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FRIDAY EV'G, FEB. 21, 1868.

Local News.

MOUNT FOREST FAIR.—At the last fair in Mount Forest oxen sold at from \$75 to \$100, steers \$60 to \$80; cows \$16 to \$20, and heifers \$12 to \$18.

ROBBERY.—A Mr. Markle of Listowel went to a ball at Laird's Hotel, on the Elora gravel road, on the evening of Friday the 14th inst, and towards morning lay down on a sofa to sleep with \$144 in his pocket. When he awoke the money was gone and so was the thief.

SOME PORK.—On Thursday last Mr. Thos. Card, of Guelph township brought the two largest pigs to market that have ever been offered here. The weight of one was 761 lbs., and of the other 691 lbs. Mr. Hugh Hogg purchased them both at \$0.50 per cwt.

LACK OF COURTESY.—The people of Dundas recently circulated a petition to be presented to the Provincial Legislature praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, and when it was signed they entrusted its presentation to the Hon. Mr. Carling, and not to their own member, Mr. Christie. The *Dunsmuir* is indignant at this lack of courtesy, and lectures the offenders sharply.

DEEP SNOW.—The *Listowel Banner* says: In this section of country we have more snow than has been known at this season, ever since the place was settled. The roads are very bad, and in many places jobbers have been compelled to stop work; the great depth of snow, preventing them working in the woods. Water is getting scarce, and a thaw is much needed.

THE WATERLOO MUTUAL.—The bill for extending the powers of this Company which lately passed the Legislature, will enable it to establish a third Branch for the insuring of hazardous property such as steam manufacturing establishments, &c. We understand that the new branch will be entirely distinct from the other branches and consequently can in no way increase the liabilities of those who are now insured in this Company. But while it is financially distinct from the other branches, it will be managed by the same Board of Directors and Staff of officers, thus effecting a great saving to the Company.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ORANGE LODGE MEETING AT BRAMPTON.—The Grand Lodge of Western Canada met at Brampton on Wednesday, the 19th inst. About 350 delegates were present, from all parts of the West. Bro. John Coyne, M. P. P. was elected Grand Master and Bros. J. Ross Robertson and Dalton McCarty, Deputy Grand Masters. Bro. Bessy, St. Catherine, Grand Secretary, Bro. Packhill, Grand Lecturer and Bro. Hopwood, Deputy, Bro. Cowan, Grand Rector of Ceremonies and Bro. Doupe, Deputy Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge attended church in a body and heard a sermon delivered by one of the Grand Chaplains.

COMMITTED.—It would appear that the verdict of the jury that sat in the case of the child Ester Washington, of Flamboro' who was shot in her cradle did not give satisfaction to the father, as he lodged information on Monday the 17th inst., with the Mayor of Dundas against Wm. Ferguson, the lad in whose charge the child was left by its mother, to the effect that the said Ferguson did "unlawfully and feloniously, with malice aforethought, shoot and kill the child aforesaid." Evidence was taken in support of the information, but nothing further than what has already been reported was elicited. The prisoner, William Ferguson, was committed to goal, to stand his trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.—"Barbarossa," and "The Happy Man" were again played last night to a moderately filled house. The character of the usurper was sustained with the actor's wonted ability; Selim we believe had improved, and evidently so had Sadi. Othman had more force, and showed with much more distinctness than on the previous night his part in the drama; the Queen also was a little more passionate. "Pat Murphy" was as happy as ever, and his wit provoked loud and hearty laughter even from those who had heard him crack his jokes before. At the conclusion of *Barbarossa*, Mr. Arthur King came before the curtain, and on behalf of the Club thanked the audience for their patronage, and promised another performance about Easter when new plays will be brought upon the stage.

WHEN? TO-NIGHT!

How important and extensive is this word in its application. It is inseparably connected with anything of interest relating to the future. For example, the most interesting question asked by every one is, "When will Cuthbert have another sale?" Imagine the satisfaction that will be felt at the answer—TO-NIGHT.

A petition has been forwarded from Kincardine to the Merchants' Bank, praying for the establishment of an agency in that village.

RIFLE DINNER.—The annual dinner of the Mount Forest Volunteer Rifle Company came off on the evening of Friday the 21st inst. at Coyne's Hotel. The affair was very successful, and the evening was spent most agreeably.

DISAPPOINTMENT.—The late snow storm blocked up the roads in the township of Melancthon so that two lovers who intended to meet the clergyman at a certain place were unable to do so, although the reverend gentleman was true to his appointment. Ah! rude Boreas that was naughty of you. But perhaps the old blusterer had benevolently resolved to whittle a little of one end of their misery.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Joseph Small, Esq., Reeve of Arthur, dropped dead at Arthur Village on the morning of Thursday last. Cause, disease of the heart. Chas. Davidson, Esq., of this town, saw him in Arthur about a quarter past nine in the morning looking as well as usual, (which was not very well). Mr. Davidson came down to Fergus, and a short time after his arrival there a boy arrived in haste to tell the mournful tidings to Mr. Small's brother, and, of course, to summon his attendance. It appears that he had been helping to quell a disturbance on the street, and the excitement was the immediate cause of his death.

TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.—Mr. R. Robertson is circulating a subscription list among the business men of Kincardine, to raise a sum sufficient to offer the Montreal Telegraph Company as a bonus to induce them to extend the line from Goderich to that place. We understand that an arrangement has been effected whereby the Company agrees to accept a consideration of \$250 for such extension, and that most of this amount has been already subscribed. Welkerton, Port Elgin, and Southampton enjoy the benefit of telegraphic communication, and Kincardine is not going to be left much longer behind them in this respect.

A CHANCE FOR COMPETITION.—The *Tribune* in alluding to the next New York State Fair has the following:—Among the new features there will undoubtedly be a fine display of wheat, as large special premiums are offered by Orange Judd, as follows: \$100 for the best two barrels of White Winter Wheat, \$100 for the same of the best Spring; open to the United States and Canada. Each sample is to be accompanied by 100 stalks from the same brand with roots and stalks complete, also trustworthy written statement, properly verified and confirmed by two credible witnesses, giving name of variety, source of seed, size of the land, character of soil, and the crops and manure for four years previous; mode of preparing the ground, and the precise method of selecting and cleaning the samples. The written statements to be taken into account in making the award, and said statements and the three samples receiving the prizes, are to be the property of the Society.

HORRIBLE AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—The *Listowel Banner* gives the details of an accident which is sufficient to make the stoutest shudder. It says:—A young man named Jesse Mills, while working in Mr. Mitchell's sawmill, at Listowel, in the township of Howick, on Thursday last, slipped down and fell against the saw. Before he was able to recover himself, his right leg was literally split in two from the foot to the knee; and in endeavouring to raise himself up he again fell over, when the saw caught him on the left side, cutting a terrible gash across from the hip joint to the back-bone, almost severing the leg from the body. In this state he was carried to a house near by, and a surgeon was immediately sent for. Dr. Ulyott, of Lisadell, soon arrived and on examining the wounds, saw at once that there was very little hope of saving the young man's life, but that no effort should be spared, he desired that other surgeons should be called in. Drs. Nichol and Philp, of this village, were then sent for. On their arrival, the wounds were again carefully examined, whilst the patient was under the influence of chloroform. The case was then pronounced utterly hopeless, that they made no attempt to perform any operation; they feeling convinced that he could not possibly live through it. All that could be done, therefore, was to alleviate the pain as much as possible, and allow nature to take its course. He lingered thus until Sunday, when death put an end to his sufferings. The young man was about twenty-one years of age, and we understand was almost the only support of two aged parents residing in the township of Howick.

Du Chaillu on the Gorilla.

The eminent African traveller, Du Chaillu is at present lecturing on the Gorilla. The *N. Y. Tribune* reports a recent lecture at Steinway Hall as follows:—Having spent several years of his early life at the mouth of the Gaboon River, a few miles north of the equator, where the French made a settlement and built a fort in 1842, he became acclimated, and was thus enabled to traverse the interior for thousands of miles, explore the habits of the gorilla, whose existence had hardly before been credited since the days of Herodotus, but which he had seen and retained for weeks, of men being killed and brought home. The first gorilla of which Du Chaillu caught a glimpse was discovered while travelling north of the equator in a deserted African village. It was currently reported that the gorilla was in the habit of carrying women away to his home in the forest, and there retaining them for weeks or months. Making camp for the women, the explorer divided the men into companies and started in search of the monster of the woods. Arriving at a small stream, they found that the water had been disturbed, and the gorilla had crossed. Pushing on, one of the negroes first discovered the beast, fired at it, and ran away; M. Du Chaillu went forward, saw it as it was running off through the forest. The thought of having seen one of these monsters caused so much excitement, that the speaker said his heart beat audibly. On returning to the deserted village, the camp fire was lighted, and as they sat around it, the natives related many stories about women being captured and retained for weeks, of men being taken prisoners in battle with the gorillas, and returning days after with their toe-nails pulled out, and many others which probably had no foundation, except in the vivid imaginations of the savage.

The first gorilla that M. Du Chaillu killed was discovered in the darkest portion of the forest. "Such a monster," said the lecturer, "I never saw; I thought for a moment I might be in the place where had men are said to go." Gorillas are not afraid of men, but as soon as they discover them commence beating their breasts, growling and running towards them. Waiting till the monster was within about four feet of him, the traveler fired, and the beast fell forward and expired almost immediately. The gorilla's flesh is considered by the natives as a great luxury, and it is said by the Faus, a cannibal tribe, that next to man's flesh it is the sweetest of meat. On one occasion a gorilla overtook one of Du Chaillu's companions, took his gun away, struck him a fatal blow with it, and broke the stock and bent the barrel. This gorilla, which he killed the next day, was 5 feet 11 inches high, measured 5 feet 8 inches around the chest, 64 inches round the middle finger, and 8 inches round the big toe. The teeth were enormous, like sharply cut, with no red on the outside, and it had a trace of a moustache. They constantly beat their breasts with their hands, and their roar is sometimes heard at a distance of three miles. To give an idea of their strength, the lecturer said that he had seen trees of the hardest kind of wood, from four to six inches in diameter, broken down. The canine teeth of old gorillas are generally found worn down level with the others. This is done by gnawing the inner portion of young trees in search of a peculiar kind of pith, which forms a portion of their food. After they are old enough, if they have no children, they live in pairs, though during his last journey M. Du Chaillu several times saw families of ten together. At night the female ascends a tree, and the male lies down at the foot of it. On the approach of any danger he immediately goes forth to meet it. The food of the gorilla consists of nuts, berries, and pith, and, as it will eat nothing else, it is with the greatest difficulty that one can be kept alive when confined. They can never be tamed. The chimpanzees, on the other hand is very easily tamed. One of the first civilized things the latter species of ape learns to do is to drink whisky, and they continue till they become insensible. They very soon learn the use of various articles of clothing. One of them, for whom he made a red cap, would cry for hours if any one took it away. Mr. Du Chaillu closed his interesting lecture with a short examination of the comparative anatomy of the various species of apes and of man. Commencing with man, and arranging them in the order of their resemblance, there are the gorilla, chimpanzee, orang-outang, and gibbon. They are distinguished principally by the length of their arms. The comparative anatomy of the gorilla is also interesting, showing that man is distinct from all the lower orders of animals.

A DRILL SHED FOR BEVERLY.—Beverly Township is to have a Drill Shed at Beckton, tenders for the erection of which will be received up to Monday, the 9th of March, by Mr. McDonald, Township Clerk.

NEW MAGAZINES.—Cuthbert has received the following Magazines:—*Play for March*, Belgravia, London Society, Good Words, London Magazine, Leisure Hour, Cornhill, Temple Bar, and the Sportsman.

MORE BIG PIGS.—On Thursday last Mr. Thos. Hood brought to the market ten pigs [one litter] dropped on the 25th of April, and consequently wanting five days of being ten months old, which together weighed 3050 lbs., being an average of 305 lbs. each. Several other litters were also brought in from Paisley Block on the same day but there were none of them equal to these. Mr. Brill bought the 3050 lbs. of pork at the rate of \$6.375 per cwt. Mr. Hood attributes his success exclusively to good feeding.

New Brunswick is strong on retrenchment, and it is proposed to reduce the number of members in the local assembly from 41 to 30.

BRUSHES.

Whitewash, Cloth,
Scrubbing, Hat,
Stove, Hair,
Horse, Shoe,
and Bath Brushes.
JOHN HORSMAN.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Toronto Feb. 20th.

The house went into committee of the whole on Mr. Ferguson's Dog Tax Bill, as reported from committee.

Mr. Boyd explained that in the Bill before the house it was left optional with the municipalities whether or not this law should be put in force. The law was made permissive. After some discussion the motion for the Committee to rise—destroying the Bill—was carried by a considerable majority.

Mr. Rykert moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipal Act. Cries of "carried."

Mr. Blake—Are we to understand that this Bill is to be proceeded with this session?

Hon. J. S. Macdonald—Let it go to committee of the whole.

Mr. Blake—Is it to be passed this session?

Hon. Mr. Cameron—Some portions of it. The Bill was then read a second time and referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Coyne's bill to amend the Act respecting the partition of the Real Estate in Ontario, was read a second time and referred to a special committee.

Mr. Blake's Bill relating to purchasers of revision was read a second time and referred to the special committee appointed on Bill No. 16.

Hon. Mr. Wood moved concurrence in the resolutions reported from the committee of Supply on Friday.

The resolutions reported (which embraced the whole estimates, except the items relating to education, and \$20,000 to meet unforseen and unprovided expenses), were concurred in, except some items, which, at the request of Mr. Blake, were deferred till to-morrow, with the view of some suggestions being then offered.

On motion of Hon. J. S. McDonald the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill relating to Registrars. After a long discussion some alterations were made in the bill, and the committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

DEMONS ON ABYSSINIA.—We take the following significant paragraph from the *Courier Journal*:—Already we hear muffled but constantly increasing sounds of Abyssinian occupation. Dr. Beke has openly lectured on the opening the country will afford for commerce; and when Englishmen begin talking of salubrity, productivity, suitability for railways, and eligibility of the natives for civilization, we all know what follows. There is a dispute on in reference to the Viceroy of Egypt, whose precise place in the existing situation is not yet ascertained. His connection with the business will prove a source of many complications, especially as Theodore has resented his interference in a manner by which Ismail Pasha will be a good deal piqued. On the whole, we are quite certain to be pledged to a great deal more than the rescue of the captives.

RATHER PROSPEROUS.—The London *Free Press* in a recent article after taking a brief glance at the condition of the civilized nations of the world, asks: How is it with Canada? and then narrowing down the subject until it assumes a local character, makes the following revelations with regard to its own country. It says: Latterly the incubus of the money-lenders has been greatly thrown off. In the County of Middlesex alone not less than five thousand mortgages have been discharged during the last four years, varying from \$400 to \$3,000. Last year, 1867, the number so discharged was 697—the decreasing number arising from the fact that few, comparatively, remain to be discharged. In London Township, 119 mortgages were paid off last year. In Westminster 76; McGillivray 87; East and West Williams 65; Biddulph 41; Delaware 15; Dorchester 37; Ekfrid 27; Lobo 33; Metcalf 24; Moss 31; Nissouri 45; Strathroy 32; Mary's Town 8.

A. MacNabb, Esq., Police Magistrate at Toronto, is charged by the President of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, with sharing with George Albert Mason, the whiskey detective, the fines collected in liquor prosecutions. The matter is to be investigated by the City Council.

A good story about a reporter is related in *Chambers' Journal*. Lord Palmerston had distributed some prizes after a Canadian chess party. The reporter waited anxiously in his place until, to his horror, he saw the proceedings brought to a close without a speech from the Premier. This was more than he could bear. He rushed from his corner to the noble lord, who was getting out of the room as he recalled. "My lord—I beg your pardon, but really this won't do." "What do you mean, sir?" was the reply of the astonished statesman. "Why, you've made no speech; I've come all the way from London to report it, and I must have a speech of some sort." Whereupon, it is on record—and this story is a true one—that the good tempered old gentleman turned back, and detained the retreating audience for twenty minutes, whilst he gave them a genial dissertation on the good qualities of English women in general, and Hampshire lasses in particular.

James Day, a performer lately with Haight & Chambers' Circus, committed suicide in Galveston, Texas, on January 21st, by taking morphine. He was a native of Kingston, Canada, and aged about eighteen years. Lake's circus troupe took the corpse and buried it. Mr. James Marling attending to the ceremonies, and Mr. Russell, of the Melodone, generously furnishing the lot. He danced as a female with the show and had saved up about six hundred dollars, which he lost by the bursting up of the show. He was out of money and out of employment and killed himself.

The *Protege* says that "in the liquidation of election bills, the Reformers are far in advance of their political opponents. Our contemporary adds that the Middlesex Conservative Association has owed \$25 for several years, and therefore is composed of a shabby set of fellows.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Feb. 20—Advices to the last of January have been received from the English captives in Abyssinia. They were all safe and well.

Late advices from Cape Town, Africa, state that the Supreme Court of Natal has at last decided the question touching the matter of church property in favor of Bishop Colenso.

The regular weekly returns of the Bank of England, show the bullion decreased \$43,000.

Vienna, Feb. 20—A circular has been issued from the Home Office warning the clergy against fomenting discontent.

American Despatches.

San Francisco, Feb. 20—Late advices give particulars of a fight between the Walla-Walla Indians, under three of their principal chiefs, and a force of the U. S. troops, resulting in the success of the latter. The Indians were armed with Hatter, Spencer and Sharpe rifles, and fought with great bravery. Twenty-five Indians were wounded.

New York, Feb. 21—*Tribune's* special says: Upon reading Gen. Sherman's letter the President promptly telegraphed him, acknowledging its receipt, and saying substantially, that in view of the objections suggested, he would not assign him to the command, but would allow him to remain in Missouri. It is said the President will assign another commander to the new district in a few days. Prominent Democrats are urging the President to appoint Gen. Halleck, who is known to be very objectionable to Gen. Grant, and one of his bitterest opponents since the beginning of the war.

New York, Feb. 20th—*Nerald's* special says Commissioner Wilson of the General Land Office, has had an interview with a prominent officer of the Canadian Government, who holds a life office from the Crown, in relation to the public lands for sale in Kansas. This gentleman states that it was his intention to resign his office and lend his assistance to organize a colony of Canadians, with a view to settling in the southern part of Kansas.

Newspaper Currency.

Lent commences on the 20th. The Dominion stock has all been taken up at par.

An old apple woman died in New York city a few days ago possessed of \$2,100 in gold, silver and currency.

A Committee of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly has been appointed to distribute the funds for the relief of the distressed fishermen.

Du Chaillu, the celebrated explorer, is delivering a series of very interesting lectures in New York, on the Gorilla. He says one of the first civilized things the Gorilla learns, is to drink whiskey, which they will imbibe until they become very drunk. This is another proof of their close resemblance to the human race.

To express the idea of drunkenness, metaphor has been nearly exhausted. There are already more than two hundred slang terms for intoxication. The latest of these occurs in a recent New Orleans paper. A reporter speaking of the arrest of a woman who was "raising a row" in the street, says that "she was deeply agitated with benzoin." This is delicate and poetical.

One of those troublesome children who are continually wanting to know things, would be glad to know why salt thrown on the ice covered pavement melts the surface thereof; while salt thrown into the ice contained in the tub of salt-ice cream freezer makes the mixture coarser and hastens the congelation of the cream. Perhaps some reader conversant with the science of things familiar can tell why this is.

The fourth Provincial Council of the Roman Catholic diocese of Quebec is to be held in this city on the 7th of May next, the feast of St. Stanislaus. The Archbishop, Mgr. Baillargeon, and the ten Bishops of Montreal, Ottawa, Three Rivers, Rimouski, St. Hyacinthe, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Sandwich, and St. Boniface, besides many other clergymen, will assist. Mgr. Baillargeon will be the presiding prelate.

FIRE AT WOODSTOCK.—Four frame buildings were destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. James Gunn, grocer, had \$1,000 insurance on his stock, and \$1,000 on buildings in the Western Assurance, but no insurance on the mill-trailings. Geo. Harwood, baker, &c., \$1,000 on furniture and stock in G. M. Ins. Co. H. B. Teeple, grocer, \$850 on stock and furniture in Globe Ins. Co. Alex. McKay, tailor, \$1,200 on buildings in N. and M. and Provincial Ins. Co. None on furniture. McKay's loss about \$3,500.

Canadian Chess is improving in quality and interest. The year 1867 saw 400 importations were not quite 3,000,000 lbs. It is estimated that 11,000,000 lbs. were imported last year, and this in addition to a largely increased home consumption. And the quality is looking up. Several weeks ago, the merchants of Toronto pronounced Mackinnon made chess equal to the best British and Cheddar.

A SAFE RAILROAD.—On the Hudson River Railroad, 144 miles of track, there are constantly employed 147 flagmen and signalmen, whose duty it is to see that there are no obstructions of any kind to render travel dangerous, and to give signals of safety or danger to every passing train. These are exclusive of flagmen, switchmen, and all others employed at the 40 odd stations, who also provide for the security of passengers and property. After the passage of each train, by day and night, men walk every rod of the track, inspecting every rail, chain and bolt, and informing the signalmen if there be any necessity for stopping the next train. That of three millions of passengers carried last year not one was killed, shows that great care is exercised by the managers of the road, and it shows also that such precautions as they use will insure safety, and should therefore be used on all roads.

GREAT SALT DISCOVERY IN PRUSSIA.—Prussia can now boast of having rivalled the County of Huron in the way of Salt discovery. We find the following in a European paper:—"Boring experiments at Sprenberg, thirty English miles south of Berlin, have reached a depth of 448 feet, of which the last 103 is a stratum of pure salt. Neither have they got to the end of the seam, which appears endless."