

BOYS WANTED.

Wanted, several smart, active Boys to sell the EVENING MERCURY. Several boys are now making from one to two dollars a week. Apply at once at this Office.

International Courtesies.

The Hon. Reverdy Johnson is evidently too peacefully inclined to suit the dignified views of one party in the United States, and the rabid anti-British feeling of another. His hobnobbing with some of the celebrities at Liverpool the other night has given umbrage, and the Minister is accused of a base desire to pander to the sentiments of the magnates with whom he comes in contact, and to merge the dignity of his government in a slavish propensity to show that his own opinions harmonize on most subjects with those of Englishmen. It is objected to his speech at the late banquet that there was not the remotest reference to the "immense losses" which America suffered in the late war, that, in fact, he spoke as if England had been offended by America, and that it is she that must be appeased. It would thus seem that even a matter of good taste may on occasions be converted into cause of complaint against an individual. That Mr. Johnson did not rant and rave and storm at a public dinner about the damage done by the Alabama showed that he had at least more sense, and a larger stock of subjects on which to display his oratory than many of his countrymen; and besides had he done so, he was surrounded by the very men who were best qualified to give him a Roland for his Oliver, and to show him that England was not the only sinner against the laws which regulate international comity. But his greatest offence appears to have been, that he shook hands cordially with Mr. Laird, the builder of the Alabama, and even retained his hand while he said something to him, which was evidently designed to be private. This was going a little too far, though it is questionable if the act merited the following severe censure of the Tribune: "This fact will be read with a thrill of indignation in all the loyal States of the Union. There is no indication whatever that men like Laird, Roebuck, and Lord Wharcliffe have in the least changed their sentiments towards our people and our institutions. On the contrary, everything indicates that any new rebellion in the United States would at once enlist their most ardent sympathy and most valuable aid. It is unworthy of an American Minister to appear in public as the intimate friend of the worst and most implacable enemies of the country." At all events Mr. Johnson has a difficult part to play. By the anti-slavery party he is held in bitter remembrance for his advocacy of that enormity, and he is abhorred by the scum of the Democratic party for his pacific inclinations towards the country in which he at present represents the United States Government. *Humanae est erroris, et id si weaknesses lean to the side of virtue, they should the more readily command sympathy and forgiveness.*

FROM OTTAWA.

The Ministry have postponed the consideration of the Nova Scotia portion of the Intercolonial Railway for a few days, until the result of tests applied to certain cuttings on the A line are heard from. This is the line advocated by Messrs. Mitchell and Kenny in the Cabinet. It is said Sir John is in favor of a compromise line between the A and Foley lines. The convention of members of the Local Cabinet takes place on the 29th. It is not expected that any members of the Nova Scotia Cabinet will come except from mere curiosity. It is expected that the local Governments will ask, if they are to foot the bills for immigration, that they shall have control of the policy. It is said that the Hon. Mr. Chandler has not yet accepted the position of Railway Commissioner.

FOUND WANTING.—About ten months ago the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Sarvia withdrew from the common school of that town, and, as they are empowered by the Act to do, formed a separate school. Their experience has not been satisfactory, for they have recently broken up their separate school, and now seek education for their children at the former source. It is one of the best features of our educational system that they may do this without prejudice to their religious tenets. The knowledge imparted in our common schools is essentially of a secular character, no teacher is allowed to inculcate his own or any other person's dogmas, and if there be any objections on the part of Roman Catholics against the opening and closing religious exercises, the law allows them the privilege of detaining their children in the morning until after they are over, and taking them away in the afternoon before they begin. Religious education is mainly a home matter, and the business of the teacher is to see that youthful morality suffers no deterioration, but is rather strengthened, and the path of virtue made plainer, during the hours he has the pupils in charge.

O'FARRELL AGAIN.—Mr. O'Farrell still insists that he knows all about the late outrage on the Grand Trunk, but refuses to give information to the police authorities.

The Siamese Twins have found a new biographer in Paris, who with delicious Frenchness dresses up the story that Chang was a Unionist and Eng was a Confederate during the American war, with the assertion that "the quarrels between them became so violent that the twins were at one time on the point of fighting a duel."

We have received from Ottawa a return to an address asking a statement of the total expenses connected with the survey of the Intercolonial Railway, since the appointment of Mr. Sandford Fleming, in 1868. The total is \$70,599. Of this \$26,804 was incurred by Mr. Fleming in making location surveys between Truro and Amherst. The sum of \$1460 is put down for services performed in England by J. Neilson.

Masonic Festival in Elora.

According to previous announcement, the festival to be held under the auspices of Irvine Lodge, Elora, took place last (Monday) evening, and was a decided success in every respect, there being upwards of one hundred couple present. The ceremony of installation of officers took place at three o'clock, the installing officers being Rt. W. Bro. James Seymour, D. D. G. M., of St. Catharines; Rt. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Preston; Rt. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, G. S., Hamilton; and W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, Guelph. The following are the names of the officers installed: A. B. Petrie, W. M., R. Newman, S. W., Thos. McKay, J. W., John Smith, Treas., J. M. Ross, Secy., J. Taylor, S. D., J. McLaughlin, J. D., W. J. McElroy, I. G., J. Strachan, Tyler. It was also intended to initiate the officers of the Mount Forest Lodge at the same time, but pressing business engagements prevented them all from being present, with the exception of Bro. Wingfield, who was duly installed as W. M. of said lodge. We should have mentioned that the Grand officers were escorted from the residence of Bro. Charles Clarke by the brethren formed into procession, which was a very imposing one. Immediately after the installation of the officers the new lodge room was consecrated and dedicated with the usual interesting masonic ceremonies. The lodge room is a large and spacious one, fitted up in a style which reflects credit on the members for whose use it is intended. The great event of the day, however, was the festival in the evening. The brethren present, who were clothed with masonic regalia, and a large representation of the fair sex, representing the beauty and fashion of Elora & Fergus, as well as others from a distance, and a number of the leading gentlemen of that section assembled in the lodge room, where an interesting and instructive lecture on Masonry was delivered by Rt. W. Bro. Klotz. A large room had been prepared as a ball room in the new building and thither the larger number of the younger people adjourned where the waltzes of Toppischore "rippled in on the light fantastic" to their heart's content, to the inspiring music furnished by Spaulding's quadrille band, while the more sedate and retired amused themselves with chess, draughts and carpet balls. The brethren of the lodge, whose duty it was to amuse and make comfortable their visitors, were most assiduous in their efforts, and if those present did not enjoy themselves it was their own fault. The supper provided by Bro. Dalby was most gorgeous. Here were laid out upon long tables, in a room which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, all that experience and money could produce in the way of delicacies. Bro. Dalby's reputation as a caterer was more than sustained last night. Bro. T. H. Taylor of Guelph, favoured the happy company with a few songs which he rendered in his usual inimitable style. The whole evening's entertainment was one of unmingled pleasure. The company broke up at an early hour, with the unanimous expression that this affair was the best ever attempted in Elora.

Death of Dr. Parker.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL. A special meeting of the Council was held last night. It was convened by the Mayor, for the purpose of taking into consideration the melancholy event of the death of our late respected townsman, Dr. Thomas S. Parker, and to make arrangements for attending his funeral, at which the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:— Moved by Dr. Herod, seconded by Mr. Melvin, That the members of the Council would express their unfeigned sorrow and regret at the melancholy and untimely death of the late Thomas Sutherland Parker, M. P., once the head of the Corporation, and for years an associate with many of the present members of the Council Board. And we do deeply deplore his loss as one not only painfully felt by ourselves and our fellow citizens, but also by the country at large. We most respectfully would offer our sincerest sympathy to his bereaved widow and the members of his family, in their severe affliction. Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Harvey, That the Clerk of this Council do forward a copy of the resolution adopted to the widow of the late Dr. Parker, and that this Council do now adjourn until tomorrow at a quarter to three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late lamented gentleman. Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Thomson, That the Council respectfully request the merchants along the Market Square and Wyndham Street to close their places of business from the hour of half-past two o'clock, p. m., till half-past three as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The following from the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Ottawa, is a compliment to Dr. Briggs, the Chiropodist:— OTTAWA, Nov. 26th, 1865. Dr. Briggs has operated for me upon two ingrowing toe nails, and removed two slight corns. I have never had much trouble from either of these corns, but from the skillfulness of Dr. Briggs' manipulation, I am convinced that no one afflicted with disease in the feet can apply to him without being satisfied with the result.

THOMAS WARDROPE, Minister Presbyterian Church. Dr. Briggs, Surgeon, Chiropodist, from New York, has arrived and taken Rooms at Coulson's Hotel, where he will treat Corns, Bunions, Bad Nails, Chilblains, and all diseases of the feet for a short time only. Hours 7 to 10 a.m., and 1 to 10 p.m.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. TUESDAY, 27th.—Robert Wilson for being drunk was fined \$2 and costs. John Houston a blacksmith, was charged with stealing money from the till in Jackson & Hallett's store. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

It is spoken of as a remarkable fact, that twelve hours recently elapsed in London without the occurrence of any fire that called for the services of the fire department.

Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska, is a city of most surprising growth, even in this very progressive age. Seven months ago there stood on this town site two log houses used by farmers as dwellings, situated one mile apart. Now, there dwells there one thousand souls, and many of the business houses and residences are of a fine order, being built of brick and stone.

The Cornwall Freeholder announces that the Hon. J. S. Macdonald is closely engaged preparing for the meeting of Parliament on the 3rd prox., and believes the result of the hon. gentleman's ad interim labors will be found in a more than usually important programme to be submitted to Parliament on its opening.

THE SILVER QUESTION.—We would direct the attention of our readers to an able letter in to-day's paper on the silver question. Business men may not agree with all that the writer advances in regard to the benefits of a large silver circulation in the country. Still they cannot but admit that there is a great deal of force in his arguments. His remarks on the imperious policy pursued by the Bank of Montreal are timely and truthful.

FAMILY SCALES.

Grocers' Scales, Union Scales, Platform Scales, Warehouse Scales, Hopper Scales, Hay Scales. JOHN HORSMAN, Guelph.

MARRIAGES.

MURTON-PARKER.—At Guelph, on the 27th inst., at St. George's Church, by the Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, Walter Murton, to Anne, fourth daughter of W. H. Parker, Esq., of Bushy. McDONALD-DONES.—At Guelph, on the 26th Oct., by the Rev. John Hogg, Mr. James McDonald, Nichol, to Miss Margaret Dods, Ayr. WILSON—WILSON.—At Guelph, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. John Hogg, Mr. James Wilson, Nichol, to Miss Agnes Wilson, Garrahan.

DIED.

STOVEL.—At Rockwood, on the 22nd inst., Sarah, wife of Mr. William Stovel, aged 33 years.—She leaves a husband and a family of eight small children to mourn her loss.

New Advertisements.

Notice to Firemen! Turn out at 6:45 this Evening Sharp. JOHN DAVIDSON, Chief, G. F. B. Guelph, Oct. 27.

COW STRAYED. STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, a Paley Block, a cow brought at the last fair in Guelph, from a person in Puslinch. Her colour is red, with a white star in the forehead. Whoever will give the owner information where whereabouts will be rewarded. ALEX. MCINTOSH, Guelph, Oct. 27, 1868. dlw1

House and Lot for Sale or to Let. A GOOD NEW HOUSE in a good locality, with in five minutes walk of Post Office, containing six rooms, pantry, cellar, &c., hard and soft water and half an acre garden. Enquire at the Paint Shop, Raymond's Sewing Machine Factory. Guelph, Oct. 27. do 6

Estate of the late Jas. Lindsay. ALL PARTIES having claims against the Estate of James Lindsay, late of the Town of Guelph, Hotel keeper, are requested to hand them in at once to the undersigned. Executors, for adjustment, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment. ARCH. MCCORKINDALE, WILLIAM C. BAINE, Executors. Guelph, Oct. 27. Advertiser to copy. Law 2w

Southdown Sheep for Sale. THE subscriber has for sale several Thorough-Bred Southdown RAM LAMBS, also, a number of Southdown EWES and EWE LAMBS. JAMES ANDERSON, Springfield, Near Guelph, on the River Speed. Guelph, October 26. w3t-d3w

Wrapping Paper for Sale. FOR SALE at the Evening Mercury Office, a large lot of old Newspapers, in good condition for wrapping paper. Apply at the office. Guelph, October 23.

County Right for Sale. TAKE NOTICE. THE Subscriber having purchased the right of sale of Weir's Patent Lamp Burner, which does away with the use of glasses with perfect safety, whereby the great saving of glasses for street and parlour lamps, and other places is effected, an active man can make \$4 a day by selling the Burner. All parties selling without my consent will be prosecuted. JAS. O'NEIL, Anglo-American Hotel. Guelph, October 24th. dlw4w

CAUTION. I HEREBY caution all persons against becoming holders of a Promissory Note for \$120, made by me in favor of John Scanlan, dated 25th of September, as the consideration for the same is wanting. THOMAS LINDSAY Guelph Tp. Guelph, October 23rd, 1868. d1t-w1t

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Servant Girl Wanted. WANTED, a Servant Girl to do general housework in a family consisting of two persons. Apply at the Mercury Office. Guelph, October 24th. d4t

Morrison Hotel for Sale. THE subscriber offers for sale, or to rent, the well known Morrison Hotel, on the Guelph and Dundas Road, in the Village of Morrison. This is a rare chance for investment, as the House is well established and long and favorably known to the local and travelling public. Possession given on the 5th day of January, 1869, or sooner if arrangements can be made with the present lessee. The subscriber prefers selling Terms liberal. Apply (if by letter postpaid) to DONALD MCPHERSON, Proprietor, Morrison, Oct. 22. d6w4. Pushnot F. O.

CARD TO THE PUBLIC. THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that on and after this date his business will be conducted strictly on the CASH SYSTEM. No credit will be given to any one. The undersigned hopes by carrying out the above system to be enabled to give his numerous customers Goods at a lower price than they can be bought for elsewhere. He begs to acknowledge past favors, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a still greater share of their patronage. T. J. DAY, Bookseller, Opposite the Market. Guelph, 13th October. dw

LAMPS! JUST OPENED OUT AT PETRIE'S DRUG STORE. Old Post Office Building, Wyndham-St. A Large Assortment of COAL OIL LAMPS, all sizes and kinds, will be sold CHEAP. No. 1 COAL OIL. A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND. A. B. PETRIE, Druggist. Guelph, September 25th. dw

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