

NOTICE. In consequence of building an addition to my Brewery, I have opened a depot on Norfolk Street, for the sale of my XXX ALE in bottles, and appointed Mr. John Nicholson my agent.

WANTED. TWO hands in the Blacksmith's Shop that have worked at the business some time, also a boy as an apprentice. None but steady persons need apply at J. B. ARMSTRONG'S, I. X. L. Works, Guelph.

Notice to Builders. ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered. WILLIAM CHIPCHASE, Guelph, April 24, 1868.

NOTICE. THE undersigned having purchased the entire Stock and Business of M. SHEWAN, Guelph will continue to carry on the business in the same premises. W. J. MCCURRY, Guelph, April 29, 1868.

STEER STRAYED. STRAYED from the yard of the Subscriber, on or about the 18th inst., a Steer; red color, with the exception of a few white spots, 4 years old, good size, and horns rather long. Any person giving such information as will lead to his recovery will be suitably rewarded. JOHN WEST, Guelph, April 29.

The Town of Guelph. TENDERS WANTED. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till MONDAY, the 4th inst., for remodeling the Weigh House, Scales and Market Clerk's Office, and for fencing in Cattle Yards in connection with the same Works.

PAINTING, GLAZING, & C. THOMAS BREADON DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH. Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, & C.

GOOD WORKMANSHIP. And MATERIAL will allow. Shop, - - Douglas Street, Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Mr. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment.

Medical Dispensary. H. HARVEY'S PATENT BENZOLINE. For instantly removing Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar and other Spots from Silk, Velvet, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Carpets,

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CASTLE GARDEN SALOON. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT. THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR. Wines, Liquors & Cigars. And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON! Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock. OYSTERS AND GAME, Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

MRS. DAVIS'S Eating House & Grocery. MRS. DAVIS begs to inform the public of Guelph and vicinity that at her Eating House meals can be had at reasonable prices. Also for sale OYSTERS, Fruits of all kinds, Confectionery, &c.

FRESH GROCERIES. Always in stock an excellent stock of Groceries, comprising Tea, Sugars, Coffee, Tobacco, &c., at prices as low as they can be bought for in any store in town.

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y. GUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liverpool every Saturday. GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glasgow every Thursday.

TURNERS' PATENT Hay and Grain Forks. TOOK the First Prize at the last Provincial Exhibition. The subscriber is now manufacturing this SUPERIOR ARTICLE.

CHEAP Photographs. W. BURGESS. BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has received a large lot of FRAMES suitable for

Christmas Presents, REDUCED PRICES. Parties wishing to make presents of Photo-graphs to their friends should call at once.

PICTURES. ASSAULT—On Saturday night last, Mr. James English, the night operator at the Grand Trunk Station in Guelph, was assaulted and badly beaten. While on duty, and between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, two men partially intoxicated entered the office. He was acquainted with one of them, but knew nothing whatever of the other. In a short time the stranger began to misbehave, and as he refused to heed the expostulations of Mr. English the latter went to eject him. The other man had fallen asleep. The disorderly character had been put to the door, and had received a "good night" in the form of a blow on the nose, when the operator turned to go into the office. As he did so his antagonist caught him quickly, hurled him on the platform, dealt him two terrible kicks in the face, which cut him badly, and then took to his heels. There was a time when such outrages were of much rarer occurrence than they are now. Are men growing daily more wicked, or is the whiskey fender more malicious than it used to be?

ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED ARSON.—A daring robbery and attempt at arson was perpetrated in the township of Sydenham on the 17th of April. On that day, the wife of Mr. Thomas Abra, residing on the 3rd concession, came home from the sugar bush with a pail of syrup, and arriving at the house, found the door partly open. She entered, and was stooping to lay down the pail, when a man sprang from behind the door, and struck her on the breast knocking her down, and rendering her senseless. He then kicked her, and made his escape over her prostrate body from the house. On recovering, Mrs. Abra perceived smoke issuing from an inner room, and entering it found everything in confusion—bureaus and chests being ransacked, and the contents of one chest set on fire, doubtless to destroy all traces of the robbery. She extinguished the fire, and then going outside, gave the alarm. On examination, it was discovered that the sum of \$75 had been stolen, a \$5 bill which the robber had dropped having been found on the floor, partly burned. A man named McEwen was arrested for the crime, and tried before the magistrates, but discharged for want of sufficient evidence.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. MONDAY, May 4.—This morning Chas. Pierce and Conrad Firestone were charged with having stolen a number of bottles containing ginger-beer, from the shop of Mr. James McCulloch, Gordon-st. One boy named Callin, who had seen Pierce lift the latch of the back door (which appears not to have been locked), and enter, shoving the witness in before him. They brought out an armful of bottles each, and then Firestone went in and did the same thing. They made a second trip, and brought a second load away, after which they refreshed themselves in an old stable, and put most of the bottles under the floor. Mr. McCulloch having seen marks of an invasion this morning, in a broken pane, and a sash forced from its proper position, proceeded to make a close inspection when he discovered mementoes of such a carousal as can be indulged in on ginger beer, in shape of a number of broken bottles scattered about promiscuously. The prisoners pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each. The boy Callin was also detained, as it was evident he was nearly, if not entirely, as bad as the others.

ANOTHER DEVALUATION.—If Diognes were alive at the present time, and were to go into the market place of any city or town with a lighted candle in his hand to look for an honest man, people would not count him a fool as they did when he actually performed the strange act. We hear of theft robbery and breaches of trust on all hands. The latest narrative of the dishonesty of a trusted employee is told by the Toronto Telegraph. It appears that for a considerable time past different sums of money having been missed by one of the banks in the city, suspicion fastened upon a number of officials. It has since been discovered that the real offender managed things in such a way as to bring suspicion upon the innocent while none suspected him. The young man was in receipt of \$1,000 a year. On this he lived in good style, and accomplished things which others with only \$1,000 per annum would find it difficult to do. He built a house in a suburban locality—a very pretty place—as a future home for himself; and in addition thereto he had several thousand dollars deposited in other city banks. Of course to accomplish all this he must have been dishonest to his employers, and so it proved. Every once in a while a couple of hundred dollars would be missed, but always in such a way that suspicion did not rest upon any one in particular. At last the peculations became so serious that the bank authorities placed parties on the watch and the result was that the paying teller, the young man we have referred to, was detected as the thief. By some means he learned that his thefts were discovered, and fearing an investigation, he drew the money he had deposited in the other banks, amounting it is said, to several thousand dollars, and departed for the States.

MARKET HOUSE AT OWEN SOUND.—The people of Owen Sound have voted on a by-law proposing to raise an additional tax, for the purpose of erecting a market house, and have sustained it by a vote of 105 to 45.

RIFLE MATCH TO-MORROW.—A match will take place at the Association range to-morrow at 1:30 p. m. between ten members of the Association and ten of the men belonging to the Guelph Garrison Artillery.

FIRE IN LONDON.—A fire broke out in London on Friday morning last, and consumed two brick dwelling houses. The loss on the buildings will be about \$5000. The furniture of one of the tenants was insured to the full amount, the other is a loser to the amount of \$1000.

HORSE STEALING.—On Saturday the 25th ult., John Smith alias John Bottomley was committed by a Magistrate's Court at Milton to stand his trial at the next Assizes for stealing a horse, harness, cutter, and two robes from Johnson Zimmerman, of Nelson, on the 13th February last. The horse was found near Bellville, and the cutter at a place called Shannonville. The prisoner, who is sixty years of age, was charged by a shoe dealer at Oshawa with robbing his store, and this case was likewise sent to the Assizes.

A LIBEL SUIT.—Mr. C. B. Thompson, of St. Catharines, brought a libel suit against the Journal, published in that town, laying the damages at \$4000. The case came up on the 30th ult. at the Assizes for Welland, the venue having been laid in that county. There was able counsel on both sides. Mr. Rykert being for the Journal, and Mr. Harrison, of Toronto, for the plaintiff. It would appear that His Lordship charged pretty strongly in favor of plaintiff, but the jury were inclined to mercy, and brought in a verdict of \$5 damages. The British says they also gave the plaintiff costs, whereas the Journal says, Mr. Harrison made application for a certificate for full costs which His Lordship took time to consider. The costs are \$400.

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CHARGED WITH PERJURY.—Dr Brown of Woodstock was arrested on the 27th ult., on a charge of perjury in connection with a case in which he was co-defendant. The warrant was issued on the information of Dr Nesbitt, also of Woodstock. Brown was taken into custody and conveyed to Brantford. On Tuesday he returned to Woodstock, having given the required security for his appearance at the next assize in Brant.

ANOTHER GONE.—Mr J. F. Macdonald, editor of the Quebec Chronicle, and a young man of very marked ability, died last week.

RUSSIA AS A PROTECTIONIST.—The free traders of England are much concerned to discover that the national feeling in Russia has declared itself unmistakably in favor of protection of home manufactures. It is held at Moscow that the best evidence of true Russian feeling is to be a declaratory protectionist. Those who advocate home industry argue that a nation containing seventy millions within its limits has no need to seek elsewhere a market for its fabrics. It is somewhat singular that the Republic of the United States and the seemingly antagonistic Government of Russia should so harmonize with each other as to their commercial policy. The emancipation of the serfs in one country has been followed by an expression of intelligence—while in the United States the abolition of slavery placed the Republicans in power, and one of their avowed purposes in shelving President Johnson, and substituting another in his place, is to remove all opposition to a more decidedly protective tariff.

Christianity in Abyssinia. The following portion of a letter from the correspondent of the New York Herald, now with the British army in Abyssinia, will be read with interest by many who were of the opinion that Christianity had become wholly extinct in that country: The monotony of travelling was also relieved when passing villages on observing groups of nude maidens and lusty lads in fig-leaved dress issue out of the villages, playing on their reed pipes blithely and chattering notes of welcome. Grey headed elders and village dignitaries came forth and exchanged their friendly salutations, and made anxious enquiries respecting our religion.

One old ecclesiastical hobbled up to your correspondent, and asked earnestly whether he was a Christian. 'Oua [yes]' was the answer. 'Benin gardach Iesu Cristor,' was his reply in the only Turkish he could muster which means, 'You are my brother in Jesus Christ,' after which he took out of his bosom a fancifully ornamented iron cross, which he reverently kissed, and to show our love for the Christian religion our party followed his example, which so pleased them that they accompanied us on our journey for a mile or two, and only parted from us after exchanging many a courteous salaam. At the village of Adabergen the entire population came out and enquired if we were Christians. The Mussulmans, Parsees and Hindoos replied with contempt, to which contempt expressed hatred. Six Arabs were killed and mutilated, and one Hindoo was found literally cut to pieces.

Six days march from Senafe we came to a country where the people were all Christians. Their churches were built of mud and stone with turrets, were situated in the most lovely places under the overgreen foliage of the sycamore or baobab, which screened their places of worship from intrusive curiosity, and by this seclusion and holy calm served to add to the spirit of devotion by which the Christians in Abyssinia are animated.

The summits of many of their churches were perfect cones, while the walls were encircled by a number of wooden pillars—being trunks of the cedar tree placed so as to support the edifice—and on the roof projects about eight feet beyond the walls, an agreeable walk or colonnade is thereby formed, which proves of great use in hot or rainy weather. The inside is divided into several apartments nearly according to the directions given in the law of Moses. The first one is a circle somewhat wider than the inner one; here the congregation say their prayers. Within this is a square, which is divided by a rail or curtain, corresponding to the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies in the Jewish Tabernacle. The latter is so narrow that none but the priests are admitted into it.

There is something very fantastic in their mode of conducting divine service. Their musical instruments are little drums, which they hang about their necks and beat with both their hands, and this exercise is performed by their chief men, as well as by the gravest ecclesiastics. They have sticks likewise, with which they strike the ground, accompanying the blow with a motion of their bodies. They begin their devotions by stamping on the floor, and playing gently on the drums; but when they become warm and animated they leave off beating and proceed to leap, dance and clap their hands as if in ecstasy at some innate bliss, straining their voices at the same time to the highest pitch they are more like an infuriated crowd than a religious assembly. For this manner of conducting the religious services they quote the psalm of David—"O clap your hands, all ye nations."

It is strange with what tenacity these people have clung to Christianity when self-interest upon the vigorous efforts made to crush it by Mohammedanism. Though the Crescent rules over Egypt, Christianity, which was preached by St. Mark in the city of Alexandria, defies Mohammedanism still, secure in the mountain fastnesses of Abyssinia.

The more I see of these people the more am I convinced that they belong to some of the lost tribes of Israel, who by the prophecy foretold, should be "discovering the land from Gennesse to the mountain of Bashan." The royal standard of Abyssinia displays the lion of the tribe of Judah, to indicate the descent of the Abyssinians from Solomon. The great seal of Abyssinia is the lion of Judah, and there is a prediction extant which is cherished by the natives, viz., that the delivery of Palestine from the hands of the infidel Moslem, and the gathering together of the children of Israel would be effected by a king of Ethiopia.

The valleys as we proceeded were better cultivated; hayricks were seen standing in the vicinity of comfortable looking houses. Cattle were lowing in the fields, sheep and goats browsed on the hills, over which shepherd boys, with a goat-skin over their backs, watched, while playing upon their reed pipes shrill and mournful tunes. Indeed, for many miles a panorama of contentment and happiness was unveiled to the view such as might be presented in the most civilized or peaceful portion of the globe.

A ferocious, blood-thirsty and perfidious set of natives occupy the mountain heights, to whom many are inclined to believe that we owe the death of the English officers who have been found dead, while others say that one shot himself, while another was killed by an elephant. The officers' names are Colonel Dunn, of the Thirty-third, Major Cooper of the Fourth, and a Captain Edwards.—These fierce natives live in caverns like the ancient Troglodytes, or in hovels constructed with a cone-like roof of rushes and mud. Leading a pastoral life they change their dwelling as soon as the rains have produced a little verdure on the parched soil, for when the hot season ends on the coast it begins among the mountains.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—An accident of a distressing nature occurred at the Indian Rapids Mills on Friday evening last. Two men of the name of Arch. Pollock and Duncan McLeod were engaged in fishing during the night. After they had just partaken of some refreshment, McLeod left his companions for the purpose of looking after the nets. He had not been gone a minute when they heard a splash in the water. On going to the place, McLeod could not be seen, and although active search was made for two succeeding days his body has not yet been recovered. Deceased has left a widow and ten of a family, who were dependent upon him.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, May 2.—The crisis in the British Cabinet, occasioned by the recent division on the subject of the Irish Church, monopolizes the public attention to-day. It is thought that if the measures, which are in effect approved of by both parties, are not opposed by the Liberals, the present Cabinet will not resign nor dissolve Parliament until an appeal can be made to the new constituencies. The Times in an editorial, recommends this course.

London, May 3.—It is said that Prime Minister Disraeli tendered his resignation yesterday, but that it was not accepted. Mr Gladstone, on Monday, will move to suspend all orders and take up the resolutions introduced by him in relation to the Irish Church. If the resolutions are carried, it is thought that an address to the Queen will follow.

Paris, May 3rd.—Stockberg has been appointed ambassador to represent the Prussian Government at Paris, vice Budberg, resigned.

London, May 3.—A despatch says that Cravelli, the Austrian ambassador at Rome, died in that city yesterday.

American Despatches. Richmond, May 3.—Jeff Davis' bail was renewed yesterday. Chief Justice Chase will be ready to try Mr Davis in ten days after the trial of President Johnson.

New York, May 4th.—The new North German steamer Smith left Bremen Haven on the 4th April, with a full complement of passengers, and has not yet arrived.—Fears are entertained for her safety, as the Cable has not reported her put in any where.

New York, May 4.—Special despatch to the Herald from Mazatlan, April 23, via San Francisco, May 2, states that Governor Rubi had called on the merchants for a voluntary loan of thirty thousand dollars to pay the troops. 25,000 troops entered the city at noon. Gen. Martinez issued a final proclamation on the 15th, announcing his abandonment of the revolutionary army and retirement to private life. He is being closely pursued by Gen. Teolenteur with cavalry forces, with orders to capture, kill or drive the rebellious chieftain out of the State.

ANOTHER ASSASSINATION.—The London Daily News of April 17th, has the following: Although it is happily not true, as a sensational purveyor of news announced yesterday evening, that the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has been assassinated, we regret to report that a landed proprietor of Westmeath, Mr. Featherstone, of Bracklyn Castle, was shot dead on Wednesday evening near his own residence. A crime so horrible would excite most painful feelings at any time, but its occurrence at a moment when the thoughts of all Englishmen—and we had hoped, of Irishmen—were turned to joy and hope for Ireland, increases the regret with which the news will everywhere be received. We trust, however, that no more significances will be assigned to it than it deserves, as probably an act of private revenge.

CANADIANS IN MONTANA.—A party of some ten Canadians who left Iberville a month or six weeks ago for Montana Territory, was attacked by the Sioux Indians, and one of them perished. We have not been able to get reliable particulars, but it seems that one of the party provoked the savages, and they demanded his surrender, after which they wreaked their vengeance by laying him alive. The travelers were on board of a Canadian boat, bound for Fort Benton. A letter received here last week from a Canadian in Cheyenne city, Dacotah territory, gives a dismal picture of the state of society there. Murder and robbery are the order of the day. Three persons had been killed a few days before the letter was written. Quite an El Dorado this for our fortune-seeking emigrants.—St. Johns News.

BLANDING DESERTERS.—The London papers have of late spoken frequently and in plain terms of the practice of branding deserters, which still flourishes in the British army. An adjutant, however, writes as follows to correct the impression that the practice is inhuman: Soldiers are never branded, they are tattooed; the sentence of a court-martial in a case of desertion is, 'to be marked with the letter D in the usual manner; which is under the guidance of the practice of branding deserters, which still flourishes in the British army. The adjutant, however, writes as follows to correct the impression that the practice is inhuman: Soldiers are never branded, they are tattooed; the sentence of a court-martial in a case of desertion is, 'to be marked with the letter D in the usual manner; which is under the guidance of the practice of branding deserters, which still flourishes in the British army. The adjutant, however, writes as follows to correct the impression that the practice is inhuman: Soldiers are never branded, they are tattooed; the sentence of a court-martial in a case of desertion is, 'to be marked with the letter D in the usual manner; which is under the guidance of the practice of branding deserters, which still flourishes in the British army.

THE DOMINION STATUTES.—On Wednesday, in the Commons, Sir John A. Macdonald said the enactments of this session were of such importance that the Government intended to furnish each magistrate throughout the Dominion, duly qualified to act, with a copy of the statutes of the present session. He did not mean, however, to indicate what course hereafter might be taken as to the distribution of the statutes; they would call the attention of Parliament next session to the whole subject.

PROPELLER BLOWN UP.—The propeller "Governor Cashman" blew up on Friday at Buffalo. She was loaded with grain for the Welland Railway at Port Colborne. She went to Buffalo to unload part of her cargo, and when about to leave there that morning the boiler blew up. At least sixteen persons were on board at the time, but we do not at present know how many were killed.

Snauggers have been introducing opium, and cigars into San Francisco, by concealing the articles in hollow logs, shipped, it is stated, from Victoria British Columbia. The logs are bored as if to be used as water pipes, and the ends are then tapered off until the line of union with the plug which has been inserted is made as indistinct as possible.