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**Evening Mercury**  
 TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 9, 1872

**THE FISK TRAGEDY.**  
 New York is just now in the full enjoyment of its latest sensation. The cowardly assassination of the notorious James Fisk, Jr., on Saturday, has raised a terrible excitement not only in that city of lawlessness and crime, but throughout the whole country. The assassin is a man named Stokes, who, in conjunction with a Miss Mansfield, a former paramour of Fisk's, brought an action against the latter to recover a large sum of money belonging to the woman, which she alleged that Fisk had fraudulently kept from her in the course of their joint speculations. Fisk refused to acknowledge the claim, and maintained that the suit was brought for the purpose of extorting black mail from him, the woman having threatened to publish some confidential letters to her, in which several of his frauds and dishonest speculations are acknowledged and explained. A suit for libel arose out of this case, which was tried on Saturday. Fisk's allegations in reference to their attempt to levy black mail were true, and an indictment was found against Stokes, who exasperated at the failure of his case, and at his threatened imprisonment, laid in wait for his victim, and deliberately shot him.

Such is a brief recital of the circumstances which led to the untimely death of this man, who for years has been the envy of thousands of needy and unscrupulous adventurers, and whose fate may well serve as a warning to those who like him set all laws—human and divine—at defiance in order to attain their own ends. Beginning the world with nothing, he became a millionaire. From being a pedlar attached to circuses he became a railway magnate, the owner of a Steamship Company, the proprietor of an opera house, the colonel of a regiment, and held many other offices besides. Bold, defiant, cunning and withal possessing a bluff courtesy, his rise was sudden and his career one of almost uniform success. He rolled in wealth, kept an establishment like a Prince, covered his wife and his paramours with the most costly fabrics and the rarest diamonds, and when it suited his purpose flung his ill-gotten wealth about with a lavish hand. But in spite of all his splendour and success a just retribution awaited him. The cowardly assassin in a moment of frenzy put an end to it all, and in a moment brought the daring speculator face to face with death. A few hours of suffering intervened after the fatal shot was fired, and then it was all over. Such is the end of this man who encouraged vice and promoted licentiousness, who by precept and example did more to corrupt the public morals of New York and of the country than any other single individual, who bought up public men like so many sheep, who bribed legislators and jurymen and even judges, and who made it his chief boast that no one could resist his blandishments and his gold. Surely there is a salutary lesson in all this, which it may be profitable for many a one to heed.

But Fisk in death is more a hero than ever he was in life. The manner of his death has thrown a halo about him, and New York does homage at his bier. The pomp and parade and ceremony of his lying in state, and his funeral, are detailed in another column. Fifty thousand people view the remains, the Erie directors are in sackcloth and ashes, there is the funeral dirge and muffled drums, and the solemn service, and weeping relatives, and all the signs of mourning. His immoralities and his crimes are forgotten in the theatrical surroundings of his death and burial. Such are the honors paid to bold, bad men, by our cousins across the border.

**EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.**  
 IN Oswego coal has fallen fifty cents per ton.  
 Decision will not be given in the West York controverted election case until the 8th of March, it being argued in term in the meantime.

In the London Dock a spacious ground floor is devoted to elephants' tasks. There are many hundreds of them there, valued at from £25 to £40 a piece.

At a meeting of the Chicago Relief Fund for Glasgow, it was reported that the total subscriptions amounted to £11,790. Of this sum, it is proposed to apply £3,060 to the relief of the sufferers from the prairie fires.

**MAKING SMALL CHANGE.**—The supply of small change has increased

the merchants of Anleyville, away up north, to devise a local remedy. They issue fractional currency of their own, in five, ten and twenty-five cent pieces. The following is a copy of them: On demand, for value received, I promise to pay twenty-five cents, in lawful currency of Canada, (signed) They have entered into an agreement to take the currency of each other as cash for all payments.

**GETTING READY.**—The Hamilton Times says:—Private advices from Toronto inform us that workmen are already busily engaged in the Legislative chamber, removing the desks and seats of members from the larboard to the starboard side of the House—in other words, from the Opposition to the Ministerial side. Our correspondent also hints that thirteen seats—the traditional baker's dozen—are to be allotted to the Opposition, inclusive of the four ex-members, and that the bully from South Simcoe, Tom Ferguson (and not M. C. Cameron), is to lead the Conservative forlorn hope in the House. Undoubtedly there's fun ahead.

**The Chaste and Elegant "Leader."**  
 The Toronto Leader claims to be an eminently respectable paper. In a late issue it takes a contemporary to task for using offensive language. Its claim to respectability can be estimated from the following extract, clipped from the same issue:  
 "Last evening, the Rev W M Panshob delivered a lecture entitled, 'An Evening with the Lost Known Fools,' in the Queen street Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mr Blake, for the first time in his life, at a Church meeting, occupied the chair, evidently attempting to make political capital by hypocritically assuming the garb of religion in order to gain the votes and the sympathies of the Wesleyans in West Toronto for Mr Crooks."

The spiteful meanness of this paragraph it would be difficult to match. It is to be hoped that this style of newspaper blackguardism will reach a speedy end.—*Kingston Whig.*

**Mr Barber, M P P.**  
 The position taken by Mr Barber in the House during the present session is exciting anything but favourable comment from many conservatives, who supported him at the election; and is as correspondingly great a matter for congratulation to Reformers. We frankly admit that Mr Barber, at the election in March at least, had nothing to thank his party for, and that we could have attached little blame to him had he seen fit to pursue a different line of conduct, and the more credit is due him therefore under the circumstances. He has shown that he was quite sincere, when in his address, he announced his intention of supporting a R form Government; and, though he was elected virtually by the Conservative vote, that he was fully determined to do his duty as a life long Reformer. Whatever cause the party may have had to reject Mr Barber at the convention is, in our opinion, fully condoned by the good service he has rendered to his party and the country during the present session, and such we believe is the conviction of every Reformer in the county.—*Milton Champion.*

**The Abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty.**  
 A Buffalo commercial journal commenting on the trade of that port gives some facts relating to the trade with Canada which speak for themselves:—

"From a careful examination of the marine statistics of the port for previous seasons, it appears that for several years past our trade has been undergoing a great change. While the coastwise trade—that is, the trade between Buffalo and other United States ports—has been steadily growing, the trade in American bottoms between this port and Canada has been declining in about the same ratio. We have noted this falling off in the Canadian trade ever since the abrogation of the R reciprocity Treaty, but were not prepared to find so great a decline. In 1865 the tonnage of the American vessels trading between Buffalo and Canada was 4,293,969 tons; in 1866 it was 4,247,525 tons, while this year the aggregate tonnage of American vessels trading with Canada was only 887,811 tons. A comparison of the trade of this year with that of 1870 shows an increase in coastwise tonnage of 808,585 tons, which is certainly a very handsome gain; while a decrease of 73,657 tons has taken place in vessels engaged in the foreign trade."

In taking down a beautiful painted canvas ceiling at All Saints College, Oxford, England, recently, fifteen ancient paintings were discovered attached to the roof, where they had been, unknown to anyone, for two centuries.

An Illinois grave-digger, who buried a man named Button, sent a bill to his widow as follows:—"To making one Buttonhole, \$2.50."

It is reported that the Rothschild's offer to take six hundred millions worth of the new issue of American bonds, half at 4 and half at 5 per cent.

**New Advertisements.**  
**Mrs. Budd's School.**  
 MRS. BUDD begs to announce that her School.  
 WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JAN. 15th, 1872  
 Guelph, Jan 8th, 1872

**Mechanics' Institute.**  
 THE Annual Meeting of the Guelph Mechanics' Institute will be held in the Town Hall on TUESDAY EVENING, the 9th inst, at half past seven o'clock, for the election of officers, &c. A full meeting is requested.  
 CHARLES WALKER, Sec.

**WEEK OF PRAYER.**  
 UNITED Services in observance of the Week of Prayer, as invited by the Evangelical Alliance, will (D V) be held in the Town of Guelph, as follows:  
 Tuesday Evening, Jan 2, Wesleyan Methodist Church  
 Wednesday Ev'g, Jan 3, St Andrew's Church  
 Thursday Ev'g, Jan 4, St. James' Church  
 Friday Ev'g, Jan 5, Wesleyan Methodist Church  
 Saturday Ev'g, Jan 6, Baptist Church.  
 The meeting on Thursday Evening will be the Annual Meeting of the Guelph Branch Bible Society. Services to commence at 7.30. Collection on Friday Evening to defray expenses.  
 W. F. CLARK, Sec. Min. Assn.  
 Guelph, Jan 6, 1872

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**BIRTHS.**  
 PATRICK—In Guelph, on Sunday, the 7th, Mrs. A. B. Petrie of a daughter.  
 CURTIS—At Guelph, on the 7th inst, the wife of Mr W H Curtis, of a son.  
 PEACE—At Guelph, on the 6th inst, the wife of Mr Henry J Peace, of a son.  
 DUNLOP—In St. Catharines, on the 26th ult, the wife of Andrew Dunlop, of a daughter.  
 BROWN—In Minto, on the 26th ult, the wife of Mr Andrew Brown, of a daughter.

**MARRIED.**  
 ANDERSON—BLACK—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th inst, by Elder A Anderson, assisted by the Rev Wm Milligan, Mr James Anderson, of Willow Hill, Bramosa, to Miss Nancy, eldest daughter of Robt J Black, Esq, Douglas.  
 CARRAWAY—ELLIOTT—On the 26th ult, at the residence of Mr Peter Scott, of Esquimaux, by the Rev John Gillespie, Mr David F Carradice, of Milton, to Miss Annie E S Elliott, daughter of the late Wm Elliott, of Nassagaweya.  
 SMITH—MILLER—On the 25th ult, at the M E Parsonage, by the Rev R L Hindall, Mr H Smith, of West Guelph, to Miss Mary C Miller, of Erin.  
 DYCE—JORDAN—At Douglas, on the 27th ult, by the Rev Wm Millican, Mr James Dyce to Miss Margaret Jordan, both of Guelph.  
 STRACHAN—ALEXANDER—By the same, on the same day, at the residence of the bride's father, West Guelph, Mr John Strachan, 35, to Miss Christina Alexander, both of Guelph.  
 BROWN—THURLEIGH—On the 4th inst, at the Presbyterian Church, Acton, by the Rev L Cameron, Alexander H Brown, Esq, Esquimaux, to Miss Mary, only daughter of the late Benjamin Thurlie, Esq, Acton.

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