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October 29, 1867. daw-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 refreshment 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, Whittly.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do-f.

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADERS SALOON.)
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.
CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c., at all hours on hand. Meals furnished at all times.
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, December 2, 1867. daw-f.

ALLAN'S Barber SHOP.

IN THE BASEMENT OF
Castle Garden SALOON,
West Market Square.
SHAVING,
HAIR CUTTING,
SHAMPOONING, and
HAIR COLOURING,
Done in First-Class Style.
Making and doing up Curly for Ladies.
Guelph, February 6, 1868. 41m

500 Tons 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 it.
THE LOW PRICES.
Apply at the old stand, near the Railway crossing.
GEO. 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, as Guardian of Archibald McKinnon, an Infant.
D. GUTHRIE,
Solicitor.
Guelph, Feb. 19, 1868.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
GOING EAST. GOING WEST.
Mail 9.45 a. m. Day Express, 9.45 a. m.
Day Express 2.55 p. m. Eve. Ex. 2.45 a. m.
Night Ex. 2.45 a. m. Eve. Accom. 5.50 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
ARRIVE AT GUELPH. DEPART.
Mixed 10.50 a. m. Accommodating 6.45 a. m.
Accommodating 11.35 a. m. Mixed 3.00 p. m.
Do 8.05 p. m. Accom. 4.50 p. m.
Stages leave for Walkerton at 5 a. m., and for Owen Sound at 4 a. m., Hamilton and Brock road at 11 a. m.

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c.
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Evening Mercury

OFFICE: - - - - - MACDONNELL STREET.
WEDNESDAY EV'G. MAR. 11, 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.

Mr. Sturton and Dr. Parker left town on Tuesday for Ottawa, to take their seats at the opening of Parliament.

The oil refinery of Spencer & Keenleyside at London was partially destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The loss is estimated at about \$1000; no insurance.

ROBBERY.—A thief has lately been committed to stand his trial at the Quarter Sessions in Halimand, for the relieving a sleeping and intoxicated passenger by the Grand Trunk Railway of between \$80 and \$90 in greenbacks.

A few nights ago three men knocked at the door of a saloon at Sandwich. The proprietor opened it and was knocked down by one of the intruders, threatened with having his throat cut if he made any noise; while the others helped themselves to all the money they could find, namely \$50. Of course the robbers got off.

FERGUS.—The expenditure of the Fergus Corporation for 1867 amounted to \$5,079.84, and its liabilities to \$3,026.954 to meet which it had \$2,796.65 of cash on hand. The chief items of expenditure are \$988.76 for roads and bridges, county rate \$780, fire brigade \$261.95, officers' salaries \$263, indigent relief \$315, "feasting" B. R. Committee and Hamilton Deputation \$120, schools \$1,595.50.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the French Canadian Missionary Society will be held in the Congregational Church here, this (Wednesday) evening at seven o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. Byrne, general agent of the Society, as well as others, will address the meeting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

LUMBERING IN HESPELER.—At the Steam Saw Mill of Mr. Krebs, Hespeler, 7,500 logs were laid down during the past winter. The stock on hand will manufacture into nearly 1,500,000 feet of lumber. Besides this he has at his Stave Factory 500 cords of stave bolts and 300 cords of heading bolts.

THE MILITARY BALL.—The ball of the Guelph Rifle Company came off last night in the Town Hall, at the close of the military concert. It was well attended, there being over 80 couple present. The Band of the Hussars were present, and of course were the "observed of all observers." The hall was beautifully decorated. Watt's quadrille band supplied excellent music, and everything passed off pleasantly.

MASON'S THEATRICAL COMPANY.—It will be seen by advertisement in to-day's issue, that this Company intend returning to Guelph for the last three nights of this week. They will appear in the Town Hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening, and will play the splendid and interesting drama, entitled "The Ticket-of-Leave-Man." This play points forcibly a valuable moral, and is designed expressly to inculcate upon youth the necessity of cautious selection of their companions. Another recommendation is that it is found on upon fact, the Ticket-of-Leave-Man not being the creation of a poet, but a veritable Lancashire lad, who by bad associations was drawn into crime, was tried at the Old Bailey, and sentenced to a term of four years' imprisonment. From the proof of the talent already given by the company it is unnecessary to add that facts and scenes which really occurred will be produced vividly and true to nature.

Jordan L. Charles, the absconding Collector of Internal Revenue from Woodstock, is displaying his shape at Detroit, safe from the action of the Ashburton Treaty, so conveniently framed for the mutual advantage of great rascals in both countries.

Elora Correspondence.

At last we have emerged from snows unshakable into the open air, have been unfurled rapidly enough from severely cold to mild spring weather, and are now able to hold uninterrupted communication to the world around us. It is with no little pleasure I assure you that I have written the last clause of the first sentence. Although a stranger is almost yet a curiosity in our midst, still as some courageous specimens from town and country have made their appearance, we may safely conclude that navigation is fairly opened. Then too what satisfaction for one to know that for the future after a hard day's work, having enjoyed a comfortable tea, despite the wife scolding the servant maid, despite the quarrelling and screaming of the dear little pledges of conjugal love; that throwing the feet encased in warm slippers as high as the head and carefully lighting the luxurious pipe, he can have and enjoy for certain his indispensable "daily," vanish the anxieties of the world and involved in clouds of odiferous smoke become lost to existence itself.

How different this from what we have had to undergo. Drawn up to a fraction of one's self, covering over a red hot stove, shaking under mountains of clothes, and started every now and then during the uncomfortable and undignified position by a wilder shriek of the winds and a more unearthly rattle of the window sashes; but after all we settle down again we come to the safe and sage conclusion "that happy are they who to-night have not to go out."

Since my last letter very little worthy of notice has transpired. The village itself has been very quiet, business being almost at a stand still. A number of merchants have taken advantage of the general dullness and have created a little stir on their own account by auctioning off their surplus stock. A Sabbath School Teachers Association has just been formed among several of the denominations of which the office bearers are: J. Barron, President; H. Douglas, 1st Vice; R. Smith, 2nd Vice; President, and J. Tait, Secretary and Treasurer. In the future its meetings will be held on the evenings of the second Mondays of each month.

The meeting of the Teachers' Association of the North Riding, which was advertised for Saturday, did not take place. Teachers evidently not daring to face the rain and bad roads. I believe on the same day that the stage was upset between here and Fergus, one person being considerably injured. I am also told that the stage coming from Guelph was upset several times.
Yours,
Elora, March 10th. DELTA.

Quarter Sessions.

COURT HOUSE, Tuesday, 10th.

In the case of Brown vs. Bentley the verdict was for the defendant.

Doebcker vs. Spitz.—An action on three promissory notes had been brought against the defendant in 1864, but he absconded, and nothing further was done in the suit until defendant gave notice to proceed. One of the notes had been mislaid, and plaintiff took a verdict for the other two, amounting to \$100.00. Verdict for the defendant on the third count. Mr. Drew for plaintiff; Mr. Cross for defendant.

Driscoll vs. Fitzpatrick.—Action on a bond made by defendant, conditioned for the due payment of rent, and performance of covenants contained in a lease made by the plaintiff to one Jordan. Mr. Drew for plaintiff; Mr. Cross for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff, \$75.

CLEARY, for stealing a coat from the Great Western Hotel; the two little boys, Leader and Smith, who were committed for breaking Mr. Berry's shop window, and stealing confectionery; and Ellen Clarke, for stealing money from Dr. Jackson, were arraigned, and all pleaded guilty. They were then taken back to gaol.
Wednesday, Feb. 11.

POWELL, appellant vs. CROSBY, respondent.—This was an appeal from the conviction of two magistrates, Messrs Bell and Michie. The appellant, who lives at a hotel on the Elora road, had been duly warned not to sell liquor to an old woman named Mrs. Crosby, who it will be remembered was burned to death. He disregarded the injunction, it was alleged, and at the instance of the respondent, a son of the deceased, he was summoned before the Justices of the Peace above mentioned, who imposed upon him a fine of \$30 and costs. Not believing that he was justly dealt with he appealed.—Verdict for respondent. Mr. McCurry for appellant; Mr. Guthrie for respondent.

Driscoll vs. Shields.—This was an action brought for recovery of damages for the loss of a horse. A short time since the plaintiff was driving down the Fergus road towards Guelph, it being rather dark, when a collision took place, and the pole of the defendant's sleigh ran into the breast of one of the plaintiff's horses killing it. For the defence it was contended that the accident was the result of careless driving on the part of the plaintiff. Mr. McCurry for the plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for the defendant. Verdict not yet given. [Hugh Hastings and John Lowe were placed in the dock and arraigned; the former for an assault with intent to commit rape on the person of Louisa Cheekley, an old woman resident in the township of Pilkington; the latter with having embezzled a sum of money, to wit, one dollar the property of Moses Miller of Fergus. Both pleaded "not guilty." Wm. Murphy was arraigned for an assault on Thos. Dean with intent to rob, and he also pleaded "not guilty."

MR. HENDERSON'S FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Mr. William Henderson took place at half-past three o'clock. The stores on Wyndham-st. were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, who was greatly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and whose death, after such a short illness, has cast a gloom over the community, and evoked universal sympathy for his bereaved widow.

An Irish colony is being quietly formed in Brazil. The Chevalier de Almeida and several subordinate agents have been sent by the Brazilian Government to Great Britain to influence this movement. The ship "Florence Chipman" has already sailed from the Mersey, for Rio de Janeiro, with 300 emigrants; and it is believed that from 6,000 to 8,000 will embark for Southern Brazil during the present season.

Nassagaweya Competitive Examination.

From our Correspondent.

The Nassagaweya competitive examination came off according to notice, at Mr. Easterbrook's Hall, on Saturday, the 7th inst., the Warden of the county, Arch'd Campbell, Esq., presiding. From the rain that fell incessantly the day previous, as well as on the day of examination, it was thought that it would be a failure; but I was glad to see that the old and young of Nassagaweya are not to be induced to give up a good object, even although the weather and roads are very bad. Notwithstanding the state of the weather, there were entered on the class list about one hundred and fifty names of the youth of the township, anxiously awaiting the decision of the examiners. The examination continued all day, and owing to the crowd that had gathered as witnesses, or I might say as critics, of the day's proceedings, the order was as good as could be expected. The classes in the different subjects were examined by Messrs McLennan and McLaren, of Puslinch, and the Rev. James Little, Superintendent of the township, who from their long experience as teachers, were very well adapted for the work. At a late hour each and all returned to their several homes, evidently very well satisfied with the proceedings of the day. The following is the

PRIZE LIST:

First Division—Modern History, John Elliott, Anne Barber, John Little; Algebra, Adam Alexander, John Elliott, James Donovan; Arithmetic, 1st part, J. McPhaden, Neil McGregor, Malcolm McPherson; Grammar, Thos. Blacklock, J. Easterbrook, Malcolm McPherson; Eng. History, Neil McGregor, John Elliott, M. McPherson; Canadian History, John Elliott, Neil McGregor, Esther McPherson; Book-keeping, John Elliott, no competitor; Geography, John Elliott, Maggie Hay, John Little; Dictation, P. Little, A. Alexander, James Kintrae.

Second Division—Reading, Sarah Furmidge, Colin McPhee, 3rd not decided; Spelling, Colin McPhee, Mary Morrison, Thos. Callaghan; Arithmetic, Wm. Alexander, John Barber, Jennima Little; Eng. Grammar, Hugh McNair, Janet McGregor, Maria Derby, Wm. Alexander; History, Mary Morrison, Mary McPhaden; Geography, David Little, John Barber, Wm. Norris; Derivation, Agnes Heid, Jo. Barber, Jennima Little.

Third Division—Reading, Mary King, M. A. Little, John Campbell; Spelling, J. Campbell, M. A. Little, Henry Cooper; History, Fanny Elliot, Mary M. King, McPhaden (respectively positions of last not decided); Grammar, Chas. McPhaden, Melina Norris, John McTaggart; Geography, Chas. McPhaden, Eliza Turnbull, Robert Saunders; Arithmetic, Wm. Gault, Wm. Ramshaw, Wesley Derby.

Fourth Division—Reading, E. Norris, James Norris, Mary Campbell; Spelling, Mrs. Campbell, Enoch Norris, James Hutcheon. SEQUEL.—Reading, John Alderson, D. A. McNair, Rebecca Patterson; Spelling, Rebecca Patterson, D. McNair, Mary Hutcheon; Recitation, John Little, John Barber, D. A. McNair, Joo Elliott, Anne Barber, Jennima Little. WRITING, 1st Div., boys, Jo. Little, Robt. Fletcher, John Husband, girls, Mary Keen, Margt. Hunter; 2nd Div., boys, John Manery Col. McPhaden, And. Little, girls, Nancy McMillan, Jennima Little, Janet McGregor; 3rd Div., boys, Stephen Barbare, Wm. Gault, Wm. Ramshaw; girls, Esther McPherson, Maggie Ramage, Elizabeth Williams.

The distribution of prizes will take place on Saturday the 21st inst.

FAT BEEF FOR GUELPH.—The Buffalo Courier says the splendid fat steer, Abe Lincoln, mention of which has been made in the Courier, after changing hands three or four times in that city, has at last been sent to Canada, having been purchased by Mr. John West, the well known cattle dealer in Guelph. Abe Lincoln was the finest steer brought to Buffalo for many years. He weighed 2,800 pounds. Mr. O. Kirkover sold him to Mr. West for ten cents per pound in gold, so that Abe realized for the seller the nice little sum of \$260 in gold.

DESTRUCTIVE ICE SHOVE AT GODERICH.—The ice went down the Maitland river on Monday night, and being stopped by ice in the lake, piled up in the harbour twenty feet high in some places, throwing the steamer "Bonnie" and the tug "Eliza Fox" entirely out of the water, and landing them on the dock. The gun-boat "Prince Alfred" has her bows resting on the dock. The schooner "Ontario" was jammed against the Grand Trunk Railway freight shed, completely smashing the side of the building. Eight or ten fishermen's shanties were carried away, and nearly the whole dock destroyed. No lives lost. Vessels not much damaged.

RAILWAY MEETING AT ORANGEVILLE.—A meeting of the ratepayers of Orangeville and neighborhood was held in that village on Thursday night last to consider the propriety of co-operating with the Directors of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. The Revue occupied the chair. A resolution was unanimously carried, pledging the meeting to co-operate with the Directors of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway in their efforts to accommodate that section of the country with a railroad, and a committee was appointed to carry out that object. A resolution was also passed, recommending the Reeve to call a conference of the directors of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, to discuss railway matters—said conference to be held in Orangeville on a day to be named by the directors of the Central.

DECLINED.—The Rev. Mr. Cochrane has declined the call recently presented to him from the First Presbyterian Congregation, Boston, Mass.

AXES.

AXES and axe handles good and cheap at

Annual Meeting of the Guelph, Elmira and Peel Gravel Road Co.

The annual meeting of the above Company was held in the Town Hall yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon. The meeting was but poorly attended. David Allan, Esq., was called to the chair, when he requested the Secretary, Mr. Chas. Davidson, to read the

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors at this first annual meeting of the Company, beg leave to submit the following report of what has been done during the past year, with the financial statement, after their appointment last year, they arranged with Mr. Joseph Hobson, as the Engineer of the Company, and with Mr. Charles Davidson, as Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner:

The Engineer was instructed to proceed at once to make a survey of the road in as direct a line as possible, commencing at the corner of Mr. William Cleghorn's farm at the intersection with the side line passing through the boundary of town and the road allowance between divisions E and A, and follow the gravel ridge to what is known as Miller's Tavern on the Pilkington and Woolf-letting line; also to run a line from the said Miller's Tavern through the corner of the Township of Pilkington to the north end of the road allowance between Divisions B and D in the Township of Guelph; thence up said Concession to what is usually known as Messrs. Thomas Jackson's Corners; thence to the north along the side road to the starting point, which was done, and an estimate given, which your Directors having duly considered, were fully convinced that the line along the ridge to the road allowance between B and D; thence down the said Concession to the end of the Township, and direct to Miller's Tavern, was preferable. Mr. Hobson then pushed on the survey in as direct a line as practicable to Elmira, taking advantage of the present travelled road as much as possible.

The Engineer's report will be read, and he will give what explanations are necessary.

After the Engineer had reported on the route, and the line had been determined on by the Board, Mr. Davidson, accompanied by Mr. Hobson, went over the ground—especially by the Township of Pilkington—where they made the owners of the property an offer for what was required for the road, two of whom accepted the amount and the others refused. When arbitrators were appointed, a meeting of the owners and arbitrators was held, and their awards handed to the solicitor, H. W. Peterson, Esq., who having prepared the necessary papers, the Secretary waited on them, and we have to report that the whole have been settled with the exception of a widow, the amount of whose award, with the exception of \$1.25 for dower, &c., has to be held and paid to the children when they come of age, in accordance with the will.

In company with several of the Directors, Mr. Davidson examined the ridge through the Township of Guelph, and subsequently in company with Mr. Hobson arranged with the following parties for the right of way, Messrs. Cleghorn, Shortreed, Sallows, Brohmman, and Moyer, which covers all the cleared land with the exception of a small piece belonging to Mrs. Thurtle, the balance of the land required being through the woods, which belongs to the Canada Co., Messrs. Hassan, Anderson, and W. J. Wilson. The total cost of the whole right of way through the ridge will be about \$1,000. This route will be of great benefit to the Company, inasmuch as it lessens the distance about a mile, and when constructed will be more easily kept than any other part of the road.

The road from Miller's Tavern through to the village of Montrose, and to Elmira, along the present travelled road after passing Mr. Benner's, with the exception of from 1/2 to 3/4 a mile of a jog at Mr. Spomson Kauffmann's, which is partly composed of gravel, and which when cut, will serve the purpose of graveling the road. On reaching the said Elora Road, a slight jog, for the present, will be taken along it until it joins the road leading to the village of Montrose, which for the present they would recommend should be taken, although it causes the greatest angle that will be in the road, but the present being built and a rising village at Montrose are two considerations which they conceive ought not to be overlooked. The right of way through Mr. Benner's farm has been secured, thereby making it a direct line from the village of Montrose to Elmira, along the present travelled road after passing Mr. Benner's, with the exception of from 1/2 to 3/4 a mile of a jog at Mr. Spomson Kauffmann's, which is partly straightened to gain an advantage for the advantage to be gained that your Directors did not consider they were making in the meantime be warranted in making

They consider that the funds already subscribed will go far towards completing that portion of the road lying in the Township of Woolwich, from Elmira to the Pilkington line, and they are not without hope that the County Council at its session in June will adopt the road in the County of Wellington, and make the 1 1/2 miles through the Township of Pilkington and about half a mile in Guelph Township this year.

After the survey and plans of the road were made last year, tenders were advertised for, but from the scarcity of hands and the high rate of wages no tender could be got to proceed with the work at once. They therefore were under the necessity of waiting until the spring, when they fully anticipated that labourers will be more plentiful, and that that portion of the road from Elmira to the Township of Peel will be well forward towards completion by the end of the year.

When the financial statement is read it will be seen that two calls on the capital stock of the company have been made of 5 and 10 per cent., which ought to have raised the sum of \$1,500.00. However the Treas. has only rec'd. 1,063.20

Leaving a balance unpaid of \$436.80 which ought not to be. All are responsible for the amount of stock subscribed, and ought to pay it promptly when called on, so that payments may be made when required, otherwise the works must stop. Had the payments of the calls been all made the Secretary could have settled for the right-of-way through Woolwich, and the work been ready to commence on the opening of spring. They would respectfully request those who have paid neither of the calls to pay at once and save expense.

The Directors on retiring would therefore suggest to the meeting the propriety of urging the work from Elmira to Miller's Tavern, and to use every exertion to procure the adoption of the line throughout the Townships of Pilkington and Guelph by the County Council, thereby benefiting a large portion of the Townships of Peel and Maryboro, and other municipalities in the neighbouring County, as well as the Town of Guelph.

The financial statement will now be read by the Treasurer, which we trust will be satisfactory. All which we respectfully submit.
JAMES GOLDIE, Chairman.
CHARLES DAVIDSON, Secretary.

Mr. Davidson also read the Financial Statement, which showed that there had been paid on the two calls of 5 and 10 per cent. \$1,063.20. There had been expended for right of way \$718, paid engineer on account \$211.75, for livery hire \$17.25, arbitrators fees \$35, books, stationery, &c. \$4.51, sundry charges, postage, &c., \$43.43—total \$1030.78, leaving a balance on hand of \$52.42.

On motion of Mr. Richard Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Coffee, the report was adopted.

Mr. Hatch in referring to the amount yet lying unpaid on the two calls already made suggested that the stock be called up at once, and the work proceeded with.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Feenian Trials in Britain.

PROGRESS OF THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.

IRISH REFORM BILL!

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, March 10, evening.—The Fenians on trial at Sligo have been brought here for trial. Baron Gifford has been appointed Vice Chancellor.

The Morning Post, in an editorial on the subject of Irish reform says the plan which will be pursued by the new Government under Mr. Disraeli in regard to Ireland is as follows:—First, the consideration of the Church question will be put off until the Commission on the Irish Church Establishment, already appointed, shall have made their report; second, another Commission will be appointed to inquire into the relations of landlord and tenant in Ireland; third a charter will be granted for a new Roman Catholic University; fourth, Irish railways are to be subsidized by the Government.

Belfast, March 10.—A commercial treaty between the Zollverein and the Austrian Government has been concluded and signed.

London, March 10.—The Prince of Wales will soon make a visit to Ireland, where he is to be made a Knight of the Order of St. Patrick. The Fenians who were captured at Mortilly Tydvil, in Wales have been indicted for treason and will be tried at the Swansea Assizes.

Dispatches from Annesley Bay say that King Theodore had arrived in the immediate neighbourhood of Magdala with his troops and war material. The advance of the British expedition was steadily pushing ahead under Gen. Napier, and at last accounts was two days' march beyond the village of Attergat.

Cork, March 10.—The Grand Jury yesterday presented an indictment against Captain McKay, for murder, and against Marx and Walsh, as accessory to the crime.

American Despatches.

San Francisco, March 9.—Advices from Victoria of March 7th, state that excitement caused by threatened Fenian invasion continues. A gunboat had been stationed in the harbor, and a large body of marines placed on board. The powder magazine, opposite the city, and different engine houses are strongly guarded. The volunteers received orders to hold themselves in readiness in case their services should be required. Every precaution has been taken to secure the safety of the city. Nature of startling information received is only known to the authorities, but the general impression prevails that they have been badly hoaxed.

Nashville, March 10.—Two U. S. soldiers were killed yesterday in an encounter with illicit distillers in Clayborne county, East Tennessee.

New York, March 11.—The Tribune's Washington special says the Board of Managers of Impoundment will file their reply to the President's return to the summons on Monday, and ask that the trial proceed at once. Should the President's counsel ask for longer delay, the managers on the part of the Senate will resist it, and will be prepared to argue the question before the Senate. One of the managers expressed the opinion to-night that the trial could not consume more than two weeks. The President has a plan of his own for transacting the business of the War Department through Gen. Thomas, and representative Boutwell has prepared a bill which he will present in a few days, providing that all communications of an official character between the President and Gen. Grant shall pass through the War Department.

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