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SEED BARLEY—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon.

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BOARDS WANTED—Several gentlemen boarders wanted at Mrs. McLean's, Woodlark street, opposite Dr. McGregor's residence.

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REMOVAL. J. Kay, Brass Founder, Has removed for a few months in rear of Mr. Smith's Feed Store, Upper Wyndham-street, Guelph, April 8, 1874.

WOODLAND NURSERIES, New and Beautiful PLANTS

Vegetable Plants, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Tomatoes, Asparagus, &c., &c.

A FEW THOUSAND WELL GROWN Apple, Pear and Plum Trees at lowest market rates.

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AT THE TOWN HALL, On Saturday Evg, April 19th

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Mrs. J. W. WESTON, Tickets, with Reserved Seats, 75 cents. Seats may be secured at Mr. J. Anderson's on and after Wednesday, April 15th.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1874

Town and County News

MONTHLY SOCIAL.—We remind our readers of the social this evening at the Baptist Church, where a most enjoyable and profitable time is anticipated.

FIRE.—At about ten o'clock this morning chimney took fire in a house on West Market Square, owned by Mrs. Myers. No damage was done.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular weekly meeting of this Association will be held at the rooms this evening. A full attendance is requested.

A BEAUTIFUL PHEASANT, shot, we understand, by Mr. Cross, Pauline, was on exhibition in the streets to-day. It weighs five pounds, and its length from tip to tip is about thirty inches.

THE MENDELSSOHN QUINETTE CLUB make their appearance in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, 18th inst. The mere mention of the name of this galaxy of artists is a sufficient hint to the lovers of genuine music. The press speaks in the highest terms of this club wherever they appear.

HONOUR TO A GUELPH BOY.—We notice that at the annual meeting of the Toronto University College Literary and Scientific Society last week, among the prizemen is Mr. E. Stephenson, who was chosen first Prize Reader. The young gentleman so honored is well known as the son of Mr. Wm. Stephenson, Nurseryman, of this town.

LIVINGSTONE'S BODY.—On Wednesday morning the remains of Dr. Livingstone were landed at Southampton, and, after being formally received by the Mayor were escorted to the railway station, whence they were conveyed to London.

A DUCKING.—On Wednesday morning two boys were playing on the bridge across the river close to Goldie's mill, one of them, aged about five years, son of Mr. J. Paterson, sewing machine agent, fell off into the water. His companion immediately ran for assistance to the mill, and one of the workmen came out and rescued the little fellow from his uncomfortable position.

The Wellad House. We notice from the St. Catharines News that the new, modern, and comfortable Messrs. Bookless & Butler, was opened on Monday. The new building has been re-painted and carpeted throughout.

A still later telegram states that 60 bodies have been recovered.

Meeting of Manufacturers. (Special to Mercury per Montreal Line.) Toronto, April 16.

A deputation of manufacturers will be in Ottawa on Tuesday next, 21st inst., to give evidence before Mr. Wood's Committee on the manufacturing interests of the Dominion.

THEFT IN BROAD DAVENPORT.—Mr. Tyson, butcher, occupies a stall in the Market Arcade, which opens by one door into the passage way and by another on the east side on to the Market Square.

DARNO HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On Monday evening as Mr. Bartholomew Coughlin, a farmer, residing within a short distance of St. Thomas, was driving home in a buggy, he was accosted by two young men on the Air Line track.

A map of the city of Winnipeg is in the hands of the engravers. Mr. J. D. Parr is the publisher.

Wanted: A man who will remove his foundry from Beechville, and go into the manufacture of engines and mill machinery in his new premises.

A Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was established in the township of Delaware on the 13th inst. This is the eighth Grange organized in Ontario within a few weeks.

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Escape from Guelph Jail

McLEAN, THE LETTER STEALER GETS OFF.

OCCULTION SOMEWHERE

Enquiry by the Prison Inspector

NOTHING HEARD OF McLEAN AS YET

On Wednesday morning Samuel McLean, who was lying in Guelph Jail waiting his trial for robbing the mails in January last while acting as mail conductor on the G. W. Railway, made his escape. It seems that extra precautions had been taken by Mr. Mercer about a week before to prevent his escape by putting an extra watch on at night, as fears were entertained that such an attempt would be made.

On Wednesday morning at five o'clock, all being quiet. The turnkey shortly before eight says he opened McLean's cell door, and found him there. He then left and was absent about twenty minutes, and after seeing the other prisoners served with their breakfast, he took up McLean, he then went up to where the prisoners washed, found McLean was not there, came down into the corridor, found a dollar bill on the floor, and reported the escape to Mr. Mercer.

He at once searched the goal, but not finding the prisoner or any trace of him, he telegraphed to various points in the hope that McLean might be re-arrested in his flight.

No trace of the prisoner has yet been found, and there is little doubt but he is in some time in the States. That there was collusion somewhere is quite evident; that some one in the goal aided and connived at McLean's escape is equally clear, and there is no room for doubt that he had friends outside who arranged the whole affair, were aware that the attempt would be made, and were either waiting to aid him, or to whom he applied after his escape, and helped him to elude the officers, and got away to the States.

Mr. Mercer very properly telegraphed Mr. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons, immediately after the occurrence, and had lost \$24. Have not seen McLean's wife since about two weeks before escape of prisoner; but about a month ago saw McLean's brother. Went at ten minutes to seven o'clock on Wednesday morning to McLean's cell, south from the door of the south upper corridor, to let prisoner into corridor. He was sitting on a bed with pants and socks on, but don't know whether his boots were on or not. He did not come into the corridor while I was there. I only stayed to unlock the cell door and then came away. I could not have been over two minutes in the corridor, and went immediately down into the lower corridor to my cell, and hung the goal keys on the kitchen door. I then went out into the privy, was there a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes. Came back and stayed in the kitchen till the prisoner's breakfast was ready, then went with prisoners' cook to distribute it, taking the keys from the mail, and opened the corridor door, another the iron gates, another the cells. Any person in the prison kitchen could get these keys and have access to every door in the prison, used to take the keys to my bed room at first but have not done so for last three years.

Got up on Wednesday morning, past six, and after lighting the kitchen fire went to every cell in which there were prisoners. McLean was in his cell at that time. After distributing breakfast to the other prisoners went to my own kitchen and got McLean's breakfast to take to him. That was about ten minutes to eight o'clock. McLean's breakfast was ready at eight o'clock. The wooden door into the south upper corridor was ajar. Passed through and found the iron gate going into the corridor spring-bolted. Put prisoner's Paterson's breakfast on the table and called out "McLean, here's your breakfast." Received no answer. Then went to the upper cell which is left open for prisoners to wash in, and saw McLean. On coming back through the iron gate again I picked up a dollar bill. At once went down and told Mr. Mercer that McLean must have been let out by the prisoner-cook, whose name is Blakely. I thought this because there was no one around beside Blakely my self, and because I found the dollar bill. This was about ten minutes past eight. About three weeks ago I was walking on Wyndham street about nine o'clock at night and passed a man who turned around and tapped me on the shoulder and said:—"Ain't you the turnkey in the goal?" I said I was. He said "you have got McLean in there, ain't he getting on?" He then said "couldn't there be anything done for him?" I said there was nothing to be done till the trial came off. He said, "Couldn't you do something for him if you got \$500 or so?" I said, "No; I don't want to hear any such talk," and was going away when he said "wouldn't do anything"—meaning, I thought, \$800. I replied "No; not two eights." Have not seen the man since to my knowledge. It was pretty dark at the time. Told Mr. Mercer this incident, and he put on a night guard. A great number of people visited McLean when he was first committed, but they discontinued. His wife was allowed to see him in his corridor alone, but not since the bribe was mentioned. McLean was searched when first put in jail, and a gold watch, a knife, and twelve cents taken from him. At his request some time after I leave the watch to his wife. My family came down stairs about half-past seven a.m. Before I unlocked the cell's my son went out of the house to work. From the time the extra guard was put on, I have hid the keys under a shelf in the kitchen and thrown a cloth over them. I saw the night guard the key of the front door, and never saw him when I got up except Wednesday morning. When I found that McLean was gone, I told my wife, and then went right into the goaler's rooms. There are six prisoners now in goal. About a quarter to eight o'clock one of the female prisoners named Leah, came down for water, or water, but went up stairs at once. Blakely, who has been cook for about two months, is always let out of his cell about seven. After telling the goaler that McLean was

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