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CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.

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HOTEL CARD, The Right Man in the Right Place.

THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the post office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention and good accommodation to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends.

THOMAS WARD, Proprietor, Guelph, Dec. 11, 1872.

RUE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT, Opposite the Market, Guelph.

PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

PRIZE DENTISTRY, DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Established 1864.

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NEW COAL YARD, The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of coal.

Hard and Soft Coal, at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.

NEW PAINT SHOP, The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fenwick's Furniture Shop, and opposite C. Almon's Church.

MONEY TO LEND, In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, April, 1873, dw

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-3dt

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A good general servant. To a suitable person, liberal wages will be given. Apply at this office. m30-3dt

TO LET—A Stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John McCrean, or Henry Hamilton, Guelph, March 29, 1874. dw

CORNISH SILVER MINE, A few shares for sale on advantageous terms. Box 750, Toronto P.O. mill-w&adt

DRESSMAKERS WANTED, Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. m16-3dt

SEED BARLEY—Seed Barley for sale at the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. dw

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class livery in connection. my 14 dwit JAS. A. THORP Proprietor.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, In unlimited supply on good Farm and Town Security. Lowest rates and most moderate charges. HART & SPEIRS, Guelph, April 1, 1874. dw

INDEPENDENT Base Ball Club, The annual meeting of the above Club for the election of officers, and also for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing season, will be held at the Howard Western Hotel, on THURSDAY EVENING, April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.—A full attendance of those wishing to join the Club is requested. W. CRAIG, Secretary, dw

LIME, BRICKS AND TILES, FOR SALE, The subscribers are prepared to furnish Lime in quantities to suit purchasers at the Kilns on the York Road, Guelph. Also, constantly on hand first-class Bricks and Tiles, at their residence, Liverpool-st., Guelph. PEARSON & SON, Guelph, March 31, 1874. 3m

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT, Residence for Sale, That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of a fine Brick two story dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two-fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, etc., apply to D. SAVAGE, Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dw

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY, The undersigned have \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 per cent, for periods from 5 to 15 years. Early applications requested. LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN, Guelph, March 15, 1874. dw

TOWN HALL, THE WORLD RENOWNED Townsend Family

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON, THIS EVENING, Wednesday, April 1st, Shakespeare's Historical Tragedy in Five Acts of

KING RICHARD III., With entirely new scenery, and costly wardrobe of Dresses.

TO CONCLUDE WITH THE LOTTERY TICKET, on the Lawyer's Clerk, Wormwood—Mr. BURNETT TOWNSEND, Supported by the whole Company.

A Great Bill—Come Early, REMOVAL, D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER,

Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts. Guelph, March 20, 1874. dwim

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, In the matter of RICHARD CLAYTON, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office in Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of APRIL, 1874, at eleven o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. Dated at Guelph, Ont., 25th day of March, 1874. W. J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee, dw

JOHN MACDONALD & CO. Are showing a splendid assortment of FANCY DRESS GOODS

JOHN MACDONALD & CO. TORONTO

FOR SALE, Four Durham Bulls, Ten 14 months old, one of them second prize at Guelph last fall and second at London out of 52 entries. Also, two about ten months old. J. & B. McQUEEN, Elora P.O. Pilkington, Feb. 18th, 1874. wif

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EV'NG, APRIL 1, 1874. Town and County News

POULTRY SHOW.—The members of the Poultry Show will meet at the Queen's on Thursday evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Mr. John Anderson has sent us a brochure entitled the 'Unspecie Scandal' being a poetical extravaganza on the scenes connected with the Pacific Railway Scandal.

A MAN who gave his name as Charles Stewart was brought to Guelph on Monday by two young men from Brantford, on the supposition that he was Dunn alias Sullivan. He did not answer the description, however, and was let go.

PUBLISHER FARMERS' CLUB.—We would remind our readers in Puelinck on Saturday to be held at Aberfoyle on Saturday first, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' Club.

THE examination on Tuesday of the school in Section No. 44, Guelph Township, taught by Miss Little, was attended by the Warden and two other neighboring teachers, and a number of parents, and was in every respect most satisfactory.

SAW MILL ACCIDENT AT HARRISTON.—On Saturday a young lad named Richard Gilhuly, while attending to a sawing machine in McEachern's factory, through some accident, got his hand caught in the saw-frame, cutting his first fingers completely off. The poor fellow, though suffering severe pain, is doing well under proper medical care.

PATENT GRANTED.—We are glad to learn that Messrs. Sleeman & Steele have obtained a patent in the United States for their improved fermenting tub, a description of which we gave some weeks ago. Several parties in the States have already applied to Mr. Sleeman for rights to sell the new patent, which shows how much it is appreciated by those who know its value to brewers.

RED CHAFF WHEAT.—Now that seeding time is approaching it will be well for farmers generally to be aware of the fact that no Guelph buyers, with scarcely an exception, will buy what is known as Red Chaff Spring Wheat, as it has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. One of our leading millers informed us the other day that it will not fetch within ten cents of other spring wheat, that it does not make the proper quality of flour, and that millers don't want it and won't buy it. Farmers had better, therefore, give it a wide berth, unless they choose to lose by growing it.

APRIL CATTLE FAIR.—The regular monthly fair was held to-day, but owing no doubt to the Easter show last week was not up to the usual mark. Very few outside buyers were present, and consequently not many sales took place. The display was confined largely to milk cows, which were not in great demand. Prices for them ranged from \$50 to \$85. There were but few fat stock, but they sold well, the rates ranging from \$4.50 to \$5 per 100 lbs. Working oxen were in demand at figures ranging from \$80 to \$120 per yoke. There were a great many people in town, and a large business was done on the market and in the stores.

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY.—This talented company gave their first performance last evening, when was presented the comic drama, "A Wonderful Woman." The parts were well sustained, the prominent characters being taken by Miss Constance Townsend, Madame Bertrand, Mr. Harry Townsend as the Marquis de Frontignan, and Mr. Burnett Townsend, a poor but honest cobbler, named Crepin, with a heart full of love and genuine sympathy. The entertainment concluded with the impromptu comedy "Teasing the Shrew." This troupe give their concluding performance this evening, when Shakespeare's "Richard the Third," and "The Lottery Ticket" will be placed on the boards.

POLICE COURT, (Before the Police Magistrate.) April 1st. Jas. Parker, W. H. Maroon, and A. Hind's were charged with allowing rubbish to remain on Macdonnell street, and not removing it. Fined \$1 each without costs. The case against John Bookless for the same offence was dismissed.

Rockwood Academy Re-Union. A preliminary meeting of students of the Rockwood Academy was held in the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, on Saturday, the 28th, for the purpose of taking steps with regard to the holding of a re-union of all the students of the Rockwood Academy at some early date during this summer.

Mr. A. J. Browster, teacher, Hespeler, was appointed chairman; Hugh McMillan, Guelph, General Secretary and Treasurer. Committee, J. R. Harris, Rockwood; A. Hill, Rockwood; D. Talbot, Everton; J. P. Archibald, Everton; R. Conbrance, Eramosa; M. Cameron, Rockwood; Watson Day, Guelph; Wm. Day, Guelph; D. McMillan, Rockwood; A. Dumbar, Guelph. J. H. Moore, Guelph; Thos. Harris, Rockwood, Convener.

It was decided to hold the re-union at the Academy, Rockwood, on the 19th June.

The Committee will meet at the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, on the first Saturday of June to make final arrangements. HOOR McMILLAN, Sec.

DARING BANK ROBBERY IN HAMILTON.—The Hamilton branch of the Royal Canadian Bank on James street was robbed on Monday morning, about 10 o'clock, of about four thousand dollars, under the following circumstances: The money was on a table behind the counter, and while the teller's back was turned a man who no doubt was watching for a suitable chance, entered the bank with a box under his arm, and placing it on the floor behind the counter, stood upon it and reached over and secured the money. As soon as the money was missing, information was given to the police, but as yet no arrests have been made.

Local and Other Items.

THE Welland Canal is to be opened next week.

Some ladies in Hamilton propose to start a crusade against the saloons in that city.

THE Walkerton curling club beat Paisley by 20 shots in a match played on Monday at the former place.

Govox gave his lecture on "Temperance" to an immense audience in the Centenary Church, Hamilton, on Monday night.

THE ship-building trade of Nova Scotia is flourishing. No less than ninety-nine vessels are on the stocks at the present time.

THE barns of Mr. James Blain, farmer living near Streetsville, were fired on Saturday morning by some undetected incendiary, and property to the value of \$2,300 destroyed.

A BURGLARY was perpetrated at a house in the village of Lowville on Sunday evening while the family were at church. Fortunately the thieves, in their hurried search, missed the chief part of the plunder within their reach.

THE high level bridge over the Desjardins Canal has been pronounced unsafe for public traffic. The new bridge on the low level, in place of the one which fell, has been so far completed as to allow the usual traffic of the road to pass over.

MORE AID TO THE T. G. & B. RAILWAY.—At the meeting of the Toronto City Council on Monday evening, Ald. Henderson introduced by-law for the purpose of granting aid to the extent of \$100,000 to the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, in accordance with the petition of the ratepayers presented to this Council. The by-law was read a first time.

SCOTTISH STATISTICS.—The Registrar reports that in year 1873 there were 119,738 births registered in Scotland, being \$49 per cent on the population estimated for the middle of the year; 26,730 marriages, or 0.76 per cent; and 76,857 deaths or 2.24 per cent. The birth-rate was about the average; the death-rate was a little above, and the marriage-rate considerably above the average.

LYNCHING.—A young colored man came very near going to the "Happy Land of Canaan" on Saturday, through the practical joking of some coopers in a shop near the Phenix Mills at St. Catharines. They threw a rope over a beam in the shop and affixed a noose at one end, and when he entered the shop, it was immediately thrown over his head, and he was drawn up until his feet were of the floor, where he was kept a little too long, and some difficulty was experienced in bringing him to.

THE FAMINE IN BENGAL.—Reports from the famine districts of Bengal are much more favourable—Lord Salisbury having displayed a most energetic policy. In some districts once considered the worst there is now no extreme distress. Relief works are going on. Food is freely offered in the open market at cheaper rates than the Government tariff. The difficulties of transportation have been overcome, and money is abundant. It seems, therefore, that the Government have very full control of the difficulty. No deaths are reported.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—At the annual general meeting of the National Rifle Association, the Duke of Cambridge said that \$3,000 odd had been added to the funds of the institution, which sum would be carried to the reserve fund, making the total reserve \$210,000. Alluding to the camp at Wimbledon, His Royal Highness said that a new road would be made across Wimbledon Common, so as to avoid the amount of dust which previously covered the camp, and that great preparations would be made in the targets and their supervision. The camp at Wimbledon would be opened on Monday, the 6th of July next.

ABELL'S AGRICULTURAL WORKS, WOODBRIDGE.—These works, lately destroyed by fire, are beginning to show unmistakable signs of activity, giving promise of an early return to business. Everything is being done to push matters forward in order that the filling of orders may not be delayed. At a meeting lately held, the Township of Vaughan was called upon to offer a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of the incendiaries, and also to give Mr. Abell a bonus of \$10,000 as a gift, or a loan of \$20,000 for ten years, according to his choice. It gratifies us to notice such a manifestation of sympathy with Mr. Abell in his loss, and we trust the assistance suggested will be cheerfully given.

SCOUNDRELS IN CANADA.—We gather from the Buffalo Advertiser that Canada is now favoured with the presence of two of the notorious confidence men of that city. These men are noted for their impudent confidence games on unsuspecting persons. It is well to caution the public against them. The Advertiser says:—Buffalo has the honour of being the home of these worthies. McGowan, McGloin, or Quin (the latter we believe is his real name) is a notorious confidence man, though, being well known and constantly under the surveillance of the Police, he has not dared to do any "work" in Buffalo lately. He was last week arrested here for an assault upon a woman and fined \$10. Hoffman is an old pal of Quin's, and also a professional confidence man. He has served a year in the Erie Co. Penitentiary for a larceny, and was fined \$500 once for swindling a man out of a one hundred dollar bill at some rascally gambling operation. A description of each of them is among the "archives" at Police Headquarters. They will doubtless now be put in a way of doing the Dominion some service.

A Melbourne despatch says that Rochefort and his friends are at present at Sydney, but intend to proceed to Europe at once.

The depression of business in Great Britain is ascribed to the strikes in the coal and iron trades.

The railway by-law granting \$40,000 to the Cobourg Railway to Mud Lake, \$20,000 more when extended to Bobsey, and an additional \$20,000 when extended to Fenelon Falls, was carried on Tuesday in Peterboro'.

The Scotsman, a prominent Scotch newspaper, says that a Bible, bound in calf, and bearing the name of "William Sim," a Dundee man, and the date 1880, had been discovered in the stomach of a cod fish recently. William Sim went to sea in 1834, and has not since been heard of.

News from Ottawa.

The Biel Excitement, Ottawa, March 31.

Considerable excitement still exists in the city about Biel. The galleries of the house last night were jammed by people anxious to get a glimpse of him.

An absurd rumor that several thousand Orangemen were on their way to wreak summary justice upon Biel, created some uneasiness.

A detachment of twenty-five men of the Garrison Artillery were on guard at the drill shed armories last night. A like force of Foot guards occupied their armory.

Mr. Bowell, should he establish Biel's identity to-day, will follow up his resolution by a motion for his expulsion from the House.

A large reduction in the staff of Parliamentary employees is to take place shortly.

LATER.—Biel is reported to have left Ottawa, and persons arriving from the south assert that he was seen at Prescott on his way, as was assumed, to Ogdensburg; but it is quite possible that he may still be within a short distance of the city. The manner of his attendance in the building to sign the roll was quite in keeping with tactics during the past four years. His entrance to the Clerk's office was heralded by a member from the Lower Province, who evidently had Biel's safety from discovery in his keeping. The two members-elect took the oath and subscribed the roll in company, and Biel vanished before any one had identified him.

Ministers are evidently determined it shall be no fault of theirs if the business of the house does not proceed with all due despatch. The Trade and Navigation returns, and Public Accounts, and the Progress report of Geological surveys were all brought down on Tuesday, and the Public Accounts were distributed to members in the course of the evening.

Dominion Parliament, Ottawa, March 31.

Mr. Spoker informed the House that, pursuant to order, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was present with all the poll books and the papers in connection with the election for the county of Provencer.

Hon. Mr. Cartwright moved "That the House will to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole to consider the resolution that a supply be granted to Her Majesty, and also that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means." Carried.

Mr. Dolozne moved for a return of the number of persons killed or injured on the different railroads of Canada since the opening of each of those railroads.

The order for the attendance of the Attorney-General of Manitoba was then read, and Mr. Clarke appeared at the bar of the House, and was examined in regard to the steps taken by him as Attorney-General of Manitoba to bring about justice. After some time spent in putting and answering questions, the examination was adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Bowell moved, seconded by Dr. Schultz, that Louis Biel, member for Provencer, do attend in his place in this House to-morrow at three o'clock. Carried.

Harriston Correspondence, John McKenzie has started a barber shop in the place lately vacated by J. Pett, where he is prepared to attend to shaving, shampooing, hair-dressing, &c., in first-class style.

The stone, brickwork, and plastering of the W. M. Church have been awarded to Coates Simmons.

The roads are very bad just now, which causes considerable death of business.

There has been a considerable quantity of sugar made in this section, but the season is regarded as a rather inferior one for sugar-making.

About two years ago Peter McLeod, who was for a number of years a resident of the township of Minto, together with his family, consisting of himself and wife, two sons, and a daughter, left for the United States there to seek a new home.

A short time after their arrival there the eldest son, Alex. McLeod, and another young man were arrested for ravishing a young girl, and were put to death by being hanged. Both McLeod and his companion protested their innocence to the last, but notwithstanding all, they were allowed no mercy, and were put to death by the hands of a lawless mob, no doubt believing them guilty. Recently they appeared in the Toronto papers the dying confession of an individual named Douglas, who confessed to having committed the deed, and afterwards assisted in taking the life of these two innocent men.

The cattle fair on Friday was about as successful as any that has been held here during the season. The number of cattle was not so large as at some of the previous winter fairs, but the prices were much better. As high as \$4.50 per hundred was paid, and in some cases more.

Considering the large quantity recently bought up through the country, the fair was regarded as the best of the season. Below are a few of the sales:—Alex. Gordon, 7 head for \$341; Campbell Henderson, cow for \$18; James Brown, 4 head for \$244; Alex. Robertson, 1 cow for \$40; Wm. Lang, 2 head for \$60; J. Lowry, 1 yoke steers \$125; John Thompson, yoke of oxen, \$125; H. Gillespie, cow, \$32; Robert Richardson, 2 head, \$202; Joseph Davidson, 3 head, \$127; John Warren, cow, \$35; John Ross, 2 head, \$55; Thos. Thomson, 2 head \$40; James Connell, 3 head, \$120; Ed. Govan, 7 head, \$310; John Pike, heifer, \$18; James Murdoch, steer, \$54.

In connection with the Tichborne trial it may be mentioned as an illustration of the length to which newspaper enterprise is now developed, that an edition of the London Evening Standard, containing the verdict and all the counts of the indictment, was published three minutes after the delivery of the verdict itself. Five minutes after the delivery the paper was being sold in Fleet street at 6d per copy, and the demand was so great that for many hours it could not be supplied. This is considered to be one of the greatest feats in the shape of expedition accomplished since the establishment of the evening newspapers.

The City Council of London, Ont., has under consideration the expediency of giving a bonus of \$150,000 towards the construction of the Huron and Quebec Railway.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Loss of Life on the S S Nil

Financial Panic in London

The Famine Disappearing

The Carlist Insurrection

Prospective Panic in New York

Workingmen's Mass Meeting

London, March 31.—Later despatches from Hong Kong, in relation to the wreck of the steamship Nil, say that 80 persons were drowned.

London, April 1.—The Times acknowledges the existence of a financial panic in London and attributes it to the effect of these with which New York and Vienna have been visited, combined with the depressing influence of the Indian famine. It says:—The check to trade will probably be as severe as in any former instance.

Calcutta, March 31.—Reports from the districts affected by famine show a great improvement in the situation. There are now no actual cases of starvation outside of Tirhoot, and in that district there are but few.

Madrid, March 31.—President Serrano has issued an order prohibiting transmission from Santander and places in the vicinity of private telegraphic despatches. A heavy fire was kept up by the artillery upon the Carlist position before Bilbao, but the other troops are resting.

Troops to the number of 15,000 are on their way to reinforce Serrano. It is reported that the Carlist-General, Olio, was killed. The final attack on Abanto will be made on Wednesday.

New York, April 1.—Weather cloudy and cold; wind north east.

The Herald prints an article in this city are extremely dull, and that some of the leading merchants predict another panic.

General Harvey S. Brown died at Clifton, Staten Island, last evening. He served in the Mexican war and in the rebellion.

The circular agreed upon last week by the Workingmen's Central Council calling mass meetings all over the country was issued yesterday. It is probable that the carpenters, masons, plasterers and others, will strike this spring for eight hours and advanced pay.

Sad Case of Drowning, Special to the Mercury.

Calcutta, Ont. March 1st.—About seven o'clock last evening, a young lady about 18 years of age, third daughter of David Young, Esq., who resides close by the river, about two miles below here, was drowned while attempting to cross the river in a small boat for the purpose of attending a minister's social at a neighboring house. It seems the young lady was accustomed to crossing the river in this manner, but having on rubber shoes, and there being ice in the bottom of the boat her feet slipped and she fell over the side of the boat into the water, where she screamed and made desperate struggles to regain the boat, but all in vain. She rose once to the surface after sinking. Several friends who stood on the opposite shore were witnesses of this heart-rending scene, but as no boat was at hand and they could not swim, were unable to render any assistance. The body was only recovered this morning about eight o'clock, after a long and weary search during the whole night. Mr. Young is one of the oldest and most respectable citizens on the river, and he and his family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in this terrible calamity.

Priceville Correspondence, It is now a long time since you heard from us, but nevertheless we have been thriving as a village. We have had a prosperous winter, and have from several causes. In the first place we had excellent crops last year, which the farmers have been busy bringing to market during sleighing. And there are yet considerable quantities of grain in the hands of the farmers, which is a hopeful sign, as in former years they have often been compelled to sell more than they should to pay their debts.

Great quantities of square timber have been taken out in this vicinity this winter, which has brought in quite a circulation of money. It has to be shipped by the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway.

This railway has made a wonderful change in this part of the country. It has been the means of giving the people a market, within a convenient distance from home, second to few in the Province. The poor lands which were considered not worth setting upon before we had a market, are being rapidly taken up and settled, and naturally enough as population increases so does trade.

The greatest drawback that we have had here has been the want of capital among the farmers, but the building of the railway has made a large part of what was waste timber into so much capital which will be coming into the country for some years to come. People here are very much pleased with the Ontario Government for giving further aid to the company, and no wonder, for the railroad has been a great boon to us.

Another grist mill has been put in operation in the village in connection with Mr. McKay's steam saw mill. No doubt it will get plenty to do, as a great deal of trade that used to go towards Durham is now coming here. There is a good opening at present for a tailor and a tinsmith here. Both of them might do well if they were steady, pushing men.

We are having another snow storm which we hope will give us another week of sleighing.

Priceville, March 23, 1874.

Five hundred operatives in the mills of the Boston Manufacturing Company at Waltham, Mass., have struck for ten per cent. advance of pay.

The working staff of the Erie Railway is to be reduced from a thousand to five hundred men. According to official reports all is quiet at Susquehanna, and trains are running as usual. The strike is evidently at an end.

The Archbishop of Cologne was on Tuesday arrested for violation of ecclesiastical laws.