised to be a good game.

Bible Lands.

Rev. G. E. Howie, a native of Mount Lebanon, will lecture in Knox Church, Acton, on Friday evening, 20th inst., at 8 o'clock. He will appear in Eastern costume, and will describe Eastern customs and manners, etc. His lecture is highly spoken of. Admission, adults 10c., children 5c.

Our Girls.

If we get safely through with "our young men" we purpose sketching "our young ladies." This will be the grandest effort of our existence, and the Fair Parade ought to boom in consequence. We expect that we will be able to get through with the list about 1st January next, unless wiped out of time before then by an infuriated mob.

Runaway and Accident.

On Friday last as Mr. George Askin, son of John Askin, Esq., Trafalgar, was driving in a lumber wagon along the Sixteen hill on the check line, 4th concession, Trafalgar, his horses took fright and ran away. Mr. Askin was thrown from his wagon and sustained very serious injuries, his jaw bone being broken. On account of the great swelling of Mr. Askin's face, Dr. Buck, who is attending him, was unable to reduce the fracture until Monday last. We regret to say that the sufferer is in a very critical condition.—Champion.

Another.

We are happy this week to record the marriage of another of our "boys." Mr. George C. Smyth, one of Messrs. Moore & McGarvin's representatives on the road, who is the victim this time, was married in Toronto last Wednesday to Miss Fannie Gadaby. We welcome to our village George's young bride and trust that her share of happiness in her new sphere will be no small one. While as for George, well—we guess George will be able to take all the good things going, without any assistance from us.

Fruit Prospects.

The excessive dryness of this season has not improved the prospects of the apple crop. The fruit now on the trees is abnormally small, and early ripening varieties are dwarfed, cracked and deficient in flavor. The late maturing were greatly benefited by Friday's rain, and may yet pull through all right. The finishing touch has been put to the Kentish and early Richmond cherries by the insect which infests them this season. Trees which were carefully pruned of every semblance of the knot this spring are now one mass, and obviously must be cut down. Whole rows will have to go down this fall. It looks as if Paris green would have to be adopted as a standard agricultural and gardening implement, and there is little doubt an insect will soon come along which can live on that.

Lawn Social.

The garden party held at the residence of Mr. Wm. McNeil last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church was a very enjoyable affair. The attendance was not quite what could have been desired, doubtless owing to the long distance from the village, which deterred many from going, as conveyances were not provided, but those who were present succeeded in spending a very pleasant evening. The ladies as usual catered to the inner man in a style that would have tickled the most epicurean palate. The ground was rather too damp to make promenading pleasant or desirable, after the recent rain, and those present assembled generally in the house, where music, conversation, etc., made the evening pass pleasantly. Acton Cornet Band was present in force, and their fine selections were a feature of the evening's amusements.

Ontario Institution for the Blind.

The Institution for the Blind at Brantford re-opens for its next session on the 1st of Sept., and as there are always a number of pupils graduating at each vacation, applications to the Principal for the admission of new-comers are now doubtless in order. Considering the almost utter helplessness and dependence of an uneducated blind person in all things, no arguments should be needed to induce all who have blind children under their care to avail of this opportunity of obtaining for them the thorough education, with instruction according to the pupil's capacity, in music, in industrial work, and, in fact, in everything by which the blind may be made useful and happy. When, too, it is remembered that board and education are provided for by a legislative grant and so cost the friends of pupils not one cent, the last shadow of an excuse is removed for keeping a blind child at home in idleness and thus losing a golden opportunity for acquiring inestimable permanent benefits. We strongly advise all who are interested in this matter to communicate at once with Principal Dymond who is always ready to give full information to inquirers. It may be as well to mention that the Institution is not for those who are totally blind only, but for all young persons resident in Ontario between seven and twenty-one years of age who, by reason of impaired or defective vision are unable to be educated at the public schools.

THE CRADLE.

SCHULTZ—At Rockwood, on the 11th inst., the wife of D. L. Schultz of a daughter.

STRANGE—At Rockwood, on the 14th inst., the wife of Edward Strange of a daughter.

McKINNON—In Nassawagawa, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. John McKinnon of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

SMITH—At Rockwood, on the 11th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, 12 Morrison Street, Toronto, by the Rev. Ira Smith, Mr. Geo. C. Smyth, of Acton, to Miss Fannie Gadaby, of Toronto.

THE GRAVE.

SPRUIT—At Markham, on Monday, the 9th inst., Jennie, third daughter of Jas. Spruit, Esq., aged 20 years and 6 months.

**OUR BOYS IMPROVE**

And Show They can Play Ball if They try—The Single Men Beat the Benedicts at Foot Ball.

MRS. ARGUS IS CAUSTIC, VERY.

The advertised base ball match for Monday afternoon last came off, or partly came off, and in spite of the damp unpleasant weather the attendance was not bad.

The Atlantic team arrived from the Queen city during the morning. They were rather a fine looking lot of young fellows, and showed they could do more than play good ball, by testing the quality of the apple crop in sundry of our orchards in town.

Play was started shortly after three o'clock and four innings only were played, the visitors wanting to catch the 5.45 train for the city. Some good playing was done on both sides and the score stood four runs each at the conclusion.

The Clippers showed up in better form than at that memorable time of last week and our "only" gave a striking example of the proper way to handle a fly in the out-field—that is the way opponents like to see them handled. It knocked the ornament theory away endways anyhow.

The umpire was all that the city team could wish, but the home team's wish concerning him was of a rather sanguinary character. If some one had kindly lent him a pair of spectacles it might have helped his vision. He couldn't hold a candle to our "Ike" as an impartial umpire.

The base ball fever has struck our rock-bound neighbors, the citizens of Rockwood, to wit. They get up matches among themselves which afford lots of amusement and exercise and occasionally give their medical men (a genus particularly plentiful up there) something to do.

The latest contest was Married vs. Single, in which the married men came out victorious. They've done some great crowing since, and the single men have been very careful in telling how it happened.

Now our team of married players ought to challenge the Rockwood contingent, no players to be allowed but downy married men. Set the affair for some fine afternoon, say some Saturday, advertise the fact and a good crowd would doubtless turn out to see it.

I learn from some of those who look part that the deciding game of the Married vs. Single contest at foot ball came off last Thursday evening.

My informant tells me that the respective captains could only scare up eight men on each side and that the single fellows took the goal in about ten minutes.

What about the return match of the Girl vs. Tory game? When may we expect it? Don't all speak at once.

Isn't it about time that another picnic, garden party or some such stirring event came off? The curly-haired, gilt-edged, scented darning who does the society reporting biz for this paper is getting rusty for want of use.

That adorable specimen of gall and femininity, Mrs. Argus, reduces the pressure on her massive brain by getting off the following:

Why not have a brides' picnic? We've lots of quantity just now, if quality is lacking.

That constable Jack will run in those boys who steal apples if they don't desist.

That there will be three or four weddings shortly.

That the marriageable damsels of our thriving town will take advantage of the Fair Press' bachelor list.

And that if this was leap year a grand skeddadle of the aforesaid bachelors.

The editor to return this or next week and put the brakes on the cuts of the printing office.

Acton, Aug. 18th, 1886.

**Rockwood News.**

From our own Correspondent.

Miss Emma Strange, of Toronto, is home for a short stay.

Mr. Clark, well known in base ball circles, is here spending a few days with his brother.

Mr. John Sinclair, head teacher of the Public School here, returned last week, and entered upon his duties yesterday morning.

Miss Sarah Black, assistant teacher in the Clark's Public School, leaves this week to enter upon her duties, after spending her holidays with her friends here.

Mr. Thos. McIntosh, of Toronto, is spending his holidays with Mr. Henry Horlop, of Everton. This is an annual occurrence with Tom, and the boys in general know when he arrives.

Dennis Barry, Esq., Q.C., his wife and two sons, of Montreal, are here on a short visit to his father, James Barry, Esq. Mr. Barry is an old Rockwood boy, and will no doubt enjoy his short sojourn with the few that are left of the many of his boyhood companions. We may further say that Mr. Barry is a distinguished member of the Montreal bar, and figures very prominently as a criminal pleader.

The base ball match which was to come off Saturday last between the Clippers, of Acton, and the Rockwood B. B. C. proved to be a source of great disappointment to the many who intended to witness the game, as the Acton club was fully expected until about two o'clock, when the secretary received a message to the effect that the Acton team could not come. The small boy remarked that the reason was that Acton could not get their Brampton players. No doubt the small boy must be wrong.

A lady and gentleman from Acton arrived here Sunday night about half past nine o'clock, via G.T.R., walking. As they walked they talked, and as time passed so pleasantly they found themselves in Rockwood before they thought of returning. The lady seemed very much excited at being placed in such an embarrassing position—that is, to be left alone in one of the leading hotels, while the gentleman went in search of a livery rig to convey her to Acton. He was successful, however, and returned next morning with the horse. He gave his name as Wilson, of "Fergus"; the lady is unknown.

Rockwood, Aug. 17th, 1886.

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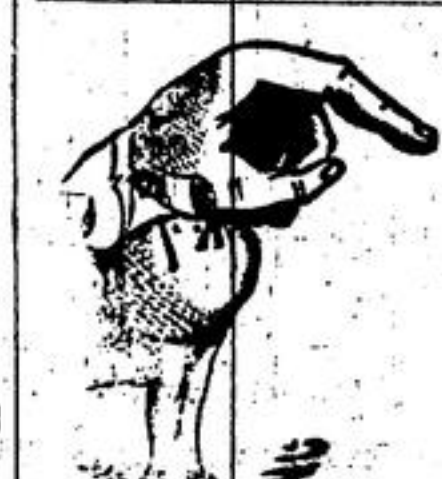
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