PACTS for ADVERTISERS.

The circulation of the DAILY and WEEKLY MERCURY is DOUBLE that of any Paper in Guelph, and larger than that of any paper published west of Toronto. Advertisers, both in this County and at a discount when the county and at the county at the county and at the county and at the county at the coun distance, should bear this fact in mind when they wish to make their business known to the public.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EV'G, SEPT. 5, 1868

A POSTAL TREATY.

A Postal Convention has just been concluded between the United States and British Post Office Departments for establishing and regulating an exchange of mails in the United States, the Straits settlements, and the British East Indies, by means conjointly of the line of United States mail stea mers plying between San Francisco and Hong Kong, and of the line of British mail packets plying between Hong Kong and Singapore, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Aden. Its leading provisions are as follows: On and after the first of November, 1868, (the date on which this convention is to be carried into operation), the postage to be levied and collected in the United States upon correspondence of all kinds posted in the United States, and addressed to the Straits settlements, or the British East Indies, for transmission by this route will be: 10c per single rate of half ounce, or under, on letters; two cents each on newspapers, and eight cents per four oz. or fraction thereof, on books, packets, patterns, and samples. The correspondence thus prepaid in the United States will be delivered at the proper destinations in the British East India possessions free of all charges whatever. Prepayment is obligatory on newspapers, book packets and patterns but letters posted unpaid, or insufficiently paid, will nevertheless be forwarded and charged at the place of destination in the Straits settlements or the British East Indies, with a postage of 10d. (20c.) per single rate, together with a fine of 6d (12c.). Paid correspondence of all kinds received from the Straits settlements and the British East Indies by this route, will be delivered at the office of destination in the United States free of all charge whatever, but unpaid or insufficiently paid letters so received will be charged on delivery with a postage of ten cents per single rate of half an ounce or under, together with a fine of 12c. each. No accounts will be kept between the respective Post Departments on the correspondence thus exchanged, each Department retaining all the postage which its collects, both on paid matter sent and unpaid matter received. New York and San Francisco are the offices of exchange on the side of the United States, and Singapore, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Aden are the exchange offices on the Straits settlements and the British East Indies. destination in the Straits settlements price of gold in the States is again attracting attention. The theory of some is that the States people are fast becoming involved in increased debt to Europe. This debt has been paid, of late years, in bonds, to the extent of nearly a thousand millions of dollars. In addition to this, railway and other enterprises advanced upon foreign capital call for an annual payment in gold. Against all this the products of the country exported have to be placed. The New York Post taking the amount due on bonds at 25 per cent. less than current belief, says:—
"On this assumption we have shipped

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THE FAMINE IN THE RED RIVER.

We have already adverted to the almost total destruction of the crops in the Red River by the grasshoppers this summer. Subsequent accounts published in the Nor' Wester confirm the first reports, and the testimony of the principal ministers in the settlement go to show that the distress is even more wide spread than was at first anticipated. The editor of the Nor' Wester conceived the idea of making an appeal to Canada for help, and he has sent circulars to the Mayors of all the cities in Ontario and Quebec, giving a true and correct statement of the case, and also enclosing copies of letters in corroboration of these statements from the Bishop of St. Boniface, the Venerable Archdeacon McLean, the Rev. John Black and the Rev. George Young. In closing his appeal for aid, the editor says: "The Canadian people and others, will show as they have readily shown before, that they are alive to the call of distress, and that response will be the means of showing that they not only desire a closer political relationship, but that they appreciate the fact that we are fellew colonists and fellow subjects of the same Queen." The following is the letter of the Bishop of St. Boniface to the editor of the Nor' Wester, which gives a sad picture of the distress that now prevails in the gettlement:

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"In reply to your request of this morning I have to certify, that in your issue of the 4th inst., the following statement is not exaggerated 'that within the whole colony not one bushel of any kind of grain will be harvested.' 'And that the potate corp will be very meagre also.'

"Yes, everything is destroyed by the grasshoppers—mether grain nor vegetables of any kind are to be found in our gardens or fields. Moreover the 'Buffa. De Hunters,' instead of furnishing their large share of provisions and leather, arrived starving from their usual hunting grounds. Many, during their long excursion through the plains, were reduced to eat their yoke of oxen, or even their horses, and they are now in our midst without a morsel of food. Their friends the farmers, Scotch, English or French, having no harvest, are unable to assist them; so we have the dreadful prospects of thousands being reduced to families. He house then proceeded with routine business.

FROM OTTAWA.—It is stated that the Railway Commissioners are to be appointed on Monday next. It is said that a temporary spointment is to be a great deal of suffering; but the 'Old Settlers' all agree to consider the combined plagues of this year as the worst yot experienced as far as food is concerned. The stock of various provisions is, I may say, completely exhausted in every quarter, and with the best will, it is impossible to meet the wants of the population. No seed of any description for most of the farmers next year, and on the population. The possible to meet the wants of the population. No seed of any description for most of the farmers next year, and the others voted Aye, and the Speaker, the house divided. Mr. Blanchard and be Speaker, the house divided. Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Bla

"I am really happy to learn that you intend to call upon our friends of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario for assistance. The knowledge of the liberal disposition of the inhabitants of both Provinces had at first prompted use to take some step in that way, but, being well aware of the many calls on the charity of the Canadians;—having experienced it so often myself in favor of the flock entrusted to my care, I felt so reluctant to take any personal action of the kind that, after long and anxious thought, I had resolved to exhaust all my resources and then to suffer with iny people rather than ask for relief from abroad."

The Gold Question.

The steady and continuous rise in the price of gold in the States is again attract

EARTHQUAKE AT CALLAO.—A fearful earthquake took place in Callao on the 13th., inst which lasted seven minutes. No lives were lost, but many houses were injured. At7p. m. the sea retired for 100 yards, but the water soon afterwards rose 10 feet above its usual level. Great fears were entertained that Callao would be completely inundated. At 12 o'clock the mole and wharf were completely covered, the sea rushing into the lower part of the city. The town was completely lower to the city. The town was completely deserted, the population having fled panic-stricken into the interior. At last accounts (14th) the worst was over, but great alarm pervaded the community for the safety of their property

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FOLLY OF IRISH LORDS.—The folly of some Irish landlords is shown in the leases which Mr Scully, who was lately shot at, recently required his tonants to accept. One condition was that they were to leave their farms at any quarter day on receiving twenty-one days' notice. Another was that they should claim no compensation for any improvements whatever, thus making even the young crops the property of the landlord. Another was that they should do nothing on the farm in the way of buildings or ditches without the previous consent of the landlord in writing. It is needless to say that no good farmer would become the tenant of Mr. Scully, even if he had not been shot.

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ANNE OF GEIRESTEIN—Being the 23rd part of the Waverley Novels, issued by the Messrs. Black, of Edinburgh, at the low figure of fifteen cents.

MARRIAGES.

EATLY—SMITH.—On the 3rd inst., by the Rev W. S. Griffin, at the residence of the bride' father, Mr. W. M. Wheatly to Mary Emina daughter of Mr. James Smith, all of Guelph

WINFIELD.—At Mount Forest, on the 3rd inst., the beloved wife of Mr. W. W. Winfield, merchant

Mew Advertisements.

Notice to the Public.

HEREBY give notice that, from and after this date, I will not be responsible for any debts at may be contracted by my wife, without my ROBERT OAKES.

WANTED.

WANTED, before the 20th September, a house containing Five or Six Rooms, within ten minutes walk of the market. Apply at this office. tember 4th.

CHALMERS' CHURCH.

THE REV. D. H. MCVICAR, of Montreal, will preach in the Court House, on SABBATH NEXT, the 6th inst, at 11 a.m., and at 6:30 p. m. Collection in aid of the Sabbath School Library. Guelph, September 2. w1 d3

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY

BOOT & SHOE STORE



To THOSE who don't wear Coats we would say come in out of the wet or you will cate cold, at the same time we would advise the gene al public to buy their

At the Penitentiary Boot &

re they will find a large Stock of New Fall, manufactured by the best makers in the tion, which are equal in quality, and as low sea, as any house in the trade, no matter amount of puffing you may use to the con-Careful comparison invited.

Shoe Store,

JOHN CRIDIFORD. Gueiph, September 4th.

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When you call at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory for Boots or Shoes, you will be waited pon by Ladies, skillful, polite, and attentive to their business. All the men and boys in connection with the Weilington Boot and Shoe Manufactory are engaged making Boots and Shoes, and as I am determined to make and sell the cheapest and best Boots and shoes in the County, I cannot and will not ask you to pay men's wages, when ladies can do the same rork better and cheaper.

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