

American Dispatches.

Washington, Jan. 15th.—The State Department has received a communication from the British Government replying to the U. S. Consul at Nassau, in regard to enforcement of the quarantine regulations at that port.

Washington, Jan. 15th.—Tribune's special says it is stated to-night that at an informal meeting of the Cabinet to-day, the President directed his Secretaries, Seward, McCulloch and Wells to issue orders to their subordinates to in no way recognize Stanton or hold official relations with him.

Washington, Jan. 15.—It is reported that Gen. Grant had an interview with the President early in the day. It is stated very warm words passed between them.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET THURSDAY EV'NG, JAN. 16, 1868.

Reconstruction Troubles.

The Reconstruction question has brought matters political to a pretty pass in the United States. A bill went through the House of Representatives on Monday last providing that hereafter, instead of a majority, a concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Supreme Court shall be necessary in order to declare any law of Congress unconstitutional.

The Radical policy then is to disarm the garrison in order that the citadel may be more easily and successfully stormed. The constitution itself possesses an innate power which none only desperate men would dare to assail; but the House of Representatives have not merely attacked that power; they have gone even farther and attempted to reduce to impotency the Supreme Court, to which alone the constitution might look for aid against those who would endeavour to subvert or annihilate it.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Boyd in the chair, on the Bill providing for the appointment of magistrates and coroners. Sir Henry Smith said he fully concurred in the idea, that as they were as a people starting with a clear sheet, magistrates ought to qualify again.

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Imports and Exports of Toronto.—The total value of the imports received at the port of Toronto for the last half year was \$4,107,463. Of these \$6,853 paid an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent., \$2,609,345 an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent., \$11,086 an ad valorem duty of 10 per cent., and \$843,851 were free.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, 15th January. A large number of petitions were presented among which were several against the granting of a charter to the Victrolers Association.

Mr. McLeod asked when Premier was to redeem the pledge which he gave some years ago, that when the French language was ignored in Parliamentary proceedings, he would have the Gaelic introduced to take its place.

Mr. Blake said he would, in accordance with his motion yesterday, move the consideration of the petition of W. Niles and other, praying investigation into the conduct of Wm. Taylor, (late a candidate for the representation of one of the ridings of Middlesex, and also Clerk of the Council of the township of London), and John Adair.

The motion was carried. A number of bills were introduced, among which were a Bill for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacture of cheese and butter and a Bill for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, arts and manufactures.

Mr. Rykert moved that a select committee, composed of Messrs. Lauder, Cumberland, Beatty, Fergusson, Shaw, Fraser and the mover, be appointed to examine into the affairs and management of the Toronto Hospital, with power to send for persons and papers. The motion was granted.

Mr. Boyd moved that all petitions praying an amendment to the tax on dogs, and such Bills as were introduced into the House on the same subject, be referred to a special committee.—Carried.

On motion of Hon. J. S. Macdonald, the report of the Committee of the Whole on the resolution respecting the Provincial duty on tavern-keepers was concurred in.

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The Brantford and Harrisburg Railway.—The Examiner says:—Our municipal election in Brantford having resulted in the most unequivocal endorsement by the electors of the Great Western Branch Railway Scheme, we may now look for energetic action on the part of the new Council in respect to this important project.

What the result of these actions may be it would be very difficult to predict. Moderation seems to have deserted American politicians, and wisdom to have fled the boundaries of the States. With a daring that astonishes temperate men, fundamental laws are trampled under foot, and the usage of a century gives place to the caprice of an hour.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. dwf

The Abyssinian Campaign.

The special correspondent of the Times writing from Upper Sooro on the second day, gives an account of a march through a mountain pass. He says:—

We left Mulketto yesterday at three in the afternoon, and Koomaylee about six. This road, just finished by Mayor Baigrie, lay for the greater part of the journey over a dead level of sand, covered for the first mile or two with salt plants and afterwards with acacia. It was hard when first made, but was soon cut up by traffic, and is now very heavy for men and horses.

The framework of each hut seemed still in perfect preservation, and I am told that the proprietor can return to it, as he is always ready to move out of it, at a day's notice, "packing up"—that bugbear of civilized life—being with him a simple process.

The ride offers no fine views, the mountain ranges in front of us—we were going due west—being obscured by hazy clouds of dust. There have been fearful dust-storms in the camp lately, half blinding and choking everybody, turning cups of tea into little pools of muddy water, salt into pepper, "officers and gentlemen" into grimy, disreputable-looking nondescripts whom their own mothers wouldn't recognize.

Every one was glad enough to reach Koomaylee which is prettily situated in a hollow formed by the branches of the acacia, low mountain range, and in which there is no dust, and a fair supply of fresh water. It was quite a treat to be able to wash in clear and fresh water, instead of the blackish muddy stuff which at Mulketto made the process of soaping a mere matter of form, to be observed simply out of deference to tradition.

On Friday, 10th April, 1868 at noon, the South-easterly half of the rear or fourth west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Fallister. This property will be sold subject to a Lease expiring on 2nd May, 1869, yielding \$99 a year rent.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the ELIAS HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 25th January, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of Officers and transaction of other business.

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WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directors of the Lancashire and Gore Mutual Insurance Companies for the prompt settlement of our claim for the loss by fire at the Alma Block, and also for the honorable and courteous manner of the Inspectors while examining our statement and books. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 16th January, 1868. dw

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Insolvent Act of 1864.

In the matter of Thomas M. Grier, AN Insolvent. COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, By virtue of the provisions of the above Act, I do hereby vest in me as Assignee of the Estate of the above named Insolvent under the provisions of the above Act, I do hereby offer for sale at the Court House, in the Village of Morriston, in the said County, on

Wednesday, 26th Feb, 1868 at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the right, title and interest of the said Insolvent, in that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Village of Morriston, Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Province of Ontario, composed of Village Lot number 7, Eight, on the East side of Queen Street, in Donald McEdward's Survey, in the Village of Morriston, bounded and bounded as is described in a deed from John M. Schlenker and wife to the said Insolvent, made the 23rd February, 1860, with Dwelling House, Barn, Stables and outbuildings thereon, and a good garden, with the right of an acre.

TERMS.—CASH. Further particulars may be had on the premises, or at the office of Messrs. McLennan & O'Connor, Barristers, Guelph, or at the office of the undersigned, with whom all hypothecary creditors are required to file their claims within six days of the day of sale. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, 7th January, 1868. wtd

To Contractors and Builders, TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for the erection and completion of a STONE SCHOOL HOUSE in said School Section, or separate tenders will be received for the Building—Carpentry, Plastering, Painting and Glazing. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of Isaac Laight on and after Saturday the 25th instant. The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. JOHN MOORE, ISAAC LAIGHT, Guelph, Jan 15, 1868 w2 WM. DUFFIELD.

STORE for SALE In the Village of Stirton. A GOOD STORE for general business, with commodious Dwelling House attached, and a large garden. Also, a BLACKS MITH SHOP with two forges, a good Dwelling House. The buildings are all of frame, and put up within the last three years. These two properties will be sold together or separately for Cash or on Credit. The Post Office is kept on the premises. For terms apply to LEMON & PETERSON, Guelph or to JOHN LUXSON, Proprietor, Stirton P.O. Guelph, August 29 1867 723-4f

Sale of Real Estate. In the matter of Partition between John Carroll and Martin Dooley, and Ellen McDonald and Dooley. Pursuance of an order made by the County Court of the County of Wellington in this matter, the Real Estate belonging to the County of Wellington will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, to the highest bidder, at his Chambers, at the Court House, in the Town of Guelph, on FRIDAY, 10th APRIL, 1868 at noon, the South-easterly half of the rear or fourth west half of Lot Three, in the first concession of Division B, of the Township of Guelph, containing thirty eight acres more or less, together with the right of road used by Green and Fallister. This property will be sold subject to a Lease expiring on 2nd May, 1869, yielding \$99 a year rent. Terms of Sale.—Five hundred Dollars cash and the balance in three equal annual payments with interest on the unpaid principal, at 8 per cent per annum to be secured by a mortgage on the property, and bond of the purchaser. Further particulars as to lease, title, &c., may be had on application of Messrs. Lemon & Peterson, Guelph, Solicitors for the Petitioners, and to Mr. T. W. Saunders, Solicitor for infants. Dated at Chambers, Guelph, Jan. 8, 1868. w3m Real Representative of the County of Wellington.

READY-MADE CLOTHING. We have Reduced all our Ready-made Clothing TO GREAT BARGAINS. CALL HOOGE & CHANCE

JUST ARRIVED No. 2, Day's Block, . . Guelph, Finnan Haddies Smoked Salmon Smoked Cod Mackerel, &c. JUST ARRIVED. E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Wyndham Street. Guelph, 17th January, 1868. dw

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON. THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Villa of Everton, being No. 132 & No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hawkins, Esq., P. E. S. & Co., and one-fifth of an acre of the two lots, and being close to the Disciples' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for building. For terms apply at the MERCURY OFFICE, or (if by letter post-paid) to DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P.O. Guelph, Nov. 14th, 1867. w1

Dairy Farm & Mill Site FOR SALE IN PUSLINCH. FOR SALE by private contract, the rear halves of Lots 3 and 4, in the 10th concession, and broken lots 3 and 4, in the 11th Concession of the Township of Puslinch; containing 239 acres more or less. This desirable property will be sold in one or more lots, to suit purchasers. The soil is a good loam, and the land is magnificently watered both by the river Speed and by a creek, the greater part free from stumps.—There are two Log Houses on the property, with Log Barns, Stable, Cattle Sheds, Garden, &c., attached to each house. The property is about five miles from Guelph, and a good road leads to it. Terms of Sale, Liberal. Apply to PALMER & LILLIE, Solicitors, Day's Block, Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 741-w1t

Steamship Company. STEAMERS Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown. A Steamship line, consisting of the Queen Erin Louisiana and Virginia Helvetia Pennsylvania and France. Leaves NEW YORK from Pier 47, North River, every Saturday morning, and on Wednesday of each week, calling at Queenstown each way. The size of these Steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the Saloon. The accommodation and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line. The accommodation for storage passengers are large, and plenty of deck room is allowed, whilst the fare is of the best quality, well cooked and cheap. An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge. Tickets are issued in this country to parties wishing to prepay the passage of their friends from Liverpool, Queenstown (Ireland), for \$35, American money. For tickets, special berths, and all information, apply to J. W. MURTON, General Passage Agent, No. 9, James Street Hamilton. 28th Nov, 1867 w1y

NOTICE. ALL persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing any Notes of Hand drawn by me in favor of H. W. DICKON, as I have received no value whatever for said notes. HENRY PATTEN. w4

INFORMATION. INFORMATION guaranteed to produce a luxuriant growth of hair upon a bald head or bald face, also a receipt for the removal of Pimples, Blisters, eruptions, etc., on the skin, leaving the same soft, clear and beautiful, can be obtained without charge by addressing THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist 525, Broadway, New York

New Advertisements.

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Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Every Evening for a limited period,

AT R. CUTHBERT'S, Commencing this P. M. at half-past Seven.

As it is intended to make this establishment the most attractive and essential of any other—not only in the Town of Guelph, but in this section of the Dominion—an AUCTION SALE is adopted to effect a rapid and complete clearance of the above named Stock.

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PHOTOGRAPHS! NEW FRUITS

The most complete, The most choice, The most select, The Best and Cheapest 22 lbs. New Currants for . . \$1 11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins 1 10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins 1 8 lbs. New London Layer do. 1 Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

FILBERTS! Brazil Nuts, Walnuts, Almonds, shelled or unshelled, Figs, Prunes, Dried Cherries and Cranberries, Oranges, Lemons, Dried and Green Apples, Canned Fruits and Vegetables of every description. HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH Guelph, 18th December, 1867. dw

Men Wanted. WANTED, a few more GOOD CHOPPERS to cut wood by the Cord. Good wages can be made; from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day being paid weekly. Constant Employment till next June. Apply to ALEX. NAIR, Rockwood Station, Ont. Rockwood Jan. 2nd 1868. 741-w-4t

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BOARDING. GOOD BOARD and comfortable rooms on moderate terms. A few day boarders can be accommodated. Apply at Brick House, corner Quebec and Woodwich Streets, near the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, 13th January, 1868. dw4

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Valuable Property! FOR SALE LOW. TOWN OF GUELPH. 1.—Lots 7, 8 and 9, Perth Street, with large frontage on the Eramosa Road. Large buildings. Lots extend to the river, well situated for manufacturing purposes, and in the heart of the town. 2.—Lots 19, 20 and 21, Hubbard's Survey, fronting on Woodwich and Norwich Streets. Two good houses. Let to good tenants. Plenty of shade trees and good gardens. 3.—Lots known as the Poplars, having a close board fence, fronting on Woodwich Street, London Road and Mill-st. 4.—One Lot adjoining on Mill Street, with good Frame House, being Lot 5, McCarty's Survey. 5.—Two Warehouse Lots at the junction of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways—Grange's Survey. GUELPH TOWNSHIP. 6.—A choice farm of about 53 acres, with never failing brook, situated on the Town Line; bounded on the west by the farm of T. Sandilands, Esq., on the east by the G. W. R., admirably adapted for a gentleman's residence, with all the benefits of the town without its taxes. NICHOL. 7.—A nice farm of over fifty acres, situated on the Town Line of Elora, being the N. W. half of Lot No. 2, 1st Con. Nichol. EAST FLAMBORO'. 8.—A good mill privilege, 14 feet fall, on the 12 mile Creek, East Flamboro', with good buildings, 7 1/2 acres of land, several houses. Now occupied as a Last and Peg Factory. For further particulars apply to Messrs. THOMPSON & JACKSON, Agents, Guelph, who will also act as my agents for rents. W. J. BROWN. Guelph, 30th December, 1867. w6m