Recently, a debate took place in the made by the government with the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company, the conduct their business to the east via the Mediterranean and Red Sea. The contract was for five years, and it was to the length of it that one of the principal speakers, Mr Cave, objected. He said that he had recently been over 500 miles of the Pacific Railroad in the U.S. and that long before this contract should expire, the Eastern mails must be carried over that road and through the United time and many of the sea risks of the

G. W. R. ENTERPRISE.—The Record says:—The new system of transporting through baggage on the Great Western Railway, in vans carried on platform cars, has completely revolutionized that branch of traffic, and necessitated several changes at the passenger depot. A platform is now being erected near the end of the inside track, at a height equal to that of the platform cars on which the baggage vans are carried, with a frontage of forty feet, designing to facilitate the loading and unloading of the vans. It is rumored that the Railway Company intend to erect a new and more pany intend to erect a new and more commodious passenger depot at an early day, to facilitate the transaction of their rapidly increasing business.

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GEN. GRANT'S RETICENCE.—Says the New York World: "It is derogation to let his opinions even seem to depend on his chances of political promotion, or to be dietated by his personal interest General Grant's silence is as painful as it is puzzling. Certain it is, that he cannot be a Presidential candidate without declaring himself explicitly for one party or the other. The declaration is likely to come so late as to subject him to unpleasant imputations. If he cherishes a high and zealous sense of honor, he would prefer to withdraw from the canvass altogether rather than wear the appearance of concealing his opinions until he can adjust them to his interests, or make them subservient to his ambition.

CHAPLAINS FOR ABYSSINIA.—'A Chaplain writes:—"If have anxiously looked out to see what chaplains have been appointed to serve with the Abyssinian expedition. Asyet I have seen no mention of any. There will be several thousand employed, soldiers and sailors and many sick. There are no Indian chaplains available. The naval transports, and (I believe) the new troopships are at the present moment without chaplains. Photographers, Clomb's lights, field telegraphs, useless stores, such as hay to, have been forwarded in profusion. Surely the government might supply a naval or military chaplain for field duties?—United Service Gazette.

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A New Source of Wealth—According to the reports of several Charleston journals, extensive deposits of gnano are to be found in South Carolina. The new fertilizer contains from sixty to seventy-five per cent. of pure phosphate, and is of superior value to the Peruvian article which pavs \$90 per ton. From statements published, we are informed that the deposits cover an area of several square miles along the banks of the river Ashley, and can, when brought into market, immediately command a price of \$10,000,000. The deposits are easily accessible, being only a few miles from Charleston, to whose business men they will furnish an article of exportation capable of restoring its former prosperity. One journal says that King Cotton is forever dethroned.

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

EPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST MEETING

Fenianism in Montreal.

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The spirit of Fenianism is not yet extinct in Canada it would appear. A despatch to the Globe bearing date the 26th inst. says:—Owing to information received by the city authorities of intended mischiel by Fenians or other evil disposed persons, the water works and fire stations were guarded on Tuesday and. Wednesday nights. The story was that some eighty persons were to rise and set fire to a number of the principal stores, churches, &c., and were to be joined by others from the States. A rumour was also current on Christmas day that a barrel of gunpowder had been discovered under the English Cathedral; but this had no truth in it, and it is not believed there was any foundation for the other rumors which it is more than suspected were set on foot in order that work might be made which would keep the Government police now about to be discharged on duty during the winter.

Appointments of the Local Government.

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A despatch from Toronto on the 26th makes known the following appointments as made by Lieut. Guvernor Stisted:—Charles T. Gillmore, Toronto, to be Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; Fred. J. Glackmeyer, London, to be Sergeant-at-mrs; W. H. Boulton and Charles T. Gillmore, to be Commissioners to administer oaths to members of the Legislative Assembly.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.—It is said that Mr. J. Stevenson, the member for Lennox is the Government nominee for the Speakership of the Legislature of Ontario.

BIRTHS.

of Mr. Henry Metcalf, saddler, of a son.

MARRIAGES

ONALD—At Puslinch, on the 24th inst, aft a long and painful illness of nine years, whi bore with patience, Catharine, wife of Mr. cander McDouald, aged 79 years. Deeply-onted by a large circle of friends. De-ed was a native of Argylshire, Scotland. On the 19th inst, Wm Dallas Rolinfant son of Alex. Robertson, Esq aged 7 months and 11 days.

New Advertisements.

Masonic Festival

Parties wishing the use of

Mr. Hoover's Carriages

will please leave their addresses at his residence, near the Post Office, when they will be waited upon and conveyed to and from the Hall at mod-crate charges: Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

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This Evening,

IN THE BASEMENT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

ROCKWOOD Commercial. Mathematical and Classical

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THIRTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION MENCES ON THE SIXTH JANUARY, 1868.

THIS long established and popular Institution offers special advantages to old and young. Its rural situation affords a degree of freedom from temptation seldom attained without undue restraint, while the comprehensiveness of the curristricture of of t Regular instructions in Plain and Ornament Penmanship and Vocal Music.

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BEGS to announce to the public that he had fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with

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The very best of Liquors, and cho will always be kept.

The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. IR. McCruden, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

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W. ANTED at this Office, a stout active lad about 15 or 16 years of age, possessing good English education, to learn the printin business. None other need apply except those possessing the qualifications above mentioned Apply at the Mercury Office, Macdonnell street Guelph.

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Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867.

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ON SATURDAY-The balance will be PUT UP IN LOTS FOR FAMILY USE The Goods can be seen during the week at the Warehouse of Messrs. ROBINS & TOLTON, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

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GENERAL GROCERIESI

Wines and Liquors, Crockery, China and Glassware, which he will sell as cheap as any house in the town.

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Tobaccos.

Good Green and Black Teas from 50c. per lb., Green and Ground Coffees SUGARS-Muscovada Fruits and Sauces for Christmas & New Year

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Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffee's Hotel. Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

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A very large and well-assorted stock of Whip will be sold at 25c. on the dollar of our forme low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church. We have a few pairs of imported made up Hor Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of commo blankets.

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We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will
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Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety,
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Guelph. 26th December, 186% dwtf.

SMITH & METCALF,

Insolvent Act of 1864. In the matter of Thos. McKee Grier,

THE creditors of the Insolvent are notified to court House, Guelph, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of JANUARY, next, at the hour of TWELY o'clock nooh, for the public examination of the local vent, and for the ordering of his affairs geternly.

THOMAS SAUNDERS. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assigned 1867. dw2t

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

Guelph, Dec. 26, 1867.

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Monday Evening, Dec. 30th

"The Charcoal Burner,"

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