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New Catechism
FOR THE PEOPLE.

WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph?
PREST & HEPBURN.

Who have the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?
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Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?
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Who have always been ahead in Style, Material, Workmanship, Neatness and Durability?
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The subscribers being the only Manufacturers in Guelph, are in a position to offer inducements to the public which no other House in the Trade can do. CALL AND SEE, and you will be convinced that large and varied as has always been our Stock the one now on hand far exceeds anything ever shown by us in the past.

Support Home Manufacture

And keep your money in the County.

☞ Remember our **Goods are all Warranted.**

TERMS Cash, and no Second Price.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph June 18 dwtf

BOOK - KEEPING!

Evening Classes for Young Men.

MR. WM. HART will open classes in BOOK-KEEPING, PENMANSHIP, and COMMERCIAL ARITHMETIC,

ON MONDAY EVENING, SEP. 7th,

In the West Ward School House. For terms, &c., apply to
WM. HART, Teacher.

Guelph, August 31st. d6

OATS DOWN
TO FIFTY CENTS.

FLOUR DOWN
TO $3.50.

AT WEBSTER'S

Market Square, Guelph, 2nd Sept. d

Accommodation STAGE
To and from Fergus.

THE Subscriber begs to intimate to the public that from and after MONDAY, the 31st of August, he will run a Stage daily DIRECT from Fergus to Guelph, as follows: LEAVE FERGUS at 7 o'clock, a. m., making Guelph in time for the morning trains East and West. RETURNING, will LEAVE GUELPH at 6. pm., after the arrival of the train from the East, making Fergus at half-past eight o'clock. Special attention paid to the comfort of passengers, and particular care taken of all baggage and parcels,

JOHN GERRIE, Proprietor,
St. Andrew's Hotel, Fergus.

Guelph, Aug. 29. d6-w4

OPPOSITION STAGES.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. JOHN GERRIE has signified his intention through the Fergus paper, of starting an opposition line of stages, to run between Fergus and Guelph only, I beg to announce to the travelling community, as well as the public at large, that for the last two or three years, I have run a line of stages so as to accommodate both Fergus and Elora, timed to meet the arrival and departure of trains at Guelph. As I am one of the largest stage proprietors in Canada, as well as a mail carrier, I CAN and WILL suit the wants of the travelling public as well as Mr. Gerrie I therefore have to mention that I will run covered stages at the times and hours mentioned by Mr. Gerrie, and will convey passengers at the **fare of 10 cents,** (return ticket) —free if preferred by passengers. These rates will be adhered to so long as Mr. Gerrie's line exists.

R. B. COULSON,
Stage Proprietor and Mail Contractor.

Guelph, Aug. 29. daw 2w

Insolvent Act of 1864,

AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, County of Wellington } IN the County Court of the County of Wellington.

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Another Lot of those Delicious

Pine Apples
At H. BERRY'S.

SPLENDID DATES
At H. BERRY'S.

FINE

ORANGES & LEMONS
At H. BERRY'S.

REAL

Maple Sugar
At H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 30 1868. dw

Nº 10. Nº 10.

FRESH BISCUITS, of all kinds,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

MARMALLDE, PEACHES and PRUNES,
At C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

PURE MOCHO and JAVA COFFES, Roasted on the premises,
At C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

TEAS, from 50c. and upwards,
At C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

TOBACCOS, Natural Leaf, Chewing and cut,
At C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

BRIAR Pipes and Pocket Knives,
At C. & T. MEREDITH'S,
Nearly opposite their old stand,
Known as the Canada Clothing Store

N. B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is selling off in the same premises.

Guelph, Aug. 27. do tf

CHALMERS' CHURCH.

THE REV. D. H. McVICAR, of Montreal, will preach in the Court House, on SABBATH NEXT, the 6th inst., at 11 a. m., and at 6:30 p. m. Collection in aid of the Sabbath School Library.

Guelph, September 2. wl d3

The Repeal Debate in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

The debate on the repeal resolutions is now drawing to a close. Attorney-General Wilkins rose to close the debate on Thursday. In the course of his speech he said:—"I now give notice to Canada and to England, and they will hear me, that if the grievances of Nova Scotia are not redressed, and the liberties of her people restored before the next session of this House, then we shall undertake to redress them ourselves. Mr. Blanchard told us that if we declare ourselves out of the Union we have no law to collect the revenue. We shall, at the next session, pass a Tariff Bill, and command the Customs' officers to be governed by it. Mr. Blanchard asked who will assent. I reply—Let not the honorable member imagine that there will be any difficulty on that point. We have made our calculations, and know what we are about. I repeat it—Nova Scotia will, in the contingency stated, proceed to redress her grievances, and if she is not able to do so alone, she will appeal to others for assistance."

At this part of his speech loud cheers were given by the House and galleries.

THE CATTLE DISEASE IN ILLINOIS.—It is estimated that 5,000 cattle will die of the disease in the four counties of Iroquois, Vermilion, Champaign, and Ford. The first infected district south of Kankakee is from Clifton East to Newton County, Ind., where a small lot of Louisiana steers were driven in May last. The fatality on that route is very light. The second district is the large herd ground of Messrs. Milk, Taylor & Co., east of Loda, in Iroquois County. The third is immediately south of the latter, from Paxton East, to Lafayette, Ind., infected from a large herd of Texas cattle owned by Fowler & Earl, of Indiana. From Paxton South to the North of Coles County, there will average an infected district every twelve miles from the railroad east.

BURIAL OF SUICIDES. — In England the custom still prevails of interring suicides between nine and twelve o'clock at night, without Christian burial. On a recent occasion this practice was referred to by the coroner, who held an inquest on the bodies of two servant girls, one of them only fifteen, who had been driven to drown themselves by a scandalous report concerning them. The coroner said that he regretted the state of the law which required him to order such a burial of the bodies, in consequence of the verdict. Formerly the law required that a suicide should be ignominously buried in the highway, with a stake driven through his body.

THE LAST SENSATION. — Arrangements for a great tub match are now progressing in Buffalo, and a person named Howe will start from that city, upon a voyage to Albany, in a common wash tub, without oars, rudder or sail, on the morning of Monday, September 7th. He has arraged his time-table; and feels perfectly confident of his agility to perform the journey in eighteen working days. He undertakes this trip upon a wager of $500 a side.

RAILWAY CAR BURNED.—When the express train on the Grand Trunk was coming west on Tuesday, near Mallorytown, about thirty miles east of Kingston, the box car was discovered to be on fire. The train was stopped, and the other cars detached in order to prevent further destruction. The greatest effort was made to save the baggage, but only a portion of it was rescued. The English mail, however, which was in a bonded compartment of the car was rescued, a few of bags having been only a little scorched.

It is said that the champion oarsmen, Johnson, of Montreal, and Barry of Toronto, have concluded their match for $200 to row two miles the present month in Kingston harbour.

The rifle that created the greatest attention during the recent Schutzenfest at Vienna was a breechloader made by a Norwegian armorer. In the presence of the Emperor the inventor fired fifty-three shots in the space of three minutes.

The Chinese embassy, at Boston, on Friday, celebrated the birth day of the Empress Dowager, of China, by kneeling in a row, and bowing nine times to the north.

In the *Opinion Nationale* there is an article on the subject of emigration from Germany. "It is estimated," says that journal, "that in less than half a century Germany has sent to the United States nearly 2,000,000 of emigrants.

According to the Bishop of Rupert's Land, there are now five thousand Protestants in his diocese, a great proportion of whom are Presbyterians.

Mr. Spurgeon recently rebuked certain of his followers who declined to interfere in politics, on the ground that they "were not of this world." This, he argued, was mere metaphor. "You might as well," he said, "being sheep of the Lord, decline to eat a mutton chop on the plea that it would be cannibalism."

THE EGYPTIAN LOTUS.—This plant, which grows luxuriantly in the shallow water bordering on Lake Erie, near the mouth of the River Roisin, is now in full bloom. There are large fields of this plant in that vicinity, and the blossoms are very large and very fragrant. Detroit papers speaks of a blossom which measures 11½ inches in diameter, while the leaf of the plant is 32 inches in diameter.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

FRIDAY EV'G, SEPT. 4, 1868.

Local News.

Galt September Fair will be held on the 9th inst.

Durham Fall races are advertised to come off over the Durham race course on Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th inst.

The barn of Mr. Faucett, Township of Arran, was burned last week. It was full of hay.

The Hon. S. C. Monk is promoted from the Superior Court to the Court of Queen's Bench, for Quebec, in the place of the Hon. T. C. Aylwin resigned.

Listowel wants a "lock-up." Not having a safe place in which to place offenders, the streets of that enterprising village are the scenes of frequent fights.

The ship Welland, now lying at Montreal, is the first vessel carrying the flag of the North German Confederation, which has visited Canadian waters. She is to proceed to Melbourne, Australia.

The Owen Sound *Advertiser* says there is a great scarcity of houses in that town The same applies to Guelph, for we know many cases where mechanics and others coming to town can hardly get houses in which to put their families.

A very large fire has been raging in the woods on the east side of Mount Forest since the 13th of July, destroying timber, fences, &c., on the property of Mr. T. J. Graffe, Mr. J. M. Crawford, Mr. George Smith, and Mr. William Walters.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The *Examiner* says that the stable of Mr. Andrew Houston, of Lot 8, Con. 11, Egremont, was struck by lightning on Monday, causing the loss of the building and five tons of hay. Mr. Houston's barn very narrowly escaped.

A correspondent of the Galt *Reporter* is responsible for the statement that a man named Lindsay, from Preston, cradled seven acres of good spring wheat in twelve honrs, and did his work well.

We thank the Hamilton *Times* for the following flattering notice:— "The Guelph *Mercury* is becoming one of the most spirited dailies of the Province, and is ably conducted." Guelph *Advertiser* please copy once.

The money and valuables taken from Langley Moore and Mrs. Moore, charged with complicity in the Express robbery case, were restored to them, as, owing to the parties having been set at liberty, there was no further ground for their detention.

The Mount Forest *Examiner* says that Michael Davis, of Arthur, cradled for Mr. Jas. Rodgers, Lot 12, Con. 5, Egremont forty acres of grain in ten successive days, thus averaging four acres per day, and had to walk back for his swath on account of the grain being twisted.

The great "Western Fair," for the exhibition of live stock, Manufactures &c., will be held in the city of London, Ontario, on the 30th and 31st of the present month. Every preparation is being made to make the exhibition eminently successsful,

FIRE.—The barn and house, with their contents, of Mr. Thos. Mulvey, of Shipley, near Listowel, were burned down on Saturday night last. The fire communicated from the woods to the barn while the family were absent. Loss heavy and no insurance.

PRICE OF FLAX.—The price paid for flax in St. Marys is $12 per ton. The *Argus* says that at this price the crop has proved most profitable, and the success attending flax growing will probably induce its cultivation to a still greater extent next year.

NEW ROAD.—An agitation is now on foot respecting the opening of the town line between Wallace and Maryboro' from the 10th concession to Miller's Corners. What has been already done will be practically of very little use without it is continued to Teviotdale.

REPORTED DROWNED.—The *Reporter* says a painful rumor has been prevalent in Galt for the past few days, to the effect that Mr. John Macdonald, late grocer in Galt, had been drowned in the neighborhood of Detroit. Inquiries are now being instituted to ascertain the truth of the rumor.

THE CHAMPION BASE BALL MATCH.—The following is the recapitulation of the base ball match played at Woodstock last Tuesday for the championship. At the close of the ninth innings the score stood a tie, and an extra innings was played, when the Victorias scored six to the Young Canadians nothing. The full score is as follows:

INNINGS.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Victoria.....	3	5	0	5	7	0	3	0	5	6
Young Canad's.	9	0	4	1	0	7	1	0	6	0

THE NARROW GAUGE MEN.—The Toronto delegation came down to Guelph this morning from Normanby, and left by the 10 o'clock train. They are quite down in the mouth about the withdrawal of the Normanby By-law. The narrow gauge is "played out" in Grey and Bruce.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

FRIDAY, Sept. 4—*Alex. McDonald* was brought up charged with drunk and disorderly conduct at the Wellington Hotel, the night previous. There being some extenuating circumstances, he was dismissed.

BEATING HIS WIFE.—*George Pearson* was charged by his wife with brutally beating and abusing her on Thursday. This is the third or fourth time Pearson has been before the Magistrate for the same offence. On Thursday morning he went out to work, but instead went to the tavern, and came home at noon quite drunk. He struck his little girl as soon as he got into the house. Then he got hold of his wife by the arms and commenced pulling her about, though she was carrying her baby. The little girl took the baby from her mother, when the brute, after a scuffle, got the poor woman down on the floor and then struck her several times on the face. A little boy who saw the fracas, went for Mr Snider, who came and took Pearson away, else he might have done her serious injury. Fined $20. or two months in gaol. Sent up to reorganize.

THAYER & NOYES GREAT CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.—This great Circus will be in Guelph, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Advertisement to-morrow.

NO WONDER.—The Listowel *Banner* says "Brick" Pomeroy, the unterrified Democrat, worked in the Guelph *Advertiser*, a small paper published in this town, some years ago. No wonder he became demoralized after being in such a one-horse institution.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. Robert Chance returned to Guelph last night from his visit to the British markets. He has bought largely for the Golden Lion, and in a week or two there will be at Mr. Hogg's store a splendid display of fall and winter dry goods imported direct from the British and foreign markets.

SABBATH SCHOOL PIC NIC.—The annual pic nic of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School took place yesterday (Thursday), on the grounds of the late Mr. George McKenzie Stewart. There was a large turn-out of children, over 160 being present, besides the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Hogg, the teachers, parents and quite a number of people belonging to other denominations. Under the direction of the able superintendent, Mr. Massie, and the teachers, the children walked in procession to the grounds. The usual games and amusements were then entered into with great zest by the young people, and kept up with much spirit during the afternoon. Refreshments were provided in great abundance and served out without stint to the children. The amusements were kept up till dark, when all returned to their homes evidently much pleased with the success of the pic nic.

THE DROUGHT ENDED.—A letter from London says: The drought is ended, and we have had heavy rains all over Britain, and cooler weather. It was time for there had not been such a season since 1826. Then the fields were burnt to powder; people watched around the springs for a few drops of water, and the rich sent presents of water to their friends. Cattle perished. This year the wheat crop over England is somewhat wonderful in quantity and quality. It turns out fifty bushels to the acre over large areas, fit to carry as soon as cut, and to thresh, grind, and make into bread as fast as it can be handled, and the proportion of flour to the bushel of wheat is nearly one-fourth above the average. The fields and pastures are now growing green again, and there is still a chance for turnips. Fruit is excellent, and honey was never so sweet.

JOHN BRIGHT'S ADDRESS.—John Bright has published an address to the voters of Birmingham, in which he repeats his desire for such an extension of elective franchise as will call into exercise more of the enlightened intelligence of the country. He denounces the principle of the three-cornered constituencies, as applied to Birmingham. He believes that the disestablishment and disendowment of the Irish Church would strengthen both the cause of Christianity and the constitution of the country. Mr. Bright closes by announcing himself a champion of the principles above set forth, and offers himself as a candidate for re-election to the House of Commons in the approaching general election.

☞ *Posters, Show Cards, Programmes, Circulars, Cards, &c., tastefully got up at the MERCURY Cheap Book and Job Printing House, East Macdonnell-st, Guelph. Our charges are fully 25 per cent. below any other office in the County, while a much superior style of work is guaranteed. Merchants' Posters at this season of the year a speciality.*

THOMAS CARLYLE AND THE EDINBURGH PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTION.—Mr. Carlyle, in accepting the Presidentship of this Society, writes from Dumfries, where he is staying with some relatives: "Your agreeable announcemennt has come round to me here. It is indisputable. I could have not been chosen to the Presidency of your distinguished institution in a way more to my mind, or on terms less onerous. Of course I accept the honor, and intend to wear it as long as I am permitted, * * * I reckon it a spontaneous, gratuitous, and honest mark of respect, and value it as I should do few others. With every good wish for the institution I have become honorary head of, and regretting that I have but wishes to give it, I remain, &c."

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club at Toronto have a grand race to Port Dalhousie and back, on Monday next, for the championship of the lakes presented by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Local and Miscellaneous

A brother of Whelan has arrived in Ottawa from Ireland.

The London Post Office delivers 2,730,000 letters per week.

The Orangemen are down on John Hillyard Cameron for defending Whalen.

"Photograms" is a new coinage for photographic pictures, and a good one.

Cosgrove & Elmslie's brewery, Toronto, was seized on Monday by the revenue officers.

The Toronto *Telegraph* says that $300 has been raised in Toronto for the defence of Whalen,

THE SILVER QUESTION IN GALT.—The *Reporter* laments that the merchants and others of Galt again take silver at par.

Salt is now being produced in the Red River fully equal to any manufactured abroad.

In England the Odd Fellows nnmber 417,422, and they have an accumulated fued of $12,000,000.

China and Japan sent 117,313,342 pounds of tea to Great Britain during the year ending June 1, 1868.

J. P. Coates, the sewing-thread manufacturer, has recently given $10,000 for a Park at Paisley.

The gross revenue of Great Britain for the year ending March, 1868, was $60,600,000.

Three hundred boxes of Canadian cheese have been shipped from Montreal to England by the *St. Lawrence.*

The *Algoma* ran aground at Bear Lake on her last trip, and had to be taken to Detroit for repairs.

Farmers throughout Huron are preparing to sow large quantities of salt with their seed wheat.

A complimetary dinner is to be given on Saturday evening, by the members of the Ontario Government, to Gen. Stisted.

The most extraordinary rainfall ever known took place in Nottingham, England, some weeks ago. The fall in 50 minutes was estimated at 200,000 tons, or upwards of 45,000,000 gallons.

RAIN STORM.—A violent storm of wind and rain passed over Elma and Blanshard on Monday the 31st ult., doing considerable damage in the way of demolishing fences, uprooting trees, unroofing barns, &c.

The Fergus *News Record* anticipates considerable opposition to the passing of the By-lay extending the payment of the Drill Shed and Agricultural Hall now in course of erection in that Village over a number of years.

Hon. J. Hillyard Cameron's acceptance of Whalen's defence is looked upon here as a poor blind for Orangemen. The array of Toronto talent is regarded rather as evidence of Whalen's guilt than that he will be acquitted.

The Montreal *Gazette* states that the parties who hired Guilbault's Gardens for the Fenian pic-nic were Lyons and Doody. These names are not unknown to fame in connection with the *Habeas Corpus* Suspension Act.

IMPORTATION OF STOCK.—A lot of very valuable stock is being brought from England by the steamer *Germany*, for Mr. Cochrane, the eminent Canadian breeder of stock. The value of these is stated to be $16,000, and among them is a heifer which cost its owner $5,000.

A western exchange says: The inhabitants of the township of Adolphstown have for some time past been honored by receiving spiritual advice and instruction from a "real, live lord." Lord Cecil, accompanied by a servant, is making a tour through the Bay of Quinte in his own boat, living in a tent, and preaching to the people at places where he stops.

The death of Mr. Jeremiah Carhart, who invented the American melodeon on the principle of drawing the wind through the reeds rather than forcing it through. He was ten years in securing a patent. He invented almost every improvement in the construction of reed intruments.

We have received from the Education Office, Toronto, 'A Special report on the system and state of Popular Education on the Continent of Europe, in the British Isles and the United States of America with practical suggestions for the improvement of Instruction in the Province of Ontario,' by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for Ontarion.

IMPORTATION OF CATTLE TO CANADA PROHIBITED.—The Department of State at Washington has been officially advised that in consequence of the prevalence of contagious disease among horned cattle in the United States, the Canadian Government has temporarily prohibited the importation of such cattle into that province.

THE SPORTING SEASON.—We suppose we need scarcely remind our sporting readers that on the 1st of September—the restrictions were removed from hunting several favorite game of the country. The water fowl are swarming in the marshes in unusual abundance, and of the other game in season, wild turkey, grouse, pheasant, partridge, woodcock, snipe, wild geese, duck, &c., are all said to be plentiful.

COUNT BISMARCK.—The news respecting the health of Count Bismarck is contradictory. According to some journals, the Chancellor of the Northern Confederation is still suffering, and cannot for some time assume the direction of affairs; but others state that he is in good health, and will soon return to Berlin. A third story is that the Prime Minister keeps himself apart on account of political motives, and longer than the state of his health requires, and that this absence leaves the field open to influences formerly powerful about the person of the Prussian Sovereign. The re-appointment of General de Manteuffel to active service is mentioned as confirming this last version.

INFALLIBLE CURE FOR DYSENTERY.—Dr. Page, of Washington, communicates to the *Republican* of that city the following simple remedy, long known in family practice, and which was recently tried in the camp of the New York 22nd regiment, where there were from eighty to one hundred cases daily, and with rapid cures in every case: In a teacup half full of vinegar, dissolve as much salt as it will take up, leaving a little excess of salt at the bottom of the cup. Pour boiling water upon the solution until the cup is two-thirds or three-quarters full. A scum will rise to the surface, which must be removed and the solution allowed to cool. For a dose take a tablespoonful and continue, three times a day, till relieved. The rationale of the operation of this simple medicine will readily occur to the pathologist, and in many hundred cases I have never known it to fail in dysentery and protracted diarrhœa.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—Bishop Ratak has been banished to Siberia for refusing to send a delegate to the Catholic Synod about to be convened by order of the Emperor.

Paris, Sept. 3—The Emperor has gone to the camp De Chalons.

London, Sept. 3 — An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to launch the Bermuda,' a vessel next to the 'Great Eastern' in size.

London, Sept, 3—The increase of bullion in the Bank of England for the past week is $73,000.

The *Standard* to-day has an editorial on the American treaty with China. It says we cannot share the jealousy and suspicion with which the London *Times* regards the treaty. In it we see nothing which shows that the United States has a monopoly of privileges, nor does the treaty give any evidence that China is fastening itself on the rock of sloth and stagnation; but on the contrary, it gives proof that the Chinese are preparing for an advance, by opening windows in the great wall which divides the celestial empire from Western civilization.

London, Sept. 3—The contractors who built the Metropolitan underground road in this city, have made a provisional offer to construct the proposed underground road in New York city, and to furnish all the capital required to complete the road, which the projectors may wish to obtain at home.

American Despatches.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 3—In the House today negroes were declared inelligible by vote of 80 to 23, thus twenty-five negroes are unseated and four remain, who claim to be white men. Their cases are to be investigated.

The Whelan Trial.

OTTAWA, Sept. 3.

The Grand Jury to day brought in a true bill against Whelan for the murder of Thomas D'Arcy McGee. The following is the indictment:—"The Jurors for our lady the Queen, on their oaths, present that Patrick James Whelan, on the 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, in the city of Ottawa, in the county of Carelton, did feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder one Thomas D'Arcy McGee."

The Toronto *Telegraph's* special thus describes the scene at the arraignment:—Between two policemen, who watched their man closely, came Whelan, and behind were other watchful men. The procession moved across the gaol yard to the Court House, and a moment later they enter. On entering the room he is at once conveyed to the dock, and placed therein, his handcuffs being removed, though other precautions are not neglected. The appearance of the prisoner is what might be expected from one in his terrible position. He looks pale and anxious, a slight pink tinge on his rather prominent cheek bones being the only particle of color on his face. Otherwise he looks well enough, indicating that the prison fare has not disagreed with him. He sits in the dock restless and nervous, running his fingers through his beard and twirling his moustache almost incessantly as if he felt uneasy. He keeps glaring around the room constantly looking into the faces of all, as if he expected to see acquaintances and friends there. All the while he is evidently endeavoring to preserve an appearance of ease and carelessness, but it does not sit well on him. He keeps constantly in motion, and there is an incessant twitching of the muscles of the mouth, showing that inwardly he is excited and nervous. Of course his appearance creates a sensation in court. Every one wants to see the notorious prisoner and every one, therefore, makes an attempt to do so. There is a general straining of eyes from all quarters of the room to catch sight of the man in the dock.

He listened attentively while the indictment was read over to him, and when it ended, he said in a clear, firm voice, "I deny that." He is then asked if he is ready for his trial, and answers that he is, but a short consultation with his counsel causes him to change his mind, and he says he is not now ready, but will be prepared to have the case go on on Monday next. The Court coincided, and it was therefore decided that the case commence on Monday morning. As soon as the decision was come to, Whelan was almost immediately again handcuffed, holding out his hands readily for the policemen to put the irons on. He then went out as he had come in, surrounded by policemen.

The Crown has about 31 witnesses—the defence about twelve. Turner, one of the witnesses for the prosecution, who was put in gaol yesterday, has been liberated to day. Falconer, a witness for the Crown, was found drunk on the streets to-day and was almost insensible. He was taken to the police station for safe keeping.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A CHICAGO MERCHANT.—Mr. Charles Peck, a well known merchant of Chicago, who resides at Waukegan, is at present held in bonds of $25,000 to answer to a charge of attempted murder, the trial to take place at the Waukegan Circuit Court this month. The facts, which are said to be as follows, have caused great excitement among the many friends of the accused: Mrs. Peck has, for some time past, been a confirmed invalid, and confined to her bed room, under constant medical care, and has been taking a great deal of medicine. In the legal investigation it transpired that Mr. Peck came home a few evenings ago with a powder which he said was put up by an eminent physician and which he desired his wife would take, saying it would heal her at once. His uneasy manner and his anxiety that she should take it at once made her suspicious, and on some pretext she got possession of the powder and refused to give it up. Next day she had it analyzed, and discovered that there was enough morphine in it to kill two men. A magistrate was sent for and took her deposition; the apothecary was also summoned, and Peck arrested and put upon bonds as stated. His friends have tried to stave off the trial as long as possible, and keep the matter quiet, not believing the almost incredible charge under which he labors. Mr. Peck is one of the wealthiest men in that vicinity, and has always borne a good name in Chicago for integrity.