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In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.

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The Right Man in the Right Place.

Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the post office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention and good accommodation to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. Good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.

THOMAS WARD, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.

ROE'S BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables refitted in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall. Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

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The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old Block, Guelph. **Flaxton's** hair constantly on hand for sale. **MOULTON & BISH,** Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874. (dw)

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the most stylish manner. Good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.

NEW COAL YARD.
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the stores of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. **W. G. MURTON,** Guelph. (dw)

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ENGRAVING.
Gold and Silver Plating

Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Fring's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. **T. O. OLDHAM,** Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. (dw)

New Advertisements.

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874. (dw)

NOTES STOLEN.—The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them. **J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co** Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874. (dw)

PLASTER AND SALT.
The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes and turnips. **GEO. DALRYMPLE,** Gordon street, near the G. T. R. crossing, Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874. (dw)

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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH.—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodations for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. **JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor,** my 14 dw

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Nelson Crescent, Guelph.

Has been appointed by the Hudson River Wire Company an agent for their new BRAIDED WHITE WIRE CLOTHESLINE. Clothesline reels for putting the wire on furnished also at reasonable rates. **Guelph, March 3, 1874. (dw)**

GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned to the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, at the expiration of twenty days from the first insertion of this advertisement, for letters of guardianship to the infant children of the late Joseph D. Parkinson, of the Township of Eramosa. **ALEX. McQUEEN, dw2** Eramosa, March 6, 1874.

TOWN OF GUELPH.
To Lumber Merchants.
Tenders will be received on or before the 1st day of April next, for furnishing Lumber for the current year, for Sidewalks, etc., at per thousand feet inch measure, for 2 inch pine plank, and 1st cedar and pine scantling; also 12x4 for crossings and sized plank 2 inch by 12 inch wide. **JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk,** Guelph, March 4, 1874. (dw)

TO BUILDERS.
Guelph General Hospital
Parties desirous of tendering for the erection of the Guelph General Hospital may see the plans and specifications and obtain information at my office. Tenders, either for the whole contract or the separate trades, will be received by me, directed to George Elliott, Esq., chairman, up to noon of the 14th inst.

All tenders will be required to be endorsed "Tenders for Hospital."
The Board of Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. **VICTOR STEWART,** Brownlow Buildings, Guelph, March 2, 1874. (dw)

NEW GOODS.
NEW GOODS
Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS
BERLIN WOOLS
And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT,
Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873. (dw)

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MANUFACTURER OF
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Complete, with best modern attachments.

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Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.

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School Books,
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The Largest Stock,
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AND
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AND DEALER IN
Trunks, Carpet Bags,
Whips, Spurs, Brushes, Horse Clothing
Horse Combs, Belts, and all other articles usually kept by Saddlers.

Repairing done as usual. **GEORGE BEATTIE,** Market Square, Guelph, Feb. 7, 70. (dw)

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NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.
All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of March, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of March to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

Town and County News
REMEMBER the social in Knox's Church to-night.

A DAILY LINE of stages have been put on the road between Harrison and Wroxeter by Mr. Wm. Armstrong.

The late Mr. Chisholm's funeral was postponed till to-day in consequence of the Erie train not connecting with the Great Western.

The shipment of timber over the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway has now commenced, four trains per day passing over the road, specially for this purpose.

MRS. BRIDGET GOULD, of Arthur Township, was committed to Guelph jail on Tuesday last for smashing the windows and door in the house of her son, James Gould, of the same township. She is said to be insane.

OPEN TEMPLE.—An open Temple in connection with the I. O. G. Templars will be held on Tuesday evening next in the G. T. Hall, when there will be music, singing, dialogue, recitations, addresses, &c. To commence at half-past 7 o'clock. Tickets 10 cents.

Y. M. C. A.—The last of the course of lectures will be delivered by Mr. G. W. Ross, M. P., on Thursday the 19th March—subject "Elements of Stationary Power." As Mr. Ross is a well-known and able lecturer it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Mr. Clarke, M.P.P., has given notice that on the third reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the law for the sale of Fermented and Spiritous Liquors he will move the insertion of the words "in towns not less than eight bedrooms; not less than six bedrooms in townships and incorporated villages."

The other day David Cardy, of West Carafra, poisoned one large wolf of a pack of four that was raiding on his premises. It measured five feet 4 inches from the nose to the tip of the tail, stood 2 feet 9 inches, and weighed 73 pounds.

CORRECTION.—In the prize list of the poultry show the prizes taken by Mr. James Dobbie were incorrectly credited to Joseph Dobbie. Mr. Dobbie got the 2nd prize for Golden pencilled Hamburgs; 1st for Golden pencilled Hamburg chickens, and 2nd for Silver Pencilled Hamburg chickens.

A fruit festival in connection with the New Connection Methodist Church Sabbath School was held in McEachern's new hall, Harrison, on Monday evening last. A large number of children were present, who sang several pieces nicely under the leadership of Mr. Arnold. Speeches were made by the chairman, Mr. McEachern, and the ministers present.

THE ROYAL HOTEL.—We learn that Messrs. Tilton & Marsden, the former from the Tottenham hotel, London, and the latter formerly agent of the G. W. R. at Brantford, have bought out Messrs. Bookless & Boulter, who have leased the Wellington House in St. Catharines. The new proprietors of the Royal are highly spoken of as gentlemen of experience who will keep up the high character of the Royal.

TEMPERANCE LECTURER.—We notice that Mr. Joseph Ryan, of Guelph, has been appointed lecturer and general Agent for the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League for the Counties of Wellington, Waterloo, Grey, Bruce, Huron and Perth. The appointment is an excellent one, for Mr. Ryan is an earnest, eloquent and indefatigable advocate of the cause.

DROWNED NEAR WINGHAM.—J. D. Gallagher, aged 19, of the township of Morris, was drowned in the River Mattland on Wednesday night, about three miles from Wingham, while returning home from his brother's. He was attempting to walk down the river on the ice in order to get home before dark, but the ice gave in, and no aid being at hand, he perished.

THE WATERLOO BURLARS.—The burglars captured in Waterloo two weeks ago have been sentenced, one to twelve and the other to fifteen months in jail. Letters have been found which prove the two men arrested to be characters of the most desperate kind; and since their incarceration in Berlin gaol an attempt was made through a prisoner whose term of imprisonment had expired, and who was consequently discharged from the gaol, to send a letter to friends on the "other side," in which the writer invokes assistance and curses the "hard luck" which has attended his raid into Canada.

PRIZE STORIES.—The proprietor of the Toronto Sunday Times offers the sum of \$250 as a premium for the best four stories which shall be contributed to that journal. For the best story \$100 will be given; for the second seventy-five dollars; third, fifty dollars; and fourth, twenty-five dollars. The conditions require the scope of the tales to be laid in Canada, and the moral to be developed in the advantages of temperance.

BY TELEGRAPH

STARVING TO DEATH.
THE TICHBORNE CASE AGAIN.
RIOTING IN POLAND.
AFFAIRS IN MEXICO.
TEMPERANCE PRAYER MEETING.
BURIED ALIVE.

London, March 5.—Despatches from Calcutta report that distress among the famine-stricken people in Eastern Tibet is increasing. In one village alone eighteen persons have starved to death within the past four days. The number of applicants for employment on Government relief works has increased from 15,000 to 80,000 within a week.

Jean Lucie, the Claimant's witness, was to-day committed for trial on the charge of perjury. Large crowds filled and surrounded the Court-room in the expectation of seeing the Claimant himself on this occasion, but the latter was not allowed to appear in the Court.

Andrew Bogle, the old negro servant of the Tighborne family, and one of the strongest witnesses for the Claimant, has become hopelessly ill since the verdict was rendered against Orton.

The correspondent of the Daily News at St. Petersburg writes under date of the 25th ult., that serious rioting has occurred in Eastern Poland, in consequence of the closing of the churches. At one place the disorder was so great that the military were called out, and fired on the rioters, killing and wounding several persons.

Preparations are being made for a monster demonstration in Hyde Park on March 15th, in favour of amnesty to the incarcerated Fenians.

New York, March 6.—A City of Mexico special says President Lerdo has returned from his trip. He was received with enthusiasm everywhere. There is no combination in existence against President Lerdo. Four of the kidnapers of Senor Salvatoria have been shot. Gen. Santa Anna has arrived at the capital.

Cincinnati, O., March 6th.—Immense temperance meetings were held last night at which nearly every protestant church in the city was represented. The meeting was preparatory to inaugurating temperance efforts on a grand scale.

New York, March 6.—The Fourth Ward gamins have started the Grand Duchess opera house as a rival to the Grand Duke.

Temperance prayer meetings are to be held in various parts of the city on Sunday. Praying bands have been organized in White Plains, Tarrytown, Mt. Vernon and Yonkers.

A letter from Chapmanville, Pa., says the wife of Anthony Cogswell died two weeks ago, during his absence. On returning he had her body exhumed and found it turned over in the coffin and other evidences showing she had been buried in a trance. The husband has since been a raving maniac.

The over due steamship *Bismarck* is coming up the bay, thus dispelling solicitude for her safety. She left Southampton Feb. 15.

Washington, March 5.—William E. Dodge, in his statement before the Ways and Means committee to-day, said that unless something is done to restore the confidence of importing merchants very soon they cannot be expected to continue their support of government, and a few years will suffice to drive American merchants from the field and transfer their business to unnaturalized foreigners, who, keeping no books in this country, will, after making their money, return home to spend it and our American merchants will be driven from commercial pursuits. We shall then present to the world the sad spectacle of a great country without a merchant marine and its commerce handed over to strangers.

New York, March 5.—The residence of Mr. Force near Drakesville, N. J., was destroyed by fire yesterday. An old man named Stranway was burned to death.

Arrived, steamship *Anglia* from Glasgow.

The Ashantee Expedition.
All Fears Dispelled.

LONDON, March 5.
Despatches have at last arrived from the Gold Coast fully confirming the previous reports of victory, and dispelling the fears which were entertained for the safety of the Expedition. The Ashantee King finally surrendered himself into the hands of the British, and was a prisoner at General Wolseley's headquarters.

KILLED IN A QUARREL.—On Wednesday night John South and Albert Winslow had an altercation. South struck Winslow a blow with a stick over the head. Death resulted in about four hours. Coroner Cook summoned a jury to look into the case. Drs. Mainwaring, Patten, and Kitchen made a post mortem examination, and found the parietal bone fractured, with effusion of blood within the cranium. After hearing all the evidence the jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a blow from the hands of John South.

The new church which the C. P. Congregation of Ancaster have built during the past year was opened for the public worship of God by appropriate services on Sabbath, the 22nd of February.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Continuation of our Report.
Mr. D. Allen, Galt, is another large and well known exhibitor. He has nineteen entries, and carries off sixteen prizes. He is largely represented in game fowls and Bantams, in which he shows two pairs of Black-red game, two of Duckwing, one of Seabright Bantams, two of Black-red Bantams, one of Duckwing Bantams—the only one in the show—one of Pyle, and one of Black Bantams. He also shows two coops each of Black Spanish and Dark Brahma, and one coop each of Polands, Buff Cochins, Dorkings, and Rouen Ducks.

Mr. John Bogue, London, is another very successful exhibitor, and one who did not compete at the Central. Dorkings appear to be Mr. Bogue's favorites amongst the large breeds. He shows four coops of them, comprising the white and silver-grey varieties, and takes a prize for each coop. He shows none of the other large breeds, but has a good many Hamburgs and Polands, five or six coops in all, mostly prize-takers. The remainder of his exhibits consist of Houdans, Duckwing, and Black-red game, Aylesbury Ducks, Toulouse geese, Black Spanish, and a beautiful bronze wild turkey. He is strong in Aylesbury Ducks.

Mr. P. Breiding, Berlin, has a novelty in the shape of a pair of coal-black Cochins. They are the only ones in the show, and have been recently brought into this country. Mr. Breiding shows a large number of Cochins of other colours, eleven pairs in all. Two of these are not in competition, and the remainder take four or five prizes. He has also a large number of Brahmas—four of light, and one of dark; and he shows the only pair of Golden Pouter "muffs" that there are in the show.

Mr. J. W. Buck, Brantford, is strong in Brahmas, of which he shows three coops. He takes first prize for chickens, and second for a fowl bred from the cock Plato. He takes first prize for a fine pair of white-crested black Polands, and prizes for each of the two coops of white Cochins that he shows. He has two pens of White Leghorns, and two of Silver-grey Dorkings, and takes a third prize for one of the latter.

The Assault on Mr. P. Molloy.
To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir:—I send you a statement in full of all the particulars relating to the disgraceful assault on Mr. Patrick Molloy of Guelph, by a party from Arthur township in front of Messrs. Race & Ballantyne's store, on Saturday the 21st Feb., the serious results of which I cannot imagine, had it not been for the energetic manner in which Race & Ballantyne rescued him from the furious crowd. It seems that on the day before, when Mr. John Molloy was coming down from the north polling place of Arthur, accompanied by some party from Smoky Hollow, they met with Samuel Smith, between whom and J. Molloy a hard feeling had existed for some time. Hard words passed between the two, in which the third party joined. On the following morning, as Mr. Patrick Molloy was passing up the street, he stopped to speak to Mr. Race about the result of the election, when Samuel Smith, supposing him to be the party that was with John the day before, accompanied by his brothers George and William, George Ogden, Richard Ludlow and others, walked down from Green's hotel and asked him if he was as good a man then as he was the day before. Molloy, not knowing what he meant, said he supposed he was, whereupon W. Smith pulled off his coat and flew at him. After repeated blows from Smith and some scuffling Molloy managed to disengage himself and knocked Smith down, upon which Molloy was attacked by the crowd from all sides. With great difficulty Race and Ballantyne got him into the shop, and when the mob followed him, all anxious to get a blow at him. Seeing he was still assailed, Ballantyne opened the hall door and pushed him in, closing it on the crowd who seemed determined to follow him regardless of the entreaties of the proprietors or the damage they were likely to do the premises. We have not heard whether they have found out their mistake yet in getting the wrong man, but have no doubt they will feel as much ashamed as Mr. Molloy was surprised. Yours, &c., Arthur, Feb. 24th, 1874.

Mr. E. Irving M. P. has given notice in the *Canada Gazette* that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from the Nipissing Terminals of the Canada Pacific Railway to or near Muskeoka, to be used by all Railways there converging, exclusively and in common for a certain period, as a neutral link between said points.

The St. Geo. (N. B.) News says that the Hon. Geo. Brown has been appointed Canadian Fishery Commissioner on the Commission that is to sit at Halifax, and which will have the award or denial of some millions of money to Canada, or to Britain.

A return laid before Congress contains the names of one hundred and fifty-five army paymasters who are in default.

The Grand Trunk workshops and district's superintendent's offices are to be removed from Kingston.

A little girl, grand-daughter of Mr. Sallows, Township of Colborne, was burned to death a few days ago.

The value of the fish taken in Nova Scotia during the year is estimated at \$6,200,000.

The City Council of Ottawa have passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to invite parties for a City Hall which shall cost not more than \$50,000.

A By-law was submitted to the ratepayers of Brampton on Saturday last to close all the liquor stores, but was lost by nearly a hundred votes.

A farmer named John Perch, living in the Township of Osprey, committed suicide by hanging, on Thursday.

It is stated that small pox in almost every instance of late has assumed a very malignant type in Montreal.

OUR DAYS.

Our days are most uncertain days,
Some cloudy and some sunny,
Some given up to making money,
And some to making money,
A few are happy joyous days,
But these are much too rare,
When we all in true faith build up
Our castles in the air,
And there are days of retrospection,
When shadows come before,
When we retire within ourselves,
And we softly shut the door,
A look of hair, some faded lines,
To heart and memory dear,
Will often change to thoughtful days,
Our pleasant days of cheer,
And there are days—oh, listen not,
Sweet angels up above,
When all our steps are downward set,
And sinful all our ways,
And not a drop of love—
When all our steps are downward set,
And sinful all our ways,
And these we call, and well we may,
Our dark and evil days.

But then we have our blessed days,
The sweetest of the seven,
The days of love and peace and joy,
Blessed over by Holy Heaven,
So may our hearts be like these
By fostering love be blessed,
Until on yonder goodly shore
We find our day of rest.

Local and Other Items
On Tuesday last some person bro into the residence of Mr. John Simpson Salem, and breaking open a bureau, stole over \$100, with which he decamped.

ELIZA GRUBB, who was committed goal by the Reeve of Dunn (as about two weeks ago, gave birth to a couple bouncing children the other day.

A MAN named Thomas Cline, a resident of Hamilton, has mysteriously disappeared. He had about \$600 in his possession on Friday when he was seen.

In dismantling an old press the other day belonging to a farmer in Kent, several old stockings were found containing bills and gold to the amount of \$800 which had been hoarded up by its former possessor.

CENTRAL FAIR.—The arrangements for amalgamating the Hamilton, North and South Ridings of Wentworth Agricultural Societies, were concluded on Saturday. It is the intention of the unite board to hold a grand central fair annually, open to the world.

UNSEATED.—Judge Ambrose has unseated Mr. Lottridge, the Deputy Receiver of Barton, on the ground of bribery. The Judge considered that bribery had also been proven against the plaintiff, Crosthwaite, and adjudged therefore that he was not entitled to the seat. A new election has been ordered.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A sad accident occurred last Saturday, the 28th ult., at Walemar. A number of men were engaged in placing a stick of timber on the new bridge over the Grand River at that place, when the stick fell, and struck Mr. Ralph Brown, of Amaranth, breaking both his legs, and dislocating one ankle, besides otherwise injuring him. Mr. Darks was also hurt.

NEW SALT ENTERPRISE.—The Goderich Signal says that an American gentleman intends to sink a shaft 12 or 14 feet in diameter to the salt beds which underlie that section of the country, and dig out the salt, instead of pumping the brine and evaporating it. The sinking of the shaft will involve an expenditure of at least \$50,000 or \$40,000, but should the salt be found sufficiently pure, it will open up a new source of wealth, as there is an unlimited market for rock salt for packing purposes.

TRAPPED BY A WOMAN.—The London Herald tells of a young lady who was annoyed by a fellow who would insist on seeing her home. Not being able to get rid of him, she allowed him to do so, and asked him to come in and take a seat. He did so and the offended and enterprising damsel went and told "papa." The result was that "papa" and a thick stick and the would-be swell had a triangular conversation in the parlor, not at all satisfactory to the gallant.

FRESHET ON THE GRAND RIVER.—The Reporter says that on Wednesday the Grand River was very high. The bridge at Blair was flooded, and the water covered the railway track at Wimer's flat. The road bed for 300 yards is very badly injured, the gravel being apparently washed away. The fences are entirely destroyed on both sides of the road. Telegraph poles also destroyed. This has been the most destructive flood this section has seen for the last 17 years. Several small bridges are damaged near Blair so that it is not safe to cross them.

AUDULTERATION OF LIQUORS.—A good deal of attention has been excited by the analysis by Prof. Croft, published a few days in the *Globe*, of liquors taken from various taverns and grogeries in Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal. The remarkable part of it is that the Professor gives as the result of his analysis that he found in nearly every case the liquor to be pure, the only adulteration being with water, and in some cases salt. The liquors were procured from the lowest grogeries as well as from respectable and first-class grogeries and hotels.

A DETECTIVE OTTAWED.—A woman named Mollie Holbrook was being taken from New York to Chicago on a charge of having stolen \$20,000 worth of bonds in the latter city. On arriving at Hamilton she left the train and, claimed of Mr. Begley the protection of the British flag. The detective not knowing what to do, escorted her to the Police Magistrate's office where explanations were made. The magistrate decided that there was no law in existence to compel her to go to the States against her will, when she was set at liberty. She then went to a Hotel and engaged rooms, where she intends to remain until the arrival of her husband. Her story is to the effect that she is not the woman that is wanted; that she was never in Chicago, and did not take the bonds.

Petitions have been filed against the return of Chisholm, for Halton; White, for North Renfrew; and Stuart, for South Norfolk.