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JOS. H. HACKING, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 18, 1877.

Bonus to Manufacturers.

We have said a good deal through the FREE PRESS, during the past year, on the subject of granting bonuses to induce the establishment of an increased number of manufacturing industries in our village; and we are convinced that a very large majority of our citizens are not only fully alive to the advantage of giving to such their active moral encouragement, but that they are also prepared to sanction the offer of a tangible money inducement. The matter is again brought to our notice by a brief communication, which we publish below, from W. H. Storey, Esq., wherein the attention of our Council is directed to an advertisement from a manufacturing firm seeking a place to re-establish their business. We are led to believe that the water supply in Acton is quite ample for their requirements, and being favorably situated on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, we fancy this place should meet their wants in these particulars. Besides, we have no municipal debt, and our taxes are low. Our Council should at least put themselves in communication with the parties referred to, and ascertain whether it would not be to the interest of this corporation to offer such bonus as would induce them to locate here.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Dear Sir: In looking over The Mail of the 15th inst., I observe that Messrs. Wm. Shingler & Son, woolen manufacturers, having been recently burnt out at Brantford, are prepared to locate their business in some municipality possessing the required facilities, providing a bonus is granted. The firm is the oldest, and claims to be the best manufacturers of blankets and flannels in Canada, and employs from 25 to 30 hands constantly. Under the circumstances, would it not be advisable for our Council to place themselves in communication with them, and make an effort to locate them here? The present depressed condition of labor in our village and the consequent number of empty houses, being any testimony to the necessity of something being done to stimulate trade and business among us. Treating the matter as a mere business consideration, at the hands of our Council.

I am, yours respectfully, W. H. STOREY. Acton, Jan. 17, 1877.

The objections taken to the bill to give votes to farmers' sons, because it would be hard to tell what a farm is—whether the minimum extent is five acres or fifty—is really got over. When the son lives with the father, and the property on which they make their living is assessed for an amount large enough to give votes to both, it will be safe to call it a farm.

The death of Mr. Hugh C. Thomson, for many years Secretary of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, will be learned with regret by many persons who were accustomed to do business with him at the Provincial Fairs. He was a good officer.

Mr. P. Graham, M. P. P. for Frontenac, died on Friday, after a few days illness. He held the seat rendered vacant by his death for one session only, having been first returned at the last general election for the Province. Mr. Graham was a conservative in politics, and although he had not taken any prominent part in the business of the House, was very assiduous during last session in attending to his duties.

BIG AND LITTLE THEIVING.—The extent of Barber's thieving will apparently not be officially determined. The bank authorities confined the charge to the embezzlement of bonds amounting to \$8,800, and to this the prisoner pleaded guilty. On the other hand, a Toronto paper says the bank stands to lose \$82,000. The whole affair is a striking illustration of how differently "Society" views big and little thieving.

THAT DEED.—The newspaper reading public and the noble army of proprietors who foot the telegraph bills, are sick and tired of this Bennett-May business. The Springfield Republican thus pithily disposes of the matter:—"There ought to be some wisdom from all this stupid business. The May and the Bennetts have both expended fully enough to be justified in good sense for all the rest of their lives. If not, there is no hope of them, and society may well turn its back upon them as hopeless idiots."

In consequence of the favor with which Canada is being met with in England, butchers are reducing prices six cents a pound.

Wendell Phillips is to lecture in Toronto on "Labor, Temperance and Women."

Walkerton talks of a Northern Fair to take in the country between Guelph and Lake Huron.

A heavy earthquake occurred on Saturday forty-five miles south-east of San Diego, California.

Another railway war is threatened, owing to the refusal of the Erie and Lake Shore roads to acquiesce in the recent advance in freights.

There are at present seventy-one inmates in the Waterloo County House of Industry.

Morning papers outside of Toronto seem to have a hard struggle for existence. There is only one left outside of Toronto in all Ontario.

Barber who was proved guilty of embezzling money in the Montreal Bank, Toronto, was sentenced last week to five years imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary at hard labor.

Traffic was greatly delayed on all lines by the snow storm on Friday and Saturday. One G.T.R. train arrived in Toronto nineteen hours behind time. On Western and Northern lines the delay was not so great. A New York train which arrived in Montreal yesterday was forty-eight hours on the road, while a Delaware and Hudson river train was cancelled altogether.

If the newspaper reports of the duel are correct, Bennett has obtained ample satisfaction from May for disfiguring his nose with a rawhide? May is said to have been shot in the leg, the arm, the hip, the bowels, and the shoulder, and the shooting occurred in Delaware, Maryland, Canada, and on board a yacht at sea. Now it only remains for Bennett to take his opponent up in a balloon and complete the job by shooting him through the head.

Mr. Venner, in his latest prediction to the Montreal Times says:—"Another great blow and heavy snow storm is predicted yet for January, and then a thaw. There will be a brief fall in the severity of the winter, which will form an intermission in its progress. February will be on the whole another severe month, with some heavy blockades of snow and steady winter weather, but toward the latter part a change will be perceptible and the sun will commence to exert a marked influence. Heavy gales will characterize the termination of this month, and when these arrive the worst may be considered as over."

A woman named Catharine Cullen committed about a month ago to goal in Belleville as a lunatic, has been twenty-four days without food. She will drink tea or water, but nothing in the way of food, resisting all attempts to persuade her to do so, nor will she sleep in a bed, but invariably takes her rest upon the floor. Mrs. Cullen is a woman of Irish birth, and is undoubtedly insane. She is thirty-two years of age, rather low set and stoutly built. When committed to goal she was not overburdened with flesh, and yet, in spite of her long fast, she has not become emaciated, though, of course, she had lost somewhat in flesh.

The woman Cullen, whose long fast was reported a few days ago, has begun to eat again, after having been without solid food for twenty-six days.

A GOOD WAY TO MAKE "HARD TIMES."—Refuse to pay all little bills although you have the money in your pocket—push men to pay you who haven't the money although you can get along without it—do not meet his obligations just at the time they become due, report that he is about to "burst"—put down the wages of your hands before it is necessary—keep back all produce from market until the prices get up to "starvation rates"—use money in speculation that you should pay your creditors—forget that unnecessary "retrenchments" increase hard times instead of bettering them—carry a long face and talk long and mournfully of evils to come—do these and other acts like them and "hard times" will surely come, however little real cause there may be for them.

A NEW YORK ROMANCE.—Miss Kate Randall, who became insane on the evening of her marriage, grew worse after the disappearance of her lover, George F. Chapman, and disappeared. She has been found in Brooklyn, Ketchum, who attempted suicide two or three times, is believed to be in Philadelphia, where it is thought Miss Randall was during her absence.

DUNKIN ACT IN WELLINGTON.—At a well attended meeting of temperance men from all parts of the county, held in Guelph, last week, it was decided not to again petition the County Council for the substitution of the Dunkin Act until the June session.

The death of the Ottawa Times has set the journalists moralizing over the causes of this result. It is pointed out that there is not room for more than two daily papers in any except very large cities, and that, practically, there are only two "lilies" in Halton, Kingston, London and Ottawa.

Five eclipses to occur in 1877.

Small pox is extremely prevalent at Quebec, several cases having proved fatal.

Ninety men will be thrown out of work by the fire at the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company's works. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The damage caused by the break-up of the ice in the Ohio River is variously estimated at from \$260,000 to \$400,000.

Manmoth sleighing parties are all the rage these winter evenings. They inevitably result in frost bites, palpitations of the heart, bad colds and engagements to marry.

The Ottawa Times has suspended publication, and its valetudinary says that the publisher has been called to disburse enormous sums for expenses, out of all proportion to the income derived.

The liabilities of Gray, Rennie & Co., wholesale druggists, Toronto, who have just suspended, are placed at \$78,000 \$80,000 of which is accommodation. The firm are in hopes of making arrangements to pay in full.

In accordance with requirements of the School Act, and by the demand of the Inspector of Schools for the County of Halton, the trustees of School Section No. 11, township of Nelson, situated in Kilbride village, have at an expense of nearly \$4,000 provided the "necessary" accommodation for the resident children of school age in this section. They have now four large school-rooms, and if the law is strictly enforced will require four teachers, but as a matter of fact only one teacher is now employed, and one teacher employed, the average attendance being so small as not to require any further accommodation. There seems to be some need of enforcing the compulsory clauses of the School Act in Kilbride.

CONGREGATIONAL SESSION.—A notable session has occurred in the Congregational community of Brookline and New York. A new association has been formed, which includes such preachers as Rev. Drs. Storrs, Badington, Hopworth, Sedder, Taylor, and nearly every name of prominence. The condition of the new membership is separation from Mr. Beecher, who is left with his brother, Edward, Lyman Abbott and H. M. Storrs in the old organization. The movement is regarded as indicating the withdrawal of public confidence in the Plymouth pastor, and as it has been accomplished peacefully there is no danger of a renewal of scandal.

THE BENNETT-MAY DUEL.—The Tribune says it is rumored that Bennett and Miss May were married and sailed from Philadelphia for Europe. It is learned from a trustworthy source that a gentleman whose acquaintance was that of Mr. Bennett, went on board the steamer Illinois just before its departure with a lady closely veiled, and both went immediately to their staterooms, avoiding observation. Bennett's name did not appear on the passenger list. The truth concerning May's wedding cannot be learned, but there is strong reason to believe that it is of a more serious character than is generally supposed.

FIRE IN ST. CATHARINES.—The Welland Vale Manufacturing Company's large buildings, situated on the Welland Canal, near lock 2, in St. Catharines, were burned on Friday. The Company did a large and extensive business in the manufacture of axes, scythes, and various other agricultural implements, giving employment to a great number of mechanics, who by this catastrophe will be deprived of work. Several outlying buildings, used as store-rooms, laborers' dwellings, &c., will also prove a total loss. The amount of the loss is roughly estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

A MARE A HORSE.—A few months since, Mr. Wm. Reid, who held a chattel mortgage from T. R. Rhoder, formerly a paper bag manufacturer in London, seized a horse under the same to secure the payment of a debt. Rhoder disputed the right of Reid to do this, and entered an action against him for the price, on the ground that that a mare is not a horse. Judge Elliot decided that a mare is a horse, and gave a verdict for the defendant, Reid.

Three Good Names Scandalized.

MOSES, AARON and NOBLE FIZZEL ENGAGE IN A FIGHT WHICH DOES NOT END IN A PIZZEL.

TEESWATER, Ont., Jan. 13. A stabbing affray took place at Williamson's Corners, about three miles from Teeswater. Two young men, named Henry Chilton and Henry Williamson, were severely injured by a young man, named Moses Fizzel. His brothers, Aaron and Noble Fizzel, were also engaged in the affray. Chilton's wounds are very dangerous and will probably prove fatal. Williamson's wounds are not dangerous. They were treated yesterday by Messrs. Pringle, Scott, Fairbairn, and McLeod. Moses and Aaron were committed to Walkerton goal to await their trial at the Spring Assizes. Noble Fizzel was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor at Walkerton goal.

The Murder of Wm. Griggs by His Son.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE SHOCKING AFFRAY.

(From the Essex Times.)

The following is a more extended account of the murder of a father by his son in Gostfield, in the county of Essex.

The parties to this terrible tragedy were Wm. Griggs and his son of the same name. The senior lived on a small farm about a mile from the village of Ruthven, and his son, who is twenty-five years of age and unmarried, living at home.

Both father and son were in the habit of becoming intoxicated every time an opportunity offered, and when in that condition both were quarrelsome, and they frequently settled their difficulties by a resort to a rough-and-tumble pugilism. Hitting up a team on Christmas, the two were placed in the village of Fox's Corners, in the township of Gosfield, and gratified their appetites for strong drink until they were extremely quarrelsome. In this condition they started home in the evening, and were soon in a wrangle. The team was stopped before a farm house for the purpose of settling the disputed points by a test of muscular endurance. The farmer before whose house they had stopped, hearing loud and angry words, went out to them, and after much persuasion succeeded in quieting the passions and starting them on their way home with seemingly friendly feeling for each other. No further trouble arose between them until they arrived at their destination.

The wife and mother on seeing their condition, knew that a fight between them or between one of them and some of the children of the family, was a very probable occurrence, and as she had done on many previous occasions, she quietly hid every article that she supposed could be used as a fatal weapon in case of an outbreak. The men came in from taking care of the horses, and sat down by the fire to warm themselves, and the hat seemed to develop the fumes of the liquor and their angry passions. The conversation again grew quarrelsome, and finally the son gave the lie to the father. At this the old man sprang to his feet and grasped the son. A scuffle ensued, which warmed the two men up and thoroughly aroused their worst passions. Chairs, tables, and other articles of furniture were upset, and things were strewn around the room in a promiscuous manner.

The other members of the family assembled at the top of the stairs, but none of them dared interfere between the infuriated father and son. After a long tussle the endurance of the young man overcame the strength of his father, and he threw him violently to the floor, driving the breath from his body. As the father lay on the floor gasping for breath, the infuriated father kicked him in the head with his heavy stoga boots, and by chance struck a fatal point, the right temple. A spasmodic tremor ran through the old man's frame, and his soul took its flight. He neither moved nor spoke. The son stood over him for some minutes ready to repeat the kick if his father offered further resistance, but not seeing him move he stooped over and spoke to him. Receiving no answer, he took hold of the old man's hand and shook him, but he exhibited no signs of life. Letting go the hand, the father's hand dropped limp upon his lifeless form.

Then the son, in his whiskey-muddled condition, began to realize what he had done. In a semi-stupor state he stood gazing at the corpse of him who gave him life, and from whom he had only just parted, while the other members of the family, in a frenzy of despair at the awful scene they had just witnessed, ran around the room wringing their hands and weeping in the most piteous manner. As the son fully realized the terrible crime he had committed, the effect of the liquor passed rapidly away. With a speaking word to the members of the family, or answering the many questions put to him, he walked deliberately from his home and delivered himself to the nearest officer.

An inquest was subsequently held on the body of the father by Coroner Wigfield, and the jury brought in a verdict that the father came to his death by a deliberate blow from his son. The latter was subsequently indicted for murder, and now is confined in Sudbury goal, awaiting his trial.

EPH'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine qualities of well-prepared food, Dr. Cassell's Food has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strength enough is reached to resist disease of all kinds. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Gentle Food.

"JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London."

St. Valentine's day, the fourteenth of February, ushers in Lent this year, and Easter commences on the first day of April.

CAPTURED.

Fate of an Elopement Brantford Grocer.

HE AND HIS INAMORATA "PULLED" IN DETROIT.

A dispatch from Dutton, Ont., a small station near St. Thomas on the G. S. R.—was received at the Michigan Central depot, Detroit, Tuesday night, asking for the arrest of a man named Scott and a woman named Kate Campbell on suspicion of elopement. Officer Pierce took charge of the case, and upon the arrival of the Canada Southern train made the arrests, and the parties were taken to the Central Police Station and held until yesterday morning. At that time Miss Campbell's father and brother, who sent the request to capture the fugitives, not having captured the fugitives, not having arrived, and they being no grounds for detaining Scott, he was discharged. Yesterday afternoon the woman's father and brother arrived, and last evening she accompanied them on their return to Campbelltown, near Brantford. It seems that this is the third time that Scott, who was a grocer in Brantford, has deserted his wife, to whom he has been married nearly thirty years, and gone off with another woman. The circumstances in this last case are somewhat singular. Miss Campbell appeared at Scott's house about six weeks ago and stated that she had been betrothed to Scott's deceased son and desired to visit his grave. Thus she worked upon the feelings of Mrs. Scott, and was well treated by her, and remained with them until Wednesday, December 21, when she went away, bidding everybody good-bye. The next day Scott disappeared, and it was not until Tuesday that the facts came out. Scott is nearly sixty years old, and not at all good-looking, while Miss Campbell is rather handsome and about twenty-two years old.

BIRTH. In Acton, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. P. S. Armstrong, of a daughter.

DEATH. In Acton on the 11th inst., Mr. Donald McNaair, Merchant, in the 49th year of his age.

ACTON MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, White Wheat, Spring Wheat, Red Chaff Wheat, Oats, Peas, Potatoes, Apples, Onions, Butter, Eggs, Dressed Hogs, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks.

A Splendid Hair Dressing and Restorer Combined. Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores grey hair to a glossy natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores thin, greasy, riven hair; restores hair to its natural vigor to the hair; restores hair to its natural texture; restores hair to its natural color; restores hair to its natural growth; restores hair to its natural softness; restores hair to its natural shine; restores hair to its natural strength; restores hair to its natural beauty; restores hair to its natural health; restores hair to its natural life.

STRAYED HORSE.

Came on the premises of the subscriber, in Acton, on the 13th inst., a Sorrel Horse. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away; otherwise he will be sold to pay expenses. ROBERT AGNEW, Acton, Jan. 17, 1877.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Farwell Tour of Scotland's Greatest Vocalist, MISS JEANIE WATSON, Queen of Scottish Song, and JAS. F. HARDY, Humorous, Tenor Vocalist, Pianist. GEO. HENDERSON, Character Comic Vocalist. In their Popular Musical Entertainment, As performed by them with great success in Scotland, England, Ireland, the United States and Canada. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50 cents. Children accompanied by their parents, 10 cents. Doors open at 7.30. Concert to commence at 8. J. C. McELROY, Advance Agent.

STRAYED.

Came on the premises of the subscriber in October last a Red Heifer, over one year old, the owner is requested to prove property pay expenses and take her away. GEO. NORRISSE, Lot 21, 2d con. Nassagawya, Jan. 1, 1877.

TO BREEDERS.

The young Berkshire Boar "Wellington Chief" bred by Geo. Rudd, of Guelph, has been purchased by me and will be kept for service on my premises adjoining the village of Acton. This animal is imported stock with first-class pedigree. Terms \$1.00, to be paid at time of service. C. S. SMITH, 25-47 Acton, Dec. 18, 1876.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. D. PRINGLE

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry



No more Auctions AT PRESENT.

I am so busy with Watches to repair that I have concluded to have no more Auctions for a few weeks. All goods will still be sold

At a Special Discount of 25 per cent.

Lots of Watches to select from. This is a bona-fide cheap sale.

No Reasonable Offer Refused.

G. D. PRINGLE, Guelph, Jan. 12, 1877.

TOYS

Fancy Goods

Auction Prices. CHEAP

BOOKS

ANDERSON'S

CHEAP BOOKSTORE

On the East side of Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

SPEYSIDE

Shingle, Stave

HEADING MILLS.

Any parties wanting Shingles would do well to give us a call. We will always have on hand a good supply of No. 1 and No. 2 Shingles. Best quality No. 1 Shingles \$1.75 per square. No. 2, 20 cents per square. P. & H. SAYERS, Speyside, Dec. 18, 1876. 24-6m

DAYS

BOOK STORE, GUELPH. A large stock of FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c., AT Day's Bookstore.

STARTLING BARGAINS.

GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARING OUT SALE

Now going on at

McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO'S

GEORGETOWN.

Now is the time for Bargains.

The public fairly startled and astonished at the startling cheap goods now being sold at the

MAMMOTH HOUSE.

Lowest Hard Time Prices.

Now is your opportunity. We have marked down the balance of our extensive stock, and are determined to clear it all out before spring. We are bound to make this the most extensive Clearing Sale we have ever attempted. Don't neglect the opportunity of getting the largest lot of goods for the least money, you ever saw in your lifetime.

REMEMBER THIS SALE IS FOR CASH. We must have the money, therefore you can buy goods very cheap. Don't forget the spot.

McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co.,

Jan. 8, 1877. MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN.

SHINGLES

Lath, Lumber, and Shingles FOR SALE.

The undersigned have for sale at their mills in Acton a large quantity of all kinds of

PORK! PORK!!

Charles Cameron

HURRAH! HURRAH!

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CLERK 4TH DIVISION COURT, COUNTY OF HALTON. Commissioner in C.T. Fire Insurance Agent. Life Insurance Agent. Issuer of Marriage Licenses. Agent Money to Loan or Borrow. Agent Montreal Telegraph Co. Debts Collected, on Commission. And General Agent, &c., &c. Parties intrusting their business to me will be satisfactorily dealt with. Office at the Post Office, Acton. CEDAR RAILS AND POLES FOR SALE. A large quantity on hand, on my premises, Lot No. 32, 2d line Nassagawya. JOSEPH FRANKLIN, Esquewing, Dec. 23, 1876.