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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

But in his prison cell he was forced to contemplate the matter calmly and judicially, and then it was he saw how strong appearances were against him, and how a skillful combination of particulars would forge link by link a chain of suspicion against him which in the eyes of fallible men might well lead them to conclude that he was the doer of the atrocious deed.

He shuddered at the thought of being a convicted murderer, and suffer a murderer's ignominious fate. What a bitter fate for his young soul to endure! Weeks ago he would almost have welcomed the doom, for then his life was clouded by hopeless darkness, and death, even on the scaffold, would have released him from a pain infinitely more severe than the brief physical agony which the hangman could inflict.

But all this was changed, and life to him had become more sweeter and precious than ever. It was now a sparkling cup of delicious joy, which he could quaff with rapture. As bright and happy a prospect as mortal could contemplate was now before him. Most frightful, therefore, appeared the possibility of a capital conviction, and the death which would follow it. The thought made the suspense unbearable, and with feverish excitement he longed for the moment when the issue should be determined.

And the essence of perhaps all the pain lay in the thought that if he was condemned it would be on the testimony of those who loved him, and most of all on the evidence of his betrothed. Oh! the agony of the thought that his doom would be spoken by the lips of Helen—lips that could not lie, even to save his life, yet lips that would spend their breath in his behalf. What anguish for him what undying misery for her, if the worst should follow.

And if Richard himself was thus tortured in his solitary cell, not less was Helen and her father, in view of the same dreadful possibility, and their unavoidable share in its accomplishment. Charlie Allen, fiendish and malevolent as he was, could not desire to inflict on them greater suffering than they underwent. All his former efforts to injure and annoy had touched them but little in comparison with the effect of this last and worst cruelty—for in reality it was Allan who had hounded on the dogs of justice at the heels of Richard Wyndham. It was on information lodged by him and at his instigation that officers were sent after him to the Bass, and with untiring eagerness he had collected all the evidence, and given the names of the witnesses.

We may suppose that Sir Gilbert Barton exerted himself with a zeal and devotion not less untiring to seek out evidence in Richard's favor. But, alas! where was such evidence to be found? The circumstances were most unpropitious. Everything, or almost everything, conspired to keep his innocence from coming to light, and to point towards him—as clearly as dumb indications could—as the murderer. One piece of evidence alone could the Baronet ferret out, and greedily he secured it. What it was we shall mention when it appears in the proper place at the trial. In Sir Gilbert's own eyes it was very important, but then, with his knowledge of Richard's innocence, very little would go a long way in his favour.

The day of trial came, and Richard—calm dignified, and composed, yet pale and anxious—was placed at the bar.

Most unlike a murderer he was, as every one owned when they saw him. The ideal suited to the wretch who hanged the miser and rifled his strong box was certainly not presented by the open countenance, the lofty brow, the clear blue unflinching eye of the man over whom the charge hung. But what of that? Facts and appearances were against him, and in the face of these, feelings and instincts do not go for much.

The first thing to establish was that a murder had been committed, for, of course, if it could appear that Jabez Cringan had committed suicide, this did away with the charge of murder against Richard Wyndham or any other person. The prosecution laboured, therefore, to prove this primary fact—though indeed, there was little difficulty connected with it, for everything went to show that the miser had not taken away his own existence. Sir Gilbert Barton was the chief witness concerning this part of the case—he being the first to discover the body; and, though he well knew how important for Richard it was if a case of suicide could be proved, he was not at all disposed to do so. He was, in fact, a man over whom the charge hung. But what of that? Facts and appearances were against him, and in the face of these, feelings and instincts do not go for much.

The things were fully corroborated by the constable of Greytown and those who went with him to the cottage, so that no doubt was left on any mind that Jabez Cringan had come to a foul and a violent end. The next thing to be done was to connect the prisoner at the bar with the murder so committed. This proof was begun before Sir Gilbert was suffered to quit the box, for the prosecutor questioned him closely as to the conduct of Richard immediately previous to the supposed date of the murder. We say the supposed date, for the evidence given went to show that a lengthened period had elapsed between the deed and the discovery of it. The last time Jabez Cringan had been seen by the neighbours was on the morning of the day, and this was taken as a clue to the date of the murder. Much stress was laid on this by the prosecutor, for the subsequent evidence he had to produce told against the prisoner only if the murder had been done on one particular night—the night of the day referred to.

The Baronet, then was under examination forced to disclose the fact that Richard had absconded, and had been hiding for some time; but the prisoner's agent was careful, in conducting his cross-examination, to elicit the particulars regarding the departure of the youth from Brankwood—the time of such departure and the reason for it. Oh, yes! the reason was fully given, and the baseness of both Jabez Cringan and Charlie Allen proclaimed.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store,
Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December 1867

NEW

Oyster Rooms
VALENTINE WALD

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on Macdonnell Street, Guelph. The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept. The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up at short notice. **TOM & JERRY**, and all kinds of **Fancy Drinks** prepared in the most approved style. Guelph, 27th December, 1867

The North Eastern Correspondence gives an interesting account, which we have reason to believe, rests on good authority, of a conversation which recently took place between Baron Budberg, the Russian ambassador in Paris, and M. de Moustier, relative to the Eastern question. This conversation was the result of instructions which had been received by the Baron from his Government during his last visit at St. Petersburg. He was charged more especially with the task of sounding the dispositions of the French Cabinet relative to an intimate and exclusive understanding between Russia and France in view of a common action of the two powers in the East, of which the first steps was to be the recognition of the independence of Roumania under the sceptre of Prince Charles. At the time these instructions were given to Baron Budberg, there was some reason to believe that such overtures would not be acceptable to the French Government. During the visit of the Czar to Paris the Emperor Napoleon had apparently been influenced in favor of a policy at Constantinople, in conjunction with Russia and her allies, which was not concurred in either by England or Austria; and it was well known at St. Petersburg that France had hitherto cordially subscribed to the new state of affairs in Roumania. The semi-official French papers exposed with detail the intrigues of Russia at Bucharest, in Servia, and in Bulgaria, and denounced in strong terms the unscrupulous persistence with which she was preparing an explosion in the East. M. de Moustier spoke to the Russian ambassador in a similar sense. He declared that France would under no circumstances suffer the integrity of Turkey to be attacked and that she was totally opposed to the project of proclaiming the independence of Roumania. When the Baron complained of the articles of the semi-official press on this subject, M. de Moustier retorted that the news alluded to in these articles seemed to be confirmed by the statements of the journals of Moscow and St. Petersburg, which, moreover, used an aggressive tone towards France of which there was no example in the Press of Paris. The Baron then admitted that a certain amount of political agitation prevailed in some provinces of Turkey, but he maintained that this was a chronic disorder for which the Turkish Government was alone responsible. He added that, as regards Crete his Government was still of opinion that the only means of putting an end to the war that was desolating that island, was its cession, pure and simple, to Greece. To this M. de Moustier replied that such a solution was too radical, that the Porte would never consent to it, and that France had no intention of forcing Turkey to adopt it. The interview concluded by the Russian ambassador making the usual protestations in regard to the pacific intentions of his Government. The failure of his mission was, of course, duly reported to St. Petersburg, where it has been determined to postpone further action in the East until a more favorable opportunity. Meanwhile the warlike preparations in Russia are going on with unabated activity. The construction of the Railway from Moscow to Warsaw, via Smolensk, which is regarded by the military authorities as indispensable for the prosecution of a great war, is being vigorously pushed forward, and the gun factories promise to turn out at least 600,000 breech-loaders by the beginning of next year.

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Positively for Two Nights Only

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THE GREAT ARTIST.

MR. W. H. WALLACK

WHOSE extraordinary Monologue Entertainments has been favorably criticised by the Press, and visited by the elite of fashionable society, will give

TWO PERFORMANCES

In the above Hall, on

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

12th and 13th Instant.

For particulars, see bills of the day.

Guelph, 4th May, 1868.

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NEW UNDERFEED

"BARCLAY" SHUTTLE

Sewing Machine.

PRICE.

No. 1 Machine, with special, \$25.00
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Containing the very latest improvements and
Inventions—Strong, Durable, Beautiful, Well
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Makes the Genuine Lock Stitch

Which is alike on both sides of the material sewed, and will not rip or unravel; using two threads and adapted to light and heavy goods, coarse and fine threads; very large Shuttle and Bobbin, and so simple that a child can be taught to work it efficiently in a very short time.

Suited to all kinds of Family and General Sewing.

Tailoring, Mantle Making, and the Sewing of Dress-makers, Manufacturers of Shirts, Collars, Shirts, Cloaks, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Corsets, Linen Goods, &c. They work equally well upon Silk, Linen, Woolen and Cotton Goods, with silk, cotton or linen thread.

They will seam, quilt, gather, fell, cord, braid, bind, hem, tuck, and perform any species of fine or coarse sewing, making a beautiful and perfect stitch, alike on both sides of the fabric sewed.

Office and Salesroom: 56 King-st. West, Toronto.

Toronto, May 6, 1868.

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,

Looking Glass and Picture Frame

MANUFACTURER,

79 King-st. West,

TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and

Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass

Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.

Toronto 1st April 1868.

The Thorough-bred Coach Horse

"Young Norval"

WILL travel this season through the Townships of Erin, Eramosa, Nichol, Pilkington, and Grafton, and will be at Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph, every Tuesday night. He will be at Elora every Thursday night. He travelled the same route last season, and was admitted by all that he is a splendid horse and sure footed.

JAS. MILLER, Proprietor.

Guelph, May 6th, 1868.

Important Sales



BY AUCTION OF
Brewers' Stock
AND UTENSILS

IN THE
COUNTY of WATERLOO

UNDER SEIZURE FOR THE
Violation of Inland Revenue Laws.

TO BE
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

—ON—
Thursday, 14th of May, 1868,

AND FOLLOWING DAY, IF NECESSARY:

Commencing in the Brewery premises of Joseph Spetz, situated in the Town of Berlin, County of Waterloo, the stock and utensils in said Brewery premises, consisting of large quantity Malt, quantity Barley, Hops, large quantity Beer, Copper Boiler, Fermenting Tuns, Mash Tub, Horse-power, Beer Cooler, large lot empty Kegs, Tubs, Fanning Mill, Platform Scales, Pump, Malt Mill, Steep Tub, and other miscellaneous articles.

Immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by auction in the Brewery premises of GEORGE SEIP, in the Town of Berlin, quantity Malt, Hops, large quantity Beer, Beer in Kegs, Hops, lot empty Kegs, Copper Boiler, Beer Cooler, Mash Tub, Fermenting Tun, Mill, Fanning Mill, Scales, Pump and other articles.

Immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by auction in the Brewery premises of CHRISTOPHER HEUTHER, situated in the Village of Waterloo, near Berlin, large quantity Beer, large quantity Malt, quantity Barley, Hops, large quantity Mash Tub, Fermenting Tuns, Beer Cooler, Beer Copper Boiler, Tin Coolers, Fermenting Tuns, Mash Tub, Beer Boiler, Working Punches, Mill and Gearing, large lot empty Punches and Beer Kegs, Tubs, Platform Scales, and other miscellaneous articles.

And immediately after the sale of the above, there will be sold by Auction, in the Brewery Premises of DAVID KUNTZ, Village of Waterloo, near Berlin, large quantity Beer, quantity Hops, quantity Malt, lot Barley, Copper Boiler, Copper Worms, Mash Tub, Fermenting Tuns, Beer Cooler, Beer Strainer, Tubs, Tin Beer Coolers, Horse-power, Platform Scales, Mill Gearing, Fanning Mill, empty Kegs and Punches, Wooden Pump, lot Tubs and miscellaneous articles.

Terms Cash, Bankable funds.

Sale to Commence at the Brewery Premises of Joseph Spetz, Berlin at TEN O'CLOCK in the forenoon.

JAMES COW,
Collector of Inland Revenue,
Division of Guelph.

Guelph, May 2nd, 1868.

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,
114 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Dividers, and other Machinists' Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Linges, Lugs, Tacks, Pint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

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Guelph 1st April, 1868

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No. 2,

Day's Block, . . Guelph.

Canned Peaches

"Pears

"Plums

"Cherries

"Apples, &c.

BOTTLED JAMS

Strawberry

Gooseberry

Damson

Currants, &c.

A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

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Guelph, April 20, 1868.

New Advertisements.

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NEW GOODS

Suitable for Spring and Summer Wear, among which will be found all the Latest Styles.

INSPECTION INVITED!

THESE GOODS have been selected from the best makers in the Dominion, and can be confidently recommended as equal, if not superior to any in the market, and at

Prices Lower than any House in the Trade.

For cash only. All work warranted.

Guelph, 1st May, 1868.

JOHN CRIDFORD.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

GRAND OPENING OF

SHOW ROOM

AT THE

BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH,

WILL SHOW ON

FRIDAY, the 24th of APRIL, 1868,

Some of the Greatest Novelties in

MANTLES & MILLINERY

Ever exhibited in Guelph, which for extent and quality is no surpassed in the Province.

Ladies should Call at once and Examine the Pattern Bonnets and Mantles.

The above Department is superintended by a first-class artist. Ladies can rely on having every attention by calling at the **BRADFORD HOUSE**, Guelph.

PHILIP BISH.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 23, 1868.

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ANOTHER CHEAP LOT

OF GREY AND

WHITE COTTONS!

500 PIECES NEW

Canadian Tweeds, very Cheap

JUST ARRIVED AT

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Guelph, 28th April, 1868

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JAMES CORMACK,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

HAS NOW RECEIVED at his New Store, next to John Horsman's, in Mr. Hogg's New Block, one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted Stock of

CLOTHS AND CLOTHING

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,

EVER OFFERED IN GUELPH.

Large Display of Hats & Caps

English, French and American Styles.

And the Newest received Monthly.

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Guelph, 15th April, 1868.

Try those Splendid New Figs

AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.

Oranges and Lemons!

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at

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Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

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THE CANADIAN

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OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 31st of June or 31st of December.

The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.

Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.

For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.

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Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

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PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES,

Fire & Burglar Proof

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The only real security against

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