

The circulation of the Daily and Weekly MERCURY is MORE THAN DOUBLE that of any paper published in Guelph or west of Toronto.

"The Girl of the Period."

The attention of moralists has been arrested by the rapid strides made by fashionable folly in the social and family circles.

In one respect, at all events, the women of America are in advance of their English sisters, and that is in their clamor for what some brazen-faced specimens of womanhood as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone, and old humbugs like Parker Pillsbury denominate "Women's Rights."

"The most salient and apparent change in women, in the last few years (I do not say the deepest), is not advance in intelligence, marked as that may be: it is the growth in impatience."

"It is no wonder then, that, night after night, Nelly herself may be seen, with back and bosom half-bared, whirling and reeling in Dick French's arms, while her mother looks placidly on."

"I use coarse language. The times are coarse. The state of society which can make a Swinburne possible, can bear a few plain words without detriment to its modesty."

"The women politicians who want 'a mission' might turn their attention to a reform in this matter, as well as in the matter of dress; but they prefer to encourage such things by paying no attention to them, and occupying a field which women were never intended by nature to occupy."

CENTRAL GRAND ORANGE LODGE.—The Grand Orange Lodge of Central Canada met in Guelph on Tuesday, and the next day the following officers were elected:—M. Bowell, M. P. W. M.; D. G. Hatton, Senr., M. P. N. S. McDonald, Jr., D. M. S. S. Pock, Treasurer; A. J. Van Ingen, Secretary; Dr. Oronhyatekha, D. G.; Rev. W. Burns, G. C.; Dr. C. J. Potts, Lecturer; Alex. Barr, G. D. C.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Miss Harriet Martineau, who is in her 67th year, is in much bad health as to be unable to revise her latest work.

Lord Byron wrote, "I date my first impression against religion from having witnessed how little its votaries were actuated by true christian charity."

Mr. Weir continues the exportation of silver coin. The total amount now exported amounts to \$153,000. Discount to-day fell between a 1/2 and 3/4 per cent; and it is expected to go lower next week as the exportation goes on.

ACCIDENT.—The Elora Observer says that on Saturday last, as Mr. Geo. Close, of 10th Con. of Peel, was standing with his team near a cedar tree that was being cut down by Mr. Joseph West, in West's bush, the wind, which was blowing high at the time, diverged the fall of the tree, and team and driver entirely buried in the brush.

DR. RYERSON'S SCHOOL BILL.—A correspondent writes to us as follows: "At a public meeting held in School Section No. 2, Nassagaweya, to discuss the provisions of the new School Act, it was unanimously resolved that four delegates be appointed to attend the meeting of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, at Milton, on the 23rd, and that all power be invested in them to use every legitimate means to prevent the progress of the new School Act, and that each delegate receive the sum of one dollar for his services."

THE FERGUS FAIR.—The Fair in Fergus on Thursday, says the News Record, was well attended, both by buyers and sellers. The stock offered comprised cattle of all kinds, but business was almost exclusively confined to beef animals.

"THE QUEEN"—Mr. J. Hewer, of the Great Western Hotel in this town, has secured at much expense a very handsome full length oil painting of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which he has placed in a conspicuous position in the bar-room. The portrait was painted in England, and was originally purchased by the city of Hamilton for a cost of something like \$500; but for certain reasons which we need not mention, it fell into the hands of a private citizen of "the ambitious city," from whom it was purchased by Mr. Hewer.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.—The Tribune's Washington special says:—An American gentleman in Cuba, who is in a position to know the rebellion and its prospects quite thoroughly, sends information to Washington stating that the insurrection is gaining ground rapidly, especially in the eastern department.

"Life's path is rough," the old man said. "I'm weary, I would that I were dead. I asked what ailed him, and he feebly sighed in humbling accents he to me replied: 'It is not that I am feeble, old, feeble. 'Tis a tight boot, and an internal CORN.'"

HOTEL ARRIVALS. COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Feb. 20, 1869. Miss Richard, Niagara; T. Stephenson, Montreal; Dr. Johnson, Toronto; C. Sheely, Detroit; R. T. Sims, Ottawa; W. Wetherald, Bellham; W. Christie, Hamilton; William Fry, Norval; M. Thomson, Montreal; Thomas Stewart and Wife, Galt; Mrs. Welter, Waterloo; Peter McKenzie and Wife, Mount Forest; David Kennedy, do; Mr. Atkinson, Toronto; G. H. Lewis, Montreal.

DIED. HOFFMAN.—At Guelph, on the 15th inst., Bridget Hoffmann, relict of the late Thomas Hoffmann, Esq., aged 77 years.

New Advertisements. Speed Lodge, No. 180. AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY the 23rd day of February, at half past 7 o'clock, p. m.

DRAWING INSTRUMENTS LOST. Taken from the subscriber's office, during the past two weeks, portions of a set of Drawing Instruments, supposed to have been given to boys. Parents of boys who may have any of them in their possession, by returning them to the subscriber will be suitably rewarded.

THE FASHIONS.

GODEY AND OTHER MAGAZINES,

FOR MARCH, 1869, AT THORNTON'S Young Canada Bookstore,

NEAR THE POST OFFICE Guelph, Feb. 20. dw

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE. A good factory for sale or to let. Apply to Guelph, Novem 8. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph

TO BIRD FENCERS. BREEDING CAGES, SINGLE AND DOUBLE CAGES, CLASS FOUNTAINS, SEED BOXES AND BATHS,

At JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 16. do 6t

KNOX'S CHURCH, GUELPH. SEALED TENDERS. Will be received by the undersigned at his office, where plans and specifications can be seen till MONDAY, 8th March, for the Joinery, Plastering and Painting, required in Knox's Church.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the Co-partnership heretofore existing under the name and style of KENNEDY & PIKE is dissolved this day by mutual consent.

NOTICE.—ACCOUNTS. Notice is hereby given that all accounts due the late firm of Galtbraith and Beattie, saddlers, must be settled by the 1st of March.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual.

POTATOES. For sale, any quantity of first-class Potatoes, at the store of the subscribers.

WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. HIRSCH & KENNEDY. February 15th. do t

FRESH MADE BISCUITS & CRACKERS. H. BERRY. A DELICIOUS TEA CAKE AT SALLY LUND'S.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED. At JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 16. daw

SALT. SALT. Bags Coarse Liverpool SALT, 200 Bags Fine Liverpool SALT, 100 Barrels American SALT, 500

PUBLIC NOTICE. The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual.

BOYS WANTED. Four steady boys wanted to sell the EVENING MERCURY. Apply at this office.

The ETNA Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.

ASSETS OVER \$10,000,000. More than fifteen thousand Policies were issued during the year, insuring nearly FORTY-FIVE MILLIONS. It insures from \$500 to \$20,000 on a single life.

SCHOOL BOOKS & STATIONERY. SELLING AT COST. AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

THE MUSIC TRADE. IS NOW OFFERING HIS STOCK OF School Books, Blank Books, Stationery, Albums, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Travelling Bags, &c. &c.,

AT COST. CALL AND SEE. W. WARNER CLARKE, Market Square, Guelph

1869. BY SPECIAL REQUEST. G. FRASER. GEORGE B. FRASER, Montreal Warehouse Weymouth Street

GREAT GIFT SALE! ON SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY. \$40,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS

1st Prize, Rich Black Silk Dress, \$20 3rd Prize, two pairs Blankets, \$10 5th Prize, Black Cloth Jacket \$2.50 2nd " Rich Paisley Filled Shawl 15 4th " A Large Counterpane, 5 6th " Cash

Another Bankrupt Stock Just Arrived AT THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE, Consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes.

DRY GOODS. 36 inch Grey Sheeting, \$0.12 former price \$0.17 Prints, \$0.08 former price \$0.12 33 inch Grey Sheeting, 0.10 " 0.12 12 1/2 " 0.13 " 0.17 72 inch Grey Sheeting, 0.25 " 0.32 Broad Cloth, 2.00 " 3.50 Prints, 0.06 " 0.10 Tweeds, 0.45 " 0.65

BOOTS AND SHOES. Men's Coarse Boots, \$1.75 former price \$2.75 Women's Boots, 75c to \$1.00, former price, \$1.25 Boys' Coarse Boots, 0.69 " 1.00 " 1.75 Infants' Boots, 20c to 25c, former price 37c to 45c.

GROCERIES. Gunpowder Tea, 40c, former price 62c. Black Tea, 40c, former price 62c. Japan Tea, 35 cents, former price 55c. Oolong tea, 25c, former price 40c.

FOR GOOD LOBSTERS AND SARDINES! J. & D. MARTIN'S. New Fruits at J. & D. Martin's.

SOAPS. WALKER'S, GOLDEN BAR, SILVER BAR AND TOILET, at J. & D. MARTIN'S. Wyndham Street, Guelph, February 11.

GREEN APPLES, AT WALKER'S.

DRIED APPLES, AT WALKER'S.

ORANGES AND LEMONS! AT WALKER'S.

POTATOES! AT WALKER'S.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR AT WALKER'S.

White Cornmeal AT WALKER'S.

Oatmeal & Flour AT WALKER'S FRUIT DEPOT, Opposite English Church.

FISH. NOW IN STOCK: White Fish, Salmon, Labrador Herring, Sea Herring, Trout, Tommy Cods, Codfish, Smelt, Sardines, Lobsters, &c., &c.

E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Day's Block. Guelph, 11th February. do

ATTENTION! All debts due by parties at the Rutherford House, and not paid this month, will be put into Court for collection.

R. RUTHERFORD, Feb. 4, 1869.

MONTREAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY. GUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.

TOBACCOS ARRIVED. P. & G. LORILLAND'S. CENTURY CHEWING TOBACCO. NEW SORT.

The Finest Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco in the World. One hundred dollars packed in this brand daily.

AT GEO. WILKINSON'S. Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 17th February. do

TOWN OF GUELPH. Applications will be received until 7.30 p. m., on Friday evening next, 19th instant, for the Offices of Police Clerk, Assessor and Tavern Inspector.

By order, JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk. Guelph, 17th February. do