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GUELPH ONT., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 19, 1869.

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PETRIE'S Furniture Cream!

Producing, with half the usual
labor, a most

BRILLIANT POLISH

On all kinds of Cabinet & French
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Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

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NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and
well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to
which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising

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Guelph, Dec. 1, 1868. dw 1y

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GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted
New Style Tables
Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 2nd February. 401

CARETAKER WANTED.

Applications will be received by the undersigned
up till TUESDAY the 29th instant, for the
situation of caretaker of all the public schools in
Guelph, including the Grammar School. His duty
will be to scrub each school once a month, sweep
each school on one day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting
the fires, and such other duties as may be found
necessary. All demands necessary to perform the
work of cleaning to be provided by the board.
Salary \$250 a year, with house rent and firewood.
J. H. MORRIS, Secretary.

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FRESH OYSTERS!

Of the best quality always on hand, and served
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quors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest
brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom
and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of
12 noon and 5 p.m.

DENIS BUNYAN
Guelph, 17th October

To the Trade.

JUST RECEIVED,

700 BOXES CHEESE OF
Extra Quality.

THE BOXES VERY CHOICE

PING SUEY & MOYUNE

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JAMES MASSIE & CO.

Guelph, March 9

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.



Advertisements appear in the London
journals for governesses competent to
teach the modern languages, the mathe-
matics, natural and moral philosophy,
music, &c., for which £2 a month is mag-
nanimously offered.

The price of a balloon passage from

New York to Europe is fixed at \$250,
and the plucky French rouman, M. Che-
valier, who will make the trip this
month, says he has already one hundred
applications for passage.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

The competitive examination of the several
schools in the township of Nassagaweya
will be held on the last Saturday in May
next, instead of the first Saturday in
June, the time formerly appointed.

The proposed reduction in the Atlantic
Cable tariff from 6s 9d to 4s will go into
effect on the 1st of June. The day is rap-
idly approaching when there will be no
difference between the rates of the
land and sea lines, and it will be possible
to send a message from London the less
to its great nakesake for a dollar.

IN the townships of Mono and Molan- chon, there are still immense bodies of snow on the ground. While the deputa- tion from Toronto were lately going through these townships in the interest of the Grey & Bruce Railway, they used sledges to travel with, and in many cases struck across the farmers' fields, driving on hills of snow easily, over four and six feet high.

Mr. Costly, of Kent, Ohio, the other
day "playfully" snapped one barrel of a
revolver at a domestic; then to test his
foolishness, he arranged that out of
"Western Wanderer's Home" should be
in this locality I have received many
promises of help in "kind" to keep the
children on our first arrival, and an assu-
rance from the people of that one district
that they will adopt, either for life or
to bring up with a view to ultimate service,
25 of the children when I bring them.

ASSAULT.—On Saturday last, between
10 and 11 o'clock, an elderly man with a
basket of provisions came out of Allan's
shaving saloon, and when he got to the
corner of the Market Square and Wynd-
ham street he was set upon by some
fellows, who attempted to take the basket
from him. He of course acted on the
defensive, and was attacked by the crowd,
who abused the man shamefully, until his
cries for help brought the assistance of
two men, when the fellows cleared. It is
said that the parties are known, and that
the matter will be brought before the
Police Court.

PRICE OF CATTLE IN HAMILTON.—A letter from Hamilton states that the American demand was brisk lately for mitch cows in that section, but this has slackened off somewhat, cows that two months ago would have brought readily \$30 will not now bring more than \$25 or \$30. Beef cattle are, it is said by some who ought to know, much more plentiful in the country than has been represented, though it is added that these well-fattened beings were to many for the market, cattle are being crowded on the market just now by the reason of the lateness of the grass season, and the scarcity and high price of hay, which is from \$15 to \$18 per ton.

HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company

21 Hart St. Conn.

INCORPORATED IN 1810. Capital \$2,000,000

Special Agents for Guelph and contents to
Special Agents for Guelph.

J. H. MORRIS, Agent
Guelph, December 21, 1868.

Evening Mercury.

A Heavy Storm and its Con- sequences.

Dams and Bridges Carried Away.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

A very heavy thunder storm occurred
here last (Sunday) night, and for
some hours a steady rain, accompanied by
loud thunder and vivid flashes of light-
ning poured down. The water in the
Speed this morning rose to an unprece-
dented height, and swept almost
everything before it. Some of the dams
on the Speed were swept away, and caused
so great a rush that the water very soon
after overflowed Allan's bridge, and reached
up to Mr. Davidson's house on the
north-east bank of the river; and a pig-
gery belonging to Mr. D. Allan was car-
ried down the stream a long distance.

The dam of C. & A. Sharpe's mill is
also much injured—about a third of
it being broken down—but this will
soon be repaired. The footbridge at Gold-
ie's mill is gone, about half-a-dozen cul-
verts between Erin and Guelph, and a
good board fence on Mr. Wells' property.

Between seven and eleven o'clock the
incessant pressure of water, together with
the accumulation of floating timber, ice
and roots, bore down on Mr. David Allan's
dam, under the railway bridge, and in a
moment or two, the apparently impres-
sible rampart, consisting of crib work,
stones and earth, was swept away, and
carried down with the flood. Previous to
this the water was fast covering the gar-
dens in front of Mr. Davidson's and Mr.
Melvin's houses, and at one time was
within an inch or two of Mr. Davidson's
door. As soon however as the dam was
carried away the water fell, and the
stream swept on as though no obstruction
had kept it back. Mr. Allan's service
bridges between his mills and the distil-
ery were in danger of being carried
away, but were held in their places by
heavy stones being laid on them. The
force of the water has however under-
mined the corner of the distillery facing
the stream, but it is likely no more dam-
age will be done in that quarter. Pre-
vious to the dam being carried away the
water covered the road way. For the
present the bridge is impassable for teams
till an examination be made as to its
strength and the stability of the piers on
which it rests.

The bridge leading from the railway
station to the York road was also swept
away about the same time, and at the
present on that road has been stopped.
Among other dams carried away
which we have heard of, are Mickle's, at
the saw mill near the Elora road, and
Armstrong's dam, Guelph Township.
Amongst the bridges carried away were
his dam, the bridge below Goldie's mill,
the bridge lately erected across the Speed
at Shortreed's, Guelph Township, together
with a number of smaller bridges in
the township. Fortunately the bridges
across the Dundas road, at Gow's factory
and Wells' mill, were uninjured, though
though portions of the road at the latter
place have been washed away. We hear
that the storm has done a great deal of
damage to the country, of which we will
learn the particulars in a day or two.

The damage done to the loss
of building has been reported. Above these
in Guelph and neighborhood will be very
heavy. Goldie's dam is the only one
which has remained untouched. Messrs.
Allan and Armstrong will be heavy
losers, not only on account of the cost
of building new dams, but on account of
the loss they will sustain in being obliged to
put their mills idle till they can get in
new dams.

It was reported that the dam at Pipe's
lake (Goldie's mill) was carried away
about ten o'clock last night. From the
report just before going to press, we
believe the report is not true. We hope
it may be so.

Most of the bridges on the Elora and
Fergus roads, between Guelph and these
two places, have been carried away.—
Travelers coming down this morning
report that the bridges near Hirst's Hotel,
and another one between that and
Thorville are gone: also the bridges at
Card's farm, another near the first toll-
gate on the Fergus road, and still an-
other near Fergus. At ten o'clock last
night, though the river was very high
in Elora, and some of the houses in-
undated, no farther damage had been
done. We also hear that the flood was
high in Fergus, but as yet no
damages have been reported. Above these
places several bridges have been carried
away, for the stages which should have
been here to day had to take circuitous
routes, and have not yet reached town.

During the prevalence of the storm
on Sunday night, a five year old blood
mare, belonging to Mr. Geo. Patterson,
was struck by the lightning and killed.
A large portion of the roof of the stable
—which is situated opposite Sallows'
blacksmith shop—was torn off by the
lightning. The animal was a valuable
one worth about \$250.

Wellington Spring Assizes.

COURT HOUSE, GUELPH, April 17.

MONTGOMERY vs. WORTLEY.—This
was an action brought by plaintiff to re-
cover damages alleged to have been sus-
tained through defendant's selling plain-
tiff's horse six months of turnip seed.
In purchasing the seed, the buyer in-
quired for Sharpe's and Skirving's improved
purple top Swede, but it was found after-
wards that the seed was a mixed variety
consisting principally of green top yellow
Aberdeen. Plaintiff estimated his dam-
ages at \$200—the difference between the
value of the green top yellow Aberdeen
and a crop of Swedes. It was proved in
court that the seed purchased for Sharpe's
and Skirving's was obtained by defendant
at a sheriff's sale, and turned out to be
not the variety represented. The case was
tried before a jury, who in about fifteen
minutes returned a verdict of \$100 for
plaintiff. Guthrie, Watt & Cutten for
plaintiff; G. A. Drew and S. B. Freeman
for defendant. Judge Richards led the
bench when the above case was in pro-
gress, and his place was supplied by the
Honour Judge Macdonald, who presides at
the Court during the after sessions of the
Assizes.

GUELPH, April 19.

BRENT ET AL vs. McKINNON.—Action
by executors for money said to be taken
out of moneys left by Alexander McKin-
non, deceased, by his widow. The de-
fendant proved that she took some m-
oney out of her husband's box, but could
not say how much. Plaintiff proved
that eleven days before McKinnon's
death there was \$1,800 in the box, and
that they only got \$1,120. The verdict
for plaintiffs, \$680. Guthrie for plain-
tiffs; McCurdy for defendant.

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Comprising its Antiquities, Biography,
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numerous Illustrations and Maps.—
Edited by William Smith, LL.D. Pub-
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serves so universal a circulation as this.
Bible Dictionaries have been prepared
in former years; some were meagre and
imperfect, and all have been outgrown—
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hensive Dictionary of the Bible, which
should embrace the results of the Chris-
tian research and scholarship of cen-
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the demands of the religious world, that
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scholars of this country and Europe, in
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volumes, was too large and costly for the
public generally), which would include
all that is best adapted to the needs of
Christian families and Sabbath School
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special and essential merits beyond
the English edition, and especially over
any other re-print in this country. It
contains all the matter of the largest
edition, except numerous disquisitions
and critical notes on original Hebrew and
Greek terms which are of no practical
value to the general English student,
and considerably more than twice the
reading matter of the smaller book.—
With all its elegance and embellish-
ments, it is the cheapest edition. The
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versal interest and value will find a large
sale. It should find its way into every
household in the country, and those who
wish for remunerative employment will
do well to apply to the Publishers. It is
having a large and rapid sale, as nothing
but straitened means can induce any
wise parent or faithful teacher to decline
to purchase a copy for his own use, or
the standing of the Scriptures.

Mr. J. M. Lee, the authorized agent,
is now canvassing Guelph and vicinity
for subscribers for this valuable Bible
Dictionary, and we trust the book will
meet with a ready sale.

CHURCH EPIQUETTE.—Ministers of our Churches, says the Hamilton Times, should give, at the close of service, in- stead of the Benediction, or closing an- them, the orders: "Attention, worship- pers! For hats—dive! For overcoats— go! Jerk—twist—plunge! Make yourselves ridiculous, all!" The effect would hardly be a variation from the pre- sent style of getting ready to go out of church. The sounding of the doxology seems to be the signal for a general put- ting on and adjustment, and when the benediction is about to be pronounced, the rattled congregation look more like jumping out of the windows, or uniting in a crushing and crowding race for the doors, than listening to the sol- emn words of the good pastor. At one of our well-filled churches, on Sunday evening, it was observed that at least every third man was going through these ridiculous motions while the ser- vices were closing, although the sermon had been excellent, and lasted only about forty-eight minutes. Why do not peo- ple wait until the proper time comes to do these things? There is a time for everything, but the time does not always occur during church service. It is to be hoped these remarks will have the desired effect.

DON'T KNOW HIM.—We have heard of
a man who owned a horse which had been
for a long time afflicted with a
chronic cough, and was otherwise in a
poor condition, he at length resolved to
sell him, but to a very trifling sum.
Some five or six weeks after, he met the
person to whom he had sold his, driving
a beautiful horse, full of life, and con-
cluded that he had either exchanged him
for this or purchased another; but judge
of his surprise on learning that the
horse was the same that he previously
owned, and considered of so little value.
On enquiry as to what had effected so
great a change, he was told that "Barley's
Condition" Powders and Arabian
Hoarse Remedy had done it. This
preparation has effected some remark-
able cures. Remember the name, and
see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is
on each package. Northrop & Lyman,
Newcastle, Ont., proprietors for Canada.
Sold by all medicine dealers.

A cow belonging to Mr. A. Mericles, of
Mulmur, says the Orangeville Sun, last
Friday gave birth to a calf with two
heads. This prodigy is well formed in
body, neck and limbs, and its heads are
also nearly perfect, each having two eyes
with mouth and nostrils complete; the
only visible defect being in three ears
serving the purpose of four, by having
the inner one fluted on both sides from
its conjunction with the skulls, and
making the two outer ones regular.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BERLIN, April 17.—Count Bismark
accepted the interpretation of the respon-
sibility of the Minister's Bill, which has
just been passed by the North German
Parliament. The design of the measure
is to check the opposition to actual man-
agement of business.

ROME, April 17.—It is rumored that
the Emperor Napoleon has ordered the
evacuation of Rome by the French
troops, in June.

MADRID, April 18th.—The building of
gunboats for service in the waters of
Cuba is said to be going on with great
expedition. It is expected they will be
ready to sail before the end of June next.

Differences have arisen in the Cabinet
in regard to customs. It is probable that
the Minister of Finance and other mem-
bers of government will resign in con-
sequence.

It is reported that Prince Frederick-
Charles of Prussia and the Duke of Lux-
emburg will be put forward as candi-
dates for the throne of Spain.

American Despatches

Savannah, April 18th.—The Advertiser
publishes a letter from Bayamo, Cuba,
dated 7th, announcing the arrival there
of three expeditions from Florida, and
the union of volunteer and patriot forces,
which are increasing daily. It says the
Spanish troops are deserting and joining
the Insurgents in great numbers.

Havana, 18th.—The British Consul
has entered an energetic protest against
the condemnation of the captured brig
Mary Louisa. The press advocates ex-
patriation from the island of Cuban Americans.

New York, April 19.—The Herald's
Washington special says: It is confident-
ly declared that the President has direct-
ed a peremptory demand to be made
upon the Spanish authorities in Cuba for
the immediate surrender of two passen-
gers taken from the Lisie Major. It is
said that Secretary Fish has telegraphed
instructions to our representatives in
Cuba to make this demand without de-
lay, and failing to comply promptly will
be followed by hostile demonstrations
from our naval squadron cruising in the
vicinity.

Havana, April 18.—Hereafter permis-
sion of Government will be required to
enable any person to sell property and
produce of all kinds.

The Catalonian volunteers arrived to-
day from Spain and were received with
immense enthusiasm. Two negroes
shouted out viva cespedes, and were in-
stantly killed.

Mexican advisers state that 5000 re-
volutionists would declare in favor of an
exoneration of Mexico to United States.
Other northern states are said to be
ready for the same course.

Death of a Hermit.

From Cincinnati Commercial, April 10.

William Knight, a notable hermit, has
just died near Rockingham, Iowa, aged
seventy-five years. Thirty years ago he
left England without a word to his re-
latives, and going direct to Iowa, resumed
his business as an attorney, rapidly win-
ning fame in that capacity. His friends
in England advertised descriptions of
him, with offers of reward for tidings of
his whereabouts. For years their efforts
were fruitless. Knight possessed a heavy
gold watch of very peculiar construction.
Descriptions of this watch were sent to
the leading watch dealers in America.
Knight's watch got of order. He sent it
to Philadelphia, to an establishment in
which a description of the watch was
posted. The proprietor wrote to London
parties that he had received the watch.
Over came Knight's friends, making their
way to Devonport as rapidly as the
meagre travelling facilities would allow.
They found the runaway. They held con-
ference after conference with him to in-
duce his return to England. They resorted
to strategy, and endeavored to secure his
arrest for some offence that he might be
sent back a prisoner. All in vain. From
that time forward until his death, on
Sunday last, Knight was a changed man.
He bought a small farm near Rocking-
ham, a heavily wooded tract, erected a
sort of shanty in the forest, and there,
alone, with no companion but his pipe,
books and papers, he spent his time.
He received papers from England regu-
larly, and loved to read of new and noted
books and their authors. He cooked his
own food, washed his own clothes, cut
his own wood, and was his own servant
generally. He rarely received calls.
Sometimes he would be seized with a
letter-writing fit, and a letter to his law-
yer every day for a fortnight would be
the result—an answer would expect by
him as though the matter of correspond-
ence was of the utmost importance.
And thus he lived the life of a hermit,
save in relation with his attorneys alone.
Why he was so gifted by nature and
so splendidly educated, chose to abandon
his luxurious home and wealthy friends,
make his way to the frontier of the Am-
erican wilds for a residence, and then,
when discovered by his friends, resort to
an admission in one of his letters to his
legal friends, who retain he admits having
been hopelessly cut down by disappoint-
ment in a love affair—he would, won and
lost a lovely English girl—lost her be-
cause she preferred a "belated knight" and
castle to a young barrister, who, being a
certain son had to make his own way to
fortune and to fame.

NOVEL HACE IN BRAMPTON.—Consider- able excitement was had over a contest, which was witnessed by a crowd of spec- tators at Brampton on Friday. It con- sisted of a half mile race between a moun- teined velocipedist and a pedestrian; the pe- destrian Mr. T. Graham, J. P., coming in a few paces ahead of his opponent, Mr. Wm. McIlroy, J. P., amid the enthu- siastic cheers of the bystanders. A consid- erable amount of money changed hands on the result.

An eminent divine says: "I have seen
using the Peruvian Syrup. It is a me-
new vigor, buoyancy of spirits, sensiti-
vity of muscle." J. P. Dinsmore, 31 Day
Street, New York, will send, free, a
pamphlet of 32 pages, containing a full
account of this remarkable medicine,
to any one sending him their address.

Mr. Jonathan Bradley, grocer and pre-
vision merchant, E. R. has failed.