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## LOCAL NEWS.

Get your job work done at THE CHRONICLE office.

CALL and get that woollen mitten you dropped on the side-walk on Monday last. If not bring us the other one.

—Notice.—All accounts must be settled by Cash or Note on or before March 1st, 1897, after that date, collection will be placed in other hands. H. Parker, Druggist, Durham.

Don't forget to attend Mr. Geo. Young's sale of Farm Stock and Implements at lot 4, con. 2, Normanby, near Varney, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. See posters. Hugh Mackay, auctioneer.

"I have been a victim to terrible headaches," writes C. F. Newman Dug Spur, Va., "and have never found anything to relieve them so quickly as Ayer's Pills. Since I began taking this medicine, the attacks have been less frequent, till they have ceased altogether."

Mr. Wm. Seabrooks, who resides about a mile from Walters' Falls had a cow which was delivered of a something resembling a combined bear and calf. The head and body, with the exception of the tail and the color, resembles a bear, but the feet although resembling a bear in shape have clouts instead of toes. One front foot has seven clout toes and the other five, while the hind feet have the right number of clouts, but the legs resemble a bears. It has a tail like a calf and the color of the animal is red with a white breast. Another thing about it is the knee joint which works the opposite way from all four footed animals, bending forward instead of back. Mr. Geo. Hanbury has purchased it and is having it stuffed.—Exchange.

THE annual meeting of the South Grey Electoral District Agricultural Society was held on Wednesday 20th inst. The attendance was very good. Total receipts for 1896 \$1134.58. Total expenditure for 1896, \$1842.20. Entries in excess of 1896 being 192. The officers for 1897 are:—

President, James Elgo.  
1st Vice President, Henry Parker.  
2nd Vice, Thos. Caldwell.  
Directors—Geo. Binnie, Wm. Smith, Jas. Allan, Thos. Brown, R. Morice, R. Barber, Wm. Lawson, H. Brigham.  
Honorary Directors—C. Firth, Jas. Matthews, Thos. Gadd, Wm. Scarf, T. G. Holt.  
Auditors, N. W. Campbell, W. E. Gorsline.

The new Board met the same afternoon and appointed the different committees and decided to hold the Fall Exhibition on Sept. 28th and 29th.

The skating carnival in the Durham rink on Friday evening last under the management of Mr. Holt was quite a success so far as the contests were concerned but the attendance, though good was not so large, as Mr. Holt, at least, would desire to see. A number came over from Walkerton to see their friend Jones carry off the \$10.00 prize but were disappointed as Mr. Woolner, from Collingwood proved too fleet on his steel runners. During the first thirty laps Mr. Jones stayed with him. Mr. Oscar Wetloufer, leading the race after the twenty-fifth lap. It was easily seen however he wasn't going to stay there. About the thirty-seventh round Mr. Woolner shot off like an arrow and finished by gaining nearly a lap on Mr. Jones who gained considerable on Mr. Wetloufer. Mr. Scottie Munro, of Durham, started but soon found "he wasn't in it" and dropped out by the way side after making three or four rounds. Here is the prize list:—In Men's open race—1st, James Woolner, Collingwood; 2nd, Leslie Jones, Walkerton; 3rd, Oscar Wetloufer, Walkerton. In Boys open race—1st, Abe Silver, Walkerton; Chas. Lavelle, Durham. Men's local race—1st, Wm. Munro; 2nd, Jno. Kinnee. Boys local race—1st, Chas. Lavelle; 2nd, Cecil Gun. Best lady skater—Miss Emma Swallow, Girls race—1st, Mable Swallow; 2nd, Kate Cameron.

PLENTY of snow now, wood and poles are moving.

THE Carnival last Friday evening was quite a success.

THE Toronto Sun and CHRONICLE, for one year for \$1.30.

—Servant Girl Wanted—Apply to J. L. Browne, Photographer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saunders, of Woodstock, are visiting at Mr. David Kinnie's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Machesnay, of Collingwood, Ont. are guests of Mr. John McFadden, Egremont.

A writ has been issued in the High Court of Justice by Barrister Elliott on behalf of Mrs. B. Cowardine, of Bentinck Tp. against Joseph E. Cowardine, for alimony.

Ensign Sam Wiggins and Adjutant Taylor, with the Palmerston Musical Troupe will visit Durham on Feb. 2nd and hold a Special Meeting in the town hall at 8 o'clock sharp.

Notice.—Mr. Herbert A. Kelsey wishes it to be distinctly understood that he has no connection whatever with the upper town gallery as he is now in the employ of Prof. Browne of the lower town studio. Durham Jan. 20. 1897.

—Notice.—All persons indebted to C. McArthur, are respectfully requested to call for their accounts and settle either by cash or note at once. All accounts left unsettled must be placed in other hands for collection. C. McArthur, Merchant.—Durham, Jan. 7th 1897.

Ayer's Pills are constantly advancing in the estimation of those who use them. They improve the appetite, promote digestion, restore healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, and powerful in subduing disease.

—Notice.—The undersigned has any quantity of Good Bated Hay for sale which can be procured from Mr. C. Smith at the Durham Foundry. I will be at the Middaugh House each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.—Alex. Beggs, Durham, Jan. 26th.

On the 20th of June next Queen Victoria will be sixty years on the throne of England and in order to celebrate the event it was resolved last week at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute to make arrangements to hold a grand demonstration and picnic on that day. Mr. James Allan was the mover of the resolution, and is, we believe, the first to take any active measure, in Canada towards the celebration of the event. Her Gracious Majesty has now occupied the throne longer than any other sovereign of England and as her reign has been the longest and best in the annals of English history we believe a public celebration is a fitting movement and we congratulate Mr. Allan on being the first to inaugurate such a scheme.

## TRAVERTON.

Miss Maggie Anderson, of the 4th, who has been several years in the North West is back again to the old home, looking hearty as in the days of yore.

The Misses McGhechy, of Galt, is visiting their sister, Mrs. James Nelson at present.

Arthur McClocklin is one of those harum-scarum fellows, who think it lots of fun to break ribs in Bruin-like embraces, but he didn't see the fun last Thursday when a limb flew back striking him in the ribs, breaking one and hurting two. However, he is getting along O. K.

Joe Firth is a stout, supple boy, but that maple sawlog last Thursday was too heavy for his leg and bruised it badly.

A Goodfellow is kept on the jump these days. The mill is whirling early and late.

## SOUTH GREY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A meeting of the South Grey Farmers' Institute was held in the town hall, Durham, on Wednesday the 20th inst., and was pronounced by many who attended on all previous occasions to be the best ever held in the Division.

The Deputation consisted of Mr. McMillan of Seaforth and Mr. Frazer of Bradford, and they may be regarded as a strong team in advocating the interests of the agriculturist. Mr. William Irvine, of Lamplash, and Mr. George Binnie, of Glenelg, were also present and exceedingly active in their efforts to make the meeting superior to all its predecessors, and we believe their efforts were crowned with success.

Mr. William Irvine, the president, occupied the chair and without using any time in preliminary remarks he introduced the first speaker, Mr. McMillan, whose subject was "Corn growing and the Silo." On taking the platform Mr. McMillan commenced by hazarding the opinion that the corn-crop was not a stranger in this country, and owing to the failure of crops for the past two years he thought that the best interests of the farmers would be served by giving greater attention to the cultivation, and curing of the corn crop. He believed that the continuous system of grain-growing had a tendency to impoverish the land. Artificial fertilizers deplete the soil; it is necessary to keep stock on the farm to consume the coarse grain and return the manure to the earth from which it came. He realized the difficulty of keeping a full stock of cattle during the whole season, owing to the shortage of pasture during some of the summer months. By growing corn to feed green, this shortage could be supplemented, and the difficulty removed. Corn would grow where no other crop would; it thrives well in stony or gravelly land but damp soil is not congenial to its nature. Wet soil should be underdrained to rid it of surplus water. Clover sod is the best soil on which to plant corn to ensure a good crop. In preparing the land for corn Mr. McMillan recommended manuring broadcast during the winter; cut most of the bedding to facilitate in the ploughing, and get the crop in as soon as vegetation begins in the spring—from the 8th to the 14th of May is a good time. Sow in hills or drills; hills preferable as the thorough cultivation is more easily performed, owing the ease of scaffolding both ways. After marking the field off in squares, plant with hand planter at the intersection of the marks which should be about three feet four inches apart. Harrow the ground before the plant comes up cultivate often, particularly after rain, but not when the ground is so wet that it will "puddle." Even should you cultivate both ways it is necessary to go thro' the field with a hoe. As to the kind to plant the conditions of locality and climate will largely determine. The Western yellow dent suits the County of Huron better than any other. Corn should not be cut till in the "glazing" state. Its fodder value increases nearly fifty per cent. if so left. In speaking of the silo and giving hints regarding its construction he said that they were less wasteful, and less costly than might be supposed. Silage could be kept over to use next year instead of "soiling." During fly time it would be profitable to house the stock and feed ensilage. Several contrivances for cutting corn had been tried but nothing surpassed the sickle. In filling the silo, the corn, cut in the proper degree of maturity, should be drawn in immediately, run thro' the ensilage cutter and stored away in the silo, care being taken to tramp well at sides and in the corners. Fill the silo as quickly as possible after beginning. Air causes decay. It is not necessary to cover the silo, even with straw, the corn is cheaper and only a few inches will spoil from exposure if well packed down. Experiments concerning the comparative values of silage and corn in the shock prove the former to possess from three to five per cent. more nutriment, than the latter. Frozen corn is not good for feeding purposes. Silage is thirty-seven per cent. better than matured corn, with the meal added.

In conclusion, he advised the growing of corn whether you have a silo or not.

Mr. John Marshall, of Normanby, Mr. Binnie and others, each made a few remarks on the subject at the close of the address.

Mr. Frazer, of Bradford, next spoke on "Sheep breeding for profit." He felt that fewer sheep were now kept than formerly and was led to enquire the reason. He thought sheep raising was a profitable branch of industry and how to raise them should receive the careful consideration of the farmer. The wool product alone would go a long way towards paying the cost of keeping the sheep. To get the best quality of wool they should be well fed, never allowed to "run down" as this condition affects the quality of the wool. The farmer should care for the sheep so as to be able to raise as many lambs as possible. Should not be satisfied with a lower average of lambs than three to every two ewes. He thought good peastraw, with a grain ration was about the best winter feed. Feed also a few roots but not too many. Care should be taken of the lambs; never give up a lamb as long as there is life in him; chilled lambs should be brought to the house and bathed. A little whiskey would sometimes ruscitate an apparently dead lamb. Among the hindrances to the successful raising of lambs he mentioned ticks and dogs. The worrying caused by dogs affects the whole flock, perhaps on account of the nervous excitement. Rape seed sowed in the spring about a pound and a half to the acre makes good pasture in the fall.

Mr. George Binnie on "Weeds"—He thought weeds were more common than formerly; new varieties were appearing. This was due (1) to the poor crops of late years. (2) to the food seed lately found in imported feed. Weeds he defines as plants out of place; Some plants wherever found must always be regarded as weeds. Weeds are distributed in many ways. (1) by the wind as thistles. (2) from seed grain, (3) by being carried about by animals, threshing machines etc.

Injurious (1) because they take the room of useful plants (2) they take a large amount of plant food from the soil, (3) tons of moisture, needed for the life and growth of the useful plants are extracted from the soil and pass off in vapor. Their cost to the Farmer is not inconsiderable. (1) in binding twine, (2) extra labor in cleaning grain for market, (3) reduction in market value of grain, etc., etc.

Mr. Binnie next spoke of the different kinds of weeds as annuals, biennials and perennials, giving examples of each class found in our own vicinity, and gave some good hints regarding their extermination, such as summer-fallowing, cultivation of root crops, removal of stone-piles, better ploughing etc.

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## PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss M. Buchan returned to Stratford yesterday.

Miss Sarah Woodland, Toronto, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. A. J. May, of Walkerton, gave THE CHRONICLE a friendly call on Friday last.

Mr. Chas. McArthur, merchant, upper town, visited Toronto last Friday.

About twenty from Walkerton took in the Carnival here on Friday evening last.

Mr. William Chapman, of Upper Town, sold his livery business here, to Mr. S. T. Orchard, of Egremont.

Mr. Hampton and his daughter, of Holland Centre, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott the forepart of the week.

Mr. G. F. Boulden, of Elmwood, gave THE CHRONICLE a call on Monday morning. Mr. Boulden will remain in town a couple of weeks.

Mr. D. P. Campbell, of Kincardine and Mr. Kitching of Rockford, were guests of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kitching on Friday and Saturday last.

Miss May Williams, daughter of John Williams, the popular councillor of Glenelg who has been in Owen Sound for the last few months paid a dying visit to the parental home on Sunday.

## The People's Store.

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That's what we are whether it's Dry Goods, Groceries or Boots and Shoes you're after. The leadership which we claim is proved by our ever increasing trade and by the prices we sell goods at. Buying and selling entirely for cash we have no bad debts to counteract, and can afford to sell goods closer.

Though we aim mostly at your dry goods trade, don't forget we sell groceries too, and at prices it will pay you to consider carefully. Take a run over this list.

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Choice Hyson Tea worth 20c lb, 7 lbs for \$1 or 15c lb.

Fine Japan Tea worth 25c lb, 5 lbs for \$1.

Choice Japan Tea our own special importation, really worth 40c lb, at 4 lbs for \$1. It's a snap.

4 packages good Corn Starch for 25c.

5 lbs good Figs for 25c.

5 cans good corn for 25c.

Choice Mixed Pickles 10c b'l

14 bars Electric Soap 25c.

5 bars Primrose Soap 18c.

10 lbs Sulphur for 25c.

5 cans Sardines for 25c.

Canned Herring in Tomato Sauce 15c or 2 for 25c.

4 doz. clothes pins for 5c.

3 lbs. best Baking Soda 10c.

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We've finished stock taking and of course we have found a few remnants and some odd lines which we are bound to clear out. We've sold a pile of Dress Goods this winter but the prices have done it and will still do it. If you want anything in this line come and see what we can do for you.

## RAMSAY & MORLOCK,

—Cash and One Price—  
Calder Block. Lower Town.