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October 29, 1867.

**THE RED MILL**  
THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grains can rely on having them ground in the same day.  
Chopping done every day.

**FLOUR AND FEED**  
FOR SALE AT THE MILL.  
GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.  
GEORGE BALKWILL,  
Guelph 19th December, 1867.

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Patented May, 1867.  
THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted for five years. It is suited alike for the dressmaker, tailor, manufacturer or family. Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machinery sample of work, or terms, address—  
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**HUNDRED PERSONS**  
Will do well to call and examine those solid meat Oysters which I sell by measure. Bring your bowls and pails, and thus save the price of cans and canning. My Oysters are not  
KILLED

By frost or starvation before they are opened. My arrangements are such, that the Oysters I receive are taken from the beds, opened, packed and shipped to me the same day. I can assure those who purchase from me, that they need have no fear of  
**EATING**

Oysters that, from causes well known to the trade, often become stale, and, in fact, totally unfit to eat.  
**OYSTERS**  
That are OYSTERS! Call and see them before purchasing, please.

**IN GUELPH.**  
Sole Meat Oysters by the keg, can, or measure. Also, Finnan Salmon, fresh and salt, of every description, wholesale and retail.  
**HUGH WALKER.**  
Wynham Street, Guelph, nearly opposite the English Church.  
Guelph, 15th January 1868.

**H. HOGG'S**  
**FLOUR AND FEED STORE**  
Opposite the Market Shed.  
CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of MILL FEED, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shays, Bran, &c.  
**Corneal, Oatmeal, Flour!**  
Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.  
Guelph, 25th August, 1867.

**NEW LAW OFFICE**  
**FREEMAN & FREEMAN**  
BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,  
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,  
CONVEYANCERS, & C.  
S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN,  
Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wynham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, 4th December, 1867.

**Evening Mercury.**  
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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN 30, 1868.

The weekly *Huron Signal* was 20 years of age last week.

G. A. D. C.—The members of the Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club are requested to meet in the New Hall, over Harvey's Drug Store, at 8 o'clock this evening. Business of importance is to be brought up.

**PRESENTATION.**—A deputation from the Trustees of Knox's Church, Galt, lately visited upon Wm. Quarry, Esq., who has for several years acted in the capacity of Treasurer and Seat-letter to the congregation, and presented him with a complimentary address and a magnificent tea-service.

**THE HIGHLANDS OF ONTARIO.**—By the recent survey for the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, we have confirmation of the very considerable elevation of the central section of the county of Wellington. Guelph is stated to be 828 feet above Lake Ontario, while the summit level on the Harrison line is found to be, at a point nine miles north-west of Fergus, 1035 feet above Lake Ontario.

**THE QUEEN'S BOOK.**—This long looked for work has at length been given to the public. It is made up of a series of sketches from a journal written in the Highlands. It is edited by Mr. Arthur Helps, and is written in a plain, easy, unassuming style that renders it peculiarly attractive. The incidents recorded in it will serve to show that Royalty when the trappings are cast aside is neither more nor less than humbly with feelings and sentiments common to mankind. We shall notice the book more fully in a day or two. Meantime it is for sale at T. J. Day's bookstore.

**Wellington County Council.**  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29.  
The Council resumed at 2 p. m.  
Moved by Mr. Whitelaw, seconded by Mr. Small, that the Warden procure the opinion of the County Solicitor as to the liability of this Council to erect and maintain bridges over rivers crossing roads separating any two townships within the county. Carried.

The Warden read the petition of Thos. Whitley and others respecting the expenditure of \$50 by the township of Peel on townline. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a petition from certain inhabitants of Erin and Eramosa for a grant to improve townline. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a petition from a number of ratepayers of Guelph asking the Council to assume as a County Road that part of the Guelph and Elmira Road that lies in the county. Referred to County Roads Committee.

The Warden read a petition from ratepayers in Garrafraxa and Luther, for a grant of \$800 to build a bridge. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a petition from David Allan of Nichol, respecting toll on the Owen Sound Road. Referred to County Roads Committee.

The Warden read a petition from ratepayers of Maryboro Arthur & Co., for a grant of \$500 to improve a line between two townships. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Dobbin, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and resolved, that the committee on County Roads be requested to report upon the propriety of completing the improvement of the road in the Townships of Erin and Garrafraxa already assumed as a County Road.

Moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that the County Roads Committee report on the propriety of continuing or completing the Peel gravelled road. The Warden read a memorial from the Guelph and Elmira Road Company respecting said road. Referred to the County Roads Committee.

The Warden read two applications for damages for gravel from Messrs. Leitch of Erin. Referred to the same Committee.

**SOUTH WELLINGTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**  
The annual meeting of this Society was held at Ellis's Hotel, on Saturday last at two o'clock. The President, Mr. Joseph Parkinson, occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance of members. The Secretary read the following

**ANNUAL REPORT.**  
The Directors of the South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies, in presenting their annual report, beg to congratulate the members on the success achieved by the Society during the past year, for although the annual exhibition was not quite as large as the preceding one, when the township societies had an exhibition of the County without the aid of the Township. After the success attending the union last year, the Directors were sorry to find some of the townships withdrawing from it and holding their own shows as usual, thereby materially impairing the usefulness of our agricultural exhibitions, for every one must admit that "union is strength."

Our annual exhibition of the County, we should in a few years have been able to hold exhibitions second to none in the Province.

Since our last report there has been a change in the division of the county for Legislative purposes, which may cause an alteration in the boundaries of our county agricultural societies. Formerly the townships of Eramosa and Erin belonged to the South Riding of Wellington, now they will be united with the townships forming Wellington Centre, which will have a County Society like the other divisions of the county, leaving the Town and Township of Guelph, with the Township of Puslinch, to constitute one County Society. In the event of the division being made, it would be well for the farmers of both townships to consider whether the time has not arrived for a permanent amalgamation, and your Directors sincerely hope some steps may be taken to bring about so desirable an event.

The Treasurer's accounts show a balance last year of \$54.30; amount of county subscriptions, \$177.00; Government Grant, \$702; township of Guelph, \$223; grant from County Council, \$100; J. B. Armstrong \$10 towards prizes for Carriages; C. & A. Sharpe, \$30 for the best four acres of turnips. Entrance fees and receipts at Agricultural Hall, \$99.88; making a total of \$1382.13. Out of this has been paid to the township of Erin, \$210.10; township of Eramosa, \$60.91; Puslinch, \$43.71; paid at our several exhibitions and Ploughing Match, \$780.75; incidental expenses, \$187.74; leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$147.02.

Our annual Easter Fat Cattle Show was attended with the usual success. A large number of very fine animals were on the ground and entered for competition. Our farmers seem determined to keep up their name as good breeders of stock. Two steers owned by the Messrs. Hood were pronounced the best ever shown here.

The Directors decided to hold a Stallion Show, which accordingly took place on the 1st day of May, when we had one of the best displays of entire horses we have seen here for years, especially those adapted for general purposes. The one which took the first prize, owned by Mr. James Miller of Georgetown, was a very fine animal, likewise Mr. J. O'Neill's 2nd prize horse, which, although not so large was still a serviceable horse, and a good traveller. Fourteen were entered for competition.

As Fall Wheat has been so little cultivated in this county for the last year or two, owing to the ravages of the midge, the Directors did not think it advisable to hold the annual Seed Fair this year, but hope to resume them as soon as possible.

The Annual Exhibition took place on the 2nd and 3rd days of October, and although the entries were not as numerous as last year, owing to the withdrawal of two of the three townships which then united with the county, still it was in advance of any previous year. The horses, as a whole, were superior to those exhibited last year, although there is still much room for improvement. In cattle, sheep, and pigs, we still keep up our reputation for thorough-bred and grade stock, such as well as, canaries can turn out. There were Dishes, Hares, Gallows, Devons and Grades in good numbers, and many very fine animals. Sheep, as usual, formed a very marked feature in the exhibition, and some very fine specimens were exhibited, Cotswolds, Leicesters and Southdowns being equally well represented. The display of Eggs was not as large as last year, but the deficiency was made up by the superior quality of the animals shown. The large breeds seem to be gradually giving way to the smaller varieties, such as Beralaires, Essex and Suffolks. The latter breeds are generally considered the most profitable on account of their coming to maturity earlier and being more easily fattened. Grain and Seeds were well represented as last year as regards the number of entries, but the quality in all cases was much superior, owing in a great measure to the very fine weather we had in harvest, which enabled the farmer to house his crops in excellent condition. In Roots the show was deficient, the entries being a good many less than the previous year, and although some very fine samples were shown, others showed unmistakably the result of the very severe drought experienced in this part of the county during the summer. The greatest falling off was in the potatoes and turnips. Other roots such as onions, carrots, etc., were pretty well represented, considering the season.

There was a slight falling off in Dairy Produce likewise, although as a whole it runs a very creditable display, as nearly all the samples of both butter and cheese were excellent. As the manufacture of cheese is becoming an established branch of industry in this country, the Directors offered prizes for the best article in that class, but they are sorry to say only one of our dairymen exhibited any. These shown were from the dairy of Mr. E. A. Harland, and the judges pronounced them a superior article.

In Ladies' Work and Domestic Manufactures the show would compare favorably with any previous exhibition, and the ladies deserve credit for keeping up their portion of it. Some of the specimens of worsted and needle work were much admired.

Your Directors are sorry to see so much apathy in our manufacturers of Agricultural Implements. From the number shown last year hopes were entertained that they had at last begun to see the utility of exhibiting their different machines and implements; but again they have to regret the very small display

apart from this side, the Society can afford to offer, it would certainly be to their advantage to show them, as a better means of bringing them prominently before the notice of the farmers could not be desired. Your Directors earnestly hope in another year to see a better collection of farming implements on the ground.

The annual Ploughing Match took place on the 23rd of October, but owing to the severe dry weather during the summer, the land was not in a good condition for ploughing, consequently the work performed was not equal to what we are in the habit of seeing at our matches.

The annual Christmas Fat Cattle Show was held on the 12th of December, when a splendid lot of fat stock of all kinds was exhibited. Some of them had already gained Provincial celebrity, as the first prize steer and heifer had already gained the same proud distinction at the late Provincial Show at Kingston. If there is one thing more than another in which our farmers excel, it is in breeding and feeding stock.

We have again to record a very dry season, (in the opinion of many the severest ever experienced here). In the early part of the Spring the weather was very propitious and enabled the farmers to get in their crops in good condition, giving reasonable hope of a bountiful harvest. Even up to the haying in June all crops looked promising, but after that time the severe dry weather began to tell on them, and all could see that a short crop of straw at least must be looked for, even should the weather improve. Unfortunately that was not the case, as the heat and drought grew more intense. Fall Wheat was so little cultivated in this section last year that it is difficult to estimate an average, but would not, we feel certain, be more than 19 bushels per acre. The quality however is better than last year.

Spring wheat was injured so much by the drought and midge that the average per acre would not exceed 10 bushels. The samples are superior to those grown last season, which will, with extreme prices now paid, make up in some measure for the deficiency in the yield. Prices paid now are exceptional, and such as should induce farmers to sell and not speculate on getting more for their produce.

Barley was a fair average crop, and would yield about 30 bushels per acre. The quantity sown was much less than in 1866. The favorable weather during harvest enabled the farmers to house it in good condition, thereby enhancing its value, as discolored samples are scarcely saleable. The very high figure paid for this cereal must prove remunerating to the grower.

Peas and Oats are scarcely up to an average, but the samples are good, and like all kinds of grain bring high prices. Farmers would do well to pay more attention to raising peas, and especially to getting pure and clean seed, as a large portion of that offered on our market is so mixed as to be unfit for exportation.

Swedish Turnips continue to be largely cultivated in the County, and a much better crop was taken off the land last fall than could have been expected after the severe drought they were exposed to during the summer. The caterpillar which was so destructive two years ago did not make its appearance this season, consequently the turnips retained their tops to the last, which enabled them to withstand the dry weather. An objection with this part of their report, the Directors beg to state that in consequence of the liberal offer of Messrs. C. & A. Sharpe, prizes were offered for the best four acres of turnips. The judges on that occasion presented a report of the different fields inspected, showing the quantity per acre, and mode of cultivation, all of which has been entered in the minutes of the Association.

**Geo. MURTON, Secretary.**  
Mr. Thos. Hood moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so made some remarks on the charge of admission made at the Hall door during the days of the exhibition.

Mr. Stinton seconded the motion and made some remarks on the clause in the report referring to the recent division of the County into electoral Divisions. He thought however, on reading the 34th clause of the new Agricultural Bill, that as far as agricultural purposes were concerned, the government had no intention of re-dividing the County. The clause reads that "An Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Electoral Divisions of Ontario, for the purpose of representation in Parliament (but as constituted previous to the Confederation Act), in which there was not one at the time of the passing of this Act" &c. He also pressed on the mechanics of the county the advantage of making a better display of the articles manufactured by them. Every year thousands of dollars worth of farming implements were yearly imported into this County which could easily be made here.

Mr. Hodgskin made some remarks respecting the cause of the partial failure of spring wheat, and of the result of observations made in Britain with regard to the ravages of the midge, where it is found that in proportion to the increase of another parasite the destruction caused to spring wheat by the midge was in the same ratio lessened.

The report was adopted, the following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, Mr. Parkinson, stating that the following were the retiring members—Hon. Geo. Alexander, B. L. Denison, F. W. Stone and J. C. Ryker, but that they were eligible for re-election. They were on motion recommended for re-election.

Messrs. Arthur Hogge and L. Parkinson were appointed Delegates to the Provincial Exhibition.

It was then proposed to take up the new Agricultural Bill and go over its clauses *seriatim*, but the afternoon being well advanced, it was finally resolved to appoint the following committee to take the matter into consideration, and make what suggestion they thought advisable—the same to be sent to Mr. Gow—Messrs. Stinton, Stone, Whitelaw, L. Parkinson, the President and the Secretary.

**Carling Match.**  
The Guelph Club have lately been engaged playing off for their fine Rink Medal. The last of the matches took place yesterday on the dam of the People's Mills, and after a very good game, the medal was carried off by Thos. McCrae's rink with the following score:  
J. C. Bridgford, J. Davidson, Evan McDonald, A. Armstrong, Jas. Anderson, D. McCrae, R. B. Coulson, A. Robertson, Jr., C. Davidson, skip 9. T. McCrae, skip 23.  
The former match stood—A. Robertson's Rink 7, Thos. McCrae's 21.

**THE KINGSMILL SURVEY.**—We beg to draw attention to the large number of eligible building lots for sale in the Kingsmill survey, and to-day advertised

Mr. Gow who was present said he had come to hear a suggestion that might be made in regard to the Bill and he would be very happy to get such from the committee, and do his best to get them carried into effect.

Mr. Thos. Hood made some pertinent remarks in favour of adopting the voluntary principle in the working of our Agricultural Societies.

In a motion of Mr. Arthur Hogge, the rule in regard to the shearing of sheep was altered so as to conform with that of the Upper Canada Agricultural Association viz.—that they must not be shorn before the 25th of April.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring President and other officers, which was duly acknowledged by Mr. Parkinson, after which the meeting broke up.

**Erin Township Council.**  
The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin, held at the Town Hall, Erin Village, on the 20th inst. The newly elected Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilmen appeared and were duly qualified and sworn into office, viz: Wm. Jernock Reeve, Duncan McMillan Deputy Reeve, Charles McMillan, John Berry and Jas. Gibson, Councilors. On taking their seats the Reeve appointed John W. Burt as auditor. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, that Thomas Young be appointed auditor for the current year. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the following persons comprise the Standing Committees for the current year—Road and Bridge Committee—The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Mr. Gibson. Finance Committee—The Reeve, C. McMillan and Mr. Gibson. Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. C. McMillan, that leave be granted to its officers and that it be read a first and second time. It was read. Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the petition of Wm. W. Ball, George Scott and others be laid over till next meeting of Council. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, that the back taxes due by Mr. Thomas Overton be reduced to \$90, as there is a doubt as to its correctness. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, that a By-law be presented for the removal of Township Officers, and that it be read a first and second time. It was read. Moved by Mr. Berry seconded by Mr. Gibson, that this Council go into Committee of the Whole on By-law No. 2, remunerating Township Officers, Mr. C. McMillan in the chair. It was moved by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, that William Tyler be appointed Township Clerk at a salary of \$60.00. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. C. McMillan, that Jno. Burt be appointed Township Treasurer, salary \$50. Moved by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, that Lachlan McLean be appointed Collector, salary \$60. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, that Donald McMillan be Assessor, salary \$65. Moved in amendment by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that Charles Ferguson be Assessor, salary \$65. The Reeve for the original motion, it carried. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Retaining Officers at the last Municipal Election be paid \$3 for one day and five cents per mile to and from the Clerk's office. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, that the Constables employed at last elections be paid \$1 each. Carried. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that Lachlan Currie, jr. be appointed Tavern Inspector. Carried. The Finance Committee met and reported as follows:—Your committee had under consideration petitions from indigent persons and would recommend that Betsy McFarlane be paid \$3; Wm. Cox, \$3; Thomas Price, \$3; Arthur Atkinson, \$3; Alex. Frazer, \$3. All which is respectfully submitted. Wm. Cosmoak, chairman. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received. Carried. Moved by Mr. Gibson, but no second, in amendment to the appointment of Lachlan McLean as Collector, that Edward Moodie be appointed Collector, salary \$50. The yeas and nays were taken as follows:—Yeas, James Gibson, Nays, D. McMillan, John Berry and C. McMillan. Mr. D. McMillan moved, seconded by Mr. John Clarke receive an order on the Treasurer for \$6. for furnishing fuel and light for the sessions of the Council the past year. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that this Council do now adjourn, and remain adjourn until the second Monday in February.

**WM TYLER, Clerk.**

**COAL OIL.**  
Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil  
**JOHN HORSMAN.**

**NOTHING BUT CASH.**—A despatch was sent to Halifax to enquire whether contributions of provisions would not be acceptable to the starving fishermen of Nova Scotia. The reply was at least not, perhaps untrue. Nothing but cash will be received. They will thus lose much, for many who would have freely contributed of the articles necessary to human sustenance will not give their equivalent in money.

**Celestial.**—A beautiful celestial spectacle was witnessed on Monday evening, for about an hour after darkness descended upon the earth. The new moon made its appearance, attended in close company by the planets Jupiter and Venus, shining with almost equal brilliancy through the crisp atmosphere. The spectacle was one of sublime beauty rarely witnessed.

**THE SKATING MANIA.**—A Bohemian girl, aged seventeen years, has just won a wager of \$100, by skating thirty consecutive hours at Detroit, resting but one minute in each hour, and consuming numerous cups of chocolate while on the wing. She was not much the worse of the wear when time was called, and of course was immensely popular.

**IT GIVES SATISFACTION,** does that excellent Tea sold for 60c. per lb.

**BY TELEGRAPH**  
Despatches to the Evening Mercury

**The Fenian Troubles in Ireland.**  
**TRAIN ON THE STUMP!**  
**THE ASSAULT ON MARTELLO TOWER AT DUNCANNON.**

**"GALLANT" FLIGHT OF THE 'SUNBURSTERS.'**  
Critical State of Relations between France & Italy.  
**FALL OF MOUNT VESUVIUS**  
**MANY LIVES LOST.**

**BY ATLANTIC CABLE.**  
London, Jan. 29.—Geo. Francis Train is delivering lectures in Cork, on American and Irish subjects. He is very popular with the Irish people, and his houses are crammed.

The evidence of Shaw, who turned informer and identified Barrett as the Clerkenwell criminal, is generally discredited. Alexander M. Sullivan, the editor of the *Dublin Nation*, who was arrested for printing seditious articles in his paper, and for participating in the funeral ceremonies in honor of the Manchester martyrs (?), was brought up at Dublin yesterday for preliminary examination. The evidence elicited was of such a nature as to justify the Court in holding the prisoner for trial.

London, Jan. 29.—The internal condition of Italy is becoming critical. Fears are entertained that a *coup d'etat* is contemplated at Florence. It is believed in Paris that relations between the French and Italian Governments are not so cordial as they have been.

London, Jan. 29.—The policy recently adopted by Prussia on the Roman question, and her agreement with France in the treatment of that subject, has caused surprise, but an explanation of this course is found in the fact that, in sustaining the temporal power of the Pope, Prussia finds a powerful means of consolidating its Catholic subjects, and of strengthening its influence over the Catholic States of South Germany.

Florence, Jan. 29.—The *Unita Cattolica* newspaper says that a special agent of the President of the United States has arrived at Rome, on a secret mission to the Pope, and that he will be supported by Admiral Farragut, whose fleet is hourly expected at Naples, and whose arrival in Rome is looked for at an early day. This journal gives no information as to the character or object of the mission upon which the American agent has been sent.

London, Jan. 29.—The appeal of the counsel for the defence for the removal of the Fenian prisoners, Burke and Casey, to London, has been successful. The court has decided to grant the motion for removal, and the trials will commence at an early day in this city.

London, Jan. 29.—Additional particulars of the assault on the Martello Tower at Duncannon on Monday night, have been received. After receiving the first fire of the garrison, the attacking party retired, but did not leave the field; they waited until their numbers were largely increased from crowds who seemed to be near at hand, and again advanced upon the tower, beginning a general discharge of firearms, by which one of the garrison was wounded. When the assaulting party had almost reached the foot of the tower the troops again fired, and two men were shot. The crowd then fell back and disappeared in the darkness. The men who were shot were carried off by their comrades, and it is not known whether they were wounded or killed. The affair has caused great excitement in the county. No arrests have yet been made, but the government is using every means to discover the leaders of the assault.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The debate on the new law proposed by the Government for the regulation of the press, commenced in the Corps Legislatif this afternoon.

Florence, Jan. 29.—The intrigues of the Bourbonists in Naples are causing much dispute there.

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.—In the Landtag or Upper House of the Rigsrath, to-day, the treaty concluded with the United States for the sale of the Danish Islands in the West Indies, was ratified by a unanimous vote. This completes the action of Denmark in regard to the treaty.

New York, Jan. 30.—The *Herald*, Naples special of 29th says: The eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which has continued with greater or less intensity since its occurrence in the past, has culminated in an unusual and very fatal catastrophe. Yesterday evening the side of Mount Vesuvius right opposite the Castello Huevo, one of the fortifications of the City, situated between the royal palace and the sea, fell tumbling onwards. The detached portion buried several houses built in the vicinity, and overwhelmed carriages and other conveyances passing on the highway. The scene is melancholy and full of ruin. The road running in the neighborhood of the volcano is filled with rocks and earth. This extraordinary event has been attended with considerable loss of life, but the number of persons killed has not yet been ascertained.

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