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Acton Free Press. JOB H. HACKING EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1877.

The Congregational Union met in Guelph yesterday. The London Conference of the Methodist Church also met at Guelph this week.

The eighth annual meeting of the Millard Counties Baptist Association is to take place at Erin Village on the 15th inst.

Mr. Geo. Blain of Brantford has received the contract for the erection of the new goal at Milton. His tender was \$16,595.

The temperance men of Toronto are confident of carrying the Dunken Act in that city.

The Manitobans are apparently in a fair way of being put in railway communication with the outside world. It is stated that arrangements are being consummated, which, it is expected, will ensure the completion in Minnesota of that portion of the railway which has been known as the Glynndon cut-off. There has been no difficulty about the Canadian end of the road. It was graded a year or two ago, but has never been finished, as this Glynndon cut-off of sixty miles would render its completion comparatively useless, their completion no direct connection with the general railway system. Last winter it was decided by the Government to complete the Canadian branch, as the Manitobans believe that this would lead to the construction of the missing link. Their expectations seem in a way of being fulfilled.

What is called "the Murphy" temperance movement is making great progress in several cities in Ontario. The agitator of the movement is said to be a reformed drunkard who has turned his ways and turned his attention to the reformation of others. It is said that in St. Catharines over two thousand persons signed the Murphy pledge, and over a thousand in the City of Hamilton. The movement has extended to Toronto where there is a large field for such work and no doubt equally good results will follow from the agitation.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Ontario, will be held in Sarnia, commencing on Tuesday next, 12th inst., when a large number of delegates from the various Lodges in the province is expected to be present. The Supreme Chancellor of America, S. S. Davis, Esq. of New Hampshire, has also signified his intention of visiting the session. Arrangements are being made to accord him a grand reception in Toronto on Saturday, with a banquet in the evening, and a grand promenade concert in the Horticultural Gardens on Monday evening. There will doubtless be a large gathering of Knights from various parts of the country. Mr. John F. Beard, G. C. has been elected delegate to represent the Acton Lodge at Sarnia next week.

Dr. John S. King, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, recently lectured in the Old Fellows Hall, Whitty, on the Knights of Pythias Order, and received the hearty support and attendance of the Order of Old Fellows on that occasion. John H. Perry, Esq., Grand Master of the Old Fellows of Ontario, occupied the chair, and likewise made a happy speech on behalf of the Knights of Pythias—a sister society engaged in the same good work, and bespoke their aid and countenance in the effort to establish a Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in that town. The large audience was composed of the leading citizens, a large proportion of whom were ladies. The Grand Chancellor, who is also an Odd Fellow, in acknowledging a hearty vote of thanks accorded him, alluded to the fact that nearly every prominent official of the Supreme and Grand Lodges of the Knights of Pythias Order were Odd Fellows, the present Supreme Chancellor being a Past Grand Master of New Hampshire. There was a most happy interchange of good feeling between members of the two Orders, such as ought to exist everywhere.

AN AMERICAN BOOK ABROAD.—Webster's dictionary is now considered throughout the continent of Europe, not only the authority par excellence in English lexicography, but as the characteristic American book. It is better known and more widely circulated than any other. It has been placed in the Library of the British Museum, the Athenaeum and other London Clubs, and numerous other places. It has been translated into Turkish, India, China, and even Japan. It is everywhere deservedly appreciated for the elegance of its type, the distinctness of its impression, the beauty of the engravings, and the vast amount of information condensed within its covers.—Paris, Cour de Boston Post.

Requesting Township Council. SEVENANTOWN, 18th May. The Council met at 10 o'clock; the Reeve in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay to Mr. D. O. Robertson the sum of \$15 for the relief of Gilbert Sinclair, he being in indigent circumstances.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that on account of the present high prices of provisions the sum of \$1 per month additional be granted to Mrs. Wallace for the maintenance of each of the "indigent persons under her charge." Carried.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Fraser, the Council went into Committee of the whole, on the By-law to regulate the Statute labour and for other purposes therein. Mr. Clay in the chair. The Council resumed.

On motion of Mr. Shortreed, seconded by Mr. Warren, the sum of \$10 was granted to improve the road on the 3rd line, lot 10, and \$10 for the purpose of stumping the deviated road on lot 13, 3rd concession. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Lindsay, Fraser, Shortreed and Murray be appointed to get specifications of the bridge to be built over the creek, 3rd line, lot 12, and advertise for tenders. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that Mr. Wm. Moore be appointed Pathmaster in the place of Thos. G. Herald; also that John Michie be appointed Pathmaster in the road division in which he resides.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$13.25 be paid to Andrew Kennedy for building of culvert on cross road between 15 and 16 in the 4th Concession.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$60 be granted to improve the road and hill on lot 27, 8th line.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Shortreed seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of \$20 be granted for the purpose of repairing the culvert on the cross road between 15 and 16, opposite Mr. Ephraim Moore's land, and to repair the road on said cross road on the 5th Concession near Spence side, and that Messrs. D. Stewart and Peter Sayers be appointed Commissioners to expend the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of \$10 be granted to Ephraim Moore for hauling stones for culvert.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Shortreed, that the sum of \$30 be paid out of the township funds to grade the road on lots 8 and 9, second line.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that Mr. H. R. Lawson, Pathmaster, be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$30 in stumping and otherwise improving the roads in his division.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Shortreed, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that Messrs. Scott and Thomas Chisholm be appointed Commissioners for the building of a culvert opposite lot 1, 5th line.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of \$80 be granted to grade the cross road between lots 15 and 16 in the 4th concession, and that Messrs. Ephraim Moore, John Robertson and John Michie be Commissioners to expend the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$10 be granted to Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$80 be granted to grade the cross road between lots 15 and 16 in the 4th concession, and that Messrs. Ephraim Moore, John Robertson and John Michie be Commissioners to expend the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$10 be granted to Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$80 be granted to grade the cross road between lots 15 and 16 in the 4th concession, and that Messrs. Ephraim Moore, John Robertson and John Michie be Commissioners to expend the same.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till Friday, 29th June.

We trust the Ensigning Council are satisfied that it is not unwisdom to have their printing done by apparently the lowest tender. A short while ago, the various printing offices in the county were asked to tender for the printing of the Treasurer's accounts in pamphlet form, at so much per page.

We don't know what figure the other offices put in, but we do know that if ours had been accepted the whole pamphlet would have cost them about \$18 or \$20 at the most. It may surprise the taxpayers of the township to learn that the Council have paid Mr. Bailey, of the Oakville Express \$37.60 for the job. This is accounted for by the printer stretching out the number of pages to an immense length. We notice that the County Council pamphlet is treated in the same meticulous and unworkmanlike manner, by the same party. No wonder he could afford to undersell all other printers who have a conscience, and who have some little respect for decency.

THE CASTLETON MURDER. Abortionists Again at Work. INQUEST AND POST MORTEM EXAMINATION.

Arrest of the Supposed Murderers.

COLBURN, Ont., June 1. A fearful crime was committed in the little village of Castleton a few days since. It is difficult to learn at this point all the details of the tragedy, but so far as can be gathered from the rumors afloat here to-night it is in many respects the counterpart of the Jennie Gilmore case in Toronto, though its ghastliness appears even to exceed that of the Toronto case. Briefly told, the particulars seem to be as follows: The victim, Miss Alberta Wade, was a daughter of John Wade, of Brighton township, and was engaged as a school teacher in the neighborhood of Castleton. The last time she was seen alive was on Friday evening of last week, when she was noticed driving with a young man named Mallory, the son of a farmer in the neighborhood. About one o'clock that night young Mallory returned home alone, and informed his father that he wanted money, as he had got into a scrape which would oblige him to leave the country; that he had seduced a young lady, and on his father advising him to marry her, he stated that he could not, as she had gone. After securing what money he could, he drove to Colborne, where he bought a second class ticket for Detroit. By some means the news that Miss Wade was missing did not reach his father's house until last Sunday. The search was instituted, but not until Thursday morning last was her body discovered. It was found in a lonely dell, in a low swampy place in the woods, about a quarter of a mile from Mallory's farm, and about three miles north of Castleton. She had been thrown into a hole apparently scraped out with a hoe, and when found had all her clothes on except her drawers, which were drawn tightly around her head and neck. A covering of horse earth, leaves, trash, etc., was thrown over the body to the depth of a few inches, the top being carefully smoothed over with moss and leaves to make the grave look as natural as possible. The body had been taken to the woods in a buggy or wagon, the ground where the horse had stood near by having been pawed. The presence of a freshly broken bough was the means of indicating the whereabouts of the body.

An inquest and a post mortem examination have been held by Messrs. Gould and Fyfe, acting as coroners, and the latter by Dr. Thorburn, Deans, Douglas and Richardson. From the evidence it would appear that the girl was about four months advanced in pregnancy, and it is generally supposed the young Mallory was the seducer. When it was found that she was enciente she was induced to visit an old man named Smith, who bears the reputation of being one of the detestable medical specialists who are resorted to in such cases. He had apparently tried mechanical appliances several times, but had failed. One of his attempts appears to have been made a week ago last Tuesday, as Mrs. Miller stated in evidence that Smith had told her that he had then made the attempt and had failed, but was bound to accomplish it yet. She stated also that an attempt had been made for the following Friday evening, that on which Miss Wade was noticed driving with Mallory. It further appears from the evidence that on Friday evening, after her drive with Mallory, a man named Welton, an intimate friend and a near relative of Mallory, was noticed driving in the direction of Grafton with a young lady. Though the latter has not been positively identified as Miss Wade, the evidence of several witnesses as to her dress, etc., goes to show almost conclusively that it was she. The pair were traced to a hotel in Grafton. Here there is a break in the chain of evidence, but there are good hopes that on the resumption of the inquest Tuesday—to which date it was adjourned to-day—the missing links will be supplied. The two were noticed at a hotel in Grafton at eight o'clock on Friday evening. The same evening about nine Mallory was seen in Castleton, and it was about one o'clock the next morning when he awoke his father and told him he had got into a scrape.

The result of the post mortem examination has not yet transpired, but the general theory is that repeated attempts to procure an abortion having failed, the young woman was induced to go to the woods and was there deliberately murdered, there being, it is said, several marks of violence in the head, face and neck.

Smith Welton and his brother, the last named being, it is supposed, an accessory, have been arrested, and are now in custody, and news was received to-day that young Mallory was also apprehended while stopping with some relatives in Smith's Creek, Michigan. He is in the hands of the United States authorities, and as soon as the usual official steps have been taken he will be brought over. It is expected that he will be here in time for the continuation of the inquest on Tuesday. It is almost needless to say that the event has created the greatest excitement all over this part of the country. Since the discovery of the body hundreds have flocked to the scene of the murder.

Miss Wade was a young lady of considerable education and general intelligence. She was noted in the neighborhood for her beauty and engaging manners, and her family are highly respectable. She was nineteen years of age, and has taught school only since the last of January last. The above details are necessarily meagre and detached, but the general reliability may be depended on.

Destructive Fire in Orangeville. ORANGEVILLE, June 2.—A fire which for some time threatened the destruction of the principal business part of the town, broke out last week yesterday evening in a workshop at the rear of Messrs. Beswick & Thompson's furniture store on Broadway, and spread with alarming rapidity to the wagon-shop of Mr. W. Cruickshank, at the stables and sheds of the American Hotel and to the Episcopal Methodist Church, all of which were in less than two hours reduced to ashes. The American Hotel was on fire several minutes, and to be destroyed to the flames. The Primitive Methodist Church was also badly damaged by fire and water. The fire brigade worked well, yet but for a favorable change in the direction of the wind the fire would no doubt have destroyed the principal part of the town. The total loss is about \$12,000. The principal sufferers are Messrs. Beswick & Thompson, W. Cruickshank, J. Lambey, W. J. Morrison, and the Episcopal and Primitive Methodist congregations. The losses of the latter three are partially covered by insurance. The property of the other sufferers was uninsured.

INLAND REVENUE SEIZURE.—On the morning of Friday, the 1st inst., Collector McLean, accompanied by officers Nichols and Powell, seized an illicit still on lot 30, 5th con., Township of Erin. It was found near or on the boundary line between the farms of James Bell and Edward Doering. There is a copper still and boiler combined, a tin mortar and wooden box, and the usual plant found in such places. A small quantity of spirits was found, and one wash in process of fermentation. It had been very recently worked, as the water in boiler was warm, and the fire under it not quite extinguished. No person was found on the premises at the time of seizure, but the plant is said to be owned and was worked by Donald Bell and Wm. Doering.

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WAGGONS. Now is the time to leave your order at J. Ryder's Factory for a Stylish Buggy or Serviceable Wagon. I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and see our handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-shoeing & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER. Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

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Only a Few Days More. AUCTION SALE OF THE BALANCE OF Mrs. McNair's Bankrupt Stock EVERY EVENING. Remember the place.—The new brick store opposite Agnew's hotel.

GOULDING & HENRY, Auctioneers. Acton, June 5, 1877.

NOW THEN! BARGAINS! ATTENTION! STILL AHEAD AT THE ACTON TIN AND STOVE DEPOT. Robert Fisher. Has everything that you want in WILSON & JOHNSON. Beg to thank their numerous clients and customers for the kind patronage hitherto extended to them, and wish to inform them that they now on hand a large stock of Ware, which they are selling cheaper than ever.

WILSON & JOHNSON. Repairing and Jobbing promptly attended to. WILSON & JOHNSON. Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

TWO FARMERS. Now is the time to improve your stock. The best price for the season. Now is the time to improve your stock. The best price for the season. Now is the time to improve your stock. The best price for the season.

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