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Guelph, 23rd November.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICEMACDONNELL STREET
TUESDAY EVEN'G, DEC. 1, 1868.

The Alabama Affair.

Ever since Mr. Johnson's arrival in England he and Lord Stanley have addressed themselves to the arrangement of the preliminaries for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims with an assiduity which argued at once their own earnestness, and their belief in the urgency of the necessity for removing a cause of vexation and ill-will between the two nations. The question of England's right to recognize the Southern States as belligerents, which Mr. Seward with proud insolence had contended should form the first subject for discussion was entirely cast aside by the Minister, and his efforts have been directed towards securing a means of determining the amount of injury done to American commerce by the notorious privateer. This is in fact the real question at issue. While calling in question England's right to do as she did may be very pretty as a sentiment, and while it might flatter the national courage, and enable the Republic to congratulate itself on its boldness, the facility with which the demand was waived when firmly resisted proved that it was the material and practical rather than the sentimental and theoretical concerning which the American Government and people were most anxious.

For the last month very few days have elapsed without bringing us a fresh story about the *Alabama* question. First a mixed commission of eight was to sit in London, who were to discuss every question of damages brought before them, and the question of international law was to be referred to the Czar. Then again we were informed that the King of Prussia, not the Emperor of Russia, was to be the arbiter; and after we had heard and believed all this the American papers avowed it to be all moonshine, said that the President had heard nothing of it officially, and that at all events Congress would never sanction such a protocol even if it had been drawn up. The fact appears to be that Minister Johnson has interpreted more literally than is agreeable to American feelings the instructions which he received, before his departure, from Mr. Seward, to bring about a settlement of the question by making any honorable concession. They never contemplated the possibility of his admitting the right of English citizens to claim compensation for damages done to their property by the United States navy; but, if we are to believe the latest information on the subject, he has done so, and this action constitutes a grim at which Americans are making grinnaces even before they have been actually called upon to swallow it. They fully anticipated that whatever cash there was in the transaction would be to their credit, and that there would be no contra.

The latest version of the story regarding the arrangements is, that the question of damages is to be referred to a commission of four, two to be chosen by England, and two by America, and that it has been decided the commissioners are to sit in Washington. Britain holds herself in readiness to pay any damages which may be given against her; and the first article in the protocol gives her the power of compelling the settlement of all counter claims for losses sustained by her subjects in consequence of the civil war. To this point the Americans object, as conferring a favour upon them not to be enjoyed by loyal citizens of the South, who suffered severe losses during the conflict and are debarred from all hope of recompense. But the cases are entirely dissimilar. On the one hand there were neutrals whose property should have been considered inviolable by the contending parties; and on the other there were citizens of the United States who chose to take a certain side and in so doing inevitably incurred a certain risk, so that no parallel can be established. It is to be hoped, however, that the honourable, the commissioners will soon meet in Washington or some place else, settle the matter as satisfactorily as possible and let us have done with it.

The rule *Nisi* for a new trial in the case of Davis vs. the Hamilton Times has been refused. The plaintiff applied for leave to carry the case to the Court of Appeal, which was refused also. Thus Saul is foiled at every point, and will find few to sympathise with him except the *St. Catharines Journal* with which he appears to be a favourite.

Wonder was expressed that when Whalen appeared before the Judges in Toronto, Mr. O'Reilly was not present. It appears that it was of his own free will he was away. He came as far as Kingston, where he remained to transact private business intending to come to Toronto as soon as the case comes up for argument.

LOCAL ITEMS.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—We beg to remind our readers of the lecture in the Temperance Hall, this (Tuesday) evening commencing at half-past 7 o'clock.

Bread is down to ten cents per loaf in Elora. This example is well worthy of imitation by our Guelph bakers. If they imagine that their customers can't eat bread at its proper value they err badly.

A meeting of the "Hook and Ladder Company will be held this evening, when all clothing belonging to the Company will be brought in, its affairs will be straightened up, and the Company then disbanded.

CHEAP AND EXPEDITIOUS PRINTING.—The holidays are fast approaching and parties in want of any description of printing should lose no time in calling at THE EVENING MERCURY OFFICE. Our charges are low while the work is first-class.

SALE OF BOOKS.—Mr. Thornton advertises that another sale of books, fancy goods, &c., will take place at his store this evening. All he wants is a good audience and he will do good talking, and offer articles worthy of being invested in. He has a large collection of books, many of them of great value, and he knocks them down without compunction when anything approaching half price is offered. Drop in and hear what he has to say, and see what he has for sale.

A STRANGE MAN.—This man differs from all other men, for he performs all most miracles, free of cost. People suffering great pain and agony for ten, twenty, and even fifty years, have all pains removed from any part of the head, neck, face, shoulders, breast, back, bowels, arms, hands, hips, thighs, heart, liver, pleura, kidneys, womb, legs, knees, ankles, and feet, with no expense, and generally within three to five minutes. People bent over with distress stand upright instantly. Those screaming with pleurisy, laugh outright instantly. Neuralgia without a moment's cessation for twenty years of ten removed in ten minutes. Pain in the small of the back that has cost the owner thousands of dollars in maltreatment, stops in ten minutes by the watch. This strange man, Dr. Dodge, is now at the Coulson House, and with this strange and hitherto unknown remedy called "Nervo Magnetism," treats those unable to pay free of charge, without money and without price. More particulars will be given in our next issue.—*dot*

INTERNATIONAL PIGEON MATCH.—The great Pigeon matches between Mr. Ward, of this city, and Capt. Travis, of Chicago, for \$1,000 a side, fifty birds each—and Abram Kleinam, also of Chicago, \$500 a side, 100 birds each, came off at the latter city on Thursday and Friday last, and resulted in victories for Ward. These contests were looked upon as international in their character and occasioned considerable enthusiasm among sportsmen, when telegraph despatches announced Mr. Ward's success.

A man named Pepper, of Mitchell, has been fined \$5 and costs for beating his wife, who is sickly and has an infant a few weeks old. Mrs. Pepper has been time and again abused by her cruel husband, often being obliged to fall upon her knees to ask for pardon, for the slightest offence, to avoid a horse-whipping. The principal witnesses against Pepper were his own children. In the State of Delaware this brute would be whipped at a post.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.—St. Andrew's Day for 1868 has passed away. We are all passing away. Passing away is one of the most unmistakable realities which the world presents—a eternal cycle of recurring change is manifest everywhere. Hourly we die and rot; hourly we live and flourish, and the contest between life and death is a drawn battle. At Cuthbert's sales the public have the advantage, and they appreciate the reality of getting goods cheap. A good programme. Sale of domestic ideas—Mrs. Gaudie. Sale to-night.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, DEC. 1,
J. Sewart, A. Peebles, E. Powell, Hamilton; J. Bart, J. S. Crawford, W. Young, R. McMurran, R. S. Potter, J. Villors, Toronto; W. Patton, Bowmanville; W. Wells, Waterloo; H. C. Kennedy, Maryboro; J. Cattaneach, B. Reid, Fergus; A. Nairn, J. Nairn, Rockwood; T. Kerr, R. G. Brown, Montreal; J. Kennedy, Mount Forest; Dr. O. P. Dodgen, C. R. Thurber, New York city; J. F. Leslie, Kingston; C. Hammond, London.

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Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

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Agent for the Kershaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.
Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

THE AUCTION SALE

BOOKS

WILL BE CONTINUED

TO-NIGHT,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st.

At M. Shewan's Old Stand,
WYNDHAM STREET.

Guelph, Nov. 27.

HOOKS, ATTENTION.

A GENERAL MEETING
Of the members of the late Hook and Ladder Company will be held at NICHOLS' COURT HOUSE HOTEL.

On TUESDAY EV'G, 1st DEC.,
At half-past 7 o'clock, when all the members are particularly requested to bring in all Clothing, &c., belonging to the Company.

WILLIAM SUNLEY, Secretary.
Guelph, Nov. 27. do 1t

AUCTION SALE OF

CHATTEL PROPERTY

Belonging to the Estate of the late DR. THOS. S. PARKER, deceased.

W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from the Executors of the late Dr. Parker, to sell by Public Auction,

On Saturday next, 5th of December,
At his late residence, Market Street, Guelph, with out reserve, the following Valuable Property:—

3 good horses, set of double harness, single do., buggy, cutter, sleigh, wagon, cutting-box, crossbar, wheelbarrow, shovel, wagon-rack, plough, harrows, spade, forks, a quantity of oats and peas in the straw, 3 good pigs, buffalo robes.

TERMS—\$10 and under cash, over that amount 6 months' credit on approved notes. Sale at one o'clock, precisely. Mark—NO RESERVE.
Guelph, November 30th. do 1d

STRAW AND FELT HATS.

The subscriber begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that in addition to the Straw Bonnet and Hat making she is prepared to do all kinds of Felt work.

MISS HARRISON, next to Mr. Romani's,
Guelph, 19th Nov. do 12

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A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
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STONE COTTAGE TO LET.

To Let, a comfortable Stone Cottage, on the corner of Northumberland and Dublin Streets.—
Enquire of
D. S. SAVAGE, Watchmaker and Jeweller.
Guelph, November 28. do 1t

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If you wish to give satisfaction to your customers, go to the undersigned for your Leather and Findings.

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COOK WANTED.

Wanted a First-class Cook, to whom liberal wages will be given. Apply to
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Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts,
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New Turkey Figs, Desert Raisins,
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At
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Guelph November 31st. daw

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Tenders for the Stock

Of Dry Goods and Groceries,

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Up to Thursday, the 3rd December.

The Goods and Stock Book can be seen on the premises in Fergus, by applying to MR. GARVIN in charge.

Tenders to state price, terms of payment, and security if required.
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Guelph, November 28. do 1t

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GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE,
Guelph, Nov. 6. do 1t Executors.

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One hundred barrels choice hand picked Fruit, in fine Rhode Island Green, Golden Russett, Red Winter and Spitzenbergh

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