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PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.

Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

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Office—Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell Sts., Guelph. Residence—Opposite Mr. Bolt's Factory (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.

References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, McGuire, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.

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WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dw

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SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately a good general servant. Apply at once to Mrs. Jas. Innes. 11-dw

WANTED—By a respectable middle aged person, a situation as house-keeper. No objection to the country. Apply at his office. 11-dw

WANTED—A girl to act as Nurse and Household. Must be competent and have good references. Apply to Mrs. Watt, near the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph. 11-dw

DRESSMAKERS WANTED. Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. 11-dw

Y. M. C. A.

The last of the course of Lectures for the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered on Thursday evening by the celebrated lecturer,

Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P.,

Subject—"Elements of National Power." Lecture to begin at half-past seven. Admission 15 cents.

DR. McGUIRE, President, Guelph, March 17, 1874. (d)

SEED BARLEY—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. (dw)

NOTES STOLEN—The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them.

J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874. (dw)

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY. The undersigned have \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 per cent. for periods from 5 to 15 years. Particulars on application.

LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN, Guelph, March 15, 1874. (dw)

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GEO. BARKWILL, Gordon Street, near the G. T. crossing, Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. (dw)

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership between the firm of **ROBERT CHANCE** and **JAMES D. WILLIAMSON** of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants was dissolved on the first day of February, 1874, by mutual consent.

All debts due by or to the late firm will be settled by the said James D. Williamson and all parties indebted to the late firm are requested to pay Mr. WILLIAMSON at once, and save costs.

Dated at Guelph, 24th February, 1874.

Signed, **J. D. WILLIAMSON.**

JOHN HOGG, THOMAS W. SAUNDERS, Executors of the late Robert Chance. Signed, **Wm. McLACHLAN,** Witness. 11-12-112-11 (dw)

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The Best Investment! No Fluctuations! Always improving in Value!

The wealth of the Country is made by the advance in Real Estate.

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Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 6 per cent.

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IMPORTANT SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of

JOSEPH F. RAINER, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT.

The stock consists of about

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First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited.

A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments.

Guelph, March 18, 1874. (dw)

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Gard and Soft Coal at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.

GEORGE MURTON, Guelph, March 1st, 1874. (dw)

FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers his farm for sale or to let, being situated on the Brock Road, two miles from Guelph. Contains about 50 acres, well cleared and in a good state of cultivation. Frame barn and log dwelling house, well watered. Apply to John Hockley, Nottingham Street, Guelph. 11-12-112-11 (dw)

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred.

Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.

In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5c. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an advertisement itself. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

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THURSDAY EV'G, MARCH 19, 1874

Town and County News

Y. M. C. A.—Don't forget the great treat in Chalmers' Church to-night. Lecture by Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P.

We notice the names of Mr. Joseph Heffernan and Mr. Frank McElderry among those registered at the London Agency of the Globe up to the 5th March.

A FERRY BOAT company would do a thriving business just now if they would establish direct communication between the East and West sides of Wyndham-st.

PROHIBITORY LEAGUE.—The half-yearly meeting of the Wellington Prohibitory League takes place in Fergus to-morrow, at 2 p.m. In the evening there will be a public meeting in the Drill Shed.

There is every probability that the villain who perpetrated the outrage on Mr. Crawford's little daughter yesterday will be caught, as our police force are patrolling the streets hourly, and closely scanning the phiz of every passer-by.

THE BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR.—Messrs. W. C. Trimble & Co. have become proprietors of the Brantford Expositor, which was so long and successfully carried on by the late Mr. Stewart. Mr. Trimble has had the management of the Expositor for some time past, and his ability, energy and discretion have been daily observable in its pages. We have every confidence that the new proprietors will keep up the high character of the Expositor, and we wish them all success in entering on their work.

HALTON ASSIZES.—The County Assizes for Halton opened on Wednesday, Chief Justice Richards presiding. Mr. Dowar, County Attorney, was present on behalf of the Crown. There being no criminal business, Sheriff McKendry presented the usual acknowledgements in the shape of a pair of white kid gloves. Twelve civil records were entered most of them unimportant cases. One case, McCann vs. The Waterloo Mutual Insurance Company, contested on the ground that the company had no receipt, notice of the date of the policy, and that the policy was void, was tried for the second time, resulting in a nonsuit, with leave to plaintiff to move to the Court above to enter a verdict for \$1,095, being the whole claim and interest.

THE WOODBRIDGE OUTRAGE.—The Globe's correspondent says that the ex-prisoner on the night of the outrage, the two men, Munsinger and Mulhern, who were arrested on suspicion at Mount Forest, were discharged, evidence having been adduced proving an alibi in the most satisfactory manner. They were at Orangeville on the night of the outrage. The detectives believe they have another clue to the actual perpetrators of the crime. The detectives are now on their track, and it is expected they will be in custody in the course of a day or two at the latest. The man Connolly will be brought up for further examination. Mr. Connolly expects to have the factory in full working order again within two weeks. A meeting of the inhabitants of the township will be held on Monday next to express sympathy with Mr. Abell, and to consider the propriety of offering a reward for the apprehension of the incendiary.

The Christian Union holds that sanitary conditions must supplement moral appeals to render a temperance revival permanently effectual. It says:—"The ranks of habitual drunkards are filled for the most part by poor men. They live in unventilated and ill-contrived rooms. They are uncleanly in personal habits, and their garments and bed-clothes reek with foulness. Their food is apt to be innoxious and ill-cooked, and often they use quantities of the worst tobacco. All these habits breed degeneration and when liquor is to be had at every corner the fever grows by what is so easily feeds on. Moreover, if the home is bare, the wife impatient or tearful, the children quarrelsome, then the light, warm, gay saloon, with its tawdry ornaments and coarse jollity, allures the weary workman irresistibly. It becomes his social exchange, his clubhouse, his musical and dramatic entertainment, his art gallery."

The New York Sun says that Methodists think about doing away with the itinerant system, which in the opinion of many has outlived the conditions which made it effective. Its principal use now is to prevent preachers from getting acquainted with their congregations.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a law providing that any person adulterating milk with water, chalk, or other substances, and selling the same, shall be fined not exceeding \$500, and imprisoned not exceeding one year. This is probably the severest law in any State against adulteration.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Stanley Thinks Livingston Dead.

The Tichborne Counsel.

Great Mail Robberies.

Chicago Sunday Liquors.

More Fog in New York.

Great Hurricane in Cairo.

A House and its Inmates Blown into the Water.

London, March 19.—Sir Massey Lopes was re-elected to Parliament from South Devonshire.

Stanley writes the Daily News and says that after careful investigation he is convinced that Dr. Livingstone is dead.

A Committee has been appointed to investigate charges against Dr. Kenney, counsel for the Tichborne claimant. Mr. Whalley, M.P., demands that a similar committee be appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Hawkins.

The Queen has publicly expressed her highest admiration and warmest thanks for the gallantry displayed by the British troops in the recent engagements with the Abantenes.

New York, March 18.—Five thousand copies of the pamphlet which the New York papers recently refused to publish have been put in circulation to-night by Dunoon, who lately resigned the Auditorship of the Erie Railroad Company. The pamphlet is a lengthy document and is intended to show that the company is in an unsound condition.

Richmond, Va., March 18.—Numerous mail robberies of late in this city have been traced to Andrew Harris, coloured, mail driver for Garbo's express. Four large packages of letters were found on his person. His room was searched, and checks, drafts, and money orders to a large amount were found. The losses by these robberies aggregate to about \$200,000, although most of the paper stolen was useless to the robber.

Chicago, March 18.—A committee of temperance ladies petitioned Mayor Colvin to veto the Sunday license ordinance, but he refused, saying that the repeal of Sunday prohibition was one of the issues upon which he was elected, and he was pledged to its repeal.

New York, March 19.—Another very dense fog seriously interferes with navigation and prevents thousands from reaching the city. The ferry boat Pomona collided with an unknown ship down the bay at half-past seven this morning. No lives lost.

A Boston special says that the contest for the vacant Senatorship now lies between Hoar, Dawes and Adams, with prospects at this time that Judge Hoar will have a majority on the first ballot.

San Francisco, March 17.—The steamer Mikado, from Sydney, brings advices up to Feb. 13. The work of building railroads is being successfully prosecuted in Sydney.

There has been great loss of property from floods at Maitland and elsewhere in New South Wales.

All the members of the Cabinet have been returned without opposition in Queensland.

Cairo, Ill., March 18.—A terrific hurricane swept over the city this morning, unroofing several buildings and blowing a small shanty, occupied by negroes, into a deep pond, from which the inmates were rescued by boats. Several small buildings are reported demolished in the upper part of the city. The Sun newspaper office was so completely drenched that no paper will be issued to-day. No loss of life has been yet reported.

Ontario Legislature. WEDNESDAY, March 18th.

At the morning sitting the Voters' List Bill was read a second time.

The House in Committee considered the resolutions to be incorporated in the Bill for the Administration of Justice.

The House then went into Committee of Supply and passed several items.

At the afternoon session Mr. Craig (Glengarry) moved a resolution relating to the indemnity of certain members of the House.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Herriek moved an amendment intended to censure the Government for applying to the building of a lock-up at Silver Islet for the money voted for a similar building at Bruce Mines.

After a short discussion, in the course of which the Attorney-General admitted the correctness of the principle, but defended the particular act complained of on the ground that no cause continued to exist for spending the money at Bruce Mines, the motion was withdrawn.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Estimates in Committee of Supply, and were engaged up to the hour of recess.

After recess the House again went into Committee of Supply, and soon after nine o'clock had passed the estimates.

The second reading of the Bill for incorporating the municipality of Haliburton, and to provide for its becoming a provisional county, excited a pretty warm discussion, but it was read a second time without a division.

Mr. Pardee moved the second reading of a Bill legalising the Order in Council of 1871, which gave the pine timber in certain Free Grant Townships to the settlers. The motion was passed, and the House then took up Private Bills, several of which were advanced a stage.

The House then adjourned at 12:10 a. m.

King, the murderer, has been sentenced to the New York State Prison, for life.

Local and Other Items

The Outrage Yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Dain, of Yorkville, who was shot by a burglar last week when in pursuit of him, continues to improve in health and strength, and strong hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery.

Sir John A. Macdonald arrived in Toronto on the 16th, and is the guest of the Hon. G. W. Allan. He was in the Local House for some hours on Tuesday, and appeared to watch the proceedings with interest.

Mr. Thos. Cook, the great English tourist manager, will this year bring over a party to see the United States and Canada, reaching New York by probably the 1st of May. Mr. Cook will personally conduct this party.

The office of the St. Catharines Times was entered by burglars on Sunday night. They upset things generally, but got nothing for their trouble. The sweet innocence, the veridical simplicity, of the burglar who would expect to find any thing valuable in a printing office, is touching.

The great worries of life are the so-called "little things" which are from day to day left unadjusted, till they fasten their victim like a net. The men who die of "overwork" are not so much destroyed by their great and useful labors as by the trifles which accumulate till they produce a condition of chronic fever and unrest.

BURGLAR SHOT IN GORRIE.—A boy by the name of Richardson, in re-sneaking the house of A. W. Spaulding, Gorrie, while the family were away, on opening a room door was shot in the arm by a pistol attached to the door. The thief was caught.

With regard to the mission of the manufacturers to the Government, it was understood that ministers could not for obvious reasons state their policy with regard to the tariff, but the delegates are convinced that the fullest consideration will be given to their representations.

PRESENTATION.—At the close of the public examination of the school in Section 16, Waterloo Township, on the 4th inst., the teacher, Mr. D. D. Ellis, was presented by the pupils with a very handsome gold chain and ring as a token of their esteem and regard for him as a teacher. Mr. Ellis has taught this school for several years with much acceptance.

There were eight fires in the space of six hours in Montreal Monday night—fortunately none of them serious. It seems very extraordinary that such a number of fires should take place in the city within such a short time, and that nearly all should have been in stables and outbuildings, as they were.

The Brantford Expositor pertinently remarks: "It the Hon. A. McKellar is always making foolish and bungling mistakes, and if his presence in the Cabinet is a source of weakness to the Mowat Ministry, why are all the Tory journals so angry to think that his resignation was not accepted when he offered it? Why don't they let him stay and demagogically gloat upon the prospect of their feast on the dead carcass?"

BUFFALO.—New York are getting to loggerheads on the question of the Erie Canal. Both of them see in the enlargement of the Welland Canal a serious cause of apprehension, and each is generally anxious to protect its own position. The Buffalo interest seeks a reduction of the present rate of tolls, in order that freight going that way may have a chance of competing with the improved Canadian route. New York, on the other hand, wishes to have the tolls doubled their present size, and such other improvements made as would enable vessels of twice the present capacity to ply on the canal.

MR. CARLYLE'S KNIGHTHOOD.—According to a German paper, Mr. Thomas Carlyle, the Sage of Chelsea, has formally accepted a German order of merit, which he is boastingly declared his contempt of the world's honors, but still he was a hero-worshipper, particularly those of the German race; and the star of the Order of Merit, worn till his death by the Italian post Manzini, has been conferred on him by the German Emperor; and an exchange says: "From the hands of a German Kaiser such a distinction was worth to Carlyle more than the oldest English Dukedom. The Emperor William has been the 'able man' who fulfilled Carlyle's predictions. He is the personification of what perfectly disciplined prowess, and machine-like armies, and perfected machinery of war, can do."

ORDERING A COFFIN—BUT NO CORPSE ON HAND.—A rather strange story is related of a man in Stratford who ordered a coffin for his wife, before she had departed from this "vale of tears." The loving husband in question called on one of the undertakers some time ago and informed the dealer in coffins that he wished to purchase a narrow tenement for his better half. Of course the undertaker was all attention. He took his customer from one coffin to another, examining them with the most scrupulous care, and he requested the undertaker to prepare a plate, with the name and age of the party who was to occupy it,—but not to put the date of death thereon. The job was executed to the letter, and the coffin taken to the house indicated, near the station. Fancy the surprise of the undertaker when he entered the house to observe Mrs. ———— alive and in the flesh. He begged pardon, and even blushed a little; but the husband set him at rest by saying, "Well, my dear, what do you think of the coffin?" "Oh, it's very nice," she replied, "but how dare you have a wrong age put on it, making me out several years older than I really am? I was awarded a premium by Government to attend on said pupils for some twenty-five consecutive evenings. It was taught and conducted by A. J. Brewster, Esq., Principal of the Hespeler School, and the exercises were practical arithmetic and geometry. The first prize of \$10 was awarded to John Hammet, 2d, Peter Jardine, 96; 3rd Jeremiah Keffer, 84.

Local and Other Items

The Outrage Yesterday.

We are glad to hear this morning that Mr. Crawford's little daughter is much better, and that no permanent injury is likely to result from the brutal treatment to which she was subjected. Every possible enquiry is being made after the scoundrel who committed the monstrous crime. Mr. Crawford and a number of other persons have been out searching in Gow's bush and other places in the vicinity of the town, but without success so far. It would have been had for the villain if he had got into the grasp of the outraged father-of-the-poor little girl.

A man somewhat resembling him was seen crossing a garden near the Newton House yesterday, and this clue is being followed up as far as possible. The Chief Constable has telegraphed in every likely direction, and sent men out on the leading routes of travel. He has good hope that, although the brutal villain has escaped for a time he will ultimately be captured. A man resembling him left Berlin on the afternoon train going west yesterday, but the description given of him by the conductor does not tally well with that given by the little girl, and by the persons who saw the scoundrel in the bush. They say he is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, rather stoutly built, full reddish face, light or sandy hair, cut short, light sandy moustache, about 25 years of age, supposed to be a shoemaker. Had on when seen a grey coat and pants, and dark cloth cap. Rather shabbily dressed. He is believed to have been in the town about ten days ago, begging. As he is probably without money, it will be difficult for him to avoid capture. The case has created much excitement in town, and news from the pursuit is eagerly sought for. It seems an extraordinary thing that the villain should have been allowed to escape, for those who followed him were actually within two or three yards of him when he ran away. Their attention appears to have been chiefly directed to the little girl, but it is unfortunate that they were not quicker in endeavoring to secure her assailant.

An unfounded rumour of the capture of the villain at Berlin was current just before we went to press. It probably arose from the Berlin incident above referred to.

A special meeting of the Town Council will be held this afternoon to consider the advisability of offering a reward for his apprehension.

Voters' Lists.

The Bill respecting Voters' Lists, which was read the second time on Wednesday, is an important one in several respects. The law as it now stands affords facilities for the creation of false votes, and facilities for preventing persons who should have their names on the lists from being put on. One objection to the present system was that the revision had too much of a political character, and the state of voters' lists was not known by the people until the election arrived. The Bill proposes that an alphabetical list should be prepared by the Clerk of the persons who appeared on the assessment rolls to be entitled to vote, and that this list should be subject to revision by the County Judge. It also provides that the list should be printed, and that copies should be posted in some conspicuous place in the clerk's office, and that two copies should be transmitted to the following persons:—Every member of the municipal council of the municipality except the reeve; every teacher of a public school in the municipality; every postmaster in the municipality; the treasurer thereof; the sheriff of the county; the county judge, or each of the county judges in case there shall be more than one county judge in the electoral division; the clerk of the peace; the member of the House of Commons, and the member for the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division, respectively, in which the municipality lies; the unsuccessful candidate, or each of the candidates for whom votes were given at the then last election of a member for the House of Commons and for the Legislative Assembly respectively. Objection to the list would have to be made within thirty days, and if no objection were made within that time, the list would be confirmed.

The Bill provides for the production of witnesses, who may be examined with reference to the right of a voter to be on the list. If objection is taken to any voter, and after being summoned he fails to attend, then his name can be struck off the list. An Assessor or Clerk can be fined \$10 for an erroneous insertion or omission of a name, and an Assessor willfully inserts or omits a name a fine is provided, not to exceed \$200. The Bill also makes it a penal offence to make bogus leases, or do anything by which illegal votes may be manufactured.

This is a most timely and excellent measure, which is very much required, and which will go far to purify the franchise.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.—The competitive examination of the members of the evening class in connection with the Hespeler Mechanics' Institute took place on Friday evening the 6th inst. The sum of \$20 is granted by Government to be awarded as premiums to the three most successful competitors of such a class, on condition that the class be attended by said pupils for some twenty-five consecutive evenings. It was taught and conducted by A. J. Brewster, Esq., Principal of the Hespeler School, and the exercises were practical arithmetic and geometry. The first prize of \$10 was awarded to John Hammet, 2d, Peter Jardine, 96; 3rd Jeremiah Keffer, 84.