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## TO ADVERTISERS.

Business men will find THE EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be admirable advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are at an advance of any others in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser. Advertising rates are very moderate, and may be learned on application at the Office.

## Book and Job Printing.

Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.  
Office: Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.  
October 29, 1867. d.w.f.

## CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,  
GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

## THE BAR

will be supplied with the

## Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

## LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

## OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,  
Proprietor.

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do it

## DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRANBY'S SHEDS SALOON.)

## OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. Always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN,  
Guelph, December 2, 1867. d.w.f.

## ALLAN'S

## Barber SHOP.

IN THE BARRACKS OF

## Castle Garden SALOON,

West Market Square.

## SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOONING, and HAIR COLOURING, Done in First-Class Style.

Making a doing up Curis for Ladies.  
Guelph, February 9th. d.w.f.

## 500 Tons

Of best Ground Paris and Caledonia

## PLASTER!

FOR sale by the subscriber Five Hundred Tons of best ground Paris and Caledonia Plaster. As the above was ordered when the prices were low, farmers had better send in their orders at once, and get the benefit of

## THE LOW PRICES.

Apply at the old stand, near the Railway crossing.

GEORGE BALKWILL,  
Guelph, 19th Feb, 1868. w.f.

## SURROGATE COURT.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the 14th day of March next, for the appointment of Angus McKinnon, of the Township of Erin, gentleman, to be Guardian of Archibald McKinnon, an Infant.

D. GUTHRIE,  
Solicitor.

Guelph, Feb. 19, 1868.

## THE SPRING TRADE.

Advertisers will reach a large class of readers by inserting their business announcements in this paper. Our daily and weekly editions are double those of our contemporaries.

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FRIDAY EV'G. MARCH 13, 1868.

"A man's clothes were stuffed with straw a few days ago, and sent floating down the Thames. That was a miserable and ghastly attempt at a joke.

"It is estimated that the amount of wheat now in store at Kincardine, awaiting the opening of navigation for shipment, is 90,000 bushels against 75,000 at the same time last year.

## BASE BALL.—

We observe by the Hamilton Spectator that the annual Base Ball Supper of the Maple Leaf Club of that city took place last evening. The affair was very successful. Amongst the list of guests we observe the name of Mr T. H. Taylor, President of the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club.

## FROZEN TO DEATH.—

Four weeks ago a man named Martin, a resident of Huron township, was missed, and on Sabbath morning last his body was found on the ice half a mile out on the lake. A bag belonging to the deceased was found near the pier, in which were some dry goods, groceries, and a bottle of whiskey. He had another bottle which was not accounted for. A widow and six children, one born since the father's death, are left to lament his untimely end.

## BWARE OF THE BURGLARS.—

The Hamilton Spectator says:—We understand that reliable information has been received in this city of an intention on the part of a gang of notorious burglars to pay Hamilton a visit. The police are no doubt, informed of the movements of these scoundrels, and will keep a watchful eye upon them. It is said that their principal object in coming to Hamilton is to make a raid upon some of the Banks. It will be well for all persons engaged in protecting such institutions to exercise more than ordinary vigilance just now.

## SPRINGTIME.—

After one of the severest as well as one of the dreariest winters that the most ancient pioneer settlers in this northern region ever experienced, the hearts of all are being gladdened by unmistakable signs of Spring. Old Winter has smoothed his ruffled front; old Sol has deigned to smile most blandly during the past few days; the hills are in a melting mood, and the March lion is gambolling in the sunshine like a spring lamb. Still, there is sleighing on some of the roads leading into Guelph, and we advise our friends in the country to utilize it by getting all their superfluous produce to market while it lasts, as all merchantable commodities are in demand just now, and command high prices. Vegetables are scarce and dear, and fresh eggs and butter are a luxury few have had an opportunity to indulge in for some time past. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

## County Court and Quarter Sessions.

COURT HOUSE, Tuesday 12th.

The verdict in the case of Smart vs Grand Trunk Railway was for the plaintiff \$175. Mr. McCurry for plaintiff; Mr. Peterson for defendant.

Sentences were then pronounced as follows:—Hugh Hastings for assault with intent to commit rape, two years in Penitentiary; J. D. Green, who pleaded guilty of horse stealing, three years in the Penitentiary; the two little boys Leader and Smith for stealing confectionery two months imprisonment each in the common goal; Ellen Clarke for stealing money from Dr. Jackson six months, and Cleary for stealing an overcoat from the Great Western Hotel a similar term. The business of the court came to a close on Wednesday evening, and it finally adjourned.

We understand that motion has been made for a new trial in the case of Mooney vs Ballantyne.

One of the most wonderful cities in the world is Bangkok, the capital of Siam. On either side of the wide majestic stream, moored in regular streets and alleys, extending as far as the eye can reach, are upwards of 70,000 neat little houses, each floating on a compact raft of bamboos, and the whole intermediate space of the river is one dense mass of ships, junks and boats of every conceivable shape, color, and size.

Some people imagine that the President of the United States pays all his expenses out of his annual salary of \$25,000. It may enlighten them to read the following list of appropriations made by Congress for the last financial year:—For lighting the President's house with gas, \$48,000; fuel for do., \$12,000; painting do., \$3,000; repairing the conservatory, \$10,000; new furniture, \$76,000; wages for gardeners, gate keepers, watchmen, &c., \$30,610.

The present population of Italy, exclusive of the Papal States is set down at 24,231,860 persons. Of these 245,386, or one man in every hundred persons, is a soldier.

The Pall Mall Gazette gives a table showing that the number of Irish people living in mud huts had gradually diminished. In 1841 the proportion was 42 per cent; in 1851, 23 per cent; and in 1861, 18 per cent. It is now considerably less.

## Mason's Dramatic Company.

The re-appearance of this excellent company in the Town Hall, last night, was greeted by a very fair audience, and the audience received full value for their patronage in the playing of the Ticket-of-Leave Man. There were several members of the Company who showed acting last night much superior to any they have shown us before. We do not know to what cause to assign the improvement, whether it was to a flow of animal spirits or a perfect sympathy with the parts assigned them—we only know that Miss Richmond as May Edwards, Miss Logan as Mrs. Willoughby, and Mr Salter as Hawkshaw, played much better than we ever saw them play before. Miss Marion Clifton assumed well the reckless bearing and the dialect of the good natured, generous, but unsophisticated lad, Robert Brierly. His career as a spendthrift and as the dupe of swindlers, his return on a ticket-of-leave before the expiration of his term of transportation, having learned a useful lesson and made a high resolve to be henceforth honest, his conduct according strictly to his resolution, were all faithfully brought out in the acting of Miss Clifton. As May Edwards, the poor, friendless little street singer, Miss Richmond was pathetic. There was a touch of grandeur about her look and accents of resignation when the world went hard with her, and there was the true expression of woman's gratitude while she sat reading the letters of the convict Brierly, who had befriended her in her utmost need, and anxiously longing for his return. Miss Logan, as Mrs Willoughby, surpassed any of the efforts we have seen her make heretofore. Her gossip was most amusing, and the little scenes that occurred between her and her promising grandson, Sam (who had a clever representative in Mr Harry Lampee), accomplished their design, and created a great deal of merriment. Mr Mason as Meltzer Moss displayed a power which but few young men possess, that of imitating the mien and voice of a person advanced in years. His looks, his movements, all suited the character he had assumed, that of an old villain possessed of a large number of counterfeit "fimsies" extremely anxious to pass them off, no matter on whom, utterly regardless of what the consequences of the crime to others might be. The play carried with it a most forcible lesson. Brierly fell away again after his first reformation, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he finally became so fortified in virtue as to be proof against the evil influences of wicked companions. The general opinion was, that last night's entertainment was the best yet, and so highly delighted were the audience with Miss Clifton's acting that, at the conclusion, she was called before the curtain, where she bowed her acknowledgment of the compliment. To-night will be re-produced, by special request, T. S. Arthur's touching drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," concluding with the farce entitled "The Swiss Cottage." Give the Company a good house; it is nothing but their deserts; and, moreover, the clever Harry Lampee takes his benefit to-night.

## Extensive Swindling in Guelph.

A young gentleman of rather smart appearance has been walking into some of our townsmen for the past day or two at rather a rapid pace. What his name really is, or where he comes from cannot be definitely ascertained as he gave different cognomens, to different individuals, as being his exclusively, and announced so many different localities as his place of residence that when one comes to hear them enumerated the conclusion can scarcely be resisted that he is as much a cosmopolitan as Goldsmith's Chinese philosopher. But the general impression is, that he is from the neighborhood of Durham, and it is believed that his name is McGregor. He is about five feet ten inches in height, of slight make, with thin face, and reddish whiskers and moustache. He had been staying at the American Hotel on Wednesday, where he gave out that his name was Gardner, and that his father was a farmer. He gained the confidence of the proprietor so far as to be able to exchange a promissory note with him for eight or ten dollars in cash. This was the beginning of the youth's operations; his next attempt was on a grander scale. Having forged a note for a sum bordering on \$500, and signed it with the names of Mr. F. W. Stone, Guelph, and Mr. Head, Galt, he presented himself before Mr. Saxon with an offer to negotiate the forgery. He was so far successful as to receive \$100, or something over for the note. To Mr. Newton, hotel keeper, he represented that he had been travelling for some time and was short taken for money. He therefore borrowed about \$10 from him, and gave in security a note on Mr. Kelly, owner of a grist mill in Durham. He played a similar game with Mr. Lindsay, hotel keeper, to whose place he had come from the "American," and in whose stable he had put his horse. This gentleman likewise lent him \$10, receiving in security a note for \$18 payable by Mr. Hunter, a storekeeper at Durham. But Mr. Newton had seen Mr. Kelly's totem, and learned that the wrong christian name was on the note, and that the writing was not that gentleman's. He communicated the intelligence to Mr. Lindsay, and they resolved to get their money back if possible. But Mr. Saxon wished the gentleman to accompany him to Mr. Stone's to see that the note was all right, before he took his departure. This he agreed to do, but said there was no use walking while he had a horse in the stable. He accordingly left his victim standing on the sidewalk on the Market Square waiting until he got his horse attached to the cutter and drove round for him. He carried out the engagement so far as to go into the hotel and order his horse out; but he happened to enter at the time that he was the subject of conversation between Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Newton. They informed him, that they did not consider the notes good. His manner became flurried, and he hastened to assure them they were all correct, but if they had any doubts he would restore their money and take the notes. Of course they at once agreed; when having settled this business the young man put his horse to the cutter, and drove off up Macdonnell-st., leaving Mr. Saxon in front of the house anxiously awaiting his appearance. In a very short period he came to understand the situation, and pursuit of the fugitive was instituted a few minutes after he left. The Chief Constable leading, but nothing could be seen or heard of him, and up to the present time none of those who are most anxious to see his face know anything about the spot where he has hidden it. Since the above was written we have heard that the thief was seen passing through Little Germany.

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