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PETRIE'S Furniture Cream! BRILLIANT POLISH On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varnished and Japanned articles of every description. DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity to a woollen cloth on the article to be polished...

DOMINION SALOON FRESH OYSTERS! DENIS BUNYAN Guelph, 17th October. 700 BOXES CHEESE OF Extra Quality.

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Evening Mercury. MONDAY EVEG, APRIL 19, 1869. Local and Miscellaneous

The Cock Farm for the present month has been received, and may be had at all bookstores. EARLY PLUGHING.—Ploughing operations have commenced on the farms of Messrs. Dew and John Tolton, Ermosa. In parts of Garafraxa, Luther and Arthur a famine has been raging among the cattle for the past month, owing to a scarcity of fodder. Mr. Joseph Snell, son of Mr. John Snell, of Edmonton, left Brampton on the 15th inst. to undertake the management of a large stock farm in the blue grass region of Kentucky. The "Grace Darling" of Lime Rock Light, of Newport, R. I., Miss Ida Lewis, is to be presented with a pair of \$300, for her late heroic effort in saving life, by the officers and soldiers of Fort Adams. A live grunter was recently introduced in a fair scene at Manchester, N. H., and it got up a lively scare among the audience, many of whom suddenly abdicated when his porcine majesty had the floor. The number of acres assessed in Huron is 805,596. Ratepayers assessed, \$1,120. Assessed value of real estate, \$8,137,444. Assessed value of personal property, \$495,090. Taxable incomes, \$155,985. MAGAZINES FOR MAY.—Mr. J. B. Thornton has sent us Godey's Lady's Book and the Illustrated Family Magazine for May. Both are very interesting numbers. For sale at Thornton's Bookstore. VAGRANTS.—Thomas, Robert, John and Elizabeth Kelly, were brought before the Police Magistrate this morning charged with vagrancy, but were discharged on condition of their leaving the town at once. A credulous man said to a wag who had a wooden leg, "How came you to have a wooden leg?" "Why," answered the wag, "my father had one, and so had my grandfather. It runs in the blood."

A Heavy Storm and its Consequences. 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 lightning poured down. The water in the Speed this morning rose to an unprecedented height, and swept almost everything before it. Some of the dams 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 pigery belonging to Mr. D. Allan was carried down the stream a long distance. The dam of C. A. Sharp's house mill is also much injured, about a third of it being broken down—but this will soon be repaired. The footbridge at Goldie's mill is gone, about half-a-dozen culverts between Erin and Guelph, and a good board fence on Mr. Wells' property. Between eleven o'clock and the immense pressure of water, together with the accumulation of floating timber, ice and rocks, bore down on Mr. David Allan's dam, under the railway bridge, and in a moment or two, the apparently impregnable 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 gardens 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 distillery 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 undermined the corner of the distillery facing the stream, but it is likely no more damage will be done in that quarter. Previous to the dam being carried away the water flowed over the road, and 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 is at 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. Among the bridges are Armstrong's bridge, 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 W. W. bridge, remain in position, 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 up the country, of which we will learn the particulars in a day or two. The damages done to the mills 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 from the loss they will sustain in being obliged to let their mills lie idle till they can put in new dams. It was reported that the dam at Pipe's (late Goldie's) mill, was carried away about ten o'clock, but from information received 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 Thorpville are gone; also the bridges at Card's farm, another near the first toll gate on the Fergus road, and still another nearer Fergus. At ten o'clock today, though the river was very high in Elora, and some of the houses inundated, no farther damage had been done. We also hear that the flood was high in Fergus, but as yet no damage has 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 Sallo's blacksmith shop—was torn off by the lightning. The animal was a valuable one worth about \$250.

A Dictionary of the Bible. Comprising its Antiquities, Biography, Geography, and Natural History, with numerous Illustrations and Maps.—Edited by William Smith, LL.D. Published by Messrs. S. S. Scranton & Co., Hartford, Ct.

No book has been issued from the American Press for a long time that deserves so universal a circulation as this Bible Dictionary, which has been prepared in former years; some were meagre and imperfect, and all have been outgrown.—Calmet's was surpassed by Kitto's; Kitto's, and indeed all others, have been far outstripped by this of Dr. Smith, of the London University, and the most eminent Lexicographer of the English speaking world. He conceived the plan of doing for the Bible and the people what he had done for Classical Literature and the students; viz: prepare a comprehensive Dictionary of the Bible, which should embrace the results of the Christian research and scholarship of centuries, especially those of the explorations and discoveries of modern travellers in the East. It is obvious that no Bible Dictionary can be abreast with the times, or meet the demands of the religious world, that does not embody these. The recent years have been marked by surprising achievements in Biblical science. No other period was ever so rich in historical discoveries for the elucidation of the Divine Word. Dr. Smith associated with himself over seventy of the most eminent scholars of this country and Europe, in all departments of Biblical learning and research, so that no help might be wanting to make his Dictionary the amplest resume, the richest treasury of knowledge respecting the Bible. Having finished this great work, Dr. S. has prepared a Condensed Edition (the work being in two massive octavo 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 Teachers. This work now being republished in the States who titles we have given, and we do not hesitate to say that it should go into every dwelling where there is any desire to read and study the Bible intelligently and with profit. Every person connected with a Sabbath School, either a teacher or pupil, and every parent should, by all means, avail themselves of this incomparable help. This edition of S. S. Scranton & Co. is in the highest style of art, largely illustrated with elegant wood and steel Engravings and Maps, printed in clear and beautiful type, and in every respect is in harmony with the high character and value of the work. No House surpasses this enterprising publishing firm in the artistic finish and elegance of their books. And the issue of this work has appeared no pains no expense. It has several special and essential merits beyond the English edition, and especially every other reprint in this country. It contains all the matter of the largest edition, except numerous digressions 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 embellishments, it is the cheapest edition. The book is sold only by subscription. A work of such permanent and universal 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 stratagem and cunning can induce any parent or faithful teacher to decline the offer of an auxiliary for the understanding 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.

BY TELEGRAPH PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BREILIN, April 17. — Count Bismark accepted the interpretation of the responsibility of the Minister's Bill, which has just been passed by the North German Parliament. The design of this measure is to check the opposition to actual management of business. ROME, April 17th.—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 members of government will resign in consequence. It is reported that Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia and the Duke of Luxembourg will be put forward as candidates 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 volunteers and patriots, 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 Lovell. The press advocate action from the island of Cuban Americans. New York, April 19. — The Herald's Washington special says: It is confidently declared that the President has directed a peremptory demand to be made upon the Spanish authorities in Cuba for the immediate surrender of two passengers taken from the Liscie Major. It is said that Secretary Fish has telegraphed instructions to our representatives in Cuba to make this demand without delay, and failing to comply promptly will be followed by hostile demonstrations from our naval squadron cruising in the vicinity. Havana, April 18.—Hereafter permission of Government will be required to enable any person to sell property and produce of all kinds. The Catalan volunteers arrived today from Spain and were received with immense enthusiasm. Two negroes shot out viva espantos, and were instantly killed. Mexican advices state that Sonora revolutionists would declare in favor of annexation 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 relatives, and going direct to Iowa, resumed his business as an attorney, rapidly winning 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 off 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 Vermont as rapidly as the meagre travelling facilities would allow. They found the runaway. They held conference after conference with him to induce 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 Rockingham, a heavily wooded tract; erected a sort of shanty in the forest, and there, alone, with no companion but his pipe, book and papers, he spent his time. He received papers from England regularly, 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 callers. Sometimes he would be seized with a letter-writing fit, and a letter to his lawyer every day for a fortnight would be the result—an answer would be expected by him as though the matter of correspondence was of the utmost importance. And thus he lived the life of a hermit, save in relation with his attorneys alone. Why he who 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 American wilds for a residence, and then, when discovered by his friends, resort to the life of a hermit, is explained only by an admission in one of his letters to his legal friends, wherein he admits having been hopelessly cast down by disappointment in a love affair—he wooed, won and lost a lovely English girl—lost her because she preferred a "belted knight" and castle to a young barrister, who, being a younger son had to make his own way to fortune and to fame.

NOVEL RACE IN BRAMPTON.—Considerable excitement was had over a contest, which was witnessed by a crowd of spectators at Brampton on Friday. It consisted of a half mile race between a mounted velocipedit and a pedestrian; the pedestrian Mr. T. Graham J. P., coming in a few paces ahead of his opponent, Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, J. P., amid the enthusiastic cheers of the bystanders. A considerable amount of money changed hands on the result.

An eminent divine says, "I have seen using the Peruvian Syrup. It is a new vigor, buoyancy of spirits, activity of muscle." J. P. Dimsora, 33 Dey Street, New York, will send, free, a pamphlet of 33 pages, containing a full account of this remarkable medicine, to any one sending him their address.

Mr. Jonathan Bradley, grocer and provision merchant, Erie, has failed.

New Crop Teas!



1000 Half Chests 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 Young Hysons and Hysons Hyson Twankays Twankays Imperials Gunpowders Souchongs Congous Colored Japans Natural Leaf Japans Oolongs

REFORD & DILLON.

Toronto, 31st March. dw

BEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE HAIRCUTTING

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St. George's Square, Guelph. E. MORGAN dw

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, etc. Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dw

BILLIARDS GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted New Style Tables Exhibition Twice a Week

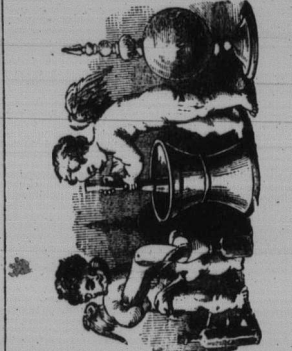
AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 23rd February. dw

CARETAKER WANTED.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up till THURSDAY the 29th instant, for the situation of caretaker of all the public schools in town, including the Grammar School. His duty will be to scrub each school-room once a month, sweep each school-room once a day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting the fires, and such other duties as may be found necessary. All tenders necessary to perform the work of cleaning to be provided by the board.—Salary \$250 a year, with house rent and firewood. B. B. TORRANCE, Secretary. Guelph, 19th April. dw

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.



Advertisements appear in the London journals for governesses competent to teach the modern languages, the mathematics, natural and moral philosophy, music, &c., for which £3 a month is magnanimously offered. The price of a balloon passage from New York to Europe is fixed at \$250, and the plucky French aeronaut, M. Chevalier, 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 6d to 4s will go into effect on the 1st of June. The day is rapidly approaching when there will be no difference between the rates of the line and sea lines, and it will be possible to send a message from London the less to its great make-up for a dollar. In the townships of Mono and Melancon, there are still immense bodies of snow on the ground. While the deputation from Toronto were lately going through these townships in the interest of the Grey & Bruce Railway, they used sleighs to travel with, and in many cases struck across the farmers' fields, driving on hills of snow easily, over four and six feet deep. Mr. Costly, of Kent, Ohio, the other day "playfully" snapped one barrel of a revolver at a domestic; then to indicate his foolishness, put the barrel into his own mouth, and snapped three other barrels. Afterwards he gave his wife a "show" fired, and shot her through the knee. Examination proved that four barrels were charged, the caps only being wanting. TEA MEETING.—The ladies of the British Methodist Episcopal Church (coloured) of this town, vacated Board, intend giving tea meetings to-morrow evening, 20th, in aid of their pastor, who is soon to be removed to another field of labour, viz: the Rev. G. H. Blount, who is to be present on the occasion. Ministers of the town are also expected to be present. Doors to be open at seven o'clock. Admission, 12c.

WESTERN WANDERERS HOME.—Miss Rye in a letter to the London Times says: "I am in treaty for a little property in the village of Niagara, Ontario, and it is being ultimately so arranged that our 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 assurance 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.

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WELLINGTON SPRING ASSIZES.

COURT HOUSE, GUELPH, April 17. MONTGOMERY vs. WORTLEY.—This was an action brought by plaintiff to recover damages alleged to have been sustained through defendant's selling plaintiff's brother six pounds of turnip seed. In purchasing the seed, the buyer inquired for Sharpe's and Skirving's improved purple top Swede, but it was found the turnip that the seed was a mixed variety consisting principally of green top yellow Aberdeen. Plaintiff estimated his damages 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 & Cannon for plaintiff; G. A. Drew and S. B. Freeman for defendant. Judge Richards left the bench when the above case was in progress, and his place was supplied by his Honor 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 monies left by Alexander McKinnon, deceased, by his widow. The defendant proved that she took some money out of her husband's box, but could not say how much. Plaintiffs proved that eleven days before McKinnon's death there was \$1,800 in the box, and that they only got \$130. The verdict for plaintiffs, \$380. Guthrie for plaintiffs; McCurry for defendant.

COAL OIL ONLY 40c. per gallon AT THE MEDICAL HALL. E. HARVEY & CO. Chemists and Druggists. Guelph, April 7. dw

REMOVAL OF GARLAND'S Hat and Cap Store.

THE premises as removed to the splendid Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store and has now in stock an immense assortment of Hats, Caps, Furs, &c., in all the latest and most fashionable styles and colors, which will be sold very cheap. Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere. F. GARLAND, Guelph, March 15, 1869. 2nd & W

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