

Business Cards.

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WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington... STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder...

MONEY TO LEND, In sum to suit borrowers. No solicitors fees or commission charged... LIME, BRICKS AND TILES FOR SALE.

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT, Opposite the Market, Guelph... PLASTER AND SALT.

STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter... PAREK'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

HOTEL CARD, The Right Man in the Right Place... THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH - Re-modelled and newly furnished...

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS... THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH - Re-modelled and newly furnished...

R. CAMPBELL, L.D.S., Having recovered from his recent illness, is again prepared to attend to the wants of all who may require his services... W. M. POSTER, L.D.S., Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

W. M. NELSON, Clothes Cleaner and Renovator... All clothing entrusted to his care will be cleaned and renovated to the satisfaction of his customers...

New Advertisements.

WANTED - A Cook, Apply to Mrs. Lemon... SERVANT WANTED - Wanted, a first-class servant...

BOARD WANTED - By a young man in a first-class boarding house... JOINER WANTED - One accustomed to run a moulding machine...

PONY FOR SALE - Pony for sale, four years old, quiet to ride or drive... TWO SOFT WATER TANKS FOR SALE...

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, In unlimited supply on good Farm and Town security... HART & SPEIRS, Guelph, May 11, 1874.

WANTED - A sitting room, with attached bath, with board for two gentlemen... SEED BARLEY AND SPRING WHEAT FOR SALE...

LOST - By a child between Mrs. Winstanley's Grocery Store, and Mr. Noble's boot store... NOW STRAYED - Strayed from Guelph on Sunday last...

MORTGAGE FOR SALE, ON REAL ESTATE, For \$3,700, 10 years to run, interest at 7 per cent... MEETING - The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's Catholic Benevolent Society...

AUCTION SALE OF Household Furniture, The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Duncan Bailey to sell by auction...

NEW PAINT SHOP, The undersigned beg to announce that they have commenced business as Carriage and House Painters...

TWO BUILDERS, Parties desirous of tendering for the work to be done in converting a stone building into three dwellings...

RECEIVED'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market... TOWN OF GUELPH TO CONTRACTORS.

RETURNED TO GUELPH, D. TRIPP, Begs to inform his old friends and the public that he has returned to Guelph and opened his...

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Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1874.

Town and County News

HIGH PRICES - Hay is now selling at Pelleville at \$45 a ton, oats at 65c., and potatoes 85c. per bushel.

St. Patrick's Benevolent Society - Rooms have been engaged in Day's Block for the meetings of this Society...

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END - A. O. Buchan's advertisement was sent too late for insertion to-day, but will appear in to-morrow's issue.

DEATH OF AN INDIAN OFFICER - A despatch from London says that Lieutenant-General Sir Archdale Wilson, knighted for services at the capture of Delhi in 1857, is dead.

GRADUATED - We are pleased to notice that Mr. W. M. Martin, son of our old friend, Mr. John Martin, sr., of this place, returned last week from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey...

SCHOOL OF GUNNERY - We are pleased to learn that Mr. Wm. Cross, of this town, has received a first-class certificate from the School of Gunnery, Kingston.

A LADY ORATOR - Our citizens will have an opportunity, this evening, of hearing an address from a lady who has drawn immense crowds in Toronto and other places in the Dominion.

ACCIDENT - On Wednesday last a little boy, six years of age, son of Mr. R. G. Kennedy, market clerk, Mount Forest, was knocked down near the corner of Main and Wellington streets by a horse driven by James Lang...

SLIGHTLY SCATTERED - On Saturday forenoon, as a farmer was coming to the Guelph market with a load of hay, and "the winds being contrary," he was somewhat surprised to find himself and load suddenly "landed" on terra firma.

ACTION FOR LIBEL - And now it is the Guelph Herald's turn to be sued for libel. We understand that Mr. John F. Murphy, of this town, has commenced an action for libel against the Herald...

RAILROAD MEETING AT ROCHESTER - A largely attended public meeting was held at Leverley on Friday afternoon, to consider the proposal to subject a by-law in the township of a bonus in aid of the extension of the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell Railway to connect with the Credit Valley Railway.

THE HOP AT THE WELLS END HOUSE - The St. Catharines News says that the re-opening assembly at the Welland House on Friday night was a most brilliant and successful affair.

LOST AND FOUND - About eight o'clock this (Monday) morning an incident occurred that caused no little anxiety among those interested. After breakfast had been got ready in the house of Mr. George Putty, butcher, Mrs. Putty sent for her little daughter, about three years of age, who was supposed to be playing in the yard.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Atlantic & Western R. R.

The Emperor's Visit to England.

Fighting in Arkansas

Happening and Mishaps

The Liberal Church

New York, May 9. - It is stated that negotiations between the Atlantic & Great Western and Erie Railroads, for the lease of the former to the latter, is not yet concluded...

Stuttgart, May 9. - The Emperor of Russia, who has been in this city since the 6th inst., having come hither to be present at the marriage of the Grand Duchess Wiera, will depart on Monday next for England.

London, May 11. - The steamship Siberia, plying between Liverpool and Madria, is supposed to be lost, with all of her crew and passengers.

New York, May 11. - A Little Rock special dated last evening, contains the following: - Two negroes were killed by Baxter's pickets near the fair grounds yesterday morning.

London, May 11. - John Iseman was arrested for attempted outrage on a little flower girl at Elysian Fields, Hoboken, yesterday.

The investigation into the charges against the Custom House Inspectors that they checked several cases of smuggled silks, has been concluded, and was submitted to Collector Arthur on Saturday.

The funeral of John Decker was largely attended yesterday.

The derelict barque Alfred, which was picked up at sea by the pilot boat Blunt, is at anchor off the battery. She has 500 tons of coal on board, is listed badly, is damaged, and appears to be much damaged by the elements.

Mr. John McEnery, in an interview, states the South, so far as he knows, does not favor the inflation of currency.

In Brooklyn, yesterday, Michael Dryden beat his wife fatally with a spade. Wm. Jackson, fatally hatched. Alice Chester, Wm. Schupp and J. Quirk, who committed highway robbery, were all arrested.

Under the terms of lease with the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, the Erie Company will transfer their shops from Susquehanna to Jersey City and Indianapolis. A large number of officials have been removed.

Beecher, Fulton, Hepworth and other divines, yesterday prayed that the anarchy in Arkansas might subside.

The project for building what is called a Liberal Church, in Brooklyn, for seceding Baptists, by a clergyman now in Boston as its pastor, is said to have fallen through.

The 37th annual meeting of the American and Foreign Bible Society will be held next Thursday in this city. A proposition will then be acted upon to unite with the American Bible Union.

A meeting was held last week in London of those favoring the disestablishment of the English Church. Professor Goldwin Smith presided. In his address he advocated the application of Church endowments to the relief of the poor and the promotion of education.

Henry Price, an employee in the office, Winnipeg, was drowned recently by the capsizing of a canoe near St. Doniface.

Mr. Charles Wiseman has sold his mill on Otter Creek, and bought a site close below the bridge at Midway, where he intends erecting a flouring-mill with two run of stones. This will make three flouring-mills within sight of Midway.

A meeting held the other evening in London it was decided that the Council contribute an amount equal to that collected among the citizens for the celebration of the 25th.

A Woman's Christian Association has been organized in London. They intend at some future time to establish a home for destitute women.

The wife of the Hon. Sir, Francis Hincks died on Friday, and will be interred on Monday afternoon. Deceased was aged 70.

The strike of the laborers on the Welland Canal works terminated on Friday by a compromise.

Disastrous Fires near Guelph.

Valuable Property Destroyed.

On Saturday last, at about three o'clock in the afternoon, a spark from the burning grass along the railway track communicated with the barn on the farm occupied by Mr. Peter Lowe, Waterloo Road, and caused a great conflagration. The barn contained a considerable amount of hay and other inflammable material, and the flames spread very rapidly. Fortunately, Mr. Lowe was at home, and succeeded in rescuing some of his property from the devouring element, but the greater portion of the contents of the barn was destroyed, as well as some sheds adjoining. Two young calves were rescued from the fire, but being left loose, they ran into the flames again and perished. The loss of property, so far as we can learn, is as follows: - 10 tons of hay, 200 bushels of wheat, about 100 bushels of oats, 2 calves, 2 pigs, and a horse-power threshing machine. Mr. Lowe's house was not far from the barn, and great difficulty was experienced in saving it from destruction. Mrs. Beck's house, a short distance off, took fire, but after considerable effort was saved. The loss to Mr. Lowe will amount to about \$1,000. The estate is owned by Mr. Howitt, who rented it to Mr. Lowe, and we have not learned whether there was any insurance on the building or not.

On Saturday morning, the house of Mr. James Young, lot 4, concession 9, Erie, and that of his brother Andrew, concession 10, were entirely consumed by fire. About 3 o'clock a.m., the latter was awakened by a somewhat peculiar noise, as if something heavy had fallen, accompanied by a sound like that of high wind, and on looking out, he found that the wood shed at the end of Mr. James Young's dwelling was on fire. The alarm was at once given, but owing to a heavy breeze which carried the fire in the direction of the dwelling, they soon had to abandon the hope of saving these. By this time a few of the neighbors had collected, and they set to work to remove what was within, and succeeding in saving nearly all of Mr. Andrew's goods, but in a very short time the other dwelling was completely wrapped in flames, and unapproachable, so that there was but little of the contents of Mr. James Young's dwelling saved. All the structures were of log, but good, and the loss, including furniture, family and bed clothing, provisions, &c., must be very considerable, there being no insurance. The fire is thought to have originated in an ash barrel that stood at the end of the woodshed. Farmers should provide proper accommodation for ashes, and keep some insurance on their property.

On Friday last while the family of Mr. John McFarlane, on the 10th concession of Puslinch, back of Morrison, was burned down early on Saturday morning. When the premises were closed on Friday night there was no sign of fire, and on Saturday morning about one o'clock, the flames were first observed. The building and materials being of a very inflammable nature, the fire spread with great rapidity, and everything was soon destroyed. It is thought that the fire was the work of an incendiary. We have not ascertained the amount of loss Mr. McFarlane has sustained, but it will no doubt be about \$4,000, besides he is obliged to stop work at the busiest time of the year. Considerable sympathy is felt for him, as the old factory was burned down only about a year ago. We understand there is an insurance on the place of \$1,500 in the Waterloo Mutual.

On Friday afternoon the scene of considerable excitement, occasioned by the discovery of flames issuing from the roof on the north side. The blast was in operation, and it is supposed that a spark had fallen from the cupola, and ignited with the shingles, which were rather old, and very punky. The men employed at Goldie's mill lent their assistance in overcoming the flames, which in a few minutes would have communicated with the frame sheds adjoining the foundry, and caused an extensive conflagration.

Speaking of the lower animals, Henry Ward Beecher says: - "We must begin and teach children not to abhor insects, worms and harmless reptiles. As it is, children are educated to dislike almost everything in the creation that is not good to eat or eat. It is a large field upon which you enter. But besides the moral sense of men, which is gradually developing in the direction of the lower range of life, the progress of natural selection is bringing men into far more kindly relations with the great under world than have heretofore subsisted. A simple Irish woman said to a friend of mine who was about to be married, "Mary my dear, always keep a pig; you will find them such good company when you are lonesome." Whatever social virtues may be developed by the pig, we think it eminently true that there is a great deal of company in the vast and minute life beneath us, which will prove very good company to all who study their habits and sympathize in their happiness.

Teaswater wants an engagement. Old follows.