

THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS IN VERY POOR CONDITION

A blacksmith is always striking for wages. When is a thief like a reporter? When he takes notes.

Mrs. Sue Newton is the pioneer lady editor in Texas.

A marriage on a railway train may properly be termed a railroad tie.

An Ottawa man named Perrault lately left his wife because she would not get up and prepare his breakfast. After remaining away a few days he returned. Two days later his wife left him because he would not saw wood.

"Elbow shots," is the head for "miscellaneous" in the Indianapolis Sunday Herald.

If you want to make a bustle in the world, take five newspapers and a piece of tape.

The Cincinnati Inquirer remarks:—"A gentle stream of Christmas champagne seemed to meander through the editorial columns of the Gazette yesterday."

It is stated that a new weekly paper, called the Jim and Eliza Journal, has been started in Mississippi. Jim and Eliza are supposed to be the editor and his wife.

A residence in Indianapolis has the following conspicuously posted up in front:—

NO YOUNG MAN ALLOWED TO COME AND COURT ME UNLESS HE HAS \$250.00 TO PAY DOWN ON A HOUSE AND LOP BALANCE IN 1 & 3 YEARS FOR SALE BY ME. WITHIN.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Exton Road, London."—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

AMERICAN ARISTOCRACY.—Aldrich, in his new story in the Atlantic, gets off a pretty good thing on aristocratic circles as follows:—"One is pained to find that the most exclusive folks have frequently passed their early manhood in selling tape or West India goods in homocopathic quantities. This is not an immoral thing in itself, but it is certainly illogical of those less fortunate people who have not yet disposed of their stock."

THE TECHNOLOGIST, OR INDUSTRIAL MONTHLY, FOR 1874.—The January number of this standard journal, issued by the Industrial Publication Company, 176 Broadway, New York, has reached us, and, as usual, it is filled with valuable and interesting information. The table of contents gives a list of nearly fifty important articles, not including more current items of information, of which there are seven or eight columns. Of these articles nineteen are illustrated, the illustrations including two full page engravings, printed in colors. In looking over its pages, one is struck with the clearness and simplicity which characterize the descriptions of new machines and processes, the earnestness and vigor of the editorials, and the spiciness of the news-items. Those of our readers who are interested in industrial progress, ought by all means to examine this periodical, which may be obtained in any news agent, or direct from the publishers.

There is much of beauty and artistic excellence in the February number of the "Aldine." The promise held out for the New Year, in the January number, of a volume of surpassing worth and taste, is sustained in this issue. A dozen beautiful pictures embellish its pages, more than half of which are original American work. Mr. W. M. Cary has a spirited full page picture of "Antelope-Hunting on the Plains"; the hounds are in full pursuit of a herd of deer, which are coursing like the wind over the foot hills at the base of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. John Hows has a series of five pictures, which he drew last summer in the lovely region of the famous Juniata River in Pennsylvania. Mr. J. Davis contributes a characteristic sketch of the village "never-do-well," "An Idle Dog." Specht has a fine picture of Scotch greyhounds, "Gentlemen of Leisure," "Gimberella," after Lejeune, presents a pretty maiden sitting by the open fire place. The other illustrations are a large and handsome picture called "The Old Bible," by G. Wagnmiller, a child reading to her grandmother; a picture of a young lady seated on the ferry bank of a stream, and a dashing sketch called "Badlin Genies." Subscription price, \$5, including chromes "The East" and "The West." James Scton & Co., publishers, 53 Maiden Lane, New York City.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE.—The January number of Blackwood, just republished by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 140 Fulton Street, N. Y., contains the conclusion of "The Parisians," which adds one more to the list of Bulwer's charming novels. Another serial, "The Story of Valentine and his Brother," is commenced in this number, and promises to be a narrative of great interest. Amongst other good articles is "John Stuart Mill: an Autobiography," telling the story of a precocious and talented childhood, and its effect on the whole future life of the man. It will have a peculiar interest for those who have the guidance of youthful minds, though no one should pass it by. An account of the "New Year's Political Aspect" is also interesting, in view of the English general election. The increase in size of the type is a decided improvement, making the page larger and handsomer, and still more closely resembling the original.

The Southern States of America are making great progress in manufacturing, mechanical and mining industries, and the South gives promise soon of a lively competition on her part with her more active Northern sisters in many branches of production of which the latter have hitherto had the monopoly.

Besides this, many minor manufactures of articles in common use are being established by individuals or combinations of artisans whose skill and labor are their capital, and generally patronized by the neighborhood, who find the home article infinitely cheaper than the foreign one; so that in this way the Southern people are gaining self-supporting, and are circulating their surplus funds among the members of their own communities.—Harper's Magazine.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—C and Trunk Railway. Freight leave Guelph as follows: WEST 2:17 a.m.; 7:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m. To London, Norwich, and Detroit. To Berlin. EAST 3:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.

Great Western—Guelph Branch. Going South—4:40 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m. Going North—11:15 a.m. for Southampton and 1:15 p.m. for Perth. 6:50 p.m. for Perth; 9:30 p.m. for Perth.

COMMERCIAL Guelph Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities like Flour, Wheat, and Butter in Guelph.

Toronto Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Toronto.

Hamilton Markets.

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Galt Markets.

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Elora Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Elora.

Fergus Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Fergus.

Clifford Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Clifford.

Harrison Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Harrison.

Drayton Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Drayton.

Mount Forest Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Mount Forest.

Listowel Markets.

Table of market prices for various commodities in Listowel.

WHEELER'S COMPOUND ELIXIR OF PHOSPHATES AND CALSIFYING.

Text describing the benefits of Wheeler's Compound Elixir.

VALUABLE FARM, HOTEL, AND OTHER PROPERTY.

Text describing a farm and other property for sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Text regarding a large stock of men's felt overshoes.

W. D. Hepburn & Co.

Text regarding a large stock of men's felt overshoes.

NOTICE.—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House.

INMAN LINE STEAMERS.

New York and Liverpool. Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and Fastest Steamships in the World.

Rates of passage as low as any first-class line. Tickets for Liverpool, London, Cork and Glasgow, and Freight Certificates good for 12 months.

H. D. Morehouse, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroads.

ANCHOR LINE OF STEAMERS.

Call from Pier 20, North River New York, every Wednesday and Saturday.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Glasgow, Liverpool and Londonderry. Cabin—Saturday, 37s and 66s gold; Wednesday, 47s and 86s gold.

Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates.

THE ALLAN Steamship Line.

Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates.

FALL AND WINTER, 1873-4.

POWELL'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

Call and examine my new stock of Ladies', Gents' & Children's Boots and Shoes.

LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDREN'S Boots and Shoes.

Which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.

Custom Work and Repairing.

Westside Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ont., Nov. 14th, 1873.

JAMES CORMACK, Tailor and Clothier.

Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH and CANADIAN WOOLENS.

FRENCH COATINGS.

A specialty this season. A magnificent display.

OF Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Also a large and well selected stock of Ready Made Clothing at very low prices.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

A LARGE STOCK OF MEN'S FELT OVERSHOES.

Call early, as they are going fast.

W. D. Hepburn & Co.

Corner Wyndham Street and St. George's Square, GUELPH.

GUELPH Pianoforte Factory.

IN FULL OPERATION. Affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments.

Warranted for Six Years. Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY. Prices lower than any imported and quality and finish unsurpassed.

WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. RAINER, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 14, 1873.

THE Guelph Bakery.

Two doors above the Wellington Hotel. W. J. LITTLE.

While thanking the public generally for their liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would respectfully inform them that he is still prepared to supply them with all kinds of Biscuits, Pastry, Bride's Cakes, Confectionery, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Bread, plain and fancy, always on hand and delivered. W. J. LITTLE, Guelph, Oct. 17, 1873.

Perpetual Motion DISCOVERED AT LAST!

See Perpetual Motion PERFORMERY.

G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE TO-NIGHT.

You will find also a choice lot of Fancy and Toilet Articles.

Gold Top Smelling Bottles, very suitable for the holidays.

No. 3, Day's Block.

Next door to J. E. McElherry's and directly opposite John Horsman's.

SEASONABLE GOODS.

Ivory Handled Knives, AT BOND'S. Bone Superior Carvers, AT BOND'S.

Electro-Plated Forks, AT BOND'S. Spoons, AT BOND'S.

Butter Knives, AT BOND'S. Pickle Forks, AT BOND'S.

Cake Baskets, AT BOND'S. Salt Stands, AT BOND'S.

Butter Coolers, AT BOND'S. Cruets, AT BOND'S.

Britannia Metal Tea Pots, AT BOND'S. Japanned Tea Trays, AT BOND'S.

Plated Cell Bells, AT BOND'S. Fire Irons in Sets, AT BOND'S.

Dish Covers, AT BOND'S. Table Mats, AT BOND'S.

Best Steels, AT BOND'S. Superior Scissors, AT BOND'S.

Pocket and Pen Knives, AT BOND'S. A well selected and choice stock of articles suitable.

TO be had at Bond's.

HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents.

Interferes to the above, Mr. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants.

References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont.; Messrs. Gault, Bro., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith, Frank Smith & Co., Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants, Guelph); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. Magill Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm Esq., S. B. Foot, Esq., Toronto.

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal.

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS. JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS.

Alma Block, Guelph. Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the Dominion.

OZENGES, all flavors; DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes; GUM and LICORICE DROPS, CONVERSATION LOZENGES, MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns; SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS, FRUIT BISCUITS, GINGER NUTS, CHEWING GUM, ROCK CANDY, LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars. His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western, & this year the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods are fully packed and shipped with despatch.

L.D. SINE'S GIFT ENTERPRISE.

The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country! \$75,000.00 In Valuable Gifts! To be distributed in L. D. SINE'S 16th Regular Monthly GIFT ENTERPRISE. To be drawn MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1874.

Two Grand Capitals of \$5,000 each in Greenbacks! Two Prizes \$1000 each in greenbacks! Five Prizes, \$500 each in greenbacks! Ten Prizes, \$100 each in greenbacks! 1 horse and buggy, with Silver-mounted harness, worth \$600.

One Fine-toned Rosewood Piano, worth \$550. Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$100 each! Five Gold Watches and Chains, worth \$300 each! Five Gold American Hunting Watches, worth \$125 each!

Ten Ladies' Gold Hunting Watches, worth \$100 each! 1000 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all) worth from \$20 to \$300 each! Gold Chains, Silver-ware, Jewelry, &c., &c. Number of Gifts 7,500! Tickets limited 75,000.

AGENTS WANTED to sell tickets, to whom Liberal premiums will be paid. Single Tickets \$1; Six Tickets \$5; Twelve Tickets \$10; Twenty-five, \$20. Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, box 86, 101 W. Fifth-st. CINCINNATI, O.

ASK FOR THE VICTORIA Baking Powder.

The only reliable Powder in the market awarded EXTRA FIRST PRIZE At the Provincial Exhibition, London, 1873.

MANDERS' New Drug Store, ACTON.

A new and freshly selected stock of Winter Requisites, Glycerine, Glycerine Cream, Glycerine Jelly, POREOUS PLASTERS, HORSE AND CATTLE MEDICINES, Tick Destroyer.

CUTTERS, FULL SUPPLY.

Now is your time to get first-class Cutters cheap for cash or short credit.

Robert Parker.

Has now on hand a large stock the same style as the one which took the first prize at the Central Exhibition, Guelph, last fall and which for comfort, style, and excellence of material, cannot be surpassed in Canada.

All are invited to call and examine the work. Satisfaction guaranteed. Repairing, Repainting, Retrimming as usual, at low prices.

GEORGE BEATTIE, SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER.

AND DEALER IN Trunks, Carpet Bags, Whips, Spurs, Brushes, Horse Clothing, Horse Combs, Belts, and all other articles usually kept by Saddlers.

Repairing done as usual. GEORGE BEATTIE, Market Square, Guelph Feb. 7, 70.

FERGUSON BOOK STORE.

The subscriber, in thanking the public for past favors, begs to inform the public of a new arrival.

Fancy Goods and Books, Stationery and School Books.

Wall Paper, very cheap; Window Blinds. A GENT for the WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER, Sunday School Times and Advent. Also, any Book or Magazine ordered on the shortest notice. Call and see for yourself.

ROCKWOOD Clothing Store.

and Gent's Outfitting Establishment. Just opened out a large stock of English, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds. Also a fine stock of Cloth for Overcoats.

As the subscriber is a practical tailor, parties ordering clothes will be guaranteed a perfect fit in all cases. Call and examine the stock before purchasing elsewhere. JOHN NELSON, Rockwood, Oct. 29, 1873.

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Will reopen after the holidays on the 6th of January, 1874. Who attend it? Teachers preparing for a certificate. Candidates for Matriculation in Arts, Law, and Medicine, and Commercial Students.

Who desire to obtain a knowledge of Writing, Book-keeping, Commercial Arithmetic, etc. Classes in Telegraphy, Shorthand, French and German. Send for circular. JOHN TAIT, Georgetown, Dec. 11, 1873.