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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13, 1873.

PRICE TWO CENTS

Business Cards

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of
KEATING & McDONALD.
THOS. AUGUSTUS KEATING,
M. D., M. B. C. S., England
A. A. McDONALD,
M. B., L.R.C.P., Edin. and L.R.C.S., Edin.
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dim wem

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual.

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOM,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR, W. M. MERRITT, F. BISCOM.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873 dw

LIVER & McDONALD,
Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.
GUTHRIE, W. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office—Brown's New Buildings, near the Registry Office.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON, J. COUNTY GROWN Attorney
WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Con- tractor and Builder. Plans Mill, and every kind of Joiner's work, prepared to the taste and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. dw

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, Jeweller.
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plate and Device Work, Clocks and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Fine Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dwv

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remod- elled and newly furnished. Good accom- modation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus and portmanteau. First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwv J. A. S. THORP, Proprietor

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb. 1873 dw

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 accom- modation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD,
(Late of Crown Hotel),
Guelph Dec. 5th, 1873. dwv

J. H. ROMAIN & CO.,
Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,
CANADA HOUSE,
General Commission Merchants,
26, City National Bank Building,
Chicago, Ill.
References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., bank- er, Montreal; The Marine Company of Can- ada; Messrs. Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator P. Smith, Frank Smith & Co., Tor- onto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants, Chatham); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. White- head, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. Magill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., S. B. Foote, Esq., Toronto.

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.
Office—E. Har-vey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph.
Extract of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
Inferiorly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Truck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Et. Tru-
PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL
Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Of- fice, Wyndham-st. Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory.
References: Drs. Clarke, Truck, McGo- herod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, Graham, Graham and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists at Toronto.

New Advertisements

NOTICE.—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. dwv

TO LET.—A large two-story Stone Building in the centre of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. jly18dwv

PURSE FOUND.—Containing a sum of money, near the railway track. The owner can have it on applying at the Mer- cury office, by describing the property and paying the cost of this advertisement. dtf

POCKET BOOK LOST.—Lost, on Wyndham street, on Wednesday after- noon, a leather pocket book, containing one \$10 bill, one \$5, one \$4, and one \$1, also some silver. Any person finding the same will confer a great favor to the owner (who is an orphan boy) by returning it to this office.

AN EXCELLENT Tavern Stand to Sell or Rent
At Arkel Village, Puslinch Plains, with good stabling, driving shed, and plenty of good water. An old and favourite stand. Possession immediate.
For further particulars, enquire of James Burgess, the proprietor, at Arkel Village, Nov. 13, 1873. dw2

COMFORTABLE DWELLING TO LET.
A large stone house, opposite Mr. Ro- main's residence, Waterloo road. Possession by 25th Nov., inst. Apply to R. Taylor, or Lemon & Peterson, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. dw2

Y. M. C. A. SOCIAL.
The Young Men's Christian Associa- tion intend holding a Social in the basement of the BAPTIST CHURCH, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 13th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been pre- pared. Admission 15 cents. dw2

CONCERT AND DANCE
Will be given at the Town Hall,
ON FRIDAY, NOV. 14th
Funds to be devoted to a charity.
PROGRAMME—PART FIRST.
Overture—Cenerentza. Mr. and Mrs. Heath- ild.
Comic Song—Within a Mile of Edinboro. Miss Tiffany.
Duet—Piano Forte. Miss Robertson and Miss Beattie.
Solo—Sings ever Bright and Fair. Mrs. Wolstenholme.
PART SECOND.
Organ Solo—Welcome Home, My Bonnie Lad- die. Miss Wiseman.
Comic Song—Piano Forte. Miss Hogg and Mr. Heathild.
Duet—Sings ever Bright and Fair. Miss Wiseman and Mr. Heathild.
Solo—Vocal—Sings Lessons from File de Regiment. Mrs. Wolstenholme and Miss Wiseman.
Solo—God bless the Prince of Wales. Mrs. Wolstenholme and Mrs. Clarke.
Vale's Quadrille Band will be present.
Doors open at 7:30. Concert commences at 8. Dancing at 9:30. Gentlemen's tickets \$1. Ladies tickets 50c. Nov. 11, 1873. dw2

DOMINION SALOON RESTAURANT.
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Oysters in their season. First-class ac- commodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dw

RICE'S BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splen- did style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. dw

Y. M. C. A.
The Ladies' Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Asso- ciation have decided holding their Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of December, the two days before Christmas. Contributions will be gladly received, and can be left at Mrs. Higinboth- am's, 155 HURONTARIO ST., Guelph, Nov. 8, 1873. ad Secretary.

MONEY TO LEND.
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.
Apply direct to the undersigned,
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
April 24, 1873. dwv Guelph

PUBLIC NOTICE.
The public are hereby notified that the business of Healing by
THE USE OF ROOTS,
Carried on by the late Dr. JOHN JENKES, liv- ing on the Brock Road, will be carefully con- ducted by his Son-in-law,
MR. FRANK JEFFERSON,
Who has had an experience of 15 years, hav- ing been chief assistant to the deceased during that time. He will also be assisted by Miss JEFFERSON, who will give particular at- tention to the cure of Female Diseases, &c.
Mr. Jefferson will visit Guelph every first Wednesday in the month, at Mr. T. Ward's Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, Guelph. Mr. Jefferson's residence and office is on the Brock Road, West Flamboro', Hays- land P.O.
Oct. 29, 1873. dtw-2dw4 dw

TEACHER WANTED.—Wanted, for School Section No. 4, Guelph Township, an experienced Female Teacher, hold- ing a second or third class certificate, under the new law. Duties to commence on the 8th of January, 1874. Applications with tes- timonials, and stating salary, will be received up to the 1st of December.
ndwvdtf GEO. ELLIOT, Sec., Guelph P.O.

TEACHER WANTED.—On the first of January, 1874, an experienced male Teacher, with not less than second-class certificate, for School Section No. 4, Pus- linch. Dwelling house, stable and garden provided, adjoining the school house. Per- sonal application preferred. Address by letter, James Scott, secretary, Aberfoyle P.O.
M. McLEATH,
GEO. McLEAN,
Aberfoyle, Oct. 13th, 1873-1874 Trustees.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
This is to certify that the partnership heretofore existing between W. C. Osborne, of the town of Guelph, and T. J. Gavin, of the same place, has this day been mutually dissolved, and all debts due the said firm to be payable to A. C. Osborne, and all debts contracted by the said firm in the town of Guelph are to be paid by A. C. Osborne, and all debts contracted by T. J. Gavin to be paid by himself. The business to be carried on by Mr. A. C. Osborne.
F. J. GAVIN.
Witness, JAMES HAMMILL, dtw-3dw

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE.—In town, well cultivated, well fenced, 4 acres, spring creek running across, 60 assort- ed fruit trees, frame house, &c. Terms easy. For particulars, apply to Robt. Mitchell No. 1, Day's Block. Mr21dt

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THURSDAY EV'NG, NOV. 13, 1873

Town and County News
The Glasgow Weekly Mail may be had weekly at Day's Bookstore for 5 cents a copy.

ALMANACKS.—Illustrated London, Bow Bells, Cassels, Frank Leslie's, Nasils, Danbury Newsman, and Josh Billing's. A large stock of readable books, cheap at Anderson's.

NORWICH STREET.—A resident of the street complains that it is in a very bad state, especially in one place, where some excavations have been going on. He wants the Council to attend to it.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.—As will be seen by advertisement, the half yearly ex- amination of Teachers for this county will commence in Guelph on Wednesday the 15th December.

The Firemen's ball and supper last night was well attended and successful. A number of Dundas fire-fighters and their friends were the guests of the Guelph Brigade on the occasion. Vale's Band supplied the music.

The "Family Herald" and "Bow Bells" for November are out, and our usual copies have reached us from John Anderson. The "Family Herald" has for its first story one with the appropri- ate title of Autumn Leaves. The Ran- dom Readings, Editorial, and Corre- spondence pages are full and varied as ever. "Bow Bells" comes out strongly with its distinctive features of music and colored supplement, and has plenty of illustrated fiction.

CONCERT AND DANCE.—In our adver- sising columns to-day will be found the programme of the concert and dance to come off on Friday night. It includes some good music, and we believe that the vocalists and instrumentalists who will execute it are equally good. The pro- gramme is not yet quite complete, as the names of one or two male vocalists are yet to be added; but there is enough to show that a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated.

STAGE CHANGES.—The Mount Forest Confederate says:—In consequence of the completion of the T. G. & B. Rail- way to Owen Sound, the line of stages between Mount Forest and Owen Sound have been taken off the road. The only stages running now from this point are, one leaving here for Durham on the arrival of the evening train, returning the next morning in time for the morning train for the city. There is also one leaves here for Harrison at 6:30 a.m., returning on the arrival of the train from Guelph and reaching here at 6:30 p.m.

STANDARD MONTHLIES.—The Sunday Magazine and Good Words are to hand from Day's bookstore. The interesting series of sketches, "Characters I've Met," is continued in the Magazine. It con- tains also "Notes from the South Pacific," telling of the doings in the sa- vage region. Amongst the theological contributors are the Rev. John Gibb, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Rev. Donald Fraser, D. D. Good Words con- tinues the tales "Lady Bell," and "The Prescotts of Pamphillion," and contains, amongst other interesting articles, "Pic- tures of Italian Life," "Fables for Young and Old," and "The Earlier Years of Prince Bismarck." Mr. Day also sends us Bow Bells.

British Columbia.
By Telegraph to the Globe.
Victoria, V. I., Nov. 11.—There is con- siderable excitement over the change in the Ministry at Ottawa, but no regret is expressed at the downfall of Macdonald, only so far as the interests of British Columbia are supposed to be involved. The Colonist says that party line, have never been drawn in the Province, and that if the Mackenzie Ministry shows an honest and earnest disposition to fulfil the terms on which British Columbia en- tered the Union, it will meet with a hearty support.
New York, Nov. 12.—A despatch from Victoria, V. I., says the Steamer Califor- nia has arrived there from Sitka, with news of a recent discovery of new mines in Cassia county. She brought down 12 miners, who have \$15,000 in gold dust. The news causes great excitement. One party took out \$179 in gold dust in eight hours with a little rocker. The miners who came down on the California, intend to return to the mines in the spring. They say that large supplies of provision will be required in the spring.

CAPITAL.—A Western editor has put in practice a plan which will enable all pa- pers to dispense with the fighting mem- bers of the staff. One morning he was waited on by the biggest kind of a fellow, —armed with a terrific cudgel, and with several and sundry protruberances stick- ing out all around, marvellously resem- bling Colts, Derringers and bowies—who saluted him with, "Where's that scound- rel, the editor?" Our friend said, "He is not about, but please take a seat and amuse yourself with a paper—he will be in in a few minutes," and hurried down stairs, at the foot of which he met an- other man, still more profane and fierce, who asked the same question in the same language. "Oh," said the retreating editor, "go up stairs, you will find him reading the paper." Accordingly up he went like a high-pressure steam engine, letting off steam at every step. Our friend listened a minute, and then such a crash—slam, bang, ood, curse, ob- juration, as if all Pandemonium was let loose. What the result was was never known, as our friend didn't wait.—Amer- ican Paper.

Notes from Ottawa

OTTAWA, NOV. 12.

The Times of this morning comes out squarely in favor of the new Govern- ment. There has been a change of ed- itors, and, probably, a change of prop- rietors.
Mr. Mackenzie has won the admi- ration of the entire civil service for his prompt and active management of pub- lic business.
The statement telegraphed yesterday of changes in the Cabinet is officially con- tradicted.
The Conservative Association met last night and appointed five men for each Ward to ascertain the strongest man of their party to run in the Opposition in- terest for the Local House. Alderman Fetherstone is likely to receive the sup- port of the Reform party in the coming contest.
The British Columbian members and Rufus Stephenson are all that's left of the Opposition in town. They are stay- ing to give "tons" to the banquet to Sir John to-morrow night.
The writs for the election of Ministers in Ontario and Quebec went out by mail yesterday and this morning. They will reach the returning officers in such time as will place the nomination on Friday or Saturday of next week.
All reports from Lennox agree that Mr. Cartwright, Finance Minister, will be elected by a larger majority than that given him at the last general election, which was one of the largest. It is thought here that Mr. Ross, Minister of Militia, will be the only one of the new Ministry who will be opposed.
Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Christie, Secre- tary of State, and Mr. Dorian, Minister of Justice, are the members of the Cab- inet at present here. They are engaged in their respective departments every day, but are expected to leave on Friday, for their respective offices until late at night. If it does not develop upon them to bring order out of chaos, they at least have found heavy arrears of work and a good deal of irregularity and confusion.

Southern Extension, W. G. & B.
KINCARDINE, NOV. 11.
The first passenger train over the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway arrived here at five o'clock p.m. to-day. There was great rejoicing at the different stations as the train proceeded on its way.
Among the passengers and officials on the train were Adam Brown, Esq., one of the pioneers of this system of railway; G. D. Ferguson, Esq., Vice-President; Messrs. J. M. Fraser, James Weston and J. I. Mackenzie, Directors; W. Hendrie, Contractor, and W. McCulloch, Secre- tary, Wellington, Grey & Bruce Rail- way; W. K. Muir, Esq., General Superinten- dent, and John Kennedy, Chief Engi- neer, G. W. R.
At Kincardine the train was met by a number of the leading inhabitants, headed by B. Baird, Reeve, who welcomed the party to the village.

The Cause of the Ashantee War.
About the time when Napoleon was shipped to St. Helena the Ashantees first swept down from the interior and defeated the coast natives or Fantoes, in every direction, their chief object being to obtain unrestricted intercourse with Europeans, and to possess the coast town. Their country abounded in gold mines, and they were eager for trade, wishing to purchase rum, tobacco, muskets, and clothing without the interven- tion of the coast tribes. At that time the African Company paid a ground ren- der, and John Kennedy, Chief Engi- neer, G. W. R.
In 1864 an Ashantee noble found a nugget in his gold mine, violated the law by keeping it for himself, since the law declares all nuggets the property of the Crown. The nugget was detected, and the culprit, escaping from Ashantee, fled to Cape Coast Castle, and claimed the protection of the British flag. The King sent word that if the man was not given up he would come down on the Fantoes. The man was not given up, the King kept his word, and thus began the Ashan- tee war, which, although smouldering at times, has continued till the present day, the *casus belli* continuing as it was in 1864. In 1868 Great Britain and Hol- land exchanged certain settlements upon the Gold Coast, and this arrangement (proposed by the Dutch) had serious re- sults, for it forced Holland to abandon its settlements on the Gold Coast, and finally produced the great Ashantee in- vasion which now occupies the attention of the public. The natives of the Dutch settlements were friends of Ashantee, while those of the English towns were enemies of Ashantee. When settlements changed hands at various times, by this agreement between England and Holland, the natives always found themselves upon the side of their enemies. The town of Comenda refused the Dutch flag, and was consequently bombarded. The Fan- toes, in turn, besieged Elmina, friendly to the Ashantees, who were appealed to for aid, and gave it. Negotiations fol- lowed, but the Fantoes would make peace only on condition that the Dutch and their natives should abandon the Ashan- tees, and enter into an offensive and defensive alliance against them. With this demand the Dutch refused to com- ply, and finally the settlements were ceded to Great Britain, causing compli- cations which have only embittered the war feeling among the natives.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MITCHELL.—On Wednesday morning about two o'clock, a fire broke out at the Grand Trunk station, totally destroying the station premises, together with the contents. The cause of the fire is unknown.
An action for libel brought by Rev. Mr. Borthwick against certain of his parishioners has just concluded. The plaintiff, in turn, besieged Elmina, friendly to the Ashantees, who were appealed to for aid, and gave it. Negotiations fol- lowed, but the Fantoes would make peace only on condition that the Dutch and their natives should abandon the Ashan- tees, and enter into an offensive and defensive alliance against them. With this demand the Dutch refused to com- ply, and finally the settlements were ceded to Great Britain, causing compli- cations which have only embittered the war feeling among the natives.

ONHAWA REFORMERS and Independent Conservatives has been re-joicing over the victory. They had a dinner at the Cen- tral hotel, at which a hundred sat down. Resolutions were passed approving the conducting of "those Conservatives, in- cluding Mr. David Glass and Mr. Robert Cunningham, who preferred the honour of the State of the interests of party," and condemning Mrs. T. N. Gibbs for "still remaining associated with the con- victed Ministry" after he had "solemnly and publicly pledged himself that, should there prove to be any foundation for the Huntington charges, he would at once retire from the Ministry; and thereby se- curing a large proportion of the indepen- dent votes of the country."

Local and Other Items

The Montreal City Council on Tuesday voted \$300,000 towards the improved drainage and repairs of streets. The taxpayers are beginning to grumble.
A bullet was fired into a street car at Montreal on Tuesday. It created the greatest consternation among the pas- sengers.
An embryo prize fight occurred at Montreal, on Tuesday and was quashed by the police. Considerable sums of money were staked on the combat.
Fourteen Tonto Apaches were killed by scouts in Arizona recently.
The Illinois farmers have carried over one-half the counties on a largely in- creased vote.
The attorneys of the Bank of England have withdrawn from the prosecution in the trials of Detectives Irving and Farley.
The Brooklyn Common Council have taken measures for the relief of work- men who have been thrown out of em- ployment.
The Toronto Assessment Department is crowded every day with persons anxious to pay their taxes before next Saturday, in order to save the percentage.
The Reformers of St. Catharines cele- brated the late victory of the party by an oyster supper. Hon. J. G. Currie sub- sequently took the chair, and speeches and toasts followed.
Music by Handel—that of the organ- grinder.
Shakespeare has a blacksmith's shop in Buffalo.
A Michigan farmer has written to Mr. Berg to know if folding-door in ho- pens will be in fashion this summer.
Why is an old cod like an iron kettle?—Because it represents hard-ware.
What may one always have in pockets filled with, even when they are empty?—Holes.
When a woman bestows her hand upon a man, can he be said to bear away the palm?
A Jersey paper describes a man as being "as sociable as a batch of candidates two weeks before election."
Just the reverse—When a clock is wound up it goes. When a firm is wound up it stops.
Folk's heads are pretty much like their garrets, where all the rubbish and broken things they've no use for down stairs are stowed away.—Beecher.
"What," said a teacher to a pupil, "makes you feel uncomfortable after you have done wrong?" "My papa's big leather strap," feelingly replied the boy.
"LET THE TOAST GO ROUND."—Good Templars. "Very warm, coachman. Have a drop?" Coachman—"Thank ye, sir." (Drinks.) "Augh! O, murder?" "I'm poisoned!" "What's that?" "Good Templar. "Only toast-and-water!"
AN EXAMPLE.—Old Lady—"Be care- ful with my umbrella, cabman; it's a precious one!" Cabby (gallantly)—"Not so precious as what's walking underneath it, mum!"
Andrew Jackson was once making a stump speech in a country village out West. Just as he was concluding, Amos Kendall, who sat beside him, whispered, "Tip 'em a little Latin, General; they won't be satisfied without it." The "hero of New Orleans" instantly thought of a few phrases he knew, and, in a voice of thunder, wound up his speech by ex- claiming: "E pluribus unum. Sine qua non, Ne plus ultra, Miltium in parvo." The effect was tremendous, and the shouts could be heard for miles.
"How much for this print?" Gentle- manly and obliging clerk—"Nine cents, mum." Lady—"Nineteen cents; I'll give eighteen." Clerk—"Nine cents, mum; you misstated the price." Lady—"Oh, nine cents; I'll give you eight."
"A WOMAN'S BUSINESS."—Husband (who has been on the continent, and left his wife some blank cheques): "My dear Louisa, I find you have considerably overdrawn at the bank!" Wife: "O, nonsense, Willie, how can that be? Why, I've two of those blank cheques left yet!"
It was expected the other day, when Anna Dickinson rode to the top of Pike's Peak, that she would have made a speech on the occasion; but it seems that, for once, she was willing to let Pike speak alone.
"Are you very fond of novels, Mr. Jones?" "Very," responded that inter- rogated gentleman, who wished to be thought by the lady questioner fond of literature. "I have you," continued the lady, "ever read Ten Thousand a Year?" "No, madam, I never read that number in all my life."
A Cayuga county, N.Y., man sends the following advertisement to the Syracuse Journal: "Mr. Editor please publish that Wanted a young lady from the age of 18 to 22 who would like to younise herself in idea, for it forced Holland to abandon its settlements on the Gold Coast, and finally produced the great Ashantee in- vasion which now occupies the attention of the public. The natives of the Dutch settlements were friends of Ashantee, while those of the English towns were enemies of Ashantee. When settlements changed hands at various times, by this agreement between England and Holland, the natives always found themselves upon the side of their enemies. The town of Comenda refused the Dutch flag, and was consequently bombarded. The Fan- toes, in turn, besieged Elmina, friendly to the Ashantees, who were appealed to for aid, and gave it. Negotiations fol- lowed, but the Fantoes would make peace only on condition that the Dutch and their natives should abandon the Ashan- tees, and enter into an offensive and defensive alliance against them. With this demand the Dutch refused to com- ply, and finally the settlements were ceded to Great Britain, causing compli- cations which have only embittered the war feeling among the natives."
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BY TELEGRAPH

Spanish Ferocity.
Captain, Crew, and Passengers Shot.
Excitement in the U. S.
New York, Nov. 12.—A despatch from Havana just received here says that Capt. Fry and the crew of the Virginia, and twelve of the passengers, have been shot by the Spanish authorities. Tremendous excitement prevails here over the above announcement.
The Chairman and Secretary of the Cuban Anti-Slavery Society will to- morrow carry to the President a petition, signed by 600,000 coloured men, urging the concession of belligerent rights to the Cubans, whose success will ensure freedom to the Cuban slaves, while Spanish triumph will perpetuate slavery in the island.
Orders have been received at the Brooklyn Navy-yard to get the sloops of war, Keenage and Juniata, ready for sea at once. At noon to-day, under equally pressing orders, the torpedo boat Admi- ral Porter was launched, and will be made ready for active operations in a few days. All the officers about the yard are greatly excited over the news from Havana.
Havana, Cuba, Nov. 12.—On the 7th inst. the Captain and thirty-six of the crew of the steamer Virginus were executed at Santiago De Cuba, and on the next day, the 8th, twelve more Cuban volunteers on the vessel were shot. Among the latter was Franchi Alfaro.
Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—Orders have been received at the navy yard here to fit out the monitor Manhattan for sea by Friday next. A large force of workmen have been employed.
It is understood that other monitors at League Island are to be made ready for sea at once.
New York, Nov. 13.—The Tribune's Washington despatch says:—The President is thoroughly in earnest, and if he can discover any way by which this Government can compel the cessation of barbarity in Cuba, he will take the re- sponsibility. His feeling on this subject has been long and deep seated, extending back to the first year of his Presidency; and it has always been his earnest wish that the Spanish Government would re- sort to peaceful measures.
The Herald says we can no longer trust to diplomats, protests, and Madrid orders. Our safety must be in the weight of our metal and the bravery of our sailors. For the outrage of the mur- ders at Santiago De Cuba, probably for the illegal capture of the Virginus, we must demand prompt and ample repara- tion.
The Times says there is no need for an indignation meeting on this subject. The Government will do its duty and defend the national flag by any means which may be justifiable.
Washington, Nov. 12.—The Mahopae and Manhattan, ordered to be put in commission and to which officers are already assigned, are fourth-class screw vessels, ironclads, of 550 tons burden, and carrying each two guns. The vessels of the navy have been so much reduced in number that it has been found some- what difficult to promptly reinforce our squadron in cases of emergency.
Havana, Nov. 12.—Franchi Alfaro, it is said, offered the Spanish authorities a million dollars if they would spare his life. The Spaniards say that Alfaro came to assume the Presidency of the so-called Cuban Republic.
The Vos de Cuba to-day says, editorially, that it is as humane as anybody, but it cannot do less than approve of the energy displayed toward all the rebels, and particularly towards those brought by the filibustering steamer Virginus to make more bloody war in Cuba.
The court martial for the trial of those captured on the Virginus is still in ses- sion, working with all possible despatch. Amongst the crew, and disguised as fire- men, were Ignacio Alfaro, Boss Aze- varona, Castellanos Pineda, Mola Boitel, and other persons of importance. Capt. Joseph Fry was manifestly aware of the object of the expedition, and the nature of the cargo.
Providence, R. I., Nov. 12.—Stephen P. Wardwell, Cashier of the Commercial National Bank, consents to a defalcation of about \$45,000.
London, Nov. 13.—There was a serious riot last night at a meeting in favor of Home Rule in Kilkenny. The mob- stoned the police, who charged upon them, and made several arrests.
A special despatch from Paris to the Daily Telegraph says that Col. Stoffel will be tried by the civil court in Ver- sailles, on a charge of using contemptuous language towards the Government pro- secutors in the Bazaine court martial.
Paris, Nov. 12.—The Committee on prolongation has adopted the proposal of Casimir Perie, that the law pro- longing the powers of President Mac- Mahon for five years beyond the dura- tion of the present Assembly, become part of the constitution after constitu- tional bills are voted upon.
The first steamer of the new English line from San Francisco to Yokohama has been despatched from England by way of the Suez Canal. She is said to be of exceptional speed, and has a carrying capacity of 4,400 tons. A paddle wheel packets of the Pacific Company will be knocked completely out of time by the new line, and the carrying trade of the Pacific, like that of the Atlantic, is likely to pass into English hands.