

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.

SILVER AT PAR.

On Friday night Silver-at-discount breathed its last in Guelph, and this (Saturday) morning Silver-at-par rose with new life and fresh energy from the tomb where it had been buried for nearly three months. It was in the nature of things that these events should take place. Guelph with no ally but Toronto, and not all that city either, could not dictate to the whole Province the value of silver. This fact has been recognized for some time past, and it was foreseen that the epoch (if we may call it so) which has now arrived must come, and that before long. The discount movement was not inaugurated without difficulty; people had to be warned of it, educated to it, and it is therefore no matter of surprise that what cost so much should not be yielded without reluctance. Of all the schemes which had been proposed for the abatement of the silver nuisance, that which had its inception about the first of August seemed the most feasible. It became so general throughout the Province that there was no place of note which did not adopt it, and it was not very easy to conceive it impossible for Ontario to fix the price of silver by common consent as easily as the value of grain was determined in her markets, or as easily as Nova Scotia makes the American twenty-five cent piece value for twenty cents. Nor even with the failure of the plan before us can we doubt that it might have proved very beneficial, even if not an all sufficient remedy for the currency evils on which it was designed to have an effect. It was not properly tested, that is the union of the cities, towns and villages did not remain long enough unbroken to demonstrate what their action directed towards one object could accomplish. The bond was first signed in Toronto, in a day or two after it was adopted in Hamilton, two or three days later in Guelph, and so it went on until it was the middle of August, or about six weeks after the agreement had been entered into in Toronto, that all the places which intended to get into line fell in. But just as we were congratulating ourselves on our success we awoke one bright warm morning to find that silver at discount had gone by the board in the "Ambitious City," and that she had returned to wallowing in silver at par. This was the first blow the scheme received and it proved a fatal one. With such an example desertion followed desertion until matters stood as we have before stated, with Guelph and part of Toronto alone adhering to the contract. It will thus be seen that the trial could not be called a fair one, but such as it was it is likely that it is as fair as any that the public themselves will ever give, and the attempt to reduce silver to its right value as vigorous as will ever be put forth. Whatever is to be done remains with the Government to accomplish. The people will obey its mandates when they will not exercise the simplest faith in each other. If an Act of Parliament declare certain coins to be worth a certain amount they will be accepted as such, and there will be an end of the matter; and until then we must nerve ourselves to endure the troubles and losses, from which a short time ago we were congratulating ourselves we had escaped. An exchange broker of Montreal, makes an offer to buy two millions of silver at a reasonable rate, and show evidence afterwards that he has sent it out of the country. His propositions are at least worthy the consideration of men doing a large business. The main features of his proposal will be found in another column. But as we said before, Government aid must be most relied upon now.

American Despatches

New York, Oct. 23.—A game of Base Ball took place to-day between the English Cricketers and an American nine composed of players from union, mutual and active clubs. Six innings were played resulting in the defeat of the English, the score being Englishmen 11, Americans 20. The Herald's San Francisco special says:—Personal observation of the damage to buildings shows it to be very great. Many must be taken down as they are unsafe in their present condition. Many of the buildings have sunk several inches and streets before level are now uneven in many places. A ship anchored 15 miles outside felt the shock very heavily, and it was the same with vessels on the Bay. Many of the casualties occurred from frantic efforts to get out of the buildings: some persons jumped out of the second story windows. This vicinity appears to have been about the centre of the convulsion. South and east persons in the country noticed an upheaving and opening of the earth in several places. Large masses of rock several tons in weight were detached and rolled down the hill and mountain sides. Persons here who were in Peru during the late earthquake state the shock of yesterday to have been as strong as yesterday that destroyed so much life and property there, and they say that only a recurrence of the shocks was required to make the disaster here fully as great. Three million will not cover the loss by damage to the buildings. There are six persons killed and many wounded. Slight shocks have occurred during the night but confidence is somewhat restored, yet the people are still very nervous. On Sunday morning a Miss Seigal of the township of King was attacked on the road by a mad dog and badly bitten in both hands. There are no hopes of her recovery.

The Silver Nuisance.

SILVER at PAR AGAIN IN GUELPH.

Mr. Weir's proposal to export Silver

A meeting of the merchants of Guelph was yesterday held in the Market House to hear from Mr. J. E. Pell, agent of Mr. Weir, of Montreal, his proposal for getting over the silver difficulty and getting rid of the superabundant silver by exporting \$3,000,000 out of the country. The meeting was pretty well attended, Mr. Alexander Thomson was appointed chairman and Mr. James Innes secretary. Mr. Pell explained the mode in which Mr. Weir proposed to act in collecting and paying for the silver and exporting it. The following from his circular will explain it:—Tenders will be received up to the fifth day of November next, for the delivery to me at my office in Montreal, (or at offices to be named by me at Toronto and Quebec as may be most convenient to the seller), of silver coins in sums of not less than five hundred nor more than ten thousand dollars, to be delivered within four months from the tenth day of November next, and paid for on delivery at three and a half per cent. discount. The whole sum tendered may be delivered at once, but no amount under one hundred dollars will be received, and at least one-fourth of the whole amount tendered must be delivered per month. Other conditions are offered to parties, but they merely differ in the amounts asked, in the discount offered, and in the mode of contributing to assist in the exportation. It is a condition of all the tenders that the sum of at least fifty thousand dollars per week will be exported by Mr. Weir from the Dominion of Canada until two millions of dollars shall have been so exported. Satisfactory evidence of the exportation of the above amount of silver to be furnished by him. Arrangements will be made by him to receive and pay for all silver tendered, wherever there is a Bank Agency, but, except at the three places above mentioned, it will be necessary for contributors to pay express charges to Montreal. Mr. Pell said that as soon as the first instalment was shipped, Mr. Weir would give certificates to show that it had been sent out of the country. The proposal had met with great favour in all the western cities and towns he visited, and it was now for the merchants of Guelph to say whether they would go into it. Mr. Hogg said the scheme seemed feasible enough if satisfactory evidence was given that it would be shipped out of the country. A doubt, however, seemed to rest on the minds of some that the Bank of Montreal had some connection with it, in which case they had not much trust to put in that institution. Mr. Hadden referred to another difficulty. The first or second shipments might be secured easily enough, but it might be difficult to get the balance. Mr. Pell—in that case Mr. Weir will charge the parties the difference in the discount on what he has to buy to make up the full amount promised. The following resolution was then passed. Moved by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Horsman, That a committee of merchants be appointed to enquire into the propriety of entering into an arrangement with Mr. Weir with respect to his silver scheme, the committee to be composed of the following, Messrs. William Stewart, James Cornack, James Massie, John A. Wood and the mover and seconder. Mr. Hogg then said that there was another matter which the present meeting might take up, and that was whether it was advisable or not to continue to take silver at par. For his own part he thought it was injuring the trade of the town so to do. The circumstances had greatly changed since the merchants of Guelph had gone into the August arrangement, for now every town in Canada, with the exception perhaps of Toronto, had broken through the scheme, and were taking silver at par. He believed that the continuance of the present system was daily diverting trade from Guelph. He therefore moved, seconded by Mr. Horsman, that the scheme entered into by the merchants and trade generally of Guelph in August last to take silver only at a discount of 4 and 10 per cent., be annulled and discontinued from this date, and that silver of all denominations be taken at par value for goods sold over the counter. Mr. Horsman cordially seconded the motion because he believed the present system was acting injuriously to the trade of the town. Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hadden and others had not experienced any injury in their business from the present system, but if some of the merchants were determined to break through it, the present plan would have to be given up, as it would not do for some to continue while others did not. Mr. Bond said he had resolved to break it through to-morrow whether the motion was carried or not. The motion was put and lost, 6 voting for, and 3 against it. It seemed generally understood however that the scheme had fallen through, and all left the room resolved henceforth to take silver at par.

Thomas Griffith & Co's Great Trade Sale.

We beg to call the attention of merchants to the advt. of Messrs. Thomas Griffith & Co., Toronto, whose Fall Trade Sale takes place at their stores on the 4th of next month. As will be seen by the list of goods advertised this will be one of the largest Trade Sales which has ever taken place in the west. The firm who are the largest and most enterprising wholesale grocers in Toronto, have this season secured an immense stock of the finest teas, sugars, fruits, wines, liquors, &c., &c., which could be procured in the foreign markets, and which will be offered for sale on very advantageous terms, as may be seen in the advt. A rare opportunity is now offered to country merchants to lay in their winter stocks at the lowest figures. The sale promises to be very largely attended, and to be one of the most successful ever held in the Province.

HANDSOME.—The proceeds from the base-ball concert was \$169.

Whooping cough is very prevalent in Goderich, and a number of children have died of it.

On Friday last a coloured boy about 13 years of age, a resident of Glenallan, had his thigh bone fractured while wrestling with another boy.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANAC FOR 1869.—Mr. T. J. Day, bookseller opposite the market has received an advance supply of the "Illustrated London Almanac" for 1869. Being published in the office of the Illustrated London News it is really well got up and handsomely illustrated, contains a vast amount of useful and almost indispensable information in the shape of statistics relative to the British empire and its Colonies, and as the supply is limited, parties should call to secure a number

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

MADRID, 24.—A large meeting was held here yesterday, at which speeches were made and resolutions adopted in favor of abolishing slavery throughout the Spanish dominions.

LONDON, 24th.—In response to the invitation issued for the Johnson Stanley banquet in Liverpool yesterday a number of persons excused themselves to the committee and did not attend on account of the fact that Mr. Laird, M.P., one of the firm which built the Alabama was asked to be present. It was said that considerable friendly pressure had been exercised on Mr. Laird, on account of this objection, requesting him to decline attendance, but that he firmly refused. At the very height of the festive rejoicings, towards the close, and apparently as a climax to the banquet, the chairman introduced Mr. Laird personally to Mr. Johnson. The two distinguished personages on this grasped hands firmly and shook cordially. They still retained hold of one hand of the other while exchanging some words which were evidently intended to be private between them.

Liverpool, Oct. 23.—Evebery Johnson was received at the town hall yesterday by the Mayor, who presented him with an address from the corporation. Mr. Johnson replied briefly that the negotiations which have already taken place give assurance that nothing in the past or present will effect the peaceful relation of England and the United States. The address of the Chamber of Commerce was also read, and Mr. Johnson made a brief response during which he declined to discuss the question of free trade, which was a legislative, rather than a diplomatic question. In the evening Mr. Johnson sat down to a banquet at the room of the Law Association. Among the guests were Lord Stanley and Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Johnson made a lengthy and significant speech.

Paris, Oct. 23.—Prince Napoleon has written a letter to General Prim advocating the claims of the house of Savoy and the Duke of Aosta to the throne of Spain.

Mr. Gay's poetry "My Native Land," will appear on Monday.

Law Advertisements.

Chalmers' Church.

REV. MR. JAMES, of Paris, will preach in the Court House, to-morrow, Sunday, at 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m. Sabbath School at 3 p.m. Guelph, October 24.

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

Wanted, Situation as an Apprentice.

AN Active Lad, 14 years of age, wants to be apprenticed to some trade. Any one wanting a good boy, will please apply at the Mercury Office. Guelph, October 24. d3t

SINGING.

COLORLED People Singing at B. M. E., at the house of Mr. Shay, opposite Mr. Wm. Day's. Any of the Ladies are welcome to sing after the meeting has commenced. To commence at eight o'clock. Price 20 cents for two. "Christian voyage through Death" to be sung. Guelph, October 24. 1td

Covered Curling & Skating Rink.

A MEETING of the Curlers, and those favourable to having a Covered Curling and Skating Rink combined, will be held in the Town Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, at half-past 7 o'clock, for the subscription of Stock, election of managers, &c. A full attendance is requested. C. DAVIDSON, Sec. pro. tem. Guelph, October 24. d2t

Artillery Compy's Attention.

A FULL ATTENDANCE of the Guelph Artillery Company is requested on Friday evening next, at the usual hour, to receive pouches and cross-belts for inspection. WILLIAM DAY, Capt. Guelph, Oct. 22. d3t

WANTED, an Active Lad.

AT CUTHBERTS. Guelph, October 16th. d3t

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. d3t

Rooms Wanted.

WANTED to Rent, two or three Rooms suitable for dwelling, in a central part of the town. Apply at the Mercury Office. Guelph, October 23. d4t

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 streets, houses, and other places is effected, an active man can make \$1 a day by selling the Burner. All parties selling without my consent will be prosecuted. JAS. O'NEIL, Anglo-American Hotel. Guelph, October 24th. d3w

STILL WATER TAKEN AT PAR.

GEO. WILKINSON.

Guelph, 24th October. d3t

CAUTION.

HEREBY caution all persons against becoming holders of a Promissory Note for \$120, in the shape of statistics relative to the British Empire and its Colonies, dated 24th of September, as the consideration for the same is wanting. THOMAS LINDSAY, Guelph Tp. Guelph, October 22nd, 1868. d2t-w3t

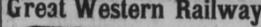
MONEY FOUND.

FOUND on Tuesday, on the Market Square, a small sum of money. The owner, on proving property and paying expenses, can have it by applying at Mr. D. Molton's Tannery.

Morrison Hotel for Sale

THE undersigned 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 on Terms liberal. Apply (if by letter postpaid) to DONALD McHERSON, Proprietor, Morrison, Oct. 22. d4w4 Purlinch P. O.

Great Western Railway



Change of Time Table.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1868, Trains will be timed to LEAVE Guelph as under:—

LEAVE GUELPH. ARRIVE GUELPH. 6:25, A. M. 11:45, A. M. 5:10, P. M. 9:30, P. M.

Connecting with Trains on main line, for all points East and West. For particulars see Time Tables—to be had on application at any of the Company's Offices. THOS. SWINYARD, Gen. Manager. General Offices, October 16th. 7t

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, 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

TOBACCOS

BUY YOUR TOBACCOS AT WILKINSON'S

I HAVE now on hand a large assortment of the best and best brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos that are manufactured in the Dominion. Give them a trial.

PIPES, CIGARS, &c.

Briar Root and Fancy Pipes, Pipe Stems, Choice Cigars.

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GEO. WILKINSON. Guelph, October 19. dw

GRAND CONCERT

THE Second Annual CONCERT in aid of the Orphans and Aged Poor under the care of the Sisters in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, will be held in the Drill Shed, Wednesday Evening, 28th October Several distinguished Singers from Buffalo, Toronto and Hamilton will be present. TICKETS 50c. Children half-price. The Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Vale, will accompany the choruses. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8. E. J. Vale's Quadrille Band will be in attendance. D. NUNAN, Secretary. Guelph, 19th October. d4w1

SPEEDVALE MILLS.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned having purchased the Speedvale Mills from Mr. James Goldie, will always pay the highest Market price for Wheat at his Mills. BRAN, SHORTS, MIDDINGS and SCALDINGS constantly on hand and will be sold at reduction on Guelph Prices. JOHN PIPE Speedvale Mills, Oct. 14. Guelph, Oct. 24, 1868. d4f

SILVER TAKEN AT PAR

PREMIUM ON PAPER MONEY.

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OPENING OF SHOW ROOMS.

New Pattern Bonnets, New Pattern Hats.

Mantles and Jackets!

New Pattern Mantles. New Pattern Jackets.

Another Lot of those Cheap Jackets, from \$1.00 to \$3.00—Less than Half-price.

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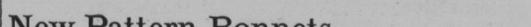
Real Irish Poplins, in all the New Colours. The only House in Guelph that keep the same Goods.

PHILIP BISH

Wyndham Street, Guelph, October 24. daw 1f

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GUELPH.



SILVER TAKEN AT PAR.

NO DISCOUNT. NO DISCOUNT. AT JOHN HOGG'S, GOLDEN LION, GUELPH. Guelph, October 24th, 1868. dw

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