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### BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

#### Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A writer in the London Times of to-day discusses the present situation of France. He says the year ends with the most precarious peace the world ever saw; pronounces M. Rouher a *Maire du Palais*; notices the growth of a democratic sentiment in France, and declares that the Emperor must either check the press or abandon personal government.

In view of President Johnson's amenity proclamation of the 25th Dec., Jeff. Davis, John Silldell, James M. Mason, A. Dudley, Mann and other ex-Confederates are preparing to return to the United States.

The press of London generally approve of the treaty between China and England, recently concluded by Lord Carlisle and Mr. Burlingame.

The Greek Government asks for a postponement of the meeting of the Conference on the Eastern difficulty, until the arrival at Paris of M. Dellagan, the Greek Minister to the Sardinian Porte.

#### American Despatches

SAN FRANCISCO, 4th. — Coal in abundance, and of excellent quality has been discovered half a mile from Argenta, on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad, 400 miles from Sacramento.

#### John Allen as he is now.

A reporter of the New York Tribune has been making New Year's calls on Water-st. Among other celebrities he has visited the "Wickedest Man," concerning whom he narrates the following: John Allen has closed his house, as a dancing-house, and become very dogged, sullen and silent. He is disappointed with the turn affairs have taken and is angry with himself and with all his neighbours. His old business has been entirely ruined, partly by exposure and partly by his attempt to play off the missionary by his pretended conversion. Between these two stools John Allen's dancing-house has fallen to the ground. He is said, however, to have saved a great deal of money out of his infamous business; quite enough to keep him very comfortably for the remainder of his days. He is a tall, powerful-built man, about 35 years of age, but with a hang-dog, brutal cast of countenance. He was unable to ask us into his house, as his wife was drunk, and when in that condition she is always very quarrelsome. Every one in the street abuses John Allen, and expresses a plous wish that he may go to the devil as soon as possible, or any where else, so long as he takes himself off; so said Mr. Tommy Hadden. They seem to think that as long as The Wickedest Man in New York remains among them so long will the agitator against their infamous mode of earning a living continue; but that if Allen could get out of the way the outcry against them would soon cease. Allen, without intending to do so, has certainly done more to injure the business of these "Sailors' Retreats" than all the missionaries put together. He has, fortunately for the poor sailors, opened their eyes to the frauds practised upon them, taught them to be more careful for their own interests, and made them more shy than formerly of going to such places. His neighbours feel this and bless him accordingly. At the bucket-shops a man gets a tumbler or bucket of stuff containing every fiery stimulant but whiskey, though whiskey it is professed to be, for five cents. Its inflammatory influences soon produce the most profuse thirst, and the poor fellows drink till they get into a state of beastly intoxication; when they are remorselessly turned out into the gutter.

#### The following comparative statistics of the great cities of the world are curious.

London possesses the greatest number of engineers, carriage on hire, printers, booksellers and cooks; Amsterdam the greatest number of usurers, collectors of curiosities and amateur painters; St. Petersburg takes precedence for cochmen; Brussels for boys who amuse people for porters and guides; Madrid for idlers; Berlin for beer drinkers; Florence for flower girls; Dublin for thieves; Geneva for watchmakers; Lisbon for balliffs; Rome for beggars; Paris for hairdressers, men of letters, tailors, milliners, photographers, pastry cooks and advocates.

London has the most numerous theatre and beer; Stockholm the most water; Smyrna the most coffee; Madrid the most cigarettes, and Paris the most absinthe.

At the funeral of the Reno brothers, at Seymour, Ind., a few days ago, the attendance was large, and among other persons a resident of Seymour dropped in. He had scarcely made his appearance when Mrs. Reno rose from her seat, and walking across the room, fiercely told him that that was no place for him, that she recognized in his one of the murderers of her brothers, and if he did not leave immediately it would be worse for him.

On Christmas morning a colored man, named Robert McKean, was found dead in his hut at Carleton. He was 107 years old, and was supposed to be one of the Chesapeake negroes who came here with the Loyalists. His wife died a few years ago, aged 100 years. Since then the old man lived alone, and it is feared, un-cared for.

A cowardly fellow—"a gent"—loungeing at the corner of King and Tongue-st., kicked a newboy the other day for asking him to buy the Evening Globe. The lad's revenge was ingenious and complete. He waited till another boy accosted "the gent," and then shouted, in the hearing of all bystanders, "It's no use to try him, Jim, he can't read."

A farmer in Michigan finding that his sheep were disappearing recently, placed a wolf trap in the field. A few days afterwards he found it sprung, and now one of his neighbors is laid up with a sprained ankle.

A statement is made that Gen. Grant has received a letter advising him, as a peace measure, to appoint Jeff. Davis Secretary of War.

Mosly Clark, born in June, 1747, died at Richmond, on Wednesday, aged 121 years and 6 months. He was a wagon driver during the Revolutionary War.

The foreign immigration returns of the current year show a falling off of thirty thousand in the arrivals at the port of New York as compared with last year.

## Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 5, 1869.

### A MUSICAL GEM.

Just published a beautiful collection of Vocal and Instrumental Music, entitled

### THE OPERA ROUFFE,

Comprising the choicest pieces from Offenbach's celebrated Operas of La Grand Duchesse, La Belle Helene, Barbe Bleue (Blue Beard), Orpheus, Genevieve de Brabant, &c. Boards \$2.50, Cloth \$3, Cloth, full gilt, \$4. Sent post-paid on receipt of price.

Also in press, a new book, entitled WREATH OF GEMS, comprising nearly 100 of the choicest songs, Ballads and Duets of the day. Price same as the "OPERA ROUFFE." O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 71 Broadway, New York.

### GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,

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The Trade supplied with Washable, Gilt and Imitation Ruffled Mouldings and Looking Glass Plates. Country orders promptly attended to.

Toronto, 1st April 1868. d.wy

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### STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,

Established - - - in 1823.

The STANDARD takes risks at very reasonable rates, and Policy holders are secured by the very large sum of accumulated and invested funds, viz: \$15,000,000, and the Company have made the deposit with the Government of the Dominion of Canada required by the new Act.

### DAVIDSON & CHADWICK

Have a number of FARMs for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

### Also, Town Lots and Houses

in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

### FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA.

For sale that farm, being Lot 23, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered; the speed running through part of the lot. There is also a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 20 x 40 feet, a stone kitchen story and a hall high 21 x 25, back kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30 x 50 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-falling well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Fergus to Fergus, and is distant from that village 5 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post paid).

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph.

### BURCK HOUSE FOR SALE.

Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on

Wednesday, 6th January, 1869

At one o'clock, p. m.

Lots 29 and 30, on Queen Street, Guelph, on which there is a two-story house—part brick, part stone—containing nine rooms, with good cellar woodshed, hard and soft water, stable, cow house &c. The house is within five minutes walk of the Market and Post Office, and will be sold on the following very liberal terms, viz: One-tenth cash on day of sale, one-fifth on possession, and the balance in five yearly instalments, with interest. Possession on the 7th March, 1869. Title indisputable.

For further particulars apply to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Agents for the Vendor.

Guelph, Dec. 16.

### CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS.

LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queens town or Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON

First Cabin, - - - \$57, gold value

Second Cabin, - - - 25.

Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply to

CHARLES T. JONES & CO., Exchange Brokers, Hamilton

Agents for the Erie and New York Railway. Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value. Hamilton 1st June, 1868. d.wy

### WANTED, A STRONG, ACTIVE,

INTELLIGENT BOY, to deliver the Toronto morning papers in Town, and learn the Book business. Apply at

DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Dec. 30.

### OPENING NOTICE.

### The GUELPH BAKERY

Upper Wyndham Street.

H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him:

### A. GILCHRIST

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store

### NEXT DOOR TOM. ISODEN'S,

Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.

A. GILCHRIST, Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker.

Guelph, Dec. 13.

### THE

### Equitable Life Assurance Society

OF THE UNITED STATES.

Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York.

W. O. BUCHANAN,

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The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year, the large accumulation of its Seven Millions of Dollars, already invested in the most reliable securities, form, collectively, a legitimate subject for a rejoiced congratulation by the Managers of the Society to every policy holder, and an assurance to the public that it has been carefully and successfully managed. The rank of THE EQUITABLE among all American Companies, as to New Business done since its organization, stands as follows:—In 1860 it was the ninth; in 1861 the eighth; in 1862 and 1863 the fourth; in 1864 and 1865 the sixth; in 1866 the fourth; in 1867 (fiscal year) the second. Insurances effected on the most favorable terms.

GEO. MURTON, Agent for Guelph.

Guelph, December 4th. d.wy

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has organized a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

### New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds.

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices. Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS, Guelph, December 12. d.wy

### RUTHERFORD HOUSE:

Just Arrived

Direct from Labrador.

50 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring

50 half do. do do

15 Bbls. Corned Labrador Cod Fish, highly recommended for table use.

50 qtis. Dry Cod Fish.

### ROBT. RUTHERFORD,

Guelph, November 18th. d.wy

### MORTGAGE SALE

There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale,

ON FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1869,

at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz:—Park Lot No. 45, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub-division of the South-west half of Lot No. 3, in the 3rd Concession of Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, Esq., and duly registered; the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McTague's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-eastern limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to

DONALD GUTHRIE, Vendor's Solicitor, Guelph.

Guelph, 25th December. d.wy

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AND JEWELER

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Opposite the Mark Guelph.

Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. Guelph, December 17th. d.wy