

PRICE ONE PENNY

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Great Floods in Italy.

Meeting of Episcopal Bishops.

Death of Hon. J. A. Griswold.

Fire in Chicago.

Speech of W. J. Baxter, M. P.

Rome, Oct. 31.—Despatches from Turin report no abatement of the flood caused by the overflow of the river Po. Over four thousand men are at work day and night erecting barriers to arrest the current, progress of the war. The damages to property and crops in the provinces of Mantua and Ferrara are beyond calculation. In Ferrara alone 40,000 persons are homeless. Assistance is being rapidly forwarded from all points to the suffering people.

New York, Oct. 31.—The Episcopal House of Bishops convened this evening and elected Rev. Dr. Aner, formerly missionary in Africa, as Bishop of that country.

Troy, N. Y., Oct. 31.—Hon. John A. Griswold died this evening. He represented Fifteenth District in Congress from 1862 to 1868. He was one of three gentlemen who advanced money building the first Monitor, and contributed largely to loyal causes during the rebellion. He was extensively engaged in iron manufactures and died possessed of great wealth, the result of his own enterprise and business ability.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—A fire broke out tonight in a five story building, on the corner of Lake and Jefferson streets, occupied by a number of small manufacturers and by several commission firms. Damage will be confined to the upper stories. The horrid disease has now fairly established itself between 600 and 700 cases are reported to-day.

London, Oct. 31, 6 a.m.—Mr. W. J. Baxter, Member of Parliament for Montrose, addressed his constituents last night. He said the result of the Geneva Arbitration was the greatest triumph of modern civilization. The award was just and the decision calculated to make naval and military armaments entirely superfluous for the protection of English shipping and commerce in time of war. He praised Mr. Disraeli for his forbearance and discretion during the progress of the negotiation.

Turne, Oct. 31.—The river Po continues to rise, and the inundation is spreading. Fandiles are flying, and those who cannot escape are starving on house tops and in trees, where they have taken refuge. The streams are filled with carcasses of cattle and the wrecks of houses and barns. The town of Reggio, fourteen miles from Modena, has almost entirely disappeared beneath the flood.

Pigeon Match.
TOWN VS COUNTRY.

This exciting sport has been anticipated with no small interest by the sporting legions of the town and neighborhood, and ended yesterday (Thursday) on the Race Course. The day was a delightful one, and a goodly number of spectators assembled to witness the sport. As will be seen on reference to the annexed score Mr. A. Thompson, of Guelph Township, is entitled to the Premiership on the occasion. Some good shooting was exhibited on both sides, and the contest terminated in favour of the country sportsmen by five points, after a gallant struggle.

In the evening the vanquished entertained the victors to a very excellent supper prepared by Mr. John Howar at the Great Western Hotel, to which ample justice was done by those participating in the feast, and after a few hours of pleasurable enjoyment the party broke up, vowing speedy vengeance on the next occasion, against their rural brethren of the gun.

There were fifteen competitors a side, and the following is the score :—

TOWN.		
M. Deady.....	1101011001	- 6
John Little.....	1110000010	- 4
T. W. Saunders.....	0100110010	- 4
A. Black.....	1111110011	- 8
H. Henry.....	1109110100	- 5
L. Henry.....	1107000000	- 3
W. Marriott.....	1110000100	- 5
G. Newton.....	1010010001	- 4
Cull.....	1011101111	- 8
G. Bulkwill.....	1100000101	- 5
T. Hewar.....	1100110001	- 3
"Cherry.....	1001111111	- 8
A. C. Chadwick.....	1110111110	- 7
J. H. Hennessey.....	1001110110	- 3
C. Sharpe.....	1100100100	- 4
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COUNTRY.		
Thos. Hower.....	1101010111	- 8
G. Sleeman.....	1100010100	- 6
John Little.....	1101101010	- 6
Whittle.....	1100000000	- 2
Jan Black.....	1100010100	- 6
E. Hennessey.....	1110101010	- 7
G. Atkinson.....	0010100111	- 5
A. Thompson.....	1110111111	- 9
J. McMillan.....	1010101010	- 6
L. Blain.....	1111000111	- 7
Joseph Atkinson.....	1111001011	- 7
John Atkinson.....	0010000000	- 2
Root.....	0010010111	- 5
West.....	0010111111	- 7
Blythe.....	0100111000	- 4
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Fatal Accident on the Narrow Gauge.
(Special to the Mercury.)

Owen Sound, Nov. 1st 1872.

An accident occurred on the Narrow Gauge Railway, under construction, at Owen Sound, on Thursday night, by which three persons were killed and a number wounded. We have been unable to obtain further particulars.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.
Friday, Nov. 1st, 1872.

John Ewing, charged by Chief Constable Kelly with depositing the carcase of a dead horse on a vacant lot in the East Ward, contrary to the provisions of the By-law. Case dismissed; as it appears that the horse had been buried, but not deeply enough to escape the ravages of the pigs, but this prosecutor had since managed effectually to accomplish.

Lieutenant Moore and Gunner Mahoney, of one of Her Majesty's ships at war, having been caught in the fact, that Byron had become famous by swimming across the Hellespont.