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ACTON.

REV. JOSEPH EDGE, Pastor.
Parsonage, Lower Avenue.

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Strangers and visitors always welcome. All enter at the door.

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ATTENTION.

Your watch needs cleaning, your clock needs oiling; perhaps you have some Jewellery needs fixing up; your spectacles are broken, if so bring them to the Sign of the Big Watch. We will give you satisfaction. Charges reasonable. Next Saturday evening coming into Reed's for Wednesdays and Birthdays Present Give a gift.

GEO. HYND, Acton, Ont.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1892.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of Free Press Reporters this Week.

-Council meeting next Monday evening.

-Board of Health next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

-The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Knox church on Sunday.

-The first blockade of the railroads and highways this winter occurred Monday morning.

-Rev. J. Edge preached missionary sermons on Niagara circuit last Sunday.

-Miss Minnie Morton has been appointed Agent for Acton for the Canadian Exchange the organ of the Disciples.

-The annual meeting of Acton Union Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, 26th February at 7 p.m.

-Cheaper sugar than the present low prices is promised. The wholesalers guild have taken this action to suppress their opponents.

-Mr. John A. Gordon has been appointed Assessor for Exeterino, township at a salary of \$150. He commenced his rounds on Monday.

The tanneries are getting in enormous quantities of bark just now. There were between fifty or sixty car loads on the sidings on Saturday night.

-First it's slippery, then it's slippery; now you melt, and then you freeze; now you cough, and then you sneeze; it's a mercury hop and skip; it's not strange we have the gripe.

-Our Little "U" for this month is a very interesting number and will delight the eye by its pictures and stories. It costs 15 cents a month, and is published by the Russell Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

The provisions of the snow by-law are not very carefully observed in town this winter. The old saying that "A new broom sweeps clean" does not apply to the new Street and Sidewalk Committee and the sidewalk.

-Boardman & Co.'s teams take immense loads of hemlock bark this day. It is almost incredible to an ordinary learner that they take half the contents of a car at one load. One of the teams drew no less than six cords and forty-seven feet at a load.

-Erin has evidently learned the essence of economy is municipal affairs. At last meeting of the village Council the following resolution was passed: "Moved by R. Medley, seconded by W. Hamilton, that Mr. Wilson's offer be accepted for heating and lighting the hall, at 35cts per session, he to find wood, oil and two lamps." Carried.

The northern heavens on Saturday night were resplendent with the touch of nature. The scene was unique and attracted the attention of all who were on the streets between 7 and 8 p.m. Directly north the aurora borealis was shining with all its mid-winter brilliance, and was illuminated with rays of rich coloring of varied hues.

-Mr. John Wensumaker is one of the wealthiest and most successful merchants in America. This is what his advertising manager says: "Put an advertisement before the readers of a paper and you take the cream of any population. I never knew a really good advertisement of a worthy article to fail when put in a reasonably proper medium."

-To Parsons - It is requested that the parsons of churches in the county give an announcement from their pulpits next Sunday of the annual convention of the Lambeth School Association to be held at Georgetown, 21st and 25th February. The names of delegates should be sent at once to Rev. W. E. Norton, chairman of the committee, Georgetown.

-The Newmarket Era, one of the pioneer country weeklies of Ontario, celebrated its forty-first birthday a couple of weeks ago. The Era is one of our most wide-awake exchanges and comes to this office and its many hundreds of readers crowded with interesting news and general reading matter every week. Mr. L. J. Jackson; the publisher, is popular throughout his constituency and his paper is a favorite.

-The initial number of "The Canadian Met," published semi-monthly at the institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, is before us. It is very interesting, new and instructive and one of the neatest papers possible to produce. Its principal objects are to furnish reading matter of a character to encourage the habit of reading among the pupils of the institution and deaf mutes generally, and to be a medium of communication between the school and the parents and friends of the pupils. The objects are worthy indeed and the Met should have a hearty welcome.

-Opposite, fruits, seeds and confectionery at T. H. Hanson's, Grocery.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and Every Item Interesting.

A Checker Match.

A match was played in the town hall last Wednesday evening between the crack players of Acton and Limehouse with the following result: -

Acton	Won	Drew	Won	Limehouse
John Harvey	4	1	0	Wm. Nichols
John Hart	1	0	1	Wm. Nichols
John Parker	1	0	1	Wm. Nichols
J. Parker	1	0	1	H. Hodder
	1	1	1	

The teams were pretty evenly matched, but, as the score shows, Acton was several points ahead.

Death Adds Valeur.

Notwithstanding the remarkable amount of sickness which has been prevalent in this vicinity during the present winter there has been singular immunity from fatal cases. During the past two weeks there have, however, been 6 deaths of number of these.

On Friday Mr. Patrick Kelly lost his bright little six-year-old son, Stanislaus, and at noon on Saturday the six-weeks' bride of Mr. Warner Neiklin was called to her long home. General sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

Death of Rev. Dr. Pirrie.

The numerous friends of Rev. Dr. Pirrie, who was for several years pastor of the Methodist Church, Georgetown, which circuit at that time included the Brick Church, will regret to hear of his death at Toronto on Monday.

He had been confined to the persons for several months, having been suffering from a disease which had been ailing him for three years from the gradual advance of Bright's disease.

Rev. Dr. Pirrie was buried on Saturday.

BURLINGTON.

The special union services in the Methodists and Presbyterian Churches, which have been in progress since the New Year, are still in successful operation.

The Public School Trustee here has no work to do thus far.

Many of our villagers participate in ice skating.

Moses Ingelhart and Morris and Meeser, Sharp, Foster, McCay and R. J. and J. R. Allen were delegates to the District Council Royal Temperance of Temperance at Acton last Friday.

The business of the town have a fine mile track laid out on the bay. So far we have not heard of any exciting races.

Mr. W. N. Hopkins, will give an address at the County S. S. Convention at Georgetown next week, on "The Superintendent; his work."

THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

ROCKWOOD.

At the quarterly official meeting of the Methodist Church, Rockwood Circuit, held here on the 8th inst., the Board gave a very cordial invitation to their pastor, Rev. J. Hart, and his colleague, Mr. J. W. Kitching, to return for another year. The affairs of this circuit are in a fairly prosperous condition, finances being in as good shape as can be expected at this season of the year. The outlook for the coming year is encouraging. Special services are being held at the different appointments, with good results.

SPESIDE.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gibbons, last Thursday evening. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of their wedding day.

Over fifty friends and acquaintances were present to partake of the hospitality of the host and hostess and wished them many years of continued health, happiness and prosperity.

The time was pleasantly passed with vocal and instrumental music, games, etc.

The mail carrier failed to reach Speyside on his second trip last week until Saturday noon. The snow storm interfered.

MILTON.

Dr. Robertson, Grand Medical Inferior for the Royal Temperance is attending the Grand Council in Belleville this week.

A few of our citizens attended the District Council, R. T. of T. held at Acton on Friday last.

Knox Church choir attended and sang at a tea-meeting in Nelson Village on Tuesday evening. They say they had a good time.

Mrs. Bradley, widow of the late Theodore Bradley, an old resident was buried on Tuesday.

We are happy to say that most of the Grippe is recovering.

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ERIN.

Mr. T. Blane, has just returned from a visit to relatives in Southport and the neighbourhood of Paisley.

The postponed special services in connection with All Saints' Church, Erin, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26th, Rev. Prof. Hamilton of Toronto will officiate.

The Erin township legislators held their annual session at Hilliburg on Saturday.

Miss M. McLean, who has been visiting friends in the vicinity of Acton, returned home Saturday evening.

WHAT IT COST HER.

The editor of the Independence, Kansas, Star sued a delinquent subscriber for eleven dollars. The defendant claimed that he never subscribed for the paper and did not propose to pay. The judge instructed the jury that if the evidence disclosed the fact that the defendant had taken the paper from the office or caused it to be taken, they should find for the plaintiff. It cost the man nearly a hundred dollars to settle what eleven would have paid. It may also apply to the above case of a similar nature brought in this province.

Canadian Press Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Press Association will be held in the Presbytery Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, March 3rd and 4th.

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MADE PARTS FOR LIFE.

A very interesting event took place at the residence of Richard Graham, Esq., Abbottsford, on Wednesday afternoon, 10th inst. The day was one of the brightest that our Canadian winter affords. The occasion was the marriage of their daughter, Jessie, to Mr. N. F. Lindsey, of Acton. The bride was assisted by her cousin, Miss S. Price, Rev. S. C. Craig presided on the "Immortality of the soul" last Sunday evening.

The Star advocates the erection of a new town hall. Acton has the modal hall of the county, and our Councillors should go up and visit some points on securing a neat, well-arranged hall of five or six cords and forty-seven feet at a load.

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