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 Guelph, 23rd November

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE MACDONNELL STREET
 FRIDAY EV'NG, DEC. 11, 1868.

Restive Followers

The Toronto correspondent of the *Hamilton Times* gives us in the following extract an idea of the degree of harmony which exists among the friends and supporters of the Patent Combination:—
 "A singular change has come over a large portion of the Conservative supporters of the Government. They have become exceedingly restive under the lash of the heavy *raucide* with which the Premier so frequently and unmercifully flagellates them. The member for South Norfolk has bolted, and may be ranked with the Opposition, thus offsetting the addition of Carling of South Huron to the Ministerial ranks. The Ministry itself is in the condition of the "happy family" in the show, and several of their Conservative supporters complain bitterly, while others have made up their minds to bolt should a suitable opportunity offer itself. Cumberland, Ferguson, and two or three others seize every opportunity to annoy the "crotchety Premier, in retaliation for the insults he has occasionally cast upon them and their friends. It is wise on the part of the Attorney General, to shorten the Session, for were it to be a very protracted one, he would inevitably affront every member of the House before the end of it. I have noticed that Mr. Barber has voted with the government ever since Sandfield gave him "particulars" a week or two ago. I do not mean to say that this support is given because of the coarse personal and offensive attack made by the Premier upon Mr. Barber. It only proves the amiable and forgiving spirit of the member for Halton.
 "Never did any government present so pitiable a spectacle as that exhibited on Wednesday night by the Premier and Provincial Secretary when the House was in Committee of the Whole on the Central Prison bill. They contradicted one another, appealed to the House on points of order, and were defeated. They were so justly and severely lashed by Mr. Blake that they alternately stormed and whined. But the conduct of the Premier and the mis-statements of the Provincial Secretary were so unusual and extraordinary, that not even their own supporters manifested the least sympathy for them; but really seem to be amused with the entertainment afforded them."

Turkey and Greece.

The relations of the Greek government and that of the Ottoman Porte have at last reached a crisis. As will be seen by our despatch, the Sultan has sent his ultimatum to King George. The Turkish Ambassador at the Court of Athens has been recalled, and the Greek Ambassador in Constantinople has received his passports. The next thing naturally would be a proclamation of war. Late advices say that Russia has interfered with friendly counsel. It remains to be seen whether Russia will be able to prevent hostilities. The presumption is that we shall have a fresh council of all the great Powers on this vexed Eastern question.

More Trouble in Spain.

As will be seen by our Cable despatch, the demonstration by the republicans in Cadiz has assumed serious proportions. The government troops were called out to put down a procession, and a fight ensued. The insurgents had erected barricades and were in possession of some of the strongholds in the city. At latest advices an armistice was agreed on, but we are afraid the trouble is not yet ended.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

THURSDAY, Dec. 10.
 George Fladd was acquitted on the charge of having stolen a heifer from Joel Boyle, of Peel. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Palmer for the prosecution; Mr. Drew for the defence.

THE QUEEN vs. JAMES GIBSON.—The charge against the prisoner was the same as that against Fladd, it being alleged that he was concerned in the theft. A jury was empanelled and a verdict of not guilty accepted by the prosecution. Counsel the same as in the last case.

THE QUEEN vs. SUSANNAH WISE.—The prisoner, a little girl of 12 or 13 years of age, was charged with stealing a dress and a pair of gaiter boots from Agnes Bell, of Puellich. She had no one to appear for her, but the prosecution dealt very leniently with her. The theft was clearly proved, and a verdict of guilty rendered. Sentenced to one month in gaol.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow at half-past nine.
 Before being discharged, which they were about noon to-day, the Grand Jury brought in the following

PRESENTMENT.
 We, the Grand Jury, beg to make the following presentment: In accordance with your Honour's lucid charge, we have endeavoured to dispose of the several bills of indictment to the best of our ability. We are sorry for the sake of morality that each of the offences that have come before us has been of a character so strongly supported by positive evidence that we were left no alternative but to find true bills, excepting in one case; and we find the use of intoxicating beverages has been to a great extent the cause of the crimes that have been brought before us.

We would strongly recommend that the prisoners after sentence be not allowed to remain in a state of idleness, as we consider the effect both morally and physically bad.
 The proper discharge of our duty has, we are happy to present, been much facilitated by the courtesy and kindness of the County Crown Attorney.

We have examined the gaol, and are pleased to commend the marked cleanliness which every nook and corner of it presents. The gaol, however, is defective, as we would particularly call attention to two or three cells and one of the windows which require to be repaired at once.

JOHN ROBINSON, Foreman.
 FRIDAY 11th.

The court opened at 9.30, a.m.
 THE QUEEN vs. JOSEPH ALLAN.—This was the shooting case to which we have already referred. The particulars are these. On the 31st of last October the people of Amaranth were called upon to vote on the by-law granting a bonus to the Narrow Gauge Railway. Among others who assembled at George Stone's tavern, lot 27, con. 2, for the purpose of doing so, were the defendant and John Coleman. Whiskey having been indulged in a row originated between those two men. Allan struck Coleman two or three times, and missing him once he fell, when Coleman thought his chance had come, and, in vulgar phrase, he "mounted him." Allan got Coleman's finger in his mouth and immediately began the process of mastication; Coleman returned the favour by biting a piece out of his antagonist's eyebrow, and another piece out of his cheek. The scars are still visible. Coleman then mounted his steed and rode home gallantly. We are not informed which way the parties voted; perhaps they thought they had done enough for glory for one day. However, while Coleman was taking his supper he was startled by the sound of a voice outside, which demanded that he should come out in order to get "fixed." Mr. Coleman not being in need of repairs further than those the table afforded, went out and barred the front door, while Mrs. Coleman, who appears to be, not the better half, but the better seven-eighths, secured the back door. Shortly after another voice (believed to be that of John Duke) was heard giving warning that a gun was likely to go off. Mrs. Coleman was standing at one of the windows and saw the gun raised, but believing it to be a stick she stepped back, when a charge of shot smashed the glass (three grains striking her cheek), and being directed in an upward course, lodged in the beams. She counted the marks of 185 grains. Allen was next heard to tell some one to go round to the rear of the house and prevent Coleman's escape; and he afterwards requested her to send her husband out, and again (which would amount to the same thing) to let him in. These demands meeting with a refusal, Allan fired another shot through the back window, and swore that he would stay till daylight in order to shoot Coleman. He thought better of his resolution, however, and having smashed some more windows took his departure. Verdict not returned.

STONE vs. CO. OF WELLINGTON.—This was an action brought by Mr. F. W. Stone against the County of Wellington for damages done to his property in taking out gravel, as well as for the price of the gravel itself. The case is in progress.

LAW SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP.—At the late law examination held in Toronto the Scholarship awarded by the Law Society was bestowed this year upon Mr. Daniel Wade of Brockville, along with the usual handsome supplementary donation of \$200. The successful competitor is a brother of Mr. John L. Wade formerly of this town, now of Arthur Village.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

COULSON HOUSE,
 GUELPH, Dec. 10th, 1868.
 W. H. Adams, Hamilton; J. Huffman, Pergus; Mr. Akrit, Montreal; Mrs. Akrit, Montreal; S. G. Dobbin, Montreal; A. Jeffrey, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Murehead, Toronto; Peter McGibbon, Toronto; Jacob Samson, Buffalo; Wm. Webson, Hamilton; Wm. Davis, Toronto; Robert Knight Milton; D. C. Donaldson, Toronto; G. G. Green, Montreal; David McLean, Toronto; J. C. Townson, New Jersey; D. Campel, Hamilton; Thos. Colquhoun, Montreal.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
 The subscriber begs to intimate to the public that he will remain one month longer in Guelph for the purpose of selling his farm and leasing his hotel. If the farm is not leased by the end of that time it will be let on shares.
 Guelph, Dec. 11. JAMES O'NEIL. daw 1m

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 Guelph, Dec. 11. daw 1m

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 Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. d 1f

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 Guelph, 3rd December.

STRAYED HEIFER.

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, lot 28, con. 5, Erin, about the 10th of July last, a three year old Heifer, spotted red and white, with small horns turned round over her forehead. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.
 GEORGE LYONS.
 Erin, Dec. 10th, 1868. d1w3t

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Front Seats reserved for Ladies and Gentlemen accompanying them.

Mr. Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will play in front of the Hall.
 Doors open at 7:30; commence at 8 o'clock, precisely.
 Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. do 4t

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TO-NIGHT,

At M. Shewan's Old Stand,

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J. B. THORNTON,
 Manager of Sale.
 Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. daw 1f

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IN THE NEW BUILDING,

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Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868. d3m

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