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Guelph, June 3, 1869 daw

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Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

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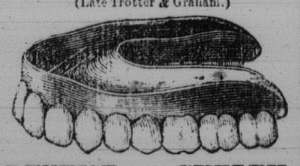

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Guelph, 29th April, 1868. dw

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The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

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WM. BROWNLOW
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Guelph December 1 dwly

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Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

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FRANCIS SMALL.
Guelph, April 3, 1869. dwly

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School re-opened on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.—Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.

December 30. dolv

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1869 do

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc
Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868 dwtf

Evening Mercury.

SATURDAY EV'G, JULY 3, 1869.

Town and County Items.

The young man Grite, who was so severely injured at the excursion, was brought home from Copetown last night. He is in a low condition.

Among the improvements going on at present in Arthur village are the erection of a fine Drill Shed for the accommodation of the Volunteers, and a hall for the Orange body.

MONEY MARKET. — The report of the money market will be found on our fourth page as formerly. Mr. Jackson, broker, has returned and resumed business, having been a considerable gainer physically by his trip to the South.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. — The attention of the stockholders in this institution is directed to the advertisement of this evening's issue, changing the appointment of the annual general meeting from Monday, the 5th, to Tuesday, the 13th July:

THE BELL RINGERS AT ELORA.—Our Elora correspondent writes us to say that the concert given there by the Alleghanians was very successful. The audience numbered about 500, and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the performance, although excellent as the vocal music was, they could have wished for a little less of it, and a little more of the bells.

THOROUGH BRED STOCK FOR THE NORTH RIDING. — Mr. John McCullock, of Saugeen Township drove up last week a pure bred Galloway cow with a fine heifer calf. The cow "Annie Laurie" was bred by Mr. Snell, of Chingaucousy, and has taken Provincial premiums. The calf is also pure bred, and with the cow was purchased by Mr. McCullock, from Mr. Thos. McCrae, of Guelph.

KNOX CHURCH FESTIVAL.—The turn out to the Festival on Friday night proved one thing at least, namely that people don't easily get tired of strawberries. The attendance was even larger than on the previous night. The greater part of the fruit was supplied by Messrs. Martin, and while the festival lasted 460 quarts were consumed. The Band was present, and under Mr. Vale's leadership played some fine pieces, among them being one or two of the Bandmaster's own composing. There was also some vocal music, and a pleasant time generally. Financially the festival has been a success, about $300 having been realized for the building fund.

LAYING CORNER STONE AT MOUNT FOREST. —The corner stone of the New Connection School was laid on Friday with masonic honors by the W M Rev. J A Murray, and the brethren of St. Albans Lodge, No. 200. The Volunteers, Sons of Temperance and school children, formed in procession on the market square, and marched to the school site. The proceedings were enlivened with music by the school choir, and several speeches were delivered by the school superintendent, and clergymen of the village. The whole passed off very creditably, and a very pleasant day was spent. The plan of the building is an ingenious design and reflects much credit on the architects, Messrs. Bodley and Henry Combe.

CENTRE RIDING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. — A meeting of the Directors of the Centre Riding Agricultural Society was held in Whyte's hotel, Fergus, on Friday last. The President, Mr. M. Anderson, occupied the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Beattie, stated that Garafraxa (East and West), Eramosa, Erin, Nichol and Pilkington had subscribed in the aggregate $578.10. It was moved and carried that the Centre Riding Show be held this year at Elora on Wednesday, 13th October. The Vice President, R. Cromar, Esq., intimated that the Pilkington Society will amalgamate its funds (about $100) with the Centre Riding Society this year. The meeting then adjourned till Friday, 30th July, at Dalby's Hotel, Elora, at 2 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND.—The Mount Forest *Examiner* says, we omitted to state last week that a man name James Hooey, who lives on the 3rd concession, Township of Carrick, had been missing for some days. He left his home on Thursday the 19th of June to go to Mr. Savage's on some business, but never arrived there. He was last seen on the gravel road between Mernersville and Dunbar's Corners, and appeared by his walk as if he had been tired or unwell. Not returning home on Saturday his friends became uneasy, and commenced making a search for him. A large number of men volunteered assistance on Monday, and the woods along the road he was supposed to go to reach Mr. Savage's residence, were thoroughly examined but no trace of him could be found. The search was continued throughout the week, but without success. On Sunday morning last, eleven days after he had disappeared, his brother-in-law found a travelling-bag and walking-stick at the door of Hooey's house, and on following it up came upon Hooey lying in the woods behind a log, very weak in body, and evidently unsound in mind. He gives no satisfactory account of where he had been or why he acted in the way he did. Dr. Murphy of Mernersville was called in, under whose care Hooey now is.

LORD DERBY'S LEADERSHIP.—Lord Derby's last effort at leadership of the Lords has proved a failure. The majority of 33 against him, and for the second reading of the Irish Church bill, might tempt him to exclaim that in politics the days of chivalry are gone. No longer a majority to follow the reckless Rupert. The sentiment of prudence has triumphed over the sentiment of pride. No doubt the Lords care much for the Church in Ireland, but, on the whole, they care more for the Peers in England. They put aside Lord Derby and followed Lord Salisbury. The truth is, Lord Derby has wantonly flung away, or worn out the controlling influence he has so long exercised.

The prairies of northern Texas have been literally covered with strawberries this season.

The Case of Joseph Sternes.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser of Kincardine publishes the following letter in the Bruce *Reporter* in explanation as to how the villain Sternes came to Kincardine, and how recommended:

As Joseph Sternes was first introduced by me to the people of Kincardine in the character of an evangelist, I deem it due to myself, now that matters have fallen out so lamentably, to state the circumstances which led to my acqualntance with that individual.

On his arrival in this place he laid before me a testimonial couched in terms expressive of very high esteem, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt, a gentleman on whose statements I felt warranted to repose the utmost reliance. Mr. Smith represented him as a person whose services had been of signal utility in connection with the work of revival in Galt; and further stated that his object in coming west, on the solicitation and in company of a party from Bruce, was the salvation of men's souls by the preaching of those glad tidings which he himself appeared, so far as man could judge, to believe, to relish, and to love.

I freely acknowledge that I was sensible of a slight misgiving—of a shade—when by dint of a question or two I discovered that Sternes had led the life of a roving pedlar, and that he had tales of wild adventure, of camp and robberies and stilletos.

Not long after he had left this district he sent me a letter, at the suggestion of some persons in Galt applying for a certificate of character and of other qualifications to assist him in obtaining license from the Presbytery of Guelph as a regular preacher of the Gospel. I declined to give it, for the reason that I did not sufficiently know him, and that would I deprecate the action which his friends appeared to contemplate, as being at this stage of the matter at once precipitate and unwarranted.

As to the work at Tiverton, where his efforts had been chiefly applied, it was known to me and to others that a deep religious feeling had struck root in that congregation for at least a year before Sternes had appeared on the scene. His coming was only the occasion of its being draw to the surface—of its developement into a definite complexion and form.

The Tornado in Woodstock.

(From the Sentinel.)

During the forenoon of Sunday last the atmosphere was exceedingly sultry, and the appearance of the sky indicated an approaching storm About three in the afternoon, low rolling thunder was heard in the north-west which gradually came nearer until 5 o'clock p.m., when the clouds presented a fearful commotion, the lightning flashed with awful grandeur, and the loud peals of sharp, crackling thunder were deafening—electric fluid struck the house of Mr. John Budd, stripping off the shingles of the roof and made its escape by the tin eave conductor to the ground, on its course stripping off the siding boards of the house. The next flash hung for a second, like a ball of fire, on the point of the lightning rod on the top of Mr. Joseph Robinson's new building, and ran down the rod to the earth. The rain then fell in torrents, and in a few minutes more, a most terrific pouring out of—not hail—but large pieces of ice, measuring from four to eight inches in circumferences, continued, for upwards of ten minutes, with tremendous noise and fury. The branches of the trees as thick as a walking stick, were cut off by the falling pieces of ice, and the fields and gardens from west to east of the town, and nearly confined to the width of the town, were completely devastated—potatoes, peas, and every growing thing was cut off to the ground, The destruction of window glass can hardly be estimated. Upwards of 700 panes of glass wers smashed in the Baptist Institute, and the large windows on the windward sides of Knox, Erskine, and Chalmers Churches were totally demolished. The Town Hall suffered severely, and hardly a dwelling house in the town escaped the ravages of the storm. The plate glass skylights on the roofs of the stores of Messrs. Jno. White, Parker & Hood, and the photograph galleries were smashed to atoms. No person here ever witnessed so terrific a storm, and we hope never again to see its like. Happily, we have not heard of any loss of life by the storm.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

SATURDAY, 3rd.—*Hugh Hill* some time ago broke six panes of glass in a window of Mr. B. Kelly's house, and fearing the consequences of his malicious act took himself off. Yesterday, however, the Chief Constable came across him, and arrested him. This morning he was fined the price of the glass and costs, or 20 days. He had more days than cash at his disposal and went up.

MORE DAMAGE BY THE FLOOD. — Waterloo has suffered heavily by the rains of Saturday and Sunday last. The *Chronicle* says that the "large mill dam at the German Mills gave way on Sunday morning as did also that of Mr. Weber, at Strausburg. On these waters reaching Doon the greatest possible difficulties were experienced in preventing that dam from breaking. On Sunday rain came down all day and in the evening a shower even heavier than the one on Saturday came down and filled up everything. The stream running through Waterloo overflowed its banks everywhere. The Erbville dam broke on Monday morning and when that arrived the water rose still higher. It was only with the greatest labor and care that the Waterloo dam was kept from breaking." On Alder Creek the dam of Bricker's grist mill was carried away, and the pent up waters sweeping down from there carried away in their headlong course the dam of the saw and flax mills of Messrs. Shantz & Manheim, the dam of Mr. Richardt's saw mill and the dam of Watson & Adsett's woollen factory at New Dundee. A brick kiln, some barns &c., near this were also carried away, trees torn up and a clean sweep made of everthing moveable. So complete is the wreck at Shantz's mills that they do not intend to rebuild. The loss to Messrs. Watson & Absett is also very heavy, but we hope that the Township Council and people in the section will see them through their difficulty, and aid them in putting in a new dam. Mr. Mathew Gray's dam at Huston was also carried away by the freshet.

The World Over.

Sir Francis Hincks is expected to arrive in Quebec about the 18th inst.

Sir John and Lady Young have left for Montreal on their tour through the Provinces.

The Diocesan Synod of Halifax have resolved to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada.

The pilgrimage of Mahometans to Mecca passed off this year without any outbreak of disease.

News from New Zealand *via* Melbourne represent the rebels as being very hard pressed by the Colonial forces.

It is alleged that it costs the Methodists ministers a million of dollars for moving expenses in going from one appointment to another.

A boy was brought before the Reeve of Stratford last week for destroying a robin's nest, and it was only by the leniency of the prosecutor that he escaped severe punishment.

BASE BALL MATCH AT DUNDAS.—The international base ball match here yesterday, between the Niagara Club of Buffalo and the Independent Club of Dundas, was won by the Niagara Club by thirty-six runs.

The *Mercury* says that the Quebec City Councillors do not confine their exhibitions of pugilism to the Council Chamber. One of their number fought with a butcher on the market place on Thursday.

A private letter from Paris says that ex-President Davis' health is extremely delicate, and that should he recover sufficiently to do so, he will revisit Canada this summer, and spend the winter in Mississippi.

"Healing on its wings," say all who have made use of Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, and by such use been cured of coughs, colds, bronchitis, sore throat, influenza or consumption. The prudent will always keep this standard remedy by them.

Mr. W. A. C. Eccles, formerly of Georgetown, was drowned near Fort Howard, Wisconsin, a short time ago, in consequence of the upsetting of a boat in which he was sailing. His body, as well as that of his companion, was discovered some days afterwards.

True happiness, in the opinion of the writer, consists of the following named articles: a nice little wife sitting on your knee, a neat little room tidily furnished, and a bottle of Canadian Pain Destroyer in the cupboard ready for instant use. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by all medicine dealers.

ANOTHER SNUBBING.—The Local Government has received another snubbing in consequence of the assumption to a certain extent of the pardoning power.—Earl Granville in a despatch to Sir John Young, correctly states that the Queen only has that power, or those whom she deputes, viz., the Governor-General. He also shows that it is the law according to the British North American Act.

The Toronto *Telegraph* says: There has been a report in circulation for several days—to which, however, we do not attach any very great importance—to the effect that Sir George Cartier will be the first Chief Justice of the Dominion, and that on the occasion of his elevation to the Head of the Supreme Court, he will receive a patent of nobility from the Crown, which will entitle him to a seat in the House of Lords, with the title of Baron Cartier of Vercheres. The report, we may state, came hither through a London and not through an Ottawa channel, and we give it for what it is worth.

THE REFFENSTEIN PECULATION CASE. Geo. Reffenstein, clerk in the Receiver General's office, charged with the peculation of $661.50, was brought before the Ottawa Police Magistrate on Friday, when several witnesses were examined. The examination was not finished. It is expected the charge of larceny will break down; if so, another information has been put in on the Hamilton case, which will be proceeded with. If that fails there are six informations for misdemeanour in unlawfully, fraudulently, and knowingly, and by false pretenses obtaining various sums of money with intent to defraud.

THE IRISH CHURCH BILL.—Our cable news yesterday informed us that the Irish Church Bill is gradually passing through the Committee of the Whole in the House of Lords without the adoption, thus far, of any amendment which materially affects the fundamental principles of the measure. The first fourteen clauses were agreed to without amendment, except that the time when the church property shall be put into the hands of Commissioners was changed from Jan 1st, 1871, to Jan. 1st, 1872. The Bishop of Peterborough offered an amendment to the effect that all compensation be paid without deduction for income tax, which was carried by a vote of 95 to 50. A number of other clauses were agreed to without a division. Lord Carnarvon's amendment fixing the commutation of life interests at fourteen years' purchase was adopted.

SHOOTING AT AN OVERSEER.—The Orangeville *Sun* says:—On Sunday, while Mr. T. Reid was superintending some repairs on the Prince of Wales Road, midway between Orangeville and Camilla, he was fired at by a travelling agent, named J. H. Hanns. It appears that Mr. Reid solicited a small sum from Mr. Hanns for the benefit of the work, but the request was refused with rudeness by the latter, which was answered with corresponding discourtesy by the former. Upon this Mr. Hanns drew a revolver, and accompanying the action with a threat, fired at Mr. Reid. It is not known whether he intended to scare the overseer, or shoot him, but the use of firearms on so slight a provocation should not be tolerated. Mr. Hanns was followed to Orangeville, where a warrant was procured for his arrest, but the matter was compromised, and he was allowed to depart without suffering the just consequences of his rashness.

The Pacific Railway.

A TRIP THROUGH THE AMERICAN DESERT.

[By mistake only part of this letter was given yesterday. We give it entire to-day.]

Promontory Point, where the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Divisions of the great railway join, is neither city nor solitude, neither camp nor settlement. It is bivouac without comfort, it is delay without rest. It is sun that scorches, and alkali that blinds. It is vile whiskey, vile cigars, petty gambling, and stale newspapers at 25 cents apiece. It would drive a morbid mind to suicide. It is thirty tents upon the Great Sahara, sans trees, sans water, sans comfort, sans everything.

For hours we were in view of Great Salt Lake, now crossing arms of it upon trestle-work; now skirting its northern bank, where thousands of acres are white with fine salt deposited by floods, and now miles away, but catching, thro' breaks in the hills, glimpses of its deep blue waters, and its mountain islands tipped with snow. Passengers who would really see it, and enjoy a delicious bath, should stop for a day in the vicinity of Ogden.

Another day upon the desert. It seems to stretch out to the crack of doom. Nobody can realize the great work this has been until he takes the long ride of four or five days and nights through dreary wastes and unbroken solitudes. On this immediate portion of the road the alkali water would corrode boilers and soon destroy them. For a hundred miles, therefore, water is carried in takes upon platform cars, for the locomotives. A supply will ultimately be brought from the Truckee River, thirty-three miles, thro' bored tamarack logs. Several stations are already furnished in this way from springs six or eight miles distant. On the Union Pacific, also, through the Bitter Creek country, water is carried thirty or forty miles upon trains, to overcome the same difficulty.

For the last night (the fifth since leaving Omaha) we go to bed in the sleeping car. At dark the air is sultry; but we begin to ascend; before midnight we call for blankets; at daylight we wake among noble forests, and grand snow drifts, with Donner Lake, cool, blue, and sparkling, on our left. Adieu to the desert! Hail to the Sierras! Were ever these pines, and spruces, and firs, so darkly green before, or the mosses upon their trunks so brightly yellow, or the tumbling waters of such foamy whiteness? Were ever the rocks overhead so vast and threatening, or the chasms below so deep to our straining eyes?

Over the summit we go, and down the western slope—through *sixteen* tunnels, through *twenty* miles of snow sheds. At the most exposed points, the roofs are of four-inch planks, firmly bolted into granite. They have worked so well that nearly twenty miles more are to be added. In nothing have the Central Pacific people shown greater energy than in dealing with the snow, which falls here during an average winter to the depth of nearly twenty feet. A year ago to-day there were eighteen feet of snow upon the track; hundreds of Chinamen with shovels were helping a snow-plow (three times as high as a tall man, driven by ten locomotives) to fight its slow way through it.

Avalanches here never sweep the ground clean as among the Alps. The first snow falls, and a few sunny days and freezing nights incrust it with ice. Later snows, melting, begin to slide and roll down upon it. A ball will gather as large as a load of hay, then break into fifty other balls, each one of which grows and breaks in turn. They carry an incredible depth of bank into the deep, narrow valleys. Economically, the sheds are a great success. Esthetically, they are a great nuisance. Again and again, as one is enjoying the grandest scenery upon the continent, the train plunges into a long, dark chamber, and the view is broken. By the direction of Governor Stanford, President of the Company, some of the boards are being removed for the summer. They should all be knocked off every spring.

Down, down, down—mountains on one side, nothing on the other! From our window we look up a thousand feet, to a snowy summit; from the opposite one down a thousand or two thousand feet, into a green valley, with its swift-running stream thickened and muddled by the miners. The foliage grows warmer. The evergreens are interspersed with white dogwood flowers as large as the palm of one's hand; white strawberry blossoms, blue larkspurs, blue and white lupines, and the curling, blood-red leaves of the low, conical snow-cactus.

The woods open into the broader fields of the foot hills. Tall pines and firs give way to spreading live oaks with glossy leaves. We pass mining towns, scattered farm-houses, and grazing horses, sheep, and spotted cattle. Thicker and taller grows the grass, but always dull and faded; for the vivid green of the East is never seen in this dry climate.—Late in the season the landscape is straw-colored.

Now we are fairly in the valley, among gardens blooming with rose and oleander, clusters of ripe currants, cherries, and nectarines; luxuriant figtrees; vineyards of thirty and forty acres; flapping windmills for pumping water from the wells; low dwellings with deep porticos, half bidden by vines and shading trees; fields nearly a mile long, in which the silvery barley is up to a man's waist; and other fields in which the oats have been cut and raked into winrows We glide across the broad American river, and over half a mile of trestle-work; through the spreading suburbs of Sacramento: along the levee, the river on one side, and a slough, with half-submerged roofs and timbers, wrecks from the flood of Sixty-two on the other; and the Central Pacific machine and repair shops, round-houses, and car sheds; thro' the Chinese quarter—and here we are at tide water from the Pacific, with a steamer on the river, and a train of (Vallejo) cars on the opposite bank, waiting to take us to San Francisco. Five hours ago we were among snowbanks; here the mercury stands at 90° in the shade. It is a forenoon's journey from winter to summer, and only a twenty hours' ride from the heart of the desert to the heart of our western metropolis.—*Correspondence of N. Y. Tribune.*

The corner stone of St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, was laid on Thursday with Masonic ceremonies. Mr. Alex. Ste[illegible]venson, M W Grand Master, was presented by the Rector, Rev. Dr. [illegible] with the silver trowel.