

CONDITION OF AUSTRIA.

In the pages of history yet to be written there will be few brighter or more pleasing spots than that whereon is recorded the progress of liberal opinions and institutions in Austria from the close of the Seven Days' War to the termination of the last sessions of the Reichsrath which took place last Friday. The hackneyed metaphor of an oasis in the desert is not sufficiently strong to express the difference between what Austria has been and what she has become during the past two years. She has emerged from her awe-inspiring state of the most conventional conservatism at a bound, and acknowledged without being forced to do so that the people had rights which she had hitherto denied them, and with mighty strength she burst the bonds with which an angry hierarchy still endeavored to confine her, and cast them from her.

Who would have imagined that when Austria lay prostrate and bleeding at the feet of the conquering Prussian on the terrible field of Sadowa that she should so soon arise and achieve such magnificent results? But her annals prove that she is a nation always open to improvement, but that it is only after a season of adversity that she improves. Twice did the first Napoleon tread her under his foot, and twice did she rise grander and more powerful than when she had been put down; and it is well known that after all his triumphs over her there was no continental nation he feared more. It is not probable that the Reichsrath would, like the Romans, vote thanks to a general who had lost a battle by his rashness, because he "did not despair of the safety of the empire;" but it is true that the Austrians, like the Romans, are never disheartened by defeat. It is said that in one of the battles with the Prussians an Austrian General in stead of issuing those orders agreeable to the varying conditions of the fight delivered them from a field-book which he held in his hand. Too late the Austrians discovered that in times of peace they had been too indolent in making preparations for war, but they set to work with a will to repair the error, and when the war was over day after day saw the soldiers engaged with unremitting labor in sham battles. There is reason to believe that the army is now in an effective state, although Francis Joseph in his closing address to his Parliament deprecates war by saying that "peace is indispensable to the national prosperity."

Austria has not fulfilled the prediction of one of her rulers, that she would govern the whole world. She found it very difficult even to govern Hungary until she granted her a constitution, and something like fair play; and now the Emperor congratulates the Reichsrath on the friendly arrangements which have been made. The Concordat has been abolished, the hierarchy has been defied, and the people will now be educated after a more liberal and less bigoted fashion. Well indeed might Francis Joseph congratulate his Parliament; and well might the members thereof, as he ran over the events of the last two years and reiterated that the right of self-government was guaranteed, interrupt him, as we are told they did, by loud and long-continued cheering; for a bright morning appears to be rapidly dawning on a long night of darkness in Austria.

BAVARIA AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.—The Catholic Government of Bavaria is reported by a Cable despatch, to have invited the Governments of France, Austria, Prussia, Baden, and Wurtemberg to a conference for the purpose of guarding the rights of the State against the Church. A conference of this kind would be quite a novelty, for heretofore all these States have regulated their relations to the Roman Catholic Church independently of each other. If there is any foundation in the report, the object of the Bavarian Government is to secure a concert of action on the part of the States, in case the coming Council in Rome should issue decrees encroaching upon rights now common to the European States with regard to the Roman Catholic Church.

As a local application in the numberless diseases to which the skin is liable, Dr. Briggs' Alligator will prove superior to all the lotions, washes, liniments, cerates or ointments, commonly in use for such purposes. The Alligator, from its composition is designed to accomplish a twofold object, namely, through its emollient properties to soften and soothe inflamed and irritated surfaces and allay the distressing itching that accompany all eruptive diseases, and through its healthy stimulant effect to alter diseased action and enable the skin to resume its wonted smooth condition. There is nothing so desirable as a healthy and beautiful skin; therefore, a remedy that produces it, driving away all impurities, should be used at once. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph. Dr. J. Briggs & Co., proprietors, 208 Broadway, N. Y., and No. 6 King Street, West, Toronto.

LACROSSE.—The lovers of this game are in a state of great excitement, and the clubs in the west strain on their dignity, in consequence of a challenge issued from the second twelve of the Montreal club to the Prescott club. The latter are the champions of Ontario, and they decline to make terms with the second rate players of the Province of Quebec. If there is to be a champion match, the first twelve of Quebec should make it. The Montreal News thinks it is fair that team No. 2 should offer first, and if beaten, then Ontario should make a match with No. 1. That is not exactly the thing. If team No. 1 don't offer, then the Prescott club are justified in refusing to play with No. 2.

A couple of English nobles are at present on their way to the coast of Labrador to fish for several weeks. They are Lord Waterpark, from Ireland, and Lord Berkeley Paget, a son of the Marquis of Anglesea.

During a debate in the House lately a point of order was raised while a member was speaking, that he had no right to speak so loud as to disturb other members engaged in conversation at the time.

Town and County Items.

RECOVERING.—We learn that Owen Lamb, the man who was so severely pummeled at Fergus a few days ago, and whose assailants are now in gaol, is better than he was, and there are now hopes of his recovery.

GODEY'S LADY BOOK FOR JUNE.—Mr. J. B. Thornton has sent us Godey for June—a very attractive number, filled with handsome fashion plates and a great variety of interesting reading matter. For sale at Thornton's Bookstore.

COURT OF REVISION.—We would remind our readers that the Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its sittings at 7 o'clock this Tuesday evening, and resume its sessions until the whole business has been disposed of.

STORE BREAKING.—Sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning the store of Mr. Berry, confectioner was entered by the thief or thieves removing the lock from the back door. Three or four dollars, in cents, were taken from the till.

PASSED.—Mr. F. Biscoe, Guelph, was on Tuesday admitted an Attorney without an oral examination. At the examination for admission to the Bar on the same day thirteen candidates out of twenty-eight were plucked. Four were rejected on their oral examination which is unusual.

FOOT RACE.—An exciting foot race of fifty yards took place about 11.30 last night on the Market Square. We heard some complaints of "jockeying," one having peeled the skin off his opponent's ankle, but as the race was only for the drinks no protest was entered. Considering the weather and the time of night there was a very fair number of spectators.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN GUELPH.—By reference to the report of the Council it will be seen that the Mayor is about to proclaim Monday next a public holiday, and that the Market House will be illuminated at night. The amusements of the day will probably be on a small scale, as the Council have not been able to give a grant this year.—the bridges requiring the funds.

APPOINTMENTS.—The last Gazette contains the following appointments: To be Lieutenant provisionally in the Guelph Rifle Company: Ensign John Hooper vice McBride promoted. To be Ensign provisionally, John Cleghorn, gentleman, vice Hooper promoted. The Fergus Company having re-enrolled, is added to the list of corps published in General Order No. 1, of the 6th February last.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received six steamships Prussian and North American, and ex ship Lake Superior, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

LACROSSE.—Some time since the Toronto Lacrosse Club sent a challenge to the Guelph Union Club, and the latter having now accepted, the match will be played on the grounds of the latter, (the old B. B. ground, near Goldie's mill), commencing at one o'clock on Monday. As Guelph beat Toronto at the Paris tournament, and as the former have expressed their determination to regain their laurels a hard contested game is anticipated.

WATERING THE STREETS.—Those who are anxious upon this point will be pleased to learn that the Road & Bridge Committee will take immediate action to have the contract let to somebody, that is, if the petition presented last night has been signed by the requisite number of ratepayers. Some of the councillors were evidently in favor of two carts, rather than a team with wagon, by which the work was performed last year. This, however, is a matter the committee will determine.

IMPROVED BAG-HOLDER AND CARRIER.—Mr. H. Fryatt, of Aurora, is now in town for the purpose of selling the right to manufacture an improved bag-holder and carrier. The object of the invention is to dispense with the services of a person to hold bags while being filled, and it also serves the purpose of a truck by which the bag can be placed in any required place. It was tested today in Messrs. Hirsch & Kennedy's produce store, and appeared to be all that its designers claimed for it. Mr. Fryatt is staying at the Queen's, where the machine can be seen. 1td 1w

It is now semi-officially announced that Gen. Sickles is shortly to be commissioned U. S. Minister to Spain.

Shopman—"Any one waiting on you, Miss?" Bridget—"Yes, there's my young man a waiting outside; but he won't come in thoo."

MARRIAGES.—ROBE. SANFORDS.—At Guelph, on the 15th inst. by the Rev. R. T. France, M. C. G. Robb, of Toronto, to Belle, daughter of the late Thos. Sandilands, Esq.

DIED.—HOOD.—At Guelph, on the 16th inst., Marion, youngest daughter of Mr. G. Hood, butcher, aged three months and one day.

New Advertisements.

HOUSE WANTED.—Wanted to rent, a House containing Five Rooms One apartment, more or less, not objected to. Apply at the Ministry Office. May 19, dt

TOWN OF GUELPH. COURT OF REVISION.—The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock.

On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May, and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

W. M. MERRITT, BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, Office—No. 4, Day's Block, Guelph. Guelph, 4th May, 1899. dtw-wj

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In great variety, all home manufactured. THE CHEAPEST AND BEST IN THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH. JOHN A. McMILLAN, Boot and Shoemaker for the Millon, Guelph, Fergus and Elora. Guelph, May 18, 1899.

Four Journeymen Shoemakers Wanted immediately.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Fire Crackers, Torpedoes, &c.

JUST RECEIVED AT THE FRUIT DEPOT, a large importation of Fire Crackers, Torpedoes, &c., which will be sold to the trade 20 per cent. below Toronto or Hamilton prices, at

HUGH WALKER'S Wholesale dealer in Fruit and Fire Works, opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 14th May dtw.

MAGAZINES

FOR MAY

AT CUTHBERT'S. Guelph, 14th May dtw.

WHITEWASHING.

Whitewashing and Coloring of all kinds done by Lewis and George Buckingham, Nottingham-st., two doors below Mr. Edward Carroll's. Work left at Hamby's tavern will be promptly attended to. Guelph, 17th May. dtw

GOODRICH POTATOES

AT WILKINSON'S. Early Goodrich Seedlings, at \$1.50 per bushel. GEO. WILKINSON. Guelph, 17th May. dtw

TO CONTRACTORS TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned (or can be left at Petrie's Drug Store), until Wednesday, 19th May, 1899

At 3 o'clock, p. m., for certain alterations and repairs in the

COURTHOUSE Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of James Tough...

WAGON FOR SALE.—A fine Democrat Wagon (nearly new), for sale Apply at CUTHBERT'S. Guelph, 11th May. dtw

WAGON FOR SALE.—For sale, a Single Spring Wagon. Apply at the Express Office. Guelph, 27th April. dtw

HOME-CURED BACON, HAMS AND SHOULDERS!

AT WILKINSON'S. Smoked Hams, Heavy Bacon, Spiced Bacon, Unsmoked Shoulders, Light Bacon, Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon.

It is a well known fact, that the superior quality of meat sold by me is well appreciated from the large quantities that I sell yearly.

GEORGE WILKINSON. Guelph, 14th May. dtw

VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,

TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS OF HER HOUSEHOLD, HERNY SOUCHONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER.

GREETING.—WE command you, and every one of you, to summons every MAN AND WOMAN in your TOWN, TOWNSHIP and COUNTY, to attend a Court to be held from day to day for the special interests of all Her Majesty's subjects until further notice, at the stores of Her faithful subject, JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph, County of Wellington, to examine, decide and give judgment according to your several opinions, of the superior QUALITY and CHEAPNESS of the said JOHN A. WOOD'S TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES, which he challenges all competition to excel.

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1899. ISAAC ECONOMY, JAMES JUSTWEIGHT, PETER GENUINE.

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Splendid Stoneware Tea Sets, \$2.50 Handsome Stoneware Toilet Sets, \$1.50

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Extra Fine Moyune Young Hyson Tea, Sold elsewhere in Guelph for \$1.15 per lb., for \$1.00!

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All GOODS WARRANTED to give satisfaction. If not the money will be returned CALL AND SEE SAMPLES.

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Dress Making & Straw Millinery AT MRS. HUNTER'S. Juvenile Clothing and Patterns at Mrs. Hunter's.

A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Woods, &c. AT MRS. HUNTER'S, Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, May 12 dtw

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

McLEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and managing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand,

EAST MARKET SQUARE in that large three-story stone building known as the old Advertiser's Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1898, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal—far less superior—to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out more perfect instruments than could be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50. All instruments warranted for five years. Orders by letter will receive careful attention. Remember the Stand—Old Advertiser's Office, East Market Square. R. McLEOD, J. B. WOOD, J. JACKSON. Guelph 17th A Hill

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Guelph Melodeon Co'y. Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. WM. BELL, JOHN WOOD, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT McLEOD, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE. BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square. Guelph 15th April, 1899.

BELL BROS. The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS. In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue. W. BELL & Co. Guelph, April 30, 1899. dtw

WHITEWASHING AND WALL COLOURING Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, near of Messrs. Robbins and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, March 21 dtw