

Guelph Evening Mercury

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THE SOUTH AMERICAN WAR.

Amid events of greater moment the intelligence, which has reached us within the last few days from the seat of war in South America, has been almost unheeded. For five long years has this contest raged with varying fortunes and equal determination between the little State of Paraguay on the one side, and the powerful empire of Brazil, aided by Uruguay and the Argentine Republic on the other. During all this time the Paraguayans have made superhuman efforts for the maintenance of their liberties, lives and nationality, for it would seem that all these depend on the result of the struggle, as the allies solemnly bound themselves to punish the contumacy of the little territory by obliterating it. Driven into Humaita by a series of reverses, Lopez, and his heroic garrison for a long time defied the utmost efforts of the Brazilian iron-clads, and the assaults of the besiegers were repulsed with a vigour and slaughter that might well have damped less ardent and pertinacious valour. Whether it was a desire to fulfil their vow, or whether the unflinching resistance of their enemy inspired them with a greater degree of obstinacy, it is certain that the Allies persisted almost against hope, when the Brazilian coffers were depleted and when the country contained a numerous peace party, when the Argentine Corps had dwindled down to a shadow, and Uruguay, exhausted, was scarcely represented on the scene of war. Such was the state of affairs two or three months ago, ere yet the fortress of Humaita had fallen; it cannot be much better since, for victory over such foes as the Paraguayans is almost as disastrous as defeat. But Humaita has fallen: that is certain now, and moreover the defensive works which Lopez had erected some distance in rear of it, appear also to have been abandoned by him and his followers, who have retreated to a position in the interior. They have thus been enabled to put off the day of their death a little longer, for it is not probable that the day of their surrender will ever come, and pressed as they now are it is difficult to foresee how they can escape the alternative. The latest news is that Lopez is acting the part of a cruel tyrant. Having, it is said, discovered a conspiracy against his person, he ordered all whom he suspected of being concerned in it—foreigners among others—to be summarily executed. This is not the first story that has been told of his cruelty, and told no doubt with exaggerations, else he had not so long been dictator in Paraguay. The conspirators, it may be presumed, belong to the peace party, and that party must be powerless and small, otherwise Lopez had not so long protracted the war and his own life. But with all his indomitable courage, with his faults too, and with the great majority of the people backing his resolution, it looks as if the Paraguayan cause were irretrievably lost, and sad though such a result may be after such a heroic struggle, humanity will rejoice when the terrible contest is concluded.

Dastardly Outrage in Bosanquet.

The *Free Press* of Wednesday has the following: The Township of Bosanquet, in the County of Lambton, of which Widdler Station, is the capital, has lately been the scene of one of the most dastardly outrages ever recorded. The villain is supposed to be a skeddaddler from the other side, who has, for some time, been prowling around Widdler Station. On Thursday last, it appears, he entered the residence of Mr. Robert Boyd, a respectable farmer, residing on the 6th concession of Bosanquet. Immediately on entering the house, he drew a dirk knife and inflicted several severe, but we are happy to state, not fatal, wounds on the person of Boyd's eldest son, who happened to be the only inmate of the house at the time. He then proceeded to the barn and deliberately set it on fire. The neighbours, seeing the conflagration, hastened to the scene, and whilst endeavoring to subdue the flames, this human or rather inhuman, fiend returned to the house and carried off a trunk to an adjacent corn-field, where he broke it open and rifled it of the contents, some \$60 in bills and silver. He then repaired to the woods, where he remained till evening, when he issued out in search of more mischief. His first victim was a son of Mr. David Sloan, of Bosanquet. Without a moment's warning, the scoundrel dealt the unoffending young man a fearful blow on the head with a club, and then followed up the assault by drawing his dirk and stabbing him severely in five or six places. Leaving his victim senseless he again repaired to the wood. This deed so exasperated the settlers that they turned out *en masse* in search of the ruffian. At the time of writing they had completely surrounded the woods in which it is supposed he hid, but up to the time of going to press had not succeeded in effecting his capture.

gluts the market, and has the effect of depressing prices below a remunerative point. If Canada had free access to the yearly expanding market at its borders, it would soon rank high among the manufacturing communities of the world.

Rockwood Union Ploughing Match.

The first ploughing match under the auspices of the Rockwood Union Agricultural Society was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., on the farm of Mr. James Parkinson, near Rockwood. Although the day was wet and uncomfortable, there was a large turnout of ploughmen and spectators. There were 28 entries in all; 11 in the 1st class, composed of any person who liked to compete; 11 in the second which was confined to competitors who had not previously taken a first or a second prize at any previous match. In the third class there were 6 entries of boys under 18 years of age. The field was excellent, and the character of the work in all the classes far above the average, the like of which is seldom seen in this County. Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson were very attentive to the creature wants of ploughmen and officers, as well as spectators, who were cordially invited, and heartily shared in their hospitality. The judges were Messrs. D. Stinton, M. P.,—Hall, Nassagaweya; and E. Barber, Erin. The prizes were awarded as hereafter mentioned.—We are sorry we cannot give the names of the plough makers, whose ploughs were awarded the prizes, but may state that those made by Messrs. Milloy and McMillan of Erin, McInnes, Ferguson, Stephenson, Nassagaweya, and Burrows, Eden Mills, were the most successful.

First Class—George Robinson, Erin; 2d, Colin Campbell, Erin; 3rd, William Fitzsimmons, Eramosa; 4th, John Cusick, Nassagaweya.

Second Class—John D. Currie, Erin; 2d, Charles Ingle, Nassagaweya; 3rd, Wm. McFarlane, Eramosa; 4th, Robert Sutton, Eramosa.

Boys' Class—Alex. Moore, Eramosa; 2d, Henry Talbot, Eramosa; 3rd, M. Loree, Eramosa; 4th, James McQueen, Eramosa.

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(Special Telegram to Evening Mercury.)

MOUNT FOREST, Oct. 22nd.—A man named Edward Cosgrove, a resident of Arthur township, was killed in a scuffle which took place in front of Ross's hotel yesterday afternoon. In the investigation before Thos. Swan and Sidney Smith, Esqs., J.P.s., it appears that a dispute arose between James Anderson, of Arthur, and Edward Cosgrove, concerning some oxen. Some other parties in attempting to quiet the disturbance were drawn into the row, and matters were made worse. Cosgrove received a blow from the pointed end of an umbrella thrust by some one in the crowd over another man's shoulder, entering the side of his head immediately in front of his ear, and causing him to fall suddenly to the ground. None of the evidence examined could testify who the party was that dealt the blow. The wounded man was carried into the hotel and medical assistance was called in but to no avail. After remaining in an insensible state for about eight hours he died at eleven o'clock last night. An inquest will be held at ten o'clock, when further evidence will be taken and more light thrown upon the matter.

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N. CROFT, Church-st. Guelph, 11th September.

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LEAVE GUELPH. ARRIVE GUELPH.

6:25, A. M. 11:45, A. M.

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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. 71

CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that on and after this date his business will be conducted strictly on the

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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 favours, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a still greater share of their patronage.

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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. Vale's Quadrille Band will be in attendance.

D. NUNAN, Secretary. Guelph, 19th October. d291

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French Plums

New Currants

Cocoa Nibs

French Chocolate

Sperm Candles

Bed-room Candles

Lobsters

Salmon

Sardines

Digby Herrings