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Congress and the Alabama Treaty.

A special meeting of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs for the purpose of taking final action on the Alabama Treaty was held in Washington, of which the Tribune gives the following report:—Senator Sumner opened a discussion on the subject in which he declared his unqualified opposition to the letter and spirit of the document, and showed conclusively that by its ratification our Government would surrender every important principle which it had laid down as a basis of settlement of the pending questions at issue. When the question was put by the Chairman as to what report should be made on the subject, they unanimously instructed him to make an adverse report at the next Executive session. When it is called up in the Senate it will lead to considerable debate, as it is understood there are several Senators, on the Republican as well as on the Democratic side, who will strenuously urge its ratification. But its friends say it is impossible to get a two-thirds vote in the face of the unanimous report of the Committee against it. It is said that the action of the Committee was soon afterwards reported to Secretary Seward, who immediately sent a telegram to Reverdy Johnson, announcing the fact, and authorizing him to communicate the same to the English Ministry. From the correspondence in relation to the Alabama claims, lately laid before the Senate, it appears that the original treaty provided that the Commission should meet in London. Minister Johnson had also consented that the Alabama claims must be settled by a unanimous vote of the Commission, while the others were to be settled by a majority vote, and that the arbitrator on the Alabama claims must be agreed upon by both Governments, while in the other cases he should be chosen by lot. Mr. Seward objected to all this; said that Mr. Johnson had allowed discrimination against the Alabama claims, and pretty strongly intimated that Lord Stanley had been a good deal too sharp for our Minister. When the English Government was informed of the objections of Mr. Seward, the matter was taken into consideration, and an entirely new draft was prepared, which Mr. Seward found more to his liking. In his letter of the 15th of January, inclosing the two treaties, Mr. Beverdy Johnson alludes to the position taken two years ago by England, and says that he has reason to believe that the abandonment of these positions is due to the growing friendly feeling for the United States which has been so strongly expressed since his arrival, and then conveys the pleasant information that, anticipating such an effect, he determined to lose no time in cultivating the feeling, and this was the sole motive in the speeches he made last Fall in various parts of England.

Railway Meeting in Egremont.

The "irrepressible" Laidlaw, the Hon. John McMurrich, and two other of the philanthropic Toronto narrow-gaugers, called a meeting of the ratepayers of the township of Egremont on Friday last, which was attended by about thirty people all told. The meeting had been called by the railway men themselves, who did not think it worth while to ask the Council to do so, but convened the gathering on their own responsibility. The meeting took place in a wagon shop at Holstein, and for some time that necessary institution—a chairman—could not be got. At length, after much pressing, Mr. Swanson consented to serve in that capacity; and Mr. Laidlaw began to tell his small audience of the benefits which would accrue to Egremont if that bonus of \$50,000 was given to the "wheelbarrow" Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. The speaker stated he had conducted the agitation for the narrow-gauge road for over two years, to the detriment of his own private affairs, and he wanted to see the work begun. It was a very flat speech, and the want of enthusiasm amongst his hearers did not help matters much. Mr. McMurrich also spoke very briefly in favor of the narrow-gauge movement; and at the close of his remarks, a resolution got up and written by Mr. Laidlaw himself favorable to the scheme, was handed to two men in the meeting to move and second. Only eleven hands were held up in its favor, and the proceedings of one of the dullest railway meetings ever held came to an end, having occupied but half an hour of time. We learn that another meeting was held in Arthur on the following day (Saturday), but further than that the attendance was very slim, we have not learned particulars.

The Savage Panther which has created such an excitement among the farmers of Middle Tennessee has been shot. It proves to be a huge yellow dog, which had established a partnership with a large wild cat. The two were killing calves and sheep on shares.

The Reaction in Massachusetts.

A Boston correspondent of the National Temperance Advocate writes:—"The friends of temperance in Massachusetts feel better than they did one year ago. The reaction has come sooner than they anticipated, proving that the 'curiousness of the wicked is short.' The state election has resulted in a signal triumph for prohibition. Governor Claflin is an old time teetotaler and prohibitionist, and seven of the eight members of his council are prohibitionists. The Legislature is largely composed of prohibitionists. There are forty members of the Senate, and there are two hundred and forty members of the House, and from one hundred and sixty to one hundred and seventy of them are prohibitionists. Many of our most decided and active temperance men are among them. The Christian element, also, is very large. The body will present a striking contrast with the last Legislature, which brought so great a reproach upon the Senate. It will honor the Commonwealth, because it represents the school-houses and churches instead of the grog-shops. It represents the people of our State. The license Legislature of last year secured by bullying, deceiving and rushing, so that it did not represent the people. The sober second thought has brought virtue uppermost. Of course, our infamous license law will be repealed, and the grand old prohibitory law restored, proving that it was not a revolution that we passed through a year since, but only a 'sneeze.' One year of licensed rum-selling has done what two years of temperance lecturing could not have accomplished by way of proving that a license law is an unmitigated curse. Our State grows under it. This goodly city festers with corruption, which the liquor traffic begets. Every goal and house of correction in the state tells one long, frightful tale of crime and debauchery, increased manifold by the untrammelled traffic of the year. Hundreds of poor, struggling men and women, who have signed the pledge with the hope of deliverance from their cups, have gone back to inebriety and shame through the temptations which license has multiplied in the streets. Scores of families have been robbed of peace and happiness, and quiet neighbourhoods have been converted into types of Bedlam. Young men, in large numbers, have yielded to the wiles of the tempter, and gone down like gallant but ill-fated vessels, beneath angry billows. And so the engulfing waves roll on; and the people, startled and aroused by the spectacle, cry 'Enough enough!'"

Dancing Differences.—A writer in the Moravian says:—What a strange thing this dancing is, after all, when you look at it from a philosophical, or, if you please, unsophisticated point of view. The other day, Insulanus asked a lady how it came to pass that the entrance upon the floor of a ball-room made such a wonderful change in the usual manner and habits. She asked him what he meant, as she did not understand. He asked her, suppose I introduce you to a friend of mine, a stranger, and he not only take your hand, but put his arm around you, what would you do? You may imagine her look and answer! What would she do? All your lady readers know what they would do, and what the father, husband or brother of such a lady would do. But, said Insulanus, as soon as you enter the "hon" or ball, you meet a perfect stranger, who is introduced to you at the time, not only to take your hand but put his arm around your waist, and to sail around the room with you, in the giddy mazes of the dance, and your father, brother, and husband think it all right! The lady admitted that she had not exactly looked upon it from that point of view, but gave Insulanus no other information, than that things were allowable in the dance which are not so in ordinary life. How wonderful, that delicate ladies can dance from 9 to 12 p. m., square and round dances, and wind up with a sherry cobbler, and yet feel too weary to stand up during prayer in church!

Intelligence from the Muskoka district is very gratifying. In a place which a year ago might be said to be a wilderness, there are now eight hundred ratepayers, and next summer there will be fifteen post-offices in operation in it. This very marked success is owing, to a great extent, to the free grant system, and to the fact that the government has undertaken to improve the navigation of the enclosed lakes, by which means access will be had to a very great extent of country now shut out. This is such practical reform as the country wants.

The St. John Freeman, an anti-union journal, published and edited by Mr. Anglin, a member of the House of Commons, is exceedingly bitter just now. It recently copied a paragraph, with reference to emigration from England, and sarcastically added—"Take away their troops and send us paupers!" As very few of the latter will be likely to go to New Brunswick, the Freeman might have spared the taunt.

The police department of this town has of late added but little to the portfolio of the press. We hope no serious consequences to the public will follow. In Kingston the "locals" mourneth. One of them says that the sittings of the Police Court have of late been dull and uninteresting to a painful degree!

Bavarian and Austrian beer became so popular in Paris during the Exposition that the sale continued in that city. The German beer is even getting a foothold in London, in spite of English competition. It is light and pure, with a good flavor. English beer is either very heavy or very insipid.

A gentleman in Connecticut takes exception to the publication in a newspaper, of an account of a surprise visit made to him and his wife, as he has no wife and the announcement, he thinks will hinder his chances of getting one.

In the celebrated New Orleans wine case, one day last week, the judges, counsel and a witness, drank twenty bottles of wine, in "testing." Had they kept on they would probably have been thoroughly competent to judge its merits.

Paterson, New Jersey, has had a romance. A one-legged organ-grinder ran away with a girl. He had made \$2,600 and a house and lot in Chicago, out of a year's business, and the 'stern parents' were mollified.

A Pittsburg coroner's jury recently found a verdict that one Catherine Reiner "did feloniously and of malice aforethought, strangle and murder herself, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Howe says that, if he be defeated in Hants he will go no more to Ottawa, having nothing more to do with the Dominion or Local Governments; but will retire into private life and never take part in politics again.

Clyde, Ohio, has what is called a "Knitting Machine." A crowd of ladies walk into a drinking saloon, take possession of all the seats, and quietly settle down at knitting. This stops the customary business of the place.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, Feb. 22, 1890.  
O P Schuyler, Syracuse, N.Y.; C Perren, Woodstock; J N Woods, Stratford; A Wilks, J Walker, C Brady, J Donaldson, A B Wigley, Toronto; R S Mann, Drumbo; J Eberth, Clifford; H A Kittson, Hamilton; J Lewis, Arthur.

"Life's path is rough," the old man said, "I'm weary,—I would that I were dead!" I asked what ailment, and he feebly sighed in humbling accents he to me replied, "It is not that I am feeble, old, or worn,— 'Tis a slight ailment and an infirm CORN."

Note.—Those who are similarly afflicted will please call at E. Harvey & Co's (and get box of Briggs' Curative, and in a jiffy his or her Corns, with all its torments, will disappear. For sale by all druggists, C. H. Wright & Co., agent for British possessions. The summer is gone, and the autumn is past. Jolly winter has come in at last! The snow-flakes are falling quick thro' the air, covering the ground with a mantle rare; The ice King his joys is quickly in bringing, The merry sleigh-bells are gaily ringing; And whether it be by day, or whether by night, Lamp, or candle, or chandelier, all light, The breeze doth whisper, "Tis winter, take care!"

And the night wind doth bellow "Beware! Beware!" But if you suffer from asthma or cold, Toothache, neuralgia, rheumatic pains, Coughs, bronchitis, or other affections, Supposed to shorten our frail humanity, Don't stop a minute, but hurry instantly, And purchase a bottle of Briggs' Curative. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., and all druggists. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, general agents for British possessions.

MARRIAGES.

DICK—McGILL.—At the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday the 17th inst, by the Rev. J. A. Thompson, Mr Richard Dick, of Caledon, to Catherine, youngest daughter of Peter McGill, Esq., of Etobicoke.  
GORDALL—NEWBY.—At the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday the 17th inst, by the Rev. E. Parker, Mr Thos Gordall, of Miss Thomason Newman, both of Garrafraa.  
McCORMIE—HOPE.—In Drayton on the 17th inst, by the Rev. E. Parker, Mr Robert McCormie to Miss Margaret Hope, all of Peel.

New Advertisements.

NEW MUSICAL WORK.

THE STANDARD SINGING SCHOOL, A complete method for the cultivation and development of the voice, and for acquiring the art of singing, based upon the celebrated school of Garcia, with additions and adaptations to the English language, prepared for the use of Conservatories, Classes, and Private Teachers, by L. H. SOUTHWELL, Price \$3.00 Sent post-paid. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston, C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

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. ROBT. CUTHBERT, Secretary. Guelph, 19th Feb. do

DRAWING INSTRUMENTS LOST

Taken from the subscriber's office, during the past week, 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.  
Feb 20. do STEPHEN BOLLT.

THE FASHIONS.

GODEY AND OTHER MAGAZINES,

FOR MARCH, 1890.

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Young Canada Bookstore.

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Guelph, Feb. 20. do

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BREEDING CAGES, SINGLE AND DOUBLE CAGES, GLASS FOUNTAINS, SEED BOXES AND BATHS,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 16. do

KNOX'S CHURCH, GUELPH.

SEALED TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned at his office, where plans and specifications can be seen till MONDAY, 24th March, for the Joinery, Plastering and Painting, required in Knox's Church.  
The Building Committee do not intend themselves to accept the lowest or any tender if not satisfactory. JOSEPH HOBSON, Guelph, 19th Feb. do

NOTICE.—ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given that all accounts due the late firm of Galbraith and Beattie, soldiers, must be settled by the 1st of March. If not settled by that date they will be put into the hands of A. J. Baker, Esq., Clerk of the Division Court, for collection. Guelph, 8th Feb. do

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 in usual manner, and will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. do JAS BARCLAY.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 10. do

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. Parties requiring work will please call at his house and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOB, Guelph, 6th Jan. do

BOYS WANTED.

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32 inch Grey Sheeting, 0.10 0.12  
72 inch Grey Sheeting, 0.25 0.32  
Prints, 0.06 0.10  
Broad Cloth, 2.00 3.50  
Tweeds, 0.45 0.65  
Tweeds 35c, former price \$1.

BOOTS AND SHOES

Men's Coarse Boots, \$1.75 former price \$2.75  
Boys' Coarse Boots, 0.60 1.00  
Girls' Boots, 50c to 75c, former price 90c to \$1.25  
Women's Boots, 75c to \$1.00, former price, \$1.25 to \$1.75  
Infants' Boots, 20c to 25c, former price 27c to 45c.

GROCERIES

Gunpowder Tea, 40c, former price 62c. Black Tea, 40c, former price 62c. Japan Tea, 35 cents, former price 55c. Colong tea, 25c, former price 50c. Tobacco, Stone Polish, Nuts, Soap, Brushes, Lamps, Lamp Burners, Wicks, Chimneys, and all other Goods equally low. GREAT BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.

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