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The manufacture of Slat Window Blinds, has been commenced in Alma, by Mr. Henry Miller.

NEW ENTERPRISE.—Mr. Caldwell is making preparations for the erection of a large cheese factory, at Lee Hirst, near Clifton.

It is intimated that the Grand Trunk Co. will put two propellers on the Goderich and Chicago route this season.

A large flock of wild ducks passed over Goderich on Wednesday evening last going north. This is a pretty sure indication of open weather.

LOCKED UP FOR CONTEMPT.—Mr. Dewhurst, of the Welland Telegraph, was committed to the common goal in Welland for twenty-four hours, on Saturday, 7th instant, for an alleged contempt of magistrate's court. An action for damages will be the result.

Open Weather.

"But see where early winter passes off. Far to the North, and calls his ruffian blast; The blasts obey, and leave the howling hill; The shattered forest and the ravaged plain; While gentler gales succeed, at whose kind touch, Dissolving snows in livid torrents lead, The mountains rear their green heads to the sky."

Thus Thomson opens his poem of Spring, and we have heard lately, and more particularly on this (Monday) morning, a full realization of the poetic image. Let old Winter go, who cares? We were all very glad to see him pull up stakes, and there is not one among us that would wish to have him back, even if we knew our wishes would avail. Of all the "ruffian blasts" he ever blew the worst were those that made us shiver in our overcoats a few weeks ago. He was displeased with the pranks of Mercury and Venus, or some of the other celestials, and as he could not get at them the sullen, vindictive old rascal revenged himself upon us unoffending mortals. Let us hope that he has taken his departure from our borders, and that he will not show us his corrugated face for the next eight months. The gales of Sabbath last were indeed gentle, but their touch was not half as effectual in producing the "livid torrents" of which the poet speaks as the heavy rain which fell on Monday morning. The lightning flashed vividly, the thunder rattled, now with startling loudness, anon in hoarse, savage mutterings. It was evident that the Olympic Jupiter had turned out of his bunk at an early hour, in a very bad humor, that his forge was all aglow, and that he was tossing his bolts about somewhat carelessly. We must say that we shall not move a vote of thanks to Jove for the way in which he acted this morning. The 16th of March is a little too soon for him to be frightening people, and we should not wonder if the noise would arrest Old Winter in his northward retreat, and cause him to imagine that he has left his work unfinished. It is a considerable time since so much rain fell in so short a time as on Monday morning. The gutters were filled, and in some places the streets overflowed with muddy streams that sped along with wonderful velocity. Hall also descended with the rain, and bounded off the sidewalks as if possessed of the elastic nature of india rubber, or made big bubbles on the water. So far the indications are in favor of open weather and an early spring. If the thunder bolt of evil omen, and do not produce a relapse into winter. We understand that robins, those unerring harbingers of bright warm days and genial skies, have made their appearance about Hamilton, but we have seen none of them in this neighborhood as yet.

Mason's Dramatic Company.

The Maid of Orléans was played on Saturday night. Many of the theatre goers were necessarily confined to their places of business, by the stores being kept open late, and the consequence was that the house was not so full as on some of the previous nights. The play was a very simple, but beautiful and effecting illustration of woman's constancy, and adherence to truth. Miss Clifton performed the part of the leading female character, Therese Berier, with her usual ability; and as "Francis," the heroic youth who had braved dangers and privations, suffered wounds and everything but death itself to win her hand, and save her brother from the conscription, Mr. Salter was more effective than we have yet seen him. Mr. T. J. Daly showed good acting in the character of Sergeant Austerlitz. He evinced all the devotion to the victorious Eagle which characterized the old braves that followed the fortunes of the first Napoleon, and the look of enthusiasm and energy of speech, when he came to talk of the deeds that had been achieved, of the fields that had been won, were well put on. Those who had read of the admiration which the first Emperor's daring and success inspired in the minds of his soldiers must have been reminded of what they read when they saw the returned veteran. Mr. Lampe, and Miss Richmond were as amusing as usual. The faces of The Pleasant Neighbor was one of those pieces wherein it is impossible to avoid indulging in hearty laughter. In it the lady and gentleman last mentioned were, of course, the most prominent characters, and as Nancy and Christopher Strap, very contented with little, and very ill behaved towards each other when fortune threw money in their way, created a great amount of merriment. Tonight will be produced Bulwer's celebrated play "The Lady of Lyons," which there is seldom an opportunity of witnessing. The Wellington Battalion Band will be present and play between the acts. Those who wish to see the acting of this splendid play by the great novelist, and accomplished scholar should not let the present occasion slip. Moreover this is the night on which Miss Clifton takes her benefit, and her playing since she came here deserves a good one.

Arthur Township Council.

This Council met on the 28th ult., at Zass' Hotel. After the formal opening it was moved by Mr. Flahiff, seconded by Mr. Irwin, and resolved, that the sudden and lamented death of the late Joseph Small, Esq., Reeve of this township, demands the expression of our regret and sorrow, as by that event we are deprived of the co-operation of a member whose urbanity of manner, straightforward conduct, and attention to public business, caused him to be esteemed by all who knew him. And that a copy of this resolution be sent to his widow. The Tavern Inspectors' report was presented and adopted. The following persons were considered eligible to obtain Tavern Licenses, viz: C. C. Green, W. A. Proctor, E. J. O'Callaghan, Theo. Zass, and Rieh. Neagle. The Road Commissioner made his report of the satisfactory construction of a Bridge at Lot 7 on the 4th and 5th concession line, by Patrick Ready. The amount of the contract was \$65, for which Mr. Ready received an order on the Treasurer. By resolution of Council the Dep. Reeve issued orders as follows:—Joseph Bathe, \$12, for 300 lbs. of flour furnished to indigent persons; Mrs. Small, \$5.20 for two days attendance at Council and mileage, due the late Joseph Small, Esq. The next meeting will be held W. A. Proctor's Inn, Arthur Village, on the 19th inst.

PRESENTATION TO DEAN HELLMUTH.

On Friday last a scholarship and a salver of massive silver were presented to Dean Hellmuth, in London, Ontario. The following inscription was engraved on the salver:—"Presented, with the deed creating the 'Hellmuth Scholarship,' of the yearly value of one hundred dollars in Hellmuth College, for the benefit of the pupils, to the Rev. Isaac Hellmuth, D. D., Dean of Huron, by inhabitants of London and others, as a testimonial of appreciation of his labor in founding the college, and if the benefit promised the youth of Canada from its teachings. This salver is also to evidence the esteem and respect of the donors for Dr. Hellmuth, and to record that their offering took its shape for the benefit of the pupils at his own request."

"London, Ontario, March, 1868."

The Mayor read a very complimentary address, and the Dean made a suitable reply.

NOMINATION IN NICHOL.—The death of Mr. Alex. Muir having created a vacancy in the Nichol Council a meeting is advertised to be held in the School House School Section No. 6 15th concession, at noon on Saturday the 21st instant for the purpose of nominating candidates for the vacant office.

Assizes for the County of Wellington.

COURT HOUSE, Monday 16th. The Court of Assize for the County of Wellington opened at noon to-day. His Lordship, Mr. Justice Haggarty presiding. The following gentlemen were sworn in as Grand Jurors:—Jas. Laidlaw, foreman, Jno. Broadfoot, Jno. Barrie, B. Colquhoun, Wm. Clark, F. Cassidy, Jas. Christie, Jas. Gibson, John Henderson, Jno. Harvey, Jas. Kirkland, Wm. Lingwood, Alex. McQueen, H. Smithy, R. Spreuh, Jas. Sanderson, Jno. K. Wisler. His Lordship then addressed the Grand Jury, telling them that their duties would be but trifling, as there were no prisoners in the goal. Whether this was attributable to the decrease of crime or the disposal of criminal cases at the Quarter Sessions it were unnecessary to enquire—it was sufficient that the agreeable fact was before them. It might be the case of a person who was out on bail would come under notice, yet he congratulated them heartily and congratulated himself on the clear calendar. They might inspect the goal to-day, and if he saw his way clear to-morrow he would dismiss them with pleasure. The Grand Jury then retired and the cases were proceeded with, the total number on the docket being six.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Progress of Abyssinian Expedition.

The Egyptian Army Still at Massowah.

The Cretan Row Ended.

MORE CARDINALS AND BISHOPS.

THE PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT IRELAND.

FENIAN PRISONERS TO BE GRANTED PARTIAL AMNESTY.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, March 14.—Despatches from Rome announce that Lucien Bonaparte, Gonella, Barilli, Berardi, Moreno, Capti and Correna have been made Cardinals. Several Bishops have also been appointed for the United States and Canada.

Naples, March 14th.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is increasing in power and grandeur. The volcano is throwing up vast quantities of fire, and but little lava. The detonations are very loud and frequent.

Vienna, March 14th.—Despatches from the South announce that the Grand Vizier had returned to Constantinople from Crete, and reported to the Turkish Government that the war between the Turks and the Cretan insurgents had at length ended. There were a few guerillas still operating in the mountains. They were hardly a hundred strong, and no fears were anticipated of any fresh outbreak.

London, March 14.—Four more of the crew of the *Jaquet* packet were discharged from custody at Sligo to-day. These men were arrested near Dungarvon where they had been put ashore from the *Jaquet* packet which sailed from New York as a Fenian cruiser, and called *Erin's Hope*. They were all naturalized citizens of the United States of Irish birth. They will be sent home at the expense of the American Government.

London, March 15th.—The Prince of Wales will visit Ireland during the Easter holidays. It is intimated that the occasion will be signalized by a Royal proclamation granting partial amnesty to political offenders in Ireland.

Despatches were received last night from Abyssinia. Gen. Napier was asked to send out a reconnoitering party to Lake Ashange, in the Tigre district. The Pasha of Egypt showed no disposition to withdraw his forces from Abyssinia as requested by the British Government; on the contrary, the Egyptian camp at Massowah had received considerable reinforcements from the north.

Berlin, March 15th.—Prince Napoleon after a series of flattering entertainments given here in his honor, has departed on his return to Paris. His visit to Germany has given rise to many surmises and rumors, and is extensively commented on by the press, but the object of his mission had not been divulged. His reception everywhere in Germany was most cordial.

Paris, March 15.—The Corps Legislatif was engaged last week in the discussion of the new law in relation to the holding of public meetings, which was introduced by the Government. An important and comprehensive amendment to the bill has been offered by the Liberal members. It proposes to remove all restrictions from the right of the people to meet in public assemblies when and where they please.

American Despatches.

Waterville, Me., March 15.—The Munroe paper mill in this place was burned this morning. Loss about 20,000.

Havana, 15th.—The steamship *Oruba*, which arrived here yesterday from New Orleans with Jeff. Davis, as passenger, will sail for Baltimore on Tuesday next.

Albany, 15th.—The workmen of the New York Central Railroad workshops at West Albany struck for increased wages on Saturday; they paraded the streets about five hundred strong. Despatches from Syracuse and the other shops along the road express sympathy with the men, and avow a determination to follow their example. It is believed the strike will be general on the New York Central and Hudson River Roads.

Albany, 15th.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up a dwelling in Hamlet last night by means of a canteen of powder which had been placed in the foundation wall. The shock was so severe as to throw down some of the inmates. No arrests were made.

New York, 15th.—Erie railway directors intend immediately to institute legal proceedings against Frank Work, John Woodgood and Richard Schell, to recover damages for injury to, and interruption of their business. Damages to be laid at \$5,000.

Schenectady, March 15.—The water in the Mohawk river at this point is 18 feet above low water mark and rising rapidly. The southwest portion of the city is partially inundated. It is thought the ice will break up during the night. The Canal banks are overflowed west of the city and the locks are filled with water. Serious damage is apprehended from the flood.

New York, March 16.—The *Herald's* Shanghai Correspondent says that Mr. Burlingham and suite, while en route from Peking to Shanghai, were beset by robbers, but the aid of British marines and Cossack troops were called and the robbers were dispersed. The *Herald's* Venezuela Correspondence, Feb. 26, says Marshall Falcon has moved his headquarters to the city of Puerto Cabello in order to direct more effectually the federal army in the field against the enemy. Battles between the opposing forces are frequent but they result in favor of the Government soldiers. The revolutionary party undoubtedly have sustained an immense loss by the death of their Chief, Cardenas. Business continues in the same unparalleled state of dullness. Crops have been sold at low prices and are being made most indispensable.

AXES.

Axes and axe handles good and cheap at JOHN HORSMAN'S.

Insure before Fifth April With the Life Association of Scotland. Agent for Guelph, WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Guelph Bank.

Nichol Council.

This Council met on the 25th ult. The Rev. Deputy Reeve and Mr. Wisler were present. The Council unanimously resolved that an expression of their deep regret at the death of Mr. Alexander Muir, one of their number, who was present with them at their last meeting on the 20th January last, and took an active part in their deliberations and proceedings, and whose services as a Councillor were highly valued, be recorded on the minutes, and a copy transmitted to Mrs. Muir.

THE OWENS FAMILY.

Mrs. Owens, mother of the family recently landed destitute at Portland, arrived in Toronto on Friday on the way to join her husband and relatives in Luther. She states that finding the "tender" had left Lough Foyle, she hired a car at Derry and drove in all haste to catch the ocean steamer. She was too late, however, and returned home and started on the following week; but on her way from Ballymena, to Londonderry, by train, the engine broke down and she again missed the Ocean steamer, and was forced to return home a second time. Her third effort to catch the vessel was successful, and she reached Portland in the *Belgian* on Wednesday last. Her husband has been living in Luther for some three years, as we learned from a gentleman who had read in the *Mercury* the notice of the children having landed at Portland without their mother, and who called to enquire if we knew what had become of them. The roads were at that time so blocked up by snow that he had no means of communicating the intelligence to the father; but when we told him that they had been sent to Nova, he expressed his resolution to take his team and go for them. The mother left Toronto the same day she arrived, on her way to Luther, and no doubt before this there has been a happy reunion of a family, for a while so strangely separated.

The Township Council of Beverly.

having resolved to build a Drill Shed for the use of the Volunteers of that Township, the tenders for the erection of the same were opened on Monday last and the contract awarded to Mr. Wm. Lapsley at the price of \$615. The shed is to be completed by the 15th September next.

PRESENTATION.—The members of the Rev. Mr. Ewing's Bible class, at Limehouse, wishing to show their appreciation of his upright bearing as a Christian minister, presented him with a very handsome black walnut rocking chair, on Thursday last. We believe the same parties a short time ago, furnished Mr. Ewing with fire wood sufficient for one year. Such liberality cannot be too highly praised, and is well worthy of imitation.

WELL PLEASED.—On the 6th inst., between fifty and sixty of the leading men of the village of Orangeville, and the townships of Mono, Amaranth, Garafraxa, and Caledon, met at Kelly's Hotel to celebrate the granting of the central narrow gauge railway charter. They passed sundry resolutions indicative of their joy, and expressed a determination to take stock in the concern.

The ratepayers of the township of Oxford refused to sanction the Dunkin Liquor Law as adopted by the Council. On the contrary, several of them retired to a neighbouring tavern, and out of pure vexation, took home with them a plentiful supply of "good old rye."

foreign articles are at present imported into the country.

The New York *Herald's* special says: It is understood to-night that the expectation of an attack from the Virginia shore has within the past few days taken a more substantial form than was at first anticipated. It is known that an order has just been issued in the War Department directing forty army waggon with teams and teamsters to be kept in readiness to move at a moment's notice for the transportation of supplies. Private orders have also been issued to the commanders of garrisons about the city to keep their commands, both officers and men in quarters.

New York, 16th.—The *Times's* special says: It is evident the President and his friends are not so sanguine of his actual now as they were in the Senate on Friday. His counsel are preparing affidavits to be presented next Monday when the case comes up. They declare it will be impossible to prepare necessary evidence to proceed without further delay, and hope to make good their failure in their last effort to obtain it. The filing of the answer, &c., as well as their determination to prevent further procrastination has demoralized the administration to no small extent. The President himself had great hopes that a sufficient number of Republicans would join the Democratic Senators in the vote to give him forty days time, but being disappointed, is now inclined to doubt the final result as he has never doubted before.

From Ottawa.

The Bank statement for the month of February is published. The figures have refer simply to the old Province of Canada. The Bank circulation was \$7,800,000 which is less than usual. The discounts were \$46,000,000, and the deposits \$28,000,000, in the latter showing a falling off, as compared with last November, of about \$3,000,000. The circulation of Provincial notes has increased about \$130,000 during the past three months.

The Senate Contingencies Committee intend to make every effort to carry out their retrenchment plan by reducing the number of employees. It is to be hoped some one will undertake a reduction of the Commons expenses.

Mr. Galt unexpectedly arrived at Ottawa on Saturday, which has led to a report that Mr. Cartier is about to spring his mine under Sir John A. Macdonald and blow him into the air. Mr. Cartier's friends say that he is only waiting for the pear to become ripe, when he will pluck it. Be that as it may, the arrival of Mr. Galt is considered to mean that there is something in the wind. Mr. Brydges is also at the capital, and he has the reputation of scotting a crisis keenly. It is really a pity that the "Great Patriotic Union Party" should be fighting like cats and dogs.

SENATORIAL STATE OF THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—The *Lancet* understands that the total number of sick amongst our troops in Abyssinia is not more than about four per cent. of the whole force. The men of Zoula are encamped in tents with single and double poles, and the number in each tent does not exceed ten and sixteen respectively. The meat ration has been raised to 1 1/2 lb., on the recommendation of the medical officers. The water at Zoula has to be obtained exclusively from steam condensers, and 14 gallons per head per diem is allowed. The camp is said to be clean, and great pains are taken to maintain it so by conveying all refuse matters to leeward and burning them. The latrines are narrow, deep ditches, and a covering of earth is thrown in daily. The soldiers are dressed in Calce clothing, and each soldier is provided with two chibens belts, and two flannel and two calico shirts. For ablutionary purposes most of the men are in the habit of bathing in the neighbouring sea. There is no doubt, in the opinion of our contemporary, that sanitary matters are safe in the hands of Sir Robert Napier.

DEAR FEN.—The Chicago *Post* has the following warning to young girls.—An instance of shame and sorrow, without actual guilt, as the result of an answer to a "personal" advertisement in a city paper, by a thoughtless girl, who threw herself partially into the power of a villain is related by a friend who is cognizant of all the facts; and, though we are prevented by obvious considerations from giving the particulars, we wish they could be known by all young ladies who, in the moments of idleness are tempted to do what that girl did, just for fun! Her four foolish notes fell into the hands of a scoundrel cost her father \$1,500,—that amount was exacted as the price of giving them up. She has had a lesson that will last as long as she lives.

Gen McClellan vs Luck.—If we can credit the *Post's* *Staff*  *Gazette*, General McClellan is connected by ties of consanguinity with some of the nobility of England, and is likely to reap pecuniary benefit therefrom. It says:—"General McClellan has a claim to a share in the Banda and Kirwee prize money. He has proved himself to be the nearest of kin, and consequently heir to Miss Alicia Campbell, who inherited from her brother, the late Lord Clyde, a portion of the Banda and Kirwee prize money. General McClellan's father was cousin-german to the late Lord Clyde. These circumstances ought to give an additional weight to the reasons for the gallant General's appointment to this country. On the general question of claims, he would speak with all the feeling the Americans now seem to wish to throw into the Alabama discussions. If he would lump his claim on the British government with his nation's claim, he would earn the gratitude of many long-suffering Englishmen."

THE SILVER MOVEMENT.—The movement for the exportation of silver is now showing respectable results. On Thursday last the Bank of Montreal shipped fifty thousand dollars, and we learn that the same institution will ship a similar amount to-day. These shipments form part of the silver bought by Mr. John Weir for exportation, making the amount now sent out of the country one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.