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ical Examiners - Drs. Howitt and Keating.

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Guelph, March 13,

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elph, April 1, 1868 NOTICE.

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pected to present an appearance, either as regards extent or wealth of matter, at all equal to its more favored contemporaries whose field is the Province. But judged by their opportunities, the country-newspapers, both as regards ability and enterprise, are not at all behind the city press. It must be remembered that the odds in point of means at the disposal of the respective publishers of the best of the city press, and the best of the country papers are as twenty or thirty to one in favor of the former. The question arises whicher, looked upon in this aspect, the local jour mals appear at a disadvantage. We think not. There are immense expenditures, one of the heaviest being the payment for telegraphic news, incurred every day by the city papers, from which the country papers are almost entirely exempt. On the other hand, there are obligations resting on the country papers, the collection of the news within their particular spheres of circulation being among them, as burdensome in their way as those devolving on the papers published in the caties. The articles which we copy from the Toronto Globe and London Advertiser deal fairly and evengenerously Typographic Beauty

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burs--how not a single item to be got useless, and are looked upon in nearly the small-pox, it is to be hoped he did not. hold of has been allowed to escape, if it the same light as curiosities. Our nawas thought to be worth the attention of any considerable number of our readers stances, only taken as coppers; and the stances, only taken as coppers; and the turday night last, between 9 and 10 American coin with which we are flooded o'clock, a fire broke out in a small frame press--if anything, perhaps we have rather is subjected to various rates of discount. building a few yards from the Grand the best of it. But when he comes down upon us with the club rates, of a dollar or the earth would adopt a uniform and in a very short space of time the build-adollar and a quarter, for the city paper, decimal system of coins, there would be ing, which was occupied as a dwelling Catalogues plain the nature of the business-how

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MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.

MONDAY EV NG, MARCH 22, 1869.

THE COUNTRY PRESS.

The following article from the Stratford Beacon so well expresses our own mind on the subject discussed that we copy it in full:

It has been too much the fashion of certain papers published in the cities to sneer at country newspapers as backwoods sheets, conducted by men without education, position or influence. We always felt the taunt to be unjust, as such self-righteous comparisons generally are. No one pretends that a newspaper circulating chiefly in a country, or it may be simply in a town or village and one or two of the adjacent townships, can be expressed to the content of their views if they consider the paper when their money, and they want it, they will becomes ubscribers for it. Indeed in apite of its politics, a paper will be read by those of the opposite party, if it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than their in which it is made a better vehicle than the local news. We concur with the London Advertises, we concur with the London Advertise, and which you have not even taken the trouble to condense, and the local paper will not be required, because a much greater amount of the same sort of reading can be had elsewhere for less money. But labor faithfully in your own chosen sphere—fill your paper with local news—create a demand, and the consequence must follow in an augmented circulation and a larger advertising patronage. We have never seen it yet to fail, whilst if the paper does not fulfil the requirements of a local journal in the way indicated, we have rarely known the petitio ad misericordium—the appeal to support it from party or other similar considerations—to dort any good whatever. The paper

be disturbed by any substitution

throughout the Province—at \$1.25 than the country publisher on his—limited in number as it necessarily is and must be —at \$2. Here again, from our point of have presented it in an attractive form in boards, with abundant and well executed view, we consider we have the best of the argument; but the customer, looking illustrations. Mr. J. B. Thornton has this and a cheaper edition for sale at his Bookstore, Wyndham street.

Parties at a distance from Guelph in wait of any description of description of is also advancing. That there is room.

Country journalists have to contend. The city press has recently given evidence of a great awakening; and the country press is also advancing. That there is room. is also advancing. That there is room of the great English poet. It is written for improvement, we freely admit. But there are few publishers in the country, if there have been in operation for any length of time, who examining their fyles for the last six or eight years cannot be struck with the great progress which be struck with the great progress which at Thornton's Bookstore.

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Mr. Howe's health has so far improved as to enable him to resume operations in that as to enable him to resume operations in the middle of the streets.

The Medical Council meets at Torento on the 6th April.

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To-day was a very dull one in the produce market-little having come in, and the tendency of prices being downward.

Mr. John A. McMillan, of the Welling-

foreigner I get my hands on."

The Grammar School boys will give

This town is not shake or public buildings. country newspaper, the city paper finds its largest measure of support. It would be idle and unjust to deny that the city paper in many cases payes the way for its countries and countries. In fact, they help each other. At the same time it must be confessed that when they come into

If two, or three of the great nations of Trunk freight station in this town, and upon us with the club rates, of a dollar or a dollar and a quarter, for the city paper, while for the article produced at home two dollars are charged, we find ourself place at a disadvantage. We try to explain the nature of the business—how that the great cost of production in the country is the setting of the type, which some plain the real of the type, which is really at hand for the city weeklies, having been previously used for the faily editions, how with the forms' once at press, 30,000 may be printed with only a little addition to the expense—the paper only excepted—of printing as many hundreds, and how in this way the city publisher makes ten or twenty times more and collar and a quarter, for the city paper, while for the city paper, while for the melancholy and press, and the adoption of a new coinage is recomply excepted—of printing as many hundreds, and how in this way the city publisher makes ten or twenty times more and coins, there would be the cator of coins, there would be decimal system of coins, there would be a stop put to the nuisance. A Congress, Wr. Boulton, switchman, was consumed. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the stovepipe—there being no one in the house at the time, and a good fire in the stove. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the stovepipe—there being no one in the house at the time, and a good fire in the stove. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the stovepipe—there being no one in the house at the time, and a good fire in the stove originated from a defect in the stovepipe—there being no one in the house at the time, and the adoption of a new coinage is recommended, whose name shall not be a the firm a very short space of time the building, which was occupied as a dwelling by Mr. Boulton, switchman, was consumed. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the stove. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the stovepipe—there being no one in the house at the time, and a good fire

The island of St. Bartholomew
West Indies, the only colony the
den has in America, is reported greatly suffering from famine. An cial report sent to Stockholm, states within four days nineteen deaths had curred from absolute starvation. St. Aundred persons were on the brind sharing the same fate, unless help was speedly afforded. St. Bartholomew has an area of thirty square miles, and a population of 18,000 souls.

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A newspaper published in the regions of Lake Memphremagog and Winnepesauke, says that the fish in Lake Holleyhunkemunk, Me., are said to superior to those of either Weeleyobacock or Moosetockmegantuc. Those of Chauhungogungamanug were very fine, but they all got choked to death in trying to tell where they lived."

## TELEGRAPE

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

duce market—little having come in, and the tendency of prices being downward.

88 cents was the highest paid for wheat.

A Sheriff's sale of Hoover's horses took place on the Market Square on Saturday last. Not very high prices were realized for them—some of the animals being in rather poor condition.

There are several cases of extreme detitution in this town with which, we believe, many of our charitably disposed citizens are not acquainted, and to which we may refer again more fully at another time.

PARIS, March 21.—In the Corps Legisstatiff yesterday, Marshall Neil, Minister of War, urged a completion of the re-organising of the army. Peace, he said, was secure, but France would not tolerate a government which was not fully prelated to avenge insult if offered. The budget report considers the present situation of Europe as eminently peaceful. FLORENCE, March 21.—In the Corps Legisstatiff yesterday, Marshall Neil, Minister of War, urged a completion of the re-organising of the army. Peace, he said, was secure, but France would not tolerate a government which was not fully prelated to avenge insult if offered. The budget report considers the present situation of Europe as eminently peaceful. FLORENCE, March 21.—In the Corps Legisstatiff yesterday, Marshall Neil, Minister of War, urged a completion of the re-organising of the army. Peace, he said, was secure, but France would not tolerate a government which was not fully prelated to avenge insult if offered. The budget report considers the present situation of Europe as eminently peaceful. FLORENCE, March 21.—In the Corps Legisstatiff yesterday, Marshall Neil, Minister of War, urged a completion of the re-organism of the army. Peace, he said, was secure, but France would not tolerate a government which was not fully prelated to avenge insult if offered. The budget report considers the present situation of Europe as eminently peaceful. FLORENCE, March 21.—In the Corps Legisstatiff (war, urged a completion of war, urged a completion of the re-organism of the ar

#### American Despatches

Mr. John A. McMillan, of the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, has opened out a large assortment in his line for the Spring campaign, as will be seen by his advertisement which will appear to-morrow.

Friday next, being Good Friday, will be generally observed as a holiday in town—a fact which our country friends will do well to bear in mind. Divine service will be held in the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

An Irishman was bound over by the Police Magistrate the other day "to keep the peace towards all Her Majesty's subjects," as the bonds always run. "All right, yer worship," replied Pat; "Il observe the bond; but God help the first foreigner I get my hands on."

Nev York, 22nd. — Prince Louis, of Bourbon, was married here last evening to Surfice All submillion, and a half of dollars has been remitted from Cuba to a private of the patriot army.

The steamer Union brought £73,000 sterling in specie from Europe.

Havana, 22nd. — In a skirmish near Villa Clara the Insurgent leader Moya was captured and shot. The fleet of transports with State prisoners sailed today for Fernando Po. The wharves and roofs of houses commanding a view of the harbor were crowded with people to witness the departure. Intense excitement prevails. There are fears of a riot. Several people have been shot.

Railway Accident at Beachville. SLEEPING CAR ROLLS DOWN AN EMBANK.
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stoves, specially contrived for safety in such cases, and there was no taking fire. The car remains on the spot, and is but very little damaged.

LATEST.—A despatch from London on Sunday evening says that the wounded persons at the Tecumseh House are steadily improving. Mr. Lamont, of Chathan; Dr. Clive, of Chicago; and Mr. Haess, of Albany, the three most seriously injured, are considered out of danger. No fatal consequences are feared.

lost expedition — Scientific American.

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lessen the stability of the government.

In Toronto, on Friday night, a number of the amateur velocipede performers took possession of the sidewalks. They succeeded in two thinge, viz., annoying quietly disposed pedestrians, and in making foods of themsolves. If men are determined to act the parts of horse and driver, It is the feeling here that the corporation should force them to travel in the middle of the streets.

The new Assessment Act is giving by