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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1897.

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

—This is a dull day.
—Elora is talking electric light.
—Another month of political campaigning.
—The politicians are again on the war path.
—Are the New Year's resolutions still kept inviolate?
—Halton Teachers' Convention at Milton next Thursday and Friday.
—The "Lion," Guelph, has an interesting announcement in this issue.
—A Young Men's Liberal Club is about to be organized in Nassagaweya.
—Many of the country roads have been badly blocked with the snow drifts.
—Dr. Will lectured in the Congregational Church, Georgetown, on Monday evening.
—Two tramps were the guests of Constable Easton in the cells on Monday night.
—Mr. D. R. McKernie, of Eramosa, has a quantity of cedar rails for sale. See his adv.
—The Choral Society will meet on Tuesday evenings hereafter instead of Wednesday.
—Grand Symphony Cantata in the Dublin Street Methodist Church, Guelph, this evening.
—It is said that a woman eighty-six years old voted at Norval, at the municipal election.
—There were only 69 arrests for drunkenness in Guelph last year. In 1888 there were 124.
—The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Ontario, is in session in Drampton this week.
—Messrs. Thomas T. Moore and Gabriel Wells have been appointed auditors for the current year.
—St. Marys taxes last year aggregated \$30,342.34. The total last year \$4,272 in the treasury.
—The Farmers' Institute opened in the town hall, Burlington, yesterday. It will close this evening.
—For a badge of P. E. Island papers, Mrs. H. T. LePage, of Charlestown, will please accept thanks.
—Belgrave, the Ballinacree hotelkeeper, was fined \$50 and costs last week for violation of the Scott Act.
—Mr. Isaac Francis has been elected a member of Acton Public School Board for the ensuing two years.
—The town of Wingham has just disposed of \$11,000 debentures bearing five per cent. interest, at par.
—Guelph merchants have mutually agreed to close their respective stores at 5 p. m. until the first of March.
—Messrs. McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown, are holding a special forced sale. Particulars in next issue.
—A Convention of the Halton Temperance Alliance will be held in the Methodist Church, Milton, next Tuesday.
—Mr. Joseph Froestone, who has been a resident of Georgetown ever since the building of the G.T.R., died last week.
—A very successful transaction was held in the Presbyterian Church, Norval, last week. About \$75 was taken at the door.
—Now that the weather seems to be becoming settled again all sidewalks should be thoroughly cleaned to the full depth and width.
—A meeting of all interested in re-organizing Acton Cricket Club will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, 31st inst.
—Michael Toothy, of East Oxford, passed away in his reward at the wonderful age of 100 years a few days since. He was born in Ireland.
—A barrel of apples passed through Sarina for China the other day. They were shipped from Guelph, and the freight on them amounted to \$8.
—Those who of late years have mourned the absence of the "real, old fashioned winter," stand a good chance to be thoroughly suited this time.
—Rev. J. W. Pedley, of Georgetown, was the recipient last week from the young people of his congregation of a number of very attractive presents.
—The annual meeting of Knox Church was, owing to the stormy weather, postponed from Friday last until Tuesday, 25th inst., at two o'clock.
—The New Orleans University Jubilee Singers in the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening. The Church is comfortably heated by steam. Come all.
—Bishop Simpson says the music of the University Jubilee Singers, who appear in the Methodist Church, next Tuesday evening, "is the sweetest I ever heard."
—Wm. Soper, of Springfield, has entered an action for \$500 against the village Council, alleging that his child's leg was broken in consequence of a defective sidewalk.
—Mr. J. E. Booth, of Orangeville, has purchased the well known stallion, Tam O'Shanter, lately the property of Mr. Patterson, of Marsville. The price paid was \$10,000.
—Owing to the Congregational Anniversary services, there will be no service in the Baptist Church next Sunday evening. —*Georgetown Herald.* "Let brotherly love continue."
—There is no clamor for new sidewalks by householders just at present. "Oh the snow, the snow," no that's not what they call it where the Council has been liberal with sidewalks.
—Rev. Henry Sinclair occupied the pulpit of Knox Church last Sabbath. Mr. Sinclair will also preach there next Sabbath. A sermon in Gaelic will follow at the close of the regular morning service.
—Mr. Frank Sanderson, Jr., who it will be remembered, left town immediately after his fracas with the License Inspector last fall has since died, and was buried in Milton on Sunday last. —*Former.*

—Mr. P. Kelly is painting and refitting his store on Hill street, recently occupied by Mr. J. E. Johnson. After it has been put in attractive shape Messrs. Kelly, Brown, and Johnson, will resume their business there.
—Mr. James Jamieson, foreman of the Bradford Quarry, while working a Gordon cross on Friday last got the fingers of his right hand badly jammed in the machine. The fingers were severely crushed, and amputation of one of them may be necessary.
—At the last meeting of the Galt Council on Monday last, Mayor Scott expressed his intention of adhering to the custom which he inaugurated last year, viz.: Donating \$50 to the poor of the town, instead of giving a supper to the members of the Council and other friends. Some Chief Magistrates fail to announce their intention of taking either course.
—The Christmas number of the Montreal Star was a gigantic success, being now in great demand at \$1 a copy, four times the publishers' price, but it is to be eclipsed by the coming Carnival number of the Star. This the Queen's Jubilee year, will not be soon forgotten by Canadians. The Carnival number of the Star will fit it indubitably on the mind of everybody. The Carnival Star is to be some forty odd mammoth pages with five plate supplements, each worthy of a frame, and each good value for the cost of the whole paper.
—Elsewhere in this issue we present a large advertisement of H. H. Warner & Co., setting forth the fact that up to December 27th, '86, they had sold the enormous amount of 26,887,855 bottles of "Warner's Eye Cure" in North America alone, to say nothing of the European and Australian trade. These figures seem almost incredible, but coming as they do from a house so well-known and honorable, we feel safe in attesting to their truthfulness. "Warner's Eye Cure" has certainly been a great boon to the suffering, and its success has depended altogether upon its own merits. For Kidney, Liver, Blood and Urinary trouble, its equal was never known, and for this reason it deserves all the praise which it receives.

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

The Newspaper Man's Dream.
I had a dream the other night, when everything was still, I dreamed that each subscriber came up and paid his bill. They were a look of honesty, and smiles were in each eye: as they handed over the stamps they yelled, "How's that for high."
Takes an Interest in Municipal Affairs.
Mr. John Johnson, of the second concession of Eramosa, has attended the nominations in his municipality for sixty-two years in succession. At the last nomination Mr. Johnson was present as usual, and he did not look to be the most feeble man there either.
Three Stormy Weeks.
The very oldest inhabitant can hardly recall such a continuity of snow storms as have visited the country since Christmas week. Snow has fallen nearly every day and night, and frequently both railroad and high way have been impassably blocked. The whole intense cold has prevailed. It is now hoped the storm is over for the present, and that the "January thaw" will soon fulfil its annual engagement.

Missionary Services.
The annual missionary services of the Church of England, of the Diocese of Niagara, will be held at St. John's Church, Rockwood, on Tuesday evening, 25th inst., at 7 p. m., and at St. Alban's, Acton, on Wednesday evening, 26th inst., at 8 p. m. Rev. Thomas Smith and Rev. Evelyn Radcliffe, are the appointed church delegation. Christian friends are cordially invited. W. J. Pigott, B. A., Incumbent.

An Old Document.
The Galt Reporter publishes the report of a speech delivered by the late Wm. Dickson, Esq., of Galt, in nominating Guelph Mr. James Webster to oppose Mr. Durand as member for Halton West—then including considerable more territory than our county at present. This speech was delivered about the year 1845, and was no doubt perused with interest. All the actors in the struggles of those days have now passed away; and this speech owes its preservation to the fact that it was printed as a campaign document at the office of the *Democrat*, by Mr. D. C. Hearse, of Galt. This was the first paper ever published in Galt, and managed to exist for some three years.

Death of Mr. Thomas Duncan.
Our citizens were pained yesterday morning to hear of the death of Mr. Thomas Duncan, grocer. For some months it has been apparent that Mr. Duncan was failing in health, but until a week ago he attended his business, and even until an hour or so before his death walked about the house. But that relentless enemy to the human frame, consumption, had fastened itself upon him, and almost imperceptibly the lamp of life was gradually extinguished. He was an honest, straightforward business man, and respected by all. He leaves a young wife and baby daughter to mourn their loss. We understand they are left in good circumstances. The whole community sympathizes with Mrs. Duncan in being obliged so early in life to bid goodbye to her loving partner.

A Rare Musical Treat.
The Ladies' Aid Society has made special arrangements for a grand musical evening in the Methodist Church, Acton, on Tuesday evening, 26th inst. The entertainment will be given by the Original University Singers of New Orleans, said to be the best double quartette (colored) Jubilee Singers in America. The University Singers come with highest recommendations from the ablest musical critics and leading divines both of Canada and the United States, and are pronounced by all the finest company of the character in the country, especially excelling in native jubilee songs and classic music. It is very seldom that a company of so high standing is brought to Acton, and heretofore when they have appeared the admission fee has been 50 cents, but so favorable have been the arrangements effected by the Ladies' Aid that they are enabled to put the tickets at the low price of 25 cents. A very large audience is expected to meet these singers, so noted for their sweet melody and pathos.

Sports Appreciated.
The enterprising Journalist always endeavors to report faithfully and well the transactions of all corporate bodies doing duty in the public interest. Sometimes the reporter's efforts cost a good deal of self-denial and inconvenience. Frequently his efforts are appreciated by those concerned; in other cases there is no evidence to justify the conclusion that there is a sense of appreciation. But there are instances showing in a practical manner a due appreciation of services rendered. At the last meeting of Councilors Woodbridge and Best, that thanks of this Council be tendered to Mr. J. T. Lacy for his reports of the Council proceedings, as published in the *Telegraph*, and that he be presented with \$5.—Carried. Mr. Lacy thanked the Council for the graceful manner in which they had recognized his services. A similar motion was passed at the last session of Stratford Council voting the reporters of each of the four papers there \$10 each for reporting proceedings of the Council during the year, and Guelph reporters were similarly treated on Monday last. Some Councils don't do this, but such is life.

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

Misses Melo Nelson and Lena Dorland spent two or three days this week with friends in Guelph.
Mrs. S. A. Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Warrin attended the Christian Conference at Hamilton during the week.
Mr. John Shanks, formerly of Limehouse, now of Rapid City, N. W. T., is meeting with prosperity in his North-west home.
Rev. P. I. Spencer, B. A., incumbent Church of England, Elora, well known by many of our readers, has been appointed Rector of Thorold.
Mr. J. C. Husband, of the firm Rice & Davis, Toronto, visited friends in this vicinity this week. Mr. Husband is an old Halton boy, and is doing well in the city.
Mr. Henry F. Hill, son of Mr. Chas. T. Hill, merchant, is now filling a good situation in an office in Sydney, Australia. Henry talks of returning home in about a year.
Miss Boves, of Milton, is engaged to do temporary work in Washington and Oregon Territories on her return from British Columbia, where she has for some time been lecturing.
A letter received this week from Singapore, India, from Mr. W. J. Moore, son of Mr. Thos. T. Moore, principal of Acton public schools, contains the intelligence that he expects to arrive at home sometime in February.
Mr. John O'Connor, of Chicago, who spent his boyhood's days in Acton, has been visiting friends here during the week. In conversation with his friends of years ago many reminiscences of events which transpired a quarter of a century ago are rehearsed.
Mr. A. C. Campbell, who has for nearly two years occupied a position on the *Free Press*, staff, left on Saturday for Ottawa, where he has secured a good position on the *Daily Journal*. Mr. Campbell is a satisfactory workman. He was a general favorite with the young folks and his removal is much regretted. The *Free Press* heartily wishes him success.

BOOK NOTICES.
"Mr. Geo. J. Bennett, news editor of the Toronto *Evening Telegram*, who is also grand registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., has just issued "The Freemason's Pocket Book Diary and Calendar for 1887." It is a comprehensive guide to the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the Dominion, and may be correctly termed the Masonic "Encyclopaedia Within." No Mason should be without it. The book comprises nearly 300 pages of useful matter elegantly enclosed in leather, gilt edges, and costs but seventy-five cents.
"We copy from *The World and the Way* the following sayings of eminent clergymen concerning the Dominion, and may be correctly termed the Masonic "Encyclopaedia Within." It is clear, sortful and warm with the pulsations of Divine life. The method is original, the style is attractive, and the spirit most delightful! It is especially rich in apt quotations from Scripture, very appropriate and striking illustrations from the lives of noted writers and saints. I believe the book will be read equally with any Bishop Taylor has written. The evangelistic fire of the author flows on every page. It is one of the best books ever printed. It is worth its weight in gold. From my heart I thank the author for having written and published it. I shall prize it among my treasures, and I heartily commend it to all." Price in cloth cover 75 cents, in paper cover 50 cents. On receipt of price it will be sent by mail from the Marion Tract Depository, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
The Chicago Canadian Club was organized in the city named last week, with a strong membership.
Since the Scott Act was passed in Fredericton, N. E., in 1878, fines amounting to not less than \$10,000 have been imposed upon violators of the law by the police magistrates of the city.
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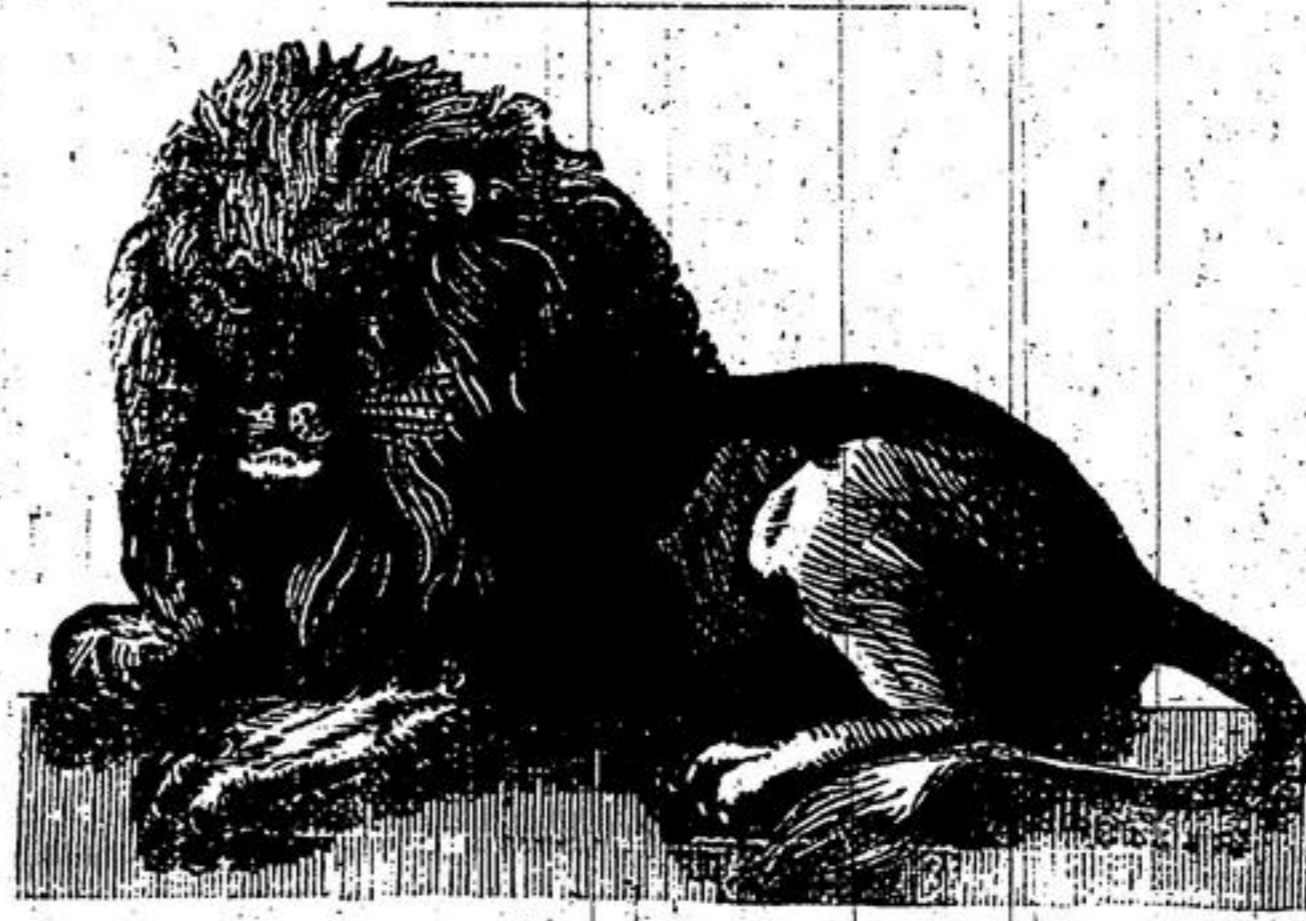
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All Wool Grey Flannel, 19 cents, worth 25 cents.
All Wool Fancy Shirtings, very heavy, 26 cents, worth 37 1/2 cents.
We have no time nor space to advertise shirts, blouses, we leave that to the pin and needle men up street.
DRESS GOODS.
A few more of those wonderful Dress Goods, not exceeding 3,500 yards in all, to be cleared at 15 cents.
Still a few heavy Serges at 57.
35 pieces of Costume Tweed at 8 cents.
A big line to clear at 10 cents, worth 15 cents.
About 50 pieces of Serge at 12 1/2 cents, worth 20.
SILKS.
Silks, Satins, Marcellines, Roadinas, Satin de Lyon, Brocades, Stripes, Velvets, Pileuses, and Velveteens, at great reduction. Only one more piece of Gros Grain Silk at 45 cents.
MANTLE CLOTHS.
Ottoman Cord from \$1.15, worth \$1.75.
Black Silk Brocade Mantle Cloth, \$1.50, worth \$4.
Black Silk Brocade Mantle Cloth, \$4, worth \$9.
Heavy Brocade (curl) Cloth, \$1, worth \$1.75.
Heavy Brocade (curl) Cloth, \$1.15, worth \$2.75.



J. D. Williamson of the European Markets
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