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Guelph, 29th April, 1869. dw

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JOHN HARRIS, Jr., Executor. Guelph, May 1, 1869. dw

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References:—Dr. Clarke & Orton, McQuire, Herod and McGregor and Corran, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan & Phillips, Toronto; Dr. Elliott and Meyers, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain. Guelph, 13th Jan 1869 dwly

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The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order,

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Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, &c., GUELPH, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN Guelph, April 1, 1869 awt

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Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales, and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p. m.

DENIS BUNYAN Guelph, 17th October

Evening Mercury.

SATURDAY EV'NG, MAY 15, 1869.

Town and County Items.

STATISTICS OF AMARANTH.—The total receipts for the Township of Amaranth for the year 1868 amounted to \$4,769.16; while the expenditure was only \$4,495.59, leaving a balance of \$273.57.

DAMAGES BY THE FLOOD.—The Warden informs the *News Record* that \$20,000 will hardly repair the damage done to public property in the County of Wellington, by the recent spring freshet.

LUTHER BY-LAW.—One of the conditions of the Luther By-law, granting a bond of \$20,000 to the Narrow Gauge road, is that a station is to be erected and maintained within a mile of Green's Hotel, Arthur Village. Now it is very well known that before the passage of the Luther By-law, the station was expected to be some four or five miles above the village.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received ex steamships *Prussian* and *North American*, and ex ship *Lake Superior*, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

Our neighbor of the *Fergus News Record* shows his good judgment in copying our report of the Presbyterian meeting on Tuesday, but he has done us injustice in forgetting to credit it to the *Mercury*, and in inserting it as his own. We were greatly amused at the *Elora Observer* copying the *Advertiser's* report—it can hardly be called such—of the same meeting, for it is one mass of hideous blunders from beginning to end.

INTENDED DEPARTURE.—Mr. Joseph Wood and wife, Erasmus, purpose leaving for Scotland on Tuesday next. They will sail on Thursday from Quebec for Glasgow, and will make a sojourn of two months or so. It is thirty-eight years last April since they arrived in Canada. They can have but little hopes of seeing friends who they knew, and it is therefore evident that nothing but a pure love of country could prompt the visit.

SMITH'S SCRIPTURE HISTORY.—Mr. W. E. Tunis has sent us a copy of this book. It is a valuable work, and gives in succinct form the Old Testament history from the creation to the return of the Jews from captivity. To the minister, the Biblical student, day and Sabbath-school teachers, it will be of the greatest service, and even to the general reader, its perusal will greatly interest and instruct. For sale at T. J. Day's Bookstore.

DR. FRENCH'S NEW SINGING CLASS.—The second term of Dr. French's singing class will be organized on next Monday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock in the Town Hall. And in order to make this a general class the terms will be merely nominal—only 25 cents, which will pay for a book and the tuition, all included in the 25 cents. A term of 13 lessons will be given, and will last about two weeks. First lesson next Monday, May 17th, at 4:15 p. m.

A LAWSUIT.—The Mount Forest *Examiner* says:—A writ of summons, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas, in the case of the Board of School Trustees of the village of Mount Forest against the corporation. The purpose of the suit is that the plaintiffs intend to claim a writ of mandamus to command the defendants to provide the plaintiffs with the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars to build a school house in the said village. As will be seen by report of Council proceedings, the Council intend defending the case.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN ERAMOSA.—On the evening of the 13th inst., a very serious accident occurred in Eramosa, a travelling agent, which, it is feared, will be followed by fatal results. The name of the injured man is Spivey, and he was employed taking orders for the moving and reaping machines manufactured at Newcastle, Ont. He is but recently out from Yorkshire, England, is a widower, and has two children in the old country. In pursuing his avocation he called at Mr. Radd's, c. n. 2, of Eramosa, and having gone with some of the male members of the family to the stable, was examining a colt. He put his hand on the animal's rump and stooped his head, when a kick as a flash landed on knocking out one eye completely, injuring or the other the parts around it so that he cannot see, dinging the forehead, and, in short, smashing the upper part of the face. Drs. Herod and Howitt were sent for, and had the wounded man conveyed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, where he is receiving every attention that can be tendered to his case, but we hear there is little hope of his recovery. A telegram was sent to Newcastle, and a friend of his came up on Friday night.

DR. FRENCH'S JUVENILE CONCERT.—There was a very fair audience last night at Dr. French's Juvenile Concert, which took place in the Town Hall. The pupils, many of them girls, were arranged as a gallery, and beautiful they looked, happy in their innocence, and joyous in their gala dresses. The teacher presided at the melodeon, and the singing by forty sweet young voices was more than ordinarily pleasing. Dr. French is not like some of his profession; he does not teach his scholars to sing pieces merely as a parrot is taught to pronounce words; he gives instructions in the principles of music, and it could not be doubted from the extent to which he carried his questioning of the class, and the prompt answers returned that valuable elementary knowledge, and a considerable portion of it, has been acquired from his tuition. The programme was so long, and there were so many who rendered solos, duets &c., that space would fail to particularize, if indeed it would not be invidious to do so when all acquitted themselves most commendably. At the close a complimentary vote to Dr. French was moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and heartily accorded. It contained a request that he should conduct every year, which was consented to do will be seen by the notice in another column.

Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch employ 150 men, at their machine works, in Galt.

The Fergus Distillery Seizure.

DISCOVERY OF GIANTIC FRAUDS.

We copy from the *News Record* the following in reference to the seizure of Mr. Wyllie's distillery in Fergus, of which we gave notice yesterday:—

Fergus was again the scene of another of these whiskey seizures this week for which our village is getting so notorious. For some months past the Revenue Officer, Mr. John White, has been suspiciously watching Mr. Geo. G. Wyllie's distillery. He entered it on Tuesday morning, and on spying round found a quantity of high wines cooling in a rectifier. The distiller could not give a good account of how the liquor came there; and as no high wines had been excised for over two months, Mr. White was under the impression that it had been abstracted from the rectifier that morning. On examining the seals he found one broke. This was conclusive evidence that there was something wrong, and accordingly the matter was at once reported to Inspector Roman. That gentleman, accompanied by Collector Gow and Excise Officer Kirk, came to Fergus yesterday (Thursday), and seized the distillery. In the process of marking the 'empty' barrels, a tub of yeast was found hid among them. This was further proof that the establishment had not been so idle as was supposed. A thorough searching examination of the premises was then gone into, which resulted in nothing, so far as the inside of the building was concerned. There was better luck outside, however. An entrance was effected through a small hole into a dark and dirty pig pen close by, where, to behold, a huge mash tub, capable of holding sixty bushels of grain was found. This partly accounted for the hot high wines, fresh yeast and broken seal. But how the fermenting tub was brought in connection with the mash tub was still a mystery. A further examination soon brought that to light also, however. The beer was conveyed from one tub to the other through a tin pipe, which was ingeniously constructed, and could be removed when not in use, thus hiding every chance of detection. When ready to distil, a copper pipe was inserted into the mash tub, which pumped the liquor into the charger, thus completing the manufacturing process. The whole arrangement was so complete, that one almost thinks it a pity it should have been broken up. The Government has the power of confiscating the buildings, liquor, grain, and everything about the premises, as also of imposing a heavy fine; and there is reason to believe that the last cent will be collected.

Widely Dejected.—The following we clip from the *Elora Observer*:—An instance of devotion on the part of a wife towards her husband was brought under our notice this week, by Dr. Middleton, which deserves sympathy and approval. Some of our readers may recollect that about ten years ago a man named Edward Wicklow, living in Garafaxa, killed a colored man, whose name we have not learned, when quarrelling about a dog. The blow was given at random and during excitement in endeavoring to prevent the dog being carried off, and sentence of death passed by the Court on his trial was commuted to imprisonment for life. The man had a wife and two children, and afterwards they removed to Kingston, as though it were a satisfaction to the wife to live in the neighborhood of her husband, and she is now in the service of one of the officers of the Penitentiary, where her good character and industrious habits have secured her sympathy and enabled her to bring up the children in comparative comfort. She also fondly clings to the hope that her husband may yet be released to her, and all must sympathize with her feelings and admire her devotion. She has made personal application to the premier and another member of the cabinet, and has received some encouragement to make formal application to the Governor General for a commutation of her husband's sentence; and she writes to Dr. Middleton for a detailed and certified statement of all the circumstances as he was the coroner called in at the inquest. We have no doubt but the doctor will feel it a pleasing duty to comply with the sorrowing and faithful woman's request; and hope that if her husband is restored to her he may reward her devotion with a love and anxiety for her welfare, equal to that which she has displayed towards him.

Kennedy's Reception in California.

We have received a copy of the *Alta California* of May 4th, in which we find the following flattering notice of the first appearance and reception in San Francisco of Mr. Kennedy, the Scottish vocalist:—

Mr. Kennedy, the Scottish vocalist, has reason to be pleased with his reception in San Francisco. He achieved a brilliant success at Mercantile Library Hall last night, the audience being large and very enthusiastic. The vocalist has a pleasant and mellow voice, of good compass and susceptible of an infinite variety of expression. Indeed, his range of themes, wide as it is, shows the performer equally at home in all. His rendition of the rollicking "Allister McAllister" was quite equal to the pathetic minor songs of the dying husband, "The Land of the Leal," and both were first rate. And Mr. Kennedy has more dramatic power and force than either Wilson or Dempster—the two best known Scottish singers in the country. His manner in "Scots Wha Hae" and "The Macgregor's Gathering" was very effective, and fairly electrified the audience, and he aroused them to a high pitch when, at the conclusion, he died off with "Auld Lang Syne," taking his audience fairly off their feet, all joining in the chorus with great vim. The breezy, hearty songs of Scotland were admirably interwoven and relieved with short bits of colloquial anecdote, judiciously and jolly told. The encores were frequent, and the applause continual and hearty. The second of these entertainments will be given at the same hall to-morrow night.

The trade returns for 1868, just published, show some remarkable facts. Comparing the imports for Ontario and Quebec with those of the same Provinces in 1868, we find that they were in 1868, \$37,248,229, against \$29,078,828 ten years previously. The exports for the same years give evidence of an increase in 1868 of quite one hundred per cent. This is in the main highly satisfactory. But it is not pleasant to reflect that we have been importing largely in excess of the wants of the people.

The World Over.

A Pennsylvania suicide used a looking glass, in order to take the proper aim at his head.

The *Nestorian*, on Saturday, for Liverpool, took some Whittaker's body, which had been embalmed.

It is estimated that there are 255,000 threshing machines in the United States, without counting the "school-marms."

DROWNED IN AN OIL TANK.—A young man about 17 years of age, named John Selby, was drowned in an oil tank at Bothwell on Wednesday night.

Three gentlemen, of Woolwich, are going on a prospecting tour to the Western States. Several have gone before them, and given reports as different as their tastes.

MAN STARVED.—On Thursday, Sam'l Rae, and Henry Clegg, of Wroxeter, had a dispute about the possession of a piece of land, when Rae stabbed Clegg in the abdomen with a knife. Clegg is not expected to live. Rae is still at large.

The Canada Presbyterian Church Presbytery, of Montreal, has passed a resolution, authorizing such congregations as desire to use the collection of psalms and hymns for public worship sanctioned by the Synod of the English Presbyterian Church.

DIOCESAN SYNOD.—The Synod have at last elected a Bishop—the Rev. Ashley Oxenden, of Pluckley, Kent, England. He is the author of many popular works, about sixty years of age, and evangelical in opinion, as he belongs to the low Church party.

The line of Count Tilly, the celebrated opponent of Gustavus Adolphus, in the Thirty Years' War, has just become extinct by the decease of Count Charles Gustavus Edward Augustus von Tserclas Tilly, at the age of 85. He had been Chamberlain to the King of England.

BARN BURNED.—The *Milton Champion* says that the barn and outbuildings of Mr. Mitchell, lot 11, 8th con. Esquesing, was on the 13th inst. totally destroyed by fire. In the barn there was about 60 bushels of wheat, 40 of peas, 50 or 60 of oats; he also lost a valuable spring coil, its dam being saved with great difficulty, also his hay, and several farming implements.

FIRE AT ELMIRA.—On Saturday last the steam gristmill owned by Mr. Ratz, of Elmira, came very near being lost by fire. The fire broke out in the stove factory in connection with the mill, and on the alarm being given the villagers turned out manfully, and the creek being so near, succeeded in getting the fire under. Mr. Ratz loses a great amount of cut, staves and headings.

INSURANCE CASE.—At the Oxford Assizes last week, a Mr. Welsh, of Norwich, brought an action against the Waterloo Mutual Insurance Company to recover amount insured by him on stock and implements which, together with a barn were destroyed by fire in 1868. The defence was that the quantity of stock was not destroyed, and that plaintiff set fire to the barn. Verdict for the defendants.

FIRE.—The *Milton Champion* notes three fires following each other in quick succession in Hallow. One occurred on Saturday by which the barns and outbuildings of Mr. A. Mitchell, Trafalgar, were destroyed. On the following Monday the dwelling of Mr. S. Gilmour, Esquesing, was completely burnt. The next night the shingle factory and saw-mill of Mr. Jas. Morrison, of the same township, were reduced to ashes. The loss of the last mentioned is about \$1,600.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—An old man named White, who has for some time past been living among the farmers in the vicinity of Conestogo made an attempt to commit suicide on Saturday morning last. He had succeeded in making a fearful gash across his throat with a razor, and would soon have accomplished his purpose, when he was observed by some of the inmates of the house, who secured him and wrenched the weapon from his grasp. He gave as his reasons for endeavoring to die, that he was tired of living.

The Banking Scheme.

Mr. Rose on Friday submitted to the House of Commons, a series of resolutions embodying the new banking scheme. Without commenting on it at present we merely give the following as the chief features of the scheme:—The Bank notes and Government Legal Tenders now in circulation, are all to be called in, and no more such notes are to be issued.

The currency is to consist hereafter solely of Bank notes, secured by Government Debentures, and the Banks are to purchase Government Debentures for such amounts as they severally choose—they are to place these Debentures in the hands of the Receiver General in trust—and the Receiver General is to hand them back Legal Tender Notes for circulation through the country to the same amount as the Debentures deposited.

These Legal Tender Notes are to be promissory notes of the several Banks certified by a Government official to be secured by deposit of debentures. They are to be redeemable in specie, on demand, at the office of the Bank designated upon them; and each Bank is always to have on hand to redeem them, one dollar of gold for every five dollars of these notes in circulation bearing its superscription. Should any Bank fail to redeem its note on presentation, the Debentures deposited with Government are to be made available for their redemption. The Banks are to receive, from Government, interest on the amount of Debentures deposited with the Receiver General.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, May 15, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:

E. Oliver, Woodstock; Samuel James Butt, Toronto; Frank B. Welles & wife, Preston; Henry Dallyer, Hamilton; Geo. J. D. Keating, Galt; Rev. S. J. Jones, Wyoming; David McLean, Toronto; H. J. Middaught, Durham; Charles Do-herty, Toronto; Mrs. Campbell, Durham; Robert J. Wyllie, Toronto; John Rooney, do; W. H. Stovel, Mount Forest; W. Muirhead, Toronto; H. C. Stovell, Mount Forest; W. Reid, Toronto; E. Martin & wife, G. T. R.; James Smith, Rome, N. Y.; C. D. Moore, Hamilton; John McKenzie, Jackson, N. Y.; T. Wilson & wife, Detroit; Thomas Bidout, Dundas; Mrs. Bidout & family, do; A. McLean, Walkerton.

News from New York.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

New York, May 14th.

Warren and Costello Arrived.

The meeting intended as a reception to Warren and Costello took place here last night. Warren and Costello did not attend for reasons that they considered the demonstration as partaking of a partisan character. Speeches were made by Col. Nagle and others.

Small-pox.

The steamer *City of Cork* which arrived at Staten Island on Tuesday, with 600 passengers, had one case of small-pox on board, in consequence of which the vessel, crew and passengers are still detained at quarantine.

Emigrants Arrived.

Since the 1st of last January 81,000 emigrants have landed at this port from abroad. The number of arrivals since the 1st of May is 27,900.

Report Unfounded.

The *Times*' Washington special says: Pertinent to the now generally discredited report of the triple alliance, it can be stated on authority which admits of no question that up to the time that Mr. Berthemy—the French Minister here—left on his return home, no allusion direct or remote had been made to any such proposition in the correspondence between his government and himself.

The Elections in France.

(BY CABLE.)

PARIS, May 15.—Several electoral meetings were dispersed yesterday, causing, in some instances, riotous proceedings. A number of sergeants-de-ville were badly hurt. Many arrests have been made.

The Speech of the Mayor of Cork.

It will be remembered that on the 28th of April, the cable announced that the Mayor of Cork, at an occasion given to two Fenians the night previous, had made a speech which was called extraordinary, no more, perhaps, from the sentiments it contained, than from the fact of such sentiments being uttered by a man in his position. The speech seems to have been suggested by an address of an ultra-national character, by a Mr. McAuliffe. The English mail lately arrived gives the full text of the remarkable oration as follows:—"The Mayor said: The company must be indebted to Mr. McAuliffe for the brilliant address he had favored them with, and in which he had graphically described the driving of the Moors from Grenada by the Spaniards, as the Irish would drive the English out of this country to-morrow if they were strong enough. He could only say he believed the right of this—the Irish nation—was perfectly as good and just as the right of the English nation on its own soil. (Loud cheers.) He was there to-night standing on the ground of the right and justice, and