

THE MCGEE MURDER-BUCKLEY ACQUITTED.

The trial of Patrick Buckley for being accessory to the murder of McGee before its commission took place at Ottawa on Friday. The counsel for the prosecution in opening the case, said that no attempt would be made to show that prisoner was present when the murder was committed; for in that case he would have been indicted as a principal and not as an accessory. The general evidence the Crown would offer was the intimacy of the prisoner with Whelan; the presence and conduct of Whelan in the House on the night of the murder; Buckley as a messenger in the House giving Whelan several tickets, and having several interviews with Whelan that night; the fact that after the murder, prisoner had denied all knowledge of Whelan would be shown; while it would be established beyond dispute, that he had in several matters been intimate with Whelan. It was also said on one occasion by prisoner, that Mr. McGee was a traitor to his country, and before the close of that session of the Legislature McGee's life would be taken.

After a number of witnesses had been examined, Mr. John H. Cameron, who defended the prisoner, held that there was not a particle of evidence to go to the jury. Judge Morrison coincided with Mr. Cameron, and the jury were directed to acquit the prisoner, who all through evinced no interest in the trial, and remained unmoved even when acquitted.

The Late Storm in England—Loss of Life.

The English north country papers of the 29th and 30th ult., are filled with accounts of the extraordinary weather which has prevailed during the late few days. The greatest depth of snow appears to have fallen in the midland counties. In the north there has been a great deal of thunder and lightning. On the Newton Moors a shed was fired by lightning, and some sheep were burned. For some hours the lightning continued, lighting up the snow-clad landscape in a dazzling manner. On the Northumberland coast the lightning was so powerful as to be "awfully grand." A place Shawend, near Leatham Bridge, on the North Yorkshire line of railway, a cottage was struck by lightning and completely demolished, and the fragments strewn in all directions. The occupants of the cottage—a man named Watson, his wife and a child seven years of age—were in bed at the time. The house was somewhat isolated, and nothing was known of the terrible event until next morning, when the persons living in the nearest dwelling made the discovery. The Watsons, husband and wife, were quite dead, and locked in each other's arms, the bedding burned to a cinder. Their bodies much blackened; the child, who was in the same bed with them, had managed to escape, and was discovered almost dead with cold in an outbuilding.

Sympathetic. We deeply sympathize with the people of the County town in an affliction which has recently befallen them. Their daily journals the Mercury and the Advertiser, have taken to making jokes "and such jokes." One day the Mercury tortures its readers with a half dozen wild and insane conundrums, the next the Advertiser follows suit with as many pointless puns, and in the case of either an examination by means of a double million power magnifying microscope would utterly fail to reveal a suspicion of humour or a hint of wit. On behalf of a suffering public, we appeal to our conferrers to give it up.—Mount Forest Examiner.

The editor of the Mount Forest Examiner is one of those Gulls whom the Rev. Sydney Smith alluded to, when he said that it was impossible for them to understand a joke unless their skulls were first cracked; and until this operation on his cranium is performed, we are afraid our Mount Forest conferrers will not see the point of even this remark, which is more of a fact than that incomprehensible thing (to him) a joke. USTRER.—The rumour that the editor of the Mount Forest Examiner has accepted a position on the staff of Diogenes is untrue. We learn on good authority that he never perpetrated a joke in his life, and wouldn't know one if he saw it.

PROSPECTS OF THE COTTON CROP.—The dispatches from the South announcing another frost heavy enough to kill the young cotton indicates a more serious matter than the similar ones a fortnight ago. Then very little cotton could have been up, and the replanting required was trifling. Now probably nine-tenths of the entire breadth devoted to the great staple through the best cotton-growing regions must have been dotted with the tender young shoots. As the planter sees these blackened under a killing frost, he realizes the defeat of the struggle, which from the 1st of January to the 1st of April he has been making, to get his crop to an "early stand," and the consequent reason to apprehend that the worm will be upon it before the bolls are out of danger. Two weeks have thus sometimes made a difference of a fifth or even more in the yield of the field.

LACROSSE.—A good friend George Massey, the successor of Leslie in the secretarship of the Toronto Club, writes to the Montreal Star as follows:—President, W. D. Otter, (of course); Vice-President, R. V. G. (of course); Captain, J. Henderson; Secretary-Treasurer, George Massey, Commodore—Paul Campbell, J. Erskine, and T. Mitchell. We are going to have a very strong club, and at least if we can judge from the aspect played at our meeting, we will play on Friday the 19th. We will play on Friday the 19th, and on Saturday the 20th, and on Sunday the 21st. It is possible a little soft as yet. Or, perhaps, if it can be arranged, we will play on Monday the 20th and Tuesday the 21st. We are very anxious to play them in the country and wipe away the Paris club. The Dominion Club will stick to the attention of coming up here in July. We will treat them well, and try to be the best.

A fire broke out on the farm of Mr. Waddie, Wellington Square, on Thursday afternoon, destroying property to the amount of \$500. An Indian child was burned to death at Southampton on Monday last, by its clothes catching fire.

PARLIAMENTARY.

When the House met yesterday, Mr. Ross, of Centre Wellington, was introduced by Mr. Sturton and Mr. Mackenzie, and took his seat. Mr. Simpson of Algoma moved the address in reply to the speech, seconded by Mr. Bolton. Both made a poor figure and John A. was relieved when they took their seats. Messrs. Holton and McKenzie made some telling thrusts at the Administration, which were well received by the House. Messrs. Grey and Walsh shivered in their seats when Mr. McKenzie called attention to their position as office-holders. Mr. Stewart Campbell, who is spoken of for a paid office, seemed rather uncomfortable, too. Poor Sandfield Macdonald, who sits on the front Opposition benches, among Reformers, was engaged in interjecting offensive observations at members of his own party, but was handled without gloves by Mr. McKenzie, and silenced.

Sir John stated that negotiations had been opened with a member of the Senate to fill up the vacancies in Cabinet. It is understood here that this has reference to Senator Aikens, and that when Mr. McDougall returns by Wednesday the matter is to be taken up again. It is stated that Mr. Aikens demands, as a condition on which he will go into the cabinet, that the basis of 1867 be preserved; viz, that three seats be given to Reformers in Ontario. The question is, therefore, will Sir John concede this? A large section of the Tory party is opposed to it.

ACCIDENT AT ELMIRA.—A German named Dahmer, says the Waterloo Chronicle, was severely injured by a stallion at Elmira, on Monday, market day. The animal becoming refractory, kicked the man, striking him on the arm, which was completely shattered by the blow. The wife of the unfortunate individual, hearing of the accident and hastening down stairs to see her husband, fell and was also severely injured on the shoulder by the fall. Both parties are doing as well as can be expected under the careful treatment of Dr. Walmsley, of Elmira.

About half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning a fire was discovered in the rear of Mr. Roslis's barn, Clifton, which spread to the adjoining buildings destroying the Roslis Hotel, Mulheim's and Hall's taverns, also Mulheim's barn. Three valuable horses, the property of Mr. Roslis, were destroyed in the fire. All the buildings were insured. Loss about \$5,000. The Baptist churches in Georgetown and Furlton have given a call to Rev. Mr. Perrin, to be their Pastor.

New Advertisements.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received up to one o'clock, p.m. on SATURDAY next, 24th APRIL, for the Masonry, Carpenter Work, Glazing and Painting of a Factory, to be erected in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen on and after Wednesday next, at the office of Mr. Booth, 101 St. V. Quebec Street. EP The parties do not bind themselves to accept of the lowest or any tender, unless otherwise satisfactory. Guelph, 17th April. dda1

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CAUTION.

Thereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it. F. PREST. Guelph, 11th March. dwt

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