

Guelph Evening Mercury

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WHELAN---HIS CRIME and TRIAL.

The pitch of wickedness to which a man must have attained before he can deliberately take the life of a fellow-being is something that those not skilled in the deep mysteries of iniquity cannot pretend to understand. A premeditated murder is committed not once, but often. The horrible conception takes shape in the mind, the details are settled, and in fiendish fancy the deed is committed over and over again long before its physical perpetration. It is this which renders murder, as the word is technically understood, peculiarly revolting, brands the murderer as the worst of his race, and consigns his body to the hangman. Between the man who, in a fever of passion, deals a death blow, and him who hunts down his victim as silently and relentlessly as a Thug, there is as much difference as between light and darkness. It is the intention, not the act, that gives shade and character to the crime.

Compared with some other countries, deliberate murder may be said to be of rare occurrence in Canada. The assassin here does not, for a few small coins, plunge his dagger in the heart of another man's enemy as he does in Italy and Spain, and it is because we are unfamiliarized with such crimes, and do not intend to be, that when murder is perpetrated we mark it with our strongest detestation, and take the heaviest vengeance on the criminal. That the assassination of Mr. McGee was worthy of a Thug---one of a race of professional murderers---cannot be denied. With a fierce determination Whelan followed him from one place to another, a pistol in his pocket and murder in his heart, and his step was never stayed nor his resolution shaken by one emotion of relenting pity. Even after the bloody deed was accomplished his mind seems to have been a stranger to these feelings of remorse, which in all but the most obdurate criminals, and sometimes in them, too, succeed the perpetration of the highest crime on the calendar. Here, indeed, is the true type of a murderer. How often in sleeping visions, how often in waking fancy had he presented his pistol at the head of his unarmed victim, and sent the bullet on its fatal mission? How many are there, even among assassins, who would not pause for a moment when baulked in a first attempt on the life of their victim, as Whelan was when he visited Mr. McGee's house on New Year's night? Yet we do not find that he was in the least diverted from his purpose by the incident, or that any feeling of superstition, which often has appalling terrors for such men, had any effect upon him.

We speak positively of Whelan as the murderer, because he has been legally pronounced to be such, and the verdict, guilty, has not been rendered with precipitancy or partiality. The trial is the most remarkable in the annals of Canadian courts of justice, and the result accords with the popular feeling of the country. When Mr. McGee lay dead in his gore at the door of his boarding house, there seemed but a slight probability that his murderer would ever be discovered, so quickly had he vanished, and so faint, for a time, were the traces of the direction he had taken. He thought no human eye had witnessed his crime, and that in his case there would be an exception to the proverb, "murder will out." But there is very little room for doubting the testimony of Lacroix. He may be a simple-minded Frenchman, but had he been a Dickens portraying an individual like Whelan he could not have mentioned an incident more in keeping with the character of his creation than the oath of the murderer when he struck himself against the post. This was far too fine an invention for such a person as Lacroix; it must have happened beneath his notice. Then there was the other very singular circumstance of Whelan's actions and looks being noted as he sat in the gallery by a stranger, who that night made an entry of his observations in his diary before he heard anything of the murder. Then there were his fearful threats, expressed with curses, his conversation with Doyle, the validity of which was not affected by the attempts of counsel to throw discredit on the witnesses, there was the pistol found in his possession, one barrel of which had been recently reloaded, and there were his ditties sung or recited in his cell, in which he expressed his joy at hearing of the death of the traitor D'Arcy McGee. All these facts were given to the public shortly after the murder, and at that time, as well as when more recently repeated at the trial, they produced a general conviction that Sullivan alias Whelan, who was said by the conspirators to be "the man to do

the deed," was the man who had actually done it. His conduct since his incarceration has not been calculated to weaken the belief; he has acted out his true character of a blasphemous hardened ruffian. In short, from what was at first mere suspicion has grown a circle of circumstances that rapidly and surely converged until it closed on the prisoner and left him no hope of escape. Justice will be satisfied, and the popular demand for a victim appeased when he swings from the scaffold.

With regard to the defence little needs be said. The counsel were the cleverest of the land, and they made the best of a bad case. The array of testimony against the accused was all they had to contend with; they did not complain of prejudices against their client; they even paid a high compliment to the fairness with which the prosecution was conducted, but they could not save a man whom direct, and a perfect chain of circumstantial evidence pointed out distinctly as a murderer.

Whelan's protestations of innocence after the trial he had, will avail him but little, and in making them he will be but wasting the time he should devote to a very momentous concern---that of preparing for the fate which inevitably awaits him.

MARRIAGES.
CROWE---BARBER---On the 16th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Griffin, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. William Crowe to Harriett Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. Robert Barber, all of Guelph.

New Advertisements.
WELLINGTON HUNT.
THE HOUNDS will meet at Bushy Farm TO-MORROW, (Saturday, 19th), at 2 p.m. Guelph, September 18th. dt

CATTLE STRAYED.
STRAYED from the farm of John Smith, Lot No. 9, 4th Con. Division in Guelph Township, on Friday the 11th inst., three Steers and one Cow. Two of the steers were 5 years old, both red, one with drooped horns. The other steer is of a whitish roan color, 3 years old. The cow was red, of a small size. All of them were marked on the right hip with two parallel scissor cuts. The finder will be rewarded by returning them to the undersigned, or giving such information as will lead to their recovery. Guelph, 18th Sept. GEO. PATTERSON, Guelph. dtw

OATS DOWN
TO 55 CENTS.
FLOUR, - - - \$3.00
POTATOES, - - - 1.00
AT WEBSTER'S
Market Square, Guelph, 17th Sept. d

ARTILLERY COMP'NY,
ATTENTION.
A FULL MUSTER of the Company, for inspection in heavy marching order, is requested on Friday Night. By Order. WILLIAM DAY, Captain. Guelph, September 16th. dt

NOTICE.
MR. W. J. McCURRY'S subscribers for Papers and Periodicals will be supplied hereafter by R. CUTHBERT. Guelph, September 15th. dw

TO RENT.
A COTTAGE in the outskirts of the Town, near Mr. Neeve's, about one mile from the Market House. The Cottage contains four rooms, and attached to it are a stable, &c., and two and a half acres of land. Apply to WM. STEWART, Merchant. Guelph, September 15th. dt-w

Singing and Pianoforte.
MISS L. RHEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road. Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. dt-w

RUTHERFORD HOUSE.
All the remaining Stock of
DRY GOODS
AT COST PRICES,
And under cost price, as the whole stock must be SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE before the
First of January.
As I am going out of that branch of the business and would particularly invite all to come and get a share of the GREAT BARGAINS, as they will not be repeated.
As much for a Dollar as they can get elsewhere for a Dollar and a Half.
My Stock of GROCERIES is complete as I intend to carry on that part of the business. LIQUORS of the very best Quality of all kinds for Tavern-keepers. Some very Cheap CROCKERY arrived.
Robert Rutherford. Guelph, September 19th. dw

Important Auction Sale
OF VALUABLE
Household Furniture
THE undersigned has instructed W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer, to offer for sale by Public Auction,
On Friday, the 25th September,
On the premises situate on Northumberland Street, in the Town of Guelph, the following valuable Furniture:---
Parlour---1 cottage piano, 1 hair-cloth sofa, 2 ottomans, 2 French bedsteads, wash stands and crockery, set of drawers with toilet glass, toilet dressing table with large mirror, 1 child's crib, 1 do. cradle, 2 carpets, sets of curtains, lamps, &c.
Kitchen---1 good cooking stove, table, chairs, wash tub, baskets, crockery, cupboard, &c. Also gardening tools, wheelbarrow, axes, saws, one baby carriage, 2 cutters, &c. Also, a Wanner Sewing Machine.
Terms, Cash. Any persons wishing to inspect the articles before sale, can do so by calling at the residence of the undersigned, Northumberland Street. Sale at one o'clock.
W. J. McCURRY. Guelph, September 17th. dt-w

CLARK'S Music Store.

BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, and SCHOOL BOOKS, CHEAP.

At Clark's Music Store. CARTER'S New Writing & Copying Ink

Superior to Stephen's. At CLARK'S MUSIC STORE, Market Square. Guelph, September 16th. dw

CARD. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am now Manufacturing a full assortment of all the Staple Lines in Boots & Shoes EXPRESSLY BY HAND for Fall and Winter wear, and respectfully invite you to call and see my Goods.

I would also intimate that my Stock of Machine Made Goods are purchased for Cash from the largest Manufacturing Houses in the Dominion of Canada.

I am therefore in a position to Buy and Sell this Class of Goods Cheaper, by ten per cent., than any Retail Manufacturer in the County of Wellington. I do not believe in Puffing, and would advise my customers not to be led away by flaming advertisements.

One call will convince all that I have the Largest, Best, Cheapest and most Fashionable Stock of Boots and Shoes west of Montreal.

All Work Warranted. Terms, Cash. Soliciting a share of your esteemed patronage, I remain, yours respectfully,

JOHN McNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Store Wyndham-St. N. B.---German Spoken. dtw

2, DAY'S BLOCK. Receiving daily, a complete assortment of

CHINA, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE. COMPRISING: Plain China Tea Sets, White and Gold Tea Sets,

Extra Fancy Tea Sets, White Granite Tea Sets, Colored Granite Tea Sets, Fancy Granite Tea Sets.

A Large Assortment of GOBLETS, TUMBLERS, DECANTERS, BAR BOTTLES, &c., Cheap at E. CARROLL & Co's. Guelph, September 15th. dtw

NO MONOPOLY PETRIE'S Drug STORE, Old Post Office, Wyndham Street.

DYE STUFFS! BEING determined to maintain my reputation for keeping THE BEST DYE STUFFS IN GUELPH,

Have this year devoted a greater amount of time and care to their selection and preparation than ever. My stock will now be found complete, and all parties buying from me will have no difficulty in making colors required, and of the Very FINEST SHADE.

A. P. B. would call particular attention to his BRIGHT SCARLET DYE, which has given universal satisfaction during the past two years, and pronounced by all parties superior to any they have ever used before. September the Old Post Office Buildings. A. B. PETRIE, Chemist. Guelph, September 1st. dtw

A SURE THING For Tomatoes, Peaches Plums, &c.

SELF-SEALING JARS Sold by JOHN A. WOOD are the best ever invented. Buy before they are all sold.

PURE HONEY, Strained on the Comb, Only Twenty Cents per lb., Cheaper than Butter.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, September 7th. dtw

Large Bankrupt Stock AT THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

A LARGE BANKRUPT STOCK OF GENERAL DRY GOODS & CLOTHING.

Which will be sold at nearly HALF-PRICES. The undermentioned articles and figures show the usual prices and the reduced prices. The whole Stock is to be sold equally low.

Table with columns: USUAL PRICES, REDUCED PRICES. Items include Union Tweeds, Wool Tweeds, White Flannels, Fancy Flannels, Grey Sheetings, Striped Shirtings, Fancy Prints, Ceorgies and Alpacaes, Skirts, Shawls, Coats.

Gloves, Hosiery, Ribbons, Flowers, Trimmings, Buttons, Belts, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Edgings, Laces, Hats, Caps, &c., at the same Reduced Rate. The Fourth Semi-annual Dividend will be paid to customers on presenting their Pass Books on and after the 1st of October.

W. MACKLIN & CO. Guelph September 18, 1868.

Fall Importations BRADFORD HOUSE

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH. The Subscriber has pleasure in announcing the arrival of his Fall Stock of

Fancy & Staple Dry Goods

WHICH FOR EXTENT AND QUALITY IS NOT SURPASSED IN THE DOMINION.

MR. JEFFREY being early in the Market, has succeeded in purchasing some of the Cheapest Goods ever brought into Guelph. As the reputation of the BRADFORD HOUSE is so well known, it is useless to comment on its merits. INSPECTION is the only thing asked to convince the public that

CHEAP GOODS, THE DRESS DEPARTMENT

Being a very important one, great care and trouble has been taken in procuring the most Fashionable and Elegant Designs in this Department. We astonished every one last Summer, and this Fall we intend doing the same again.

THE STAPLE DEPARTMENT!

Is the largest we have ever offered to the public. We are showing some great value in Grey and White Cottons, Sheetings, Tickings, Towellings and General House Furnishings. We are also offering decided bargains in 6-4 all wool Damasks at 75c., worth \$1 per yard.

The Fancy and Small Ware Department!

as usual, are very extensive, embracing everything Now and Fashionable in their lines.

THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT

Has received a large amount of attention. Having bought from the best manufacturers in the Province, every article we warrant is of the best description, or no sale.

PHILIP BISH. PUFF. PUFF. PUFF.

Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool. Keep the Feet Dry, and the Head Cool.

THE Man from the Rural Districts, better known as THE FERGUS PUFF BAG, has got off, as he supposes, a good thing by quoting part of an advertisement of mine, and commenting thereon. The public will note the fact that there is no comment on the latter portion of said paragraph, which I will again repeat:

The Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store does not pretend to Manufacture Boots and Shoes, neither do we import Goods and palm them off on the public as Home Made.

The Wellington Shoe Factory advertises to sell none but Goods made in Guelph, which is sheer Humbug. Or why expose Toronto and Montreal Goods for sale? It won't do Mr. John A., if there is any honesty in you, and you have any good articles in your establishment, give the credit to those who manufacture them, not to the one whose name you call a Manufacturer, consisting, by the way, of four men and boys, three girls and a few bits of machinery, "not forgetting the thing without a coat." For Stop Work and Cool Impudence go to the one whose name you call a Manufacturer.

For Stylish, Cheap and Durable Boots and Shoes, go to the Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store. JOHN CRIDIFORD. dw

OPEN CONFESSION

THE Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store, Guelph, "does not pretend to Manufacture Boots and Shoes," so says the advertisement. (Read it if you want to have a jolly good laugh.) John A. McMillan says that is a fact; the things are indescribable; they may be worn without the slightest infringement of the second commandment, and the few unfortunates who go crippled with a mass of uncomfortable wrinkles on their feet, can groan in agony. That is a fact too. JOHN A. McMILLAN invites every party who is desirous to come to him and he will bear it to Manufacture Boots and Shoes. He wants to see you, (having already selected three of the six he advertised for the other day,) as he thinks he can make something out of it. He is rather late to begin. That the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, where "ck," is the only spot in the whole County, where (come and see the Boots and Shoes making, come on in progress, come and see the busy hive of industry, and you will be satisfied.) The Cheapest Boot. "The Fergus Boot and Shoe Store," corner of St. David and St. Andrew Streets, Guelph, and the "Elora Boot and Shoe Mart," directly opposite Kirk & Clarke's Elora.

I DEFY COMPETITION. JOHN A. McMILLAN, Guelph, 15th September. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply Firewood, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, delivered, \$2.25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1.75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning of underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this season.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of H. Lewis, Esq. Guelph, June 15. dt-w

TO RENT.

THE undersigned, having removed to his farm, is prepared to let or lease his late residence. The house contains ten rooms, besides kitchen, cellar and milk-house, with the necessary out-buildings and garden. There is a never-failing spring of water runs through the cellar. Situated about ten minutes walk from the Market House. The premises can be leased for one or more years, with more or less land, as may be agreed upon. Apply to PETER GOW, N. B.---The buildings could easily be arranged for two tenements. Guelph, September 6th. dtw

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE.

THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 150 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high, and of cut stone; 12 and 11 feet high between ceilings; cellar full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen 40 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the town, and is directly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first-class building in the town that is capable of doing a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house dark. The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable, capable of affording accommodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to back street.

A CAPITAL FARM.

Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of its size in this county. Three barns and feeding stable and log house are on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that never fail. The fences are of board and new. The farm is laid out in ten acre fields. All the farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at valuation.

FIRST-CLASS LIVERY STABLE.

Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen horses, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others.

As the proprietor is retiring from business he offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either the business separately, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser.

TERMS---For the hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent. allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale. JAMES O'NEILL, Proprietor. Guelph, Aug. 29. dtw

MEDICAL HALL!

Ontario-Guelph. Wyndham Street.

E. HARVEY & CO.

Just received, a fresh supply of

MINCASEA

For the successful rearing of Infants.

This article is prepared under medical supervision, and supported by the Scientific and Therapeutical Institutions of Great Britain, France, &c., and is the only preparation manufactured for this purpose.

Cocoa Nut Oil Soda Soap

For imparting a Beautiful Whiteness and Softness to the Skin. CAMPBELL'S

Quinine Wine!

A large supply just received. E. HARVEY & CO., Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell-Sts. Guelph. Guelph, September 1st. dtw

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England, (Established in London, Oct. 1842 and in Guelph 1865.) WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

DAY'S BLOCK,

Opposite the Market, Guelph. A GOOD Assortment of the Best English and Swiss Lever Watches. Reference can be made to respectable persons who have carried his Watches from one to twenty-five years each. Guelph, September 9th. dtw

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel, GUELPH, ONT. Four New Belgian Standard American tables. Guelph, June 24. W O'CONNOR, Proprietor. dtw

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calveskins, and Wool Pickings. At No. 4, Day's old Block, Garden Street. Guelph, July 25. dtw D. MULLON