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**THE GRANGERS.**

Two weeks ago we had a few crude remarks in connection with a communication from the Grange societies—confessing our inability to discuss the subject intelligently, on account of our non-acquaintance with the aims and objects of the societies. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to gather much further information, neither through conversation with parties interested in, or from any discussion of the matter through the press. Therefore we are not now going to enter into the merits of the subject. We would, however, be glad to see the matter discussed in all its bearings by those who have made it their study.

What leads us to say anything further just now, is the rather unfair way in which our contemporary, the Georgetown *Herald*, has seen fit to allude to our remarks. He would fain lead his readers to infer that we wished to "totally ignore the rights of the farmers to protective combination"—a way of putting it which is neither honest nor justifiable. There was nothing in what we said that would bear such a construction, and the inference we draw is, that the *Herald* would like to place us in an unfavorable light towards the farming community—which we cannot quietly allow him to do. No intelligent person would fail to see through his sophistry; and it is not at all probable that any one could be foolish enough to suppose that we, had the presumption to wish to deprive the farmer of the exercise of any of his rights and privileges. Nothing was further from our thoughts or intentions. Of course the farmer, as well as everybody else, has a perfect right to do as he sees fit, so long as he does not encroach upon the rights and privileges of others; and of this we have no fear. But as the *Herald* itself says, "the great danger seems to be in the belief that they will run into an extreme, and thereby defeat the very object which the original system had in view."

**Nassagaweya Council.**

This Council met on Saturday, the 4th day of September. Most were all present, the Reeve in the chair. A petition was presented to the Council signed by Robert Hadden and nine other persons, praying for aid in behalf of Adam Schram, being in indigent circumstances, caused by an attack of paralysis and old age. After the petition being duly considered, it was moved by Dr. Winn, and seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the sum of \$15 be paid to the said Adam Schram, and the further sum of \$6 for one sheep killed and two worried by dogs, said claim having been duly certified, if warranted to be paid. A By-law empowering the Trustees of School Section No. 2, to borrow \$200 for the improvement of the school house in said section was introduced, and passed the necessary number of readings. Also a By-law for fixing the rateable property of the Township, for County, Township School purposes, and the special rate for the Credit Valley Railway, received the necessary readings, and was passed, which will require a rate of \$1 mill and one-half a mill in the dollar. Also a By-law to authorize the Trustees of certain School Sections to levy a rate for school purposes, was duly passed for that purpose. Also a By-law for the payment of \$50 on a site on which the Town Hall is built, received the usual readings and was passed. And also a By-law was passed to demine and lease the Township Hall to Division No. 233, Sons of Temperance, said society having a privilege of two days in each week for forty years, and being bound for any damage done thereto by them, and in consideration thereof to pay forthwith to the Township Treasurer the sum of \$350 towards the building of the same, and to pay a certain percentage for the insurance of said Hall. A lease in accordance with the above conditions was duly executed. Dr. Winn moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the sum of \$50 be paid to Messrs. Wallace and Pantin, for printing voters lists, and the further sum of \$3.04 for advertising said lists. Carried. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the sum of \$8 be paid to Mr. J. Davidson for drawing lease, &c.—Carried. On motion, the Council adjourned to Saturday, the 27th November.

JOHN EASTMAN, Township Clerk.

**Eramose Township Council.**

This Council met at the Centre Inn on Monday the 6th inst. Mr. Hugh Black, the Township Collector, presented his bond, signed by himself, and Messrs. John Stewart and John Black as sureties, which was accepted and handed to the Treasurer for safe keeping. A by-law to regulate the duties of overseers of highways in reference to the clearing of the township roads of snow during the winter season, was introduced and read a first and second time, and after considerable discussion was read a third time and passed, and numbered 45. A by-law for the remuneration of the members of the Council and officers of the municipality was introduced and read a first time, and the Council went into committee of the whole on the second reading, Mr. Horton in the chair. After filling up the blanks the committee rose, and the chairman reported the by-law as amended, and the by-law was then read a third time and passed, and numbered 46. After transacting some other business of minor importance, the Council adjourned to meet again at the Centre Inn on Monday, the 11th day of October next. J. A. DAVIDSON, Township Clerk.

**Economy.**

Living beyond their income is the ruin of many of my neighbors. They can hardly afford to keep a rabbit, and they must need to drive a pony and chaise. I am afraid extravagance is the common disease of the time, and many professing Christians have found it to their shame and sorrow. Good cotton and stuff gowns are not good enough now-a-days; girls must have silks and satins, and there's a hit at the dressmaker's as long as a winter's night, and quite as dismal. Show and style and smartness run away with a man's means and keeps the family poor. Frogs try to look as big as bulls, and burst themselves. A pound a week spes five hundred a year, and comes up to the county court. Mep burn the candle at both ends, and then say that they are very unfortunate. Why don't they put the saddle on the right horse, and say they're very extravagant? Economy is half the battle in life; it is not so hard to earn money as to spend it well. Humanity would not have known want if they had not first known waste. If all poor men's wives knew how to cook, how far a little might go.

**Sessions Words about Adversity.**

The people who sit nervously in counting houses or behind their goods, waiting for customers to take them by storm, and making no effort to let the world know the bargain they have to offer, will find the season unpropitious. Many who have spent large sums in hiring drummers and paying for other well-known appliances of trade have effected large sales, but swallowed up too large a share of the receipts in such an enormous attendant expenses. The best remuneration has been found by those who have returned to more legitimate old-fashioned methods of pushing their business. We are interested in this line of expenditure, but, as our best advice to all who wish to be enterprising, and to secure a larger custom, there nothing now so effective to this end as judicious advertising. A little advertisement may be like a gentle touch of the hand to poor Dobbins' horse, "a mercy thrown away," and a liberal outlay is almost certain to bring in a large return, and this will last even beyond the current season. We do not believe that any one who has valuable service or desirable property to offer can fail of reaping a rich harvest by continuous advertising on a large scale.

The habit of looking on the right side is invaluable. Men and women who are ever reckoning up what they want rather than what they have—counting the difficulties in the way, instead of contriving the means to overcome them—are almost certain to live on corn and bread, fat pork and salt fish, and sink to unmarked graves. The world is sure to smile upon a man who seems to be successful, but let him go about with a crest-fallen air, and the very dogs in the street will set upon him. We must all have losses. Late frost will nip the bud, banks will break, investments will prove worthless, valuable horses will die and china vases will break, but all these calamities will not come together. The wise can turn to some, when one plan fails, to form another; when one crop is knocked from under us, to fill its place with a substitute, and everyone count what is left rather than what is taken. When the final reckoning is made, if it appears that we have not lost the consciousness of our internal rectitude; if we have kept charity toward all men; if, by the various discipline of life, we have been freed from follies and confirmed in virtues, whatever we have lost, the great balance sheet will be in your favor.

**FAN FLIRTATION.**—A pretty girl has sent us the following definition: "Fan fast. I am independent; fan slow—I am engaged; fan with right hand in front of face—Come on; fan with left hand in front of face—Leave me; open wide—Friendship; shut—Love; open half—Friendship; shut—Hate; swinging the fan—Can I see you home?"

**Wealthy Landowners.**

The Duke of Sutherland owns the greatest breadth of land in Scotland, but it is by no means the most valuable; his estates extend to 1,165,463 acres, and the annual value has been returned at £56,605. The Duke of Buccleuch comes next, with 432,095 acres; but the annual value of these is £18,771. Sir James Matheson, of Lewis, and Ashbury, Bart., follows with 424,460 acres, but their annual value is only £19,487. The trustees of the Earl of Fife claim possession of 252,820 acres, the annual value of which is £72,813; the Duke of Hamilton, 152,441 acres, the large annual value of £132,507; the Countess of Home, 103,932 acres returned at £56,869 annual value; the Marquis of Huntly lays claim to 80,000 acres, but the annual value of these is only £1,213; while the lands of the Earl of Elgin, which extend to 2,663 acres, are returned at £12,080. It will be seen by this that the largest landowners have not always the best revenues.

**A High Bridge.**

The highest bridge in the world will be built at the crossing of the Kentucky river, on the Cincinnati Southern railway, near the Shaker Ferry. The bridge will consist of an iron deck truss of three spans of 375 feet each, centre to centre, supported by two piers and two abutments. The piers will be built of masonry to a height of 64 feet 6 in. above low water mark, and the additional distance below low-water mark will be determined by borings under the control of the resident engineer. These piers will be 130 ft. long, end to end of cut-water, and 33 feet wide on the top; built hollow, with the walls 24 feet from the end. Upon the masonry will rest the iron truss-work. The grade-line is 375 feet 6 inches above low-water. The abutments will be built upon the cliffs on each side of the river, and are to be 48 ft. high, depending upon the shape of the ledges of rock. When this structure is completed Kentuckians can well point with pride to the highest bridge upon this continent.

**Peter Dunn.**—He languished in Wendell jail for six months for absconding with his wife, Mrs. Bye's immigrant son. The revisers of the New Testament in England have carried on their work to the middle of the 4th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians.

The maintenance of the London law courts cost annually about \$750,000, of which suitors pay \$709,000, and the balance is paid by the nation.

Two Russian Government engineers are at Ottawa, engaged examining a canal system and collecting information that will assist in carrying on a proposed improvement in the inland navigation of Russia.

On Wednesday night, a heavily laden train from the National camp meeting, at Wesley Grove, near Goshen, N. Y., while on the way to Kingston, broke through a rotten bridge near Shambler's station. Two of the men went down an embankment and twenty-five persons were injured, a few of them seriously.

**MADNESS IN HORSES.**—A plant known in California as "rattleweed" is said to produce in animals which eat of it symptoms resembling madness. A correspondent of a San Francisco newspaper, writing from Monterey County, describes as follows the effect produced by this plant on a herd of fifty horses on a ranch in the southern part of that County. He says: "They became crazy, forsook the farm, and wandered off one by one over the plain, paying no attention to their master or anything else. They were too muddled in their brains to seek for water, and most of them died of thirst. Although they were wild, and had never been handled, any person could walk up to them on the plain and hit them with his hand, when they would jump, perhaps straight in the air, perhaps some other way, and act as if they were trying to leap a fence at every step. They seemed to retain their sight, yet would not turn aside for anything. The poor demented beasts would walk over a precipice without the slightest fear or heat.

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**Gems of Thought.**

Learn not to judge too rashly of any one, either in respect to good or evil, for both are dangerous.

Buy not, sell not, where self-respect bartered, for that once lost, the mainspring of honor is rusted and decayed.

The best thing to be done when evil comes upon us is not lamentation, but action; not to sit and wait, but to rise and seek the remedy.

There's nothing like perseverance.

Begins with doing over so little at a time, and great result are accomplished simply by keeping on.

Misfortunes are troublesome, at first; but when there is no remedy, but patience, custom makes them easy to us, and necessity gives us courage.

Preserve your conscience always soft and sensitive. If but one sin forces its way into that tender part of the soul, and is suffered to dwell there, the road is paved for a thousand more iniquities.

As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time; and as it would be greatly folly to shoe-horses with gold as Nero did, so it is to spend time that should be devoted to business or study in trifles.

Whenever you are doubt which of two things to do, let your decision be for that which is right. Do not waver do not parley; but speak up to the mark and do the right thing.

There's no virtue that adds so much a charm to the finest traits of beauty as that which exerts itself in watching over the tranquility of an aged parent. There are no tears give so noble a lustre to the cheek of innocence as the tears of filial sorrow.

Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning, and goes to rest with us at night. It is co-extensive with the action of our intelligence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, go where we will, and which only leaves us when we leave the light of life.

The great moral victories and defeats of the world often turn on five minutes. Crises come, the not seizing of which is ruin. Men may loiter, but time flies on wings of the wind and all the great interests of life are spending on with the sure and silent tread of destiny.

Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, happier, or wiser for it. It condemns no one to any society. It is disgusting to the refined; abominable to the good; insulting to those with whom we associate; degrading to the mind; unprofitable, needless and injurious to society.

You are not obliged to discuss your business or affairs with anyone you may chance to know; but in dealing with a confidential friend, be perfectly frank. Disclose the real motives of your conduct, then those who differ from you may still respect you. Nothing is more fatal to a friendship than prevarication and deceit.

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