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Guelph, 9th February. dwtf

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Guelph, 8th Feb. dówtf

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Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwtf

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W. H. JACOMB.
Guelph, 6th Jan. dw2

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Guelph, 6th Jan. dwtf JAS BARCLAY.

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The creditors of the insolvent are notified to meet at my office, No. 88 Front Street, Toronto, on the 17th day of February instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the public examination of the insolvent, and the ordering of his estate generally.

And the said insolvent is hereby notified to attend the said meeting.

Dated at Toronto this second day of February, 1869.

THOMAS CLARKSON,
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Guelph, 8th Feb. dwtd

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Guelph, Feb. 5.

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Guelph, 9th February. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

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Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

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Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS.
Guelph December 12. dw

Evening Mercury.

THURSDAY EV'NG, FEB. 11, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous

The Marquis of Bute has given £5,000 towards the new Roman Catholic Cathedral about to be built at Westminster.

Several Indian Chiefs, dressed in true aboriginal style, paint and tomahawks, are in Washington, negotiating sales of certain wild lands.

Rev. Dr. Burns, formerly of St. Catherines, but now of Chicago, where he is exceedingly popular, has been invited to take the pastoral charge of Cote Street Church, Montreal.

A New York philanthropist attempted to reclaim a social evil by marrying her; but as he has been obliged at last to have her locked up on a criminal charge, it appears he did'nt succeed.

Mr. Howe has returned to Nova Scotia for the purpose of seeking re-election by his constituents in the County of Hants. The Repealers are making vigorous preparations to oppose him.

The first marriage certificate issued in Boston this year was to a negro who contemplated marriage for the sixth time. The would-be bride is a white woman, and enters upon the matrimonial voyage for the first time.

Sitka is said to be nearly depopulated. Everyone who went there wanted to keep a saloon. There being no one to pay for drinks, where all were bar-keepers, business became dull, and now the emigrants are going back to San Francisco.

The Mechanics' Institute of Toronto have decided to erect a new hall capable of seating 2,500 persons. The estimated cost of the land and building is $30,000, some $12,000 of which the Institute hopes to obtain by voluntary subscription from the citizens of Toronto.

A priest at Rome has addressed a circular letter to all the bishops of the church, calling their attention to the light, operatic character of the music now used in many churches, as being much more suitable for vanity than piety. He advocates a return to the grand, solemn music of the earlier ages of the church.

The small pox, wherever it appears in this age of the world, owes its existence entirely to the criminal neglect of the people and of the authorities whose duty it is to see that the ordinary precautions to prevent the occurrence of small-pox are not scrupulously and universally carried out in practice. The disease now prevails in almost every city on the North American Continent.

The effort of our City Council, says the Hamilton *Times* to get back the troops here promises about as much success as "baying the moon." Considered in a moral point of view, and not fastening the eye on a few paltry dollars subdivided into nothing among our whole population, we think it ought to be considered a great blessing that they have been removed. Those, of course, who consider money of more value than morality will entertain a different opinion.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP LITERARY SOCIETY.—This Society held an open meeting on Friday night last in the school in Section No. 4, John Rennie, Esq., presided. The question "Was the execution of Charles I justifiable" was debated, Messrs. Hamilton, Hudson and Patterson taking the affirmative side, and Messrs. Scott, Geo. Hood and Geo. Shortreed the negative. After an able debate the question was decided in the affirmative. Essays were then read by Messrs. Hamilton and Scott, and recitations given by Messrs. Hudson, Hood, Scott, Patterson, Shortreed, Hamilton, Grey and Stewart.

THE CONCERT AT MORRISTON.—As previously announced the concert for the purpose of raising funds wherewith to seat the Town Hall, took place on Thursday night last. There was a full house on the occasion. The singers were Miss Adelaide Leslie, Miss McIntosh, of Strabane, Messrs. D. McFarlane, Wm. Nicol, Robt. McFarlane, Hugh Black, Charles Martin and D. McDonald, all of whom, especially Miss Leslie, who was the star of the evening, gave great satisfaction, and were warmly applauded. The concert was wound up with a ball. Financially the concert was a great success, over $30 being realized.

UTTER DESTITUTION.—The particulars attending the death of O Laframe, a sawyer, of Quebec, reveals a sad state of things. He was earning only eleven shillings a week, and had to support a wife and four children. He had become weak from want of food and too hard labor. When leaving for the shipyard in which he was employed, his wife told him he was unable to work that day. He answered, "We have no wood—no bread; if I do not work, you and the children will die from starvation. I must go to earn something, if I perish in the attempt." And so he went; he attempted to resume his labor, but fell dead. What comments could add pathos to the naked truth of such a terrible tale of woe?

NEW BRUNSWICK PRESSING HER CLAIMS.—Nova Scotia having been successful in her demands upon the Dominion Government for an increase of her pecuniary allowance, amounting to a capital of about $3,000,000, New Brunswick has determined to follow suit, and try her luck to the trick of agitation for additional money grants. In compliance with a requisition numerously signed, the Sheriff of Carleton, N.B., has called a meeting at the town of Woodstock, "for the purpose of taking into consideration various public matters affecting the position of New Brunswick in the Dominion; also, to take into consideration the best mode to be adopted in order that the Province may be relieved of the debt contracted by it for the purpose of facilitating our Railways, now completed and in course of construction, and to urge upon the Dominion Government the commercial and other advantages that would accrue by the immediate completion of that portion of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway lying between Woodstock and Revierre du Loup.

THE McGEE MURDER.

WHELAN HUNG TO-DAY!

AT OTTAWA.

Whelan Makes a Speech!

A Written Statement Left.

WHALEN SUFFERS INTENSELY.

Great Crowd of Men, Women and Boys Present.

Special to the Guelph Mercury

THE EXECUTION.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.

Patrick James Whelan, the murderer of the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, was hung in front of the jail at 11:15 this a.m.

The day dawned with dark, murky atmosphere, accompanied with a blinding snow drift from the East.

Sleigh loads of country people began to arrive at an early hour and at once set about searching a stand-point to view the scaffold and hear the last words anticipated to fall from the lips of the doomed man. At 9 o'clock there were about 300 people on the east side of the jail, eagerly watching the drop and the slightest movement from within. At 10 o'clock there were over 2000 people gathered, but the best possible order prevailed.

The military escort under Lord Russell kept the crowd back. The prison physician made his last visit to Whelan at 10 o'clock, and reported him in good nerve, there being no agitation or flurry perceptible.

At ten o'clock the representatives of the press and a number of medical men were admitted at the main door of the jail. None but those who had written passes were allowed to enter.

After a delay of a few minutes the sheriff, attired in official robes, entered and announced that all was ready. By this time the crowd had increased to about six thousand people. At eleven o'clock Whelan was pinioned and led forth from the jail, accompanied by the Sheriff and three priests in white surplices. He looked very pale and excited, but moved along with a firm step, and mounted the stairway to the scaffold, responding distinctly to the prayers.

After the Pater Noster had been repeated he said:—"I beg pardon for any offence I may have committed. I forgive all parties who have injured me; I ask forgiveness from any one I may have injured. God save Ireland and God save my soul."

The executioner then fitted on the white cap and drew it over his face, adjusted the rope, and in a few minutes the drop fell and Whelan hung by the neck for four minutes suffering intensely and then drew his last gasp.

The execution took place at 11.15 a.m. precisely. He did not make a long speech as was expected, but it is said he left a written document with the sheriff, the purport of which is not yet known.

THE GALLOWS.

At ten o'clock the fatal rope was attached to an ordinary tackle block. The block was hitched to an iron hook set in the top part of the alcove immediately over the trap. When the jail was built, this provision for the execution of criminals was made, and the arrangement is very complete and efficient. The alcove is at the extremity of the eastern wing, and the platform is on the same story, and to the rear of this is a high stone wall, which when the trap has been sprung, will prevent all possibility of the body being seen. The culprit can only be seen, and that at a distance from the jail, while standing on the drop. The bolt holding the trap is so adjusted that a slight push with the foot will move it, and the trap be sprung. The object in using a tackle block is to facilitate the lowering of the body after death. For greater convenience, Whelan was removed yesterday, to a cell on the north side of the jail, the old one being too small to admit of carrying out the religious ceremonies.

The executioner fitted the noose, and made all the preliminary arrangements. He is a man of medium height, fair hair, light complexion, no beard, and about 5 feet 9½ inches high. He is reported to perfectly understand the business.

WHELAN'S CONDUCT BEFORE THE EXECUTION.

On Sunday night Whelan was quite indifferent, and evidently expected a respite, although he let drop an expression to the effect that Cameron had done all he could for him.

On Monday he was visited by Alderman Goodwin, with whom he eagerly shook hands, and said he was glad to see him. Whelan spoke about the assassination. Mr. Goodwin said that if he (Whelan) did not commit the murder he knew who did. Whelan said quickly, 'Yes, Goodwin, you are a brave outspoken man.'

In the afternoon of Tuesday the Sheriff came to his corridor and briefly said that it was his duty to tell him that no respite would be granted, and that without any doubt the law would be carried into effect on Thursday morning. The Sheriff had hardly left the corridor, when a change instantly became apparent in Whelan's looks and manner. He knit his brows, and violently twitching his hands held them to his breast. He from that moment became disquieted and lost his jocularity of the former day. He exclaimed to his keeper—"Well, I am in possession of that dreadful secret! I am to hang on Thursday! There will be no further respite!"

His wife visited him in the afternoon. As she entered his cell, he kissed her, and she said she expected every day to hear of a respite. Whelan shook his head and said, "no, no.' She said that she would go to the Governor-General and speak in his behalf; that he would hear her; that he must get a week's respite at least.—Whelan advised her not to go, that it would be of no avail. As he concluded his remarks she burst into tears and said, 'Oh, Patrick! oh, Pat!' After his wife left, the Sisters of Charity and Father O'Connor visited him and prayed with him.

During the past few days, Whelan has conducted himself unusually well, and on Sunday was visited by Sisters of Charity, who conversed with him on religious subjects, and to their ministrations he listened with attention and respect. In the afternoon he was visited by Michael Starr and Ald. Henri. The former was arrested as one of the assassination conspirators, but was discharged; while the latter was a Roman Catholic Alderman, who, although he has no sympathy with Whelan, was there by request.

Whelan asked Starr the question—"were you asked to be a witness on my trial at the time by any person? Answer me faithfully and truly, as you are a man."

Starr said he was not.

Whelan said, "My God! Yours was one of the first names along with others, that I gave to O'Farrell to bring up in my behalf; but instead of that they brought up a lot of Frenchmen who knew nothing of the case at all."

General conversation then ensued, and his friends left. His antipathy to O'Farrel is very marked. Whelan says that the worst day he saw was when he first saw O'Farrell. He blames Buckley for saying that he never saw him or spoke to him on the day of the murder. A statement false in every particular, as Buckley, he says, not only spoke to him, but drank with him, and talked about McGee, and what he had done against the Irish cause. Whelan says that Buckley "is a miserable wretch," and sneers at his name whenever mentioned."

WHELAN'S LAST DAY UPON EARTH.

Whelan retired early last night, and this (Wednesday) morning, when he rose, he washed himself, put on a clean collar and a small green neck-tie, which he adjusted carefully. He seemed to be more despondent than ever. He spoke very little to-day, and when he came out of his cell he walked up and down with his hands in front of his breast, every now and again biting his lips and twitching his face. He was very sad and thoughtful. He glanced out of his corridor window, and observed two men crossing the jail yard. Just at that moment he looked very excited, as if he expected that one was his executioner. He very hurriedly asked who they were, and being told that their names were Hamilton and Brownlee, he asked what was Brownlee in for. "For murder,' replied his keeper, to which Whelan made no answer. When conversing, the rumor of a rescue was mentioned; but Whelan quietly smiled, and said that, 'There was no danger. I have no friends, and those who pretend to be my friends have not the courage to try it.' When he heard the workmen fixing the drop, he said, 'They are working at it.' When spoken to about a respite, he says, 'Well, well; what was life? It wasn't worth anything at any rate. At best it is only a few days earlier.' A keeper spoke to him and said, 'Well, Whelan, whoever the murderer was he deserves no sympathy at your hands if he knows your position. Why on earth would you go to eternity your own murderer, and screen the man who shows no disposition to defend you?' Whelan said, 'He's no man! I've all along been a man of my word; but I have found who kept their word with me. When I go I will walk into Heaven."

At 8 o'clock, two nuns of the Sacred Heart visited Whelan, conversed and prayed with him; he ate no breakfast, as he is keeping the fast prescribed for Lent. The nuns remained with him throughout the day, and at 2 o'clock Fathers O'Conner and Taparet visited the doomed man, and administered the sacrament, and anointed him. At noon, he ate very sparingly of fish and drank a cup of tea.

He continued at devotional exercises throughout the entire day, and at all times exhibited nerve, though he has lost all the former bombast. At a late hour this evening he expressed his willingness to submit, and added, 'it is nothing, it is only a few days earlier, I shall soon be in heaven.'

After taking a cup of tea, he again proceeded with religious devotion. When his wife was admitted, she tried to get up a scene, but it was quickly checked by Whelan, who said, 'It is no use! There can be no further respite granted, and I am now prepared.'

He was with his spiritual advisers from an early hour this morning till the hour fixed for the execution.

Whelan made a statement last night to Mr. Lees, County Attorney, and Mr. O'Gara, Police Magistrate, that he was present when Mr. McGee was killed, but did not fire the shot. There were two others whom he refuses to name, but states they were neither Buckley nor Doyle. This is confession enough to justify his execution, being an acknowledgment that he was an accessory.

Mrs. McGee wrote a letter to Mr. Jas. Goodwin, of this city, requesting him to visit Whelan, and say from her that she freely forgave him, as his punishment would be ample for the offence. Mr. Goodwin, and Mr. Michael Starrs visited Whelan last Sunday with the message. Whelan said he was much obliged to Mrs. McGee, but that Mr. Goodwin should tell her that her forgiveness for him was altogether out of place, as he had not killed Mr. McGee.

Whelan's manner is much changed. He does not complain so much about the gaol diet here now. On first arriving from Toronto he refused to eat. He was spoiled in Toronto, but a little fasting here brought him round. Already a large number of applications have been made for some of his hair.

Some of the Roman Catholice clergy have been with Whelan all day. A mass will be celebrated in the chapel in the goal for him this morning. The clergy will visit him at six o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Whelan spent about half an hour to-day with her husband, in taking leave of him. The admission inside the gaol walls were by ticket. Troops were drawn up outside of the gate at ten o'clocky The precautions were very complete.

It is said the body of Whelan is to be transferred to the Nuns, with the understanding that the funeral is to be a private one.

OTTAWA BEFORE THE EXECUTION.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The excitement over the coming execution of Whelan is on the increase, and country people are already beginning to come into town. Although the interest taken in the McGee murder had almost died away during the last few months, it has raised now with increased force, seeing that the assassin is about to die upon the scaffold. Now that the case has been finally decided, and the law must take its course, all the facts are recalled, and the excitement is revived. The execution to-morrow forms the general topic of conversation. The city is full of hundreds of rumors as to the probability of a confession from Whelen; but up to the present hour nothing has transpired which will lead to the belief that Whelan when on the scaffold will say anything in regard to his fellow conspirators.

Whelan has been in the habit of wearing on his waistcoat a piece of green ribbon with a piece of crape over part of it, portraying, it is supposed, his martyrdom for Ireland.—To-day he transferred it to the breast of his shirt. An official of the jail, visiting him, remarked the change, and putting his hand on it said, 'Whelan, what is this?' Whelan, immediately clutching the emblem said, 'You have been very kind to me—I would not like to quarrel with you; but don't touch that.' Whelan took farewell of his wife this afternoon. The disposal of the remains of Whelan has been left in the hands of the Sheriff. The coffin, a plain one, has been placed inside the jail. It is said that his body will be given to his wife, while others say it may be buried inside the walls of the jail. Whelan requested an official that before he went to the scaffold he would give him a half a glass of rum, and then he could speak to the people.

Buckley is quite aware of Whelan's execution to-morrow morning, but seems quite out of his mind, or pretends to be so. Medical men of standing say there is no doubt of it. He does not even recognize his wife when she goes to see him; and to a party speaking to him of horses he said he never owned a horse in his life, although a livery stable keeper. He appears in good health.

Whelan received a letter a day or two ago from a lady in Toronto (name unknown) begging him to repent. He, however, only laughed at the ideas contained in the letter. Another, an ardent medical student named Osler, wrote yesterday to the jail physician for a lock of Whelan's hair and a piece of his muscle. The writer says that he is an amateur, and desires it only for microscopic inspection.

A Temperance Township.

A correspondent of the Montreal *Witness*, who has been making a tour in this section of the country, writes as follows:

"Having travelled through the township of Luther, in North Wellington, last fall, I was much pleased with the morals of the people. I met but one or two men who used profane or obscene language. And after travelling two days through the township, I became convinced that the absence of immorality was almost or altogether due to the absence of intoxicating liquor. There is not one tavern in the township that I know of, except one unlicensed groggery, the owner of which appears to be its best customer. Neither will the settlers allow one tavern in the township, if they can help it. They have Dunkin's Act in force, and have had for a number of years, and they intend to keep it so. In order to show you what some of the people think of liquor selling and taverns, I will relate one circumstance. A mechanic came to buy a piece of ground of a farmer, on a public corner, on which to erect a work-shop. So the bargain was made all right, and they went to have the writings drawn. However, the mechanic said he would build a tavern. So as the man had given no deed yet, nor signed any writings, he would not let him have the ground. I did not see one drunken man all the time I was there, neither did I see a glass of liquor drank: but I was not long out of the township before I saw liquor sold and drunk, and heard swearing, and all sorts of language. Some people may ask how can travellers find accommodation? I will tell you how I fared when I wanted refreshments for myself or horses. I stopped at a farmer's house, and always found them ready and willing to accommodate any traveller that came along, and charge a reasonable price for anything he may want. They are generally speaking, a contented and indurtrious people."

DULLNESS IN RED RIVER.—The editor of the *Nor' Wester* says that when his brethren of the press in the United States and Canada feel weary with the continual hum of business, Red River is just the spot to recuperate in. He says: "Here is pure air; here is nature untrammelled by civilization; and here is perfect stagnation, as far as enterprise and 'push' are concerned." The place must be a parallel to Washington Irving's Sleepy Hollow, for another paragraph reads as follows: "To be sure the most of us manage to crawl through the daily routine of life, but with some of us it requires an effort. We all eat if we have the food; we drink—alas, too much for some of us!—we breath and we sleep—sleep our weary lives away. It would seem as if Morpheus, the drowsy god, had taken his habitation among us. And so it will be until we are awakened by other energies than our own. Until enterprising men come among us with their capital and know how to develope the rich but latent resources of this our country."

CHURCH OPENING AT HAWKSVILLE.—We understand that the new Canada Presbyterian Church in Hawksville will be publicly opened for Divine worship on Sunday, the 21st inst. The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, D. D., of Hamilton, will preach at eleven a. m. and at half-past six p m. Collections in aid of the building fund will be taken up on both occasions. In connection with the above a festival will be held on the Monday following, at which Dr. Ormiston will deliver a lecture on "Paris and the Paris Exposition," followed by addresses by the Rev. W. S. Ball of this town and several other clergymen. Dr. Ormiston will also deliver a lecture at Conestogo on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock p. m.,—subject, "Everybody's school or man the pupil of mankind." A Bazaar will be held during the day, by the ladies of Chalmers' Church Congregation, in aid of the Building fund of a new church at Winterbourne.

GRAND BONSPIEL.—A grand bonspiel will take place on Friday first in Hespeler. The game will be played by twelve rinks of the County of Waterloo against a like number from the County of Wellington. The Waterloo players will comprise five rinks of the Galt Curling Club, three rinks from the New Dominion, and four from the Ayr Club. The Wellington men are made up as follows:—Guelph five rinks, Fergus four and Elora three.

A dissipated young man, who ran away from his home, and spent his substance in riotous living, resolved at last to return to the parental roof. His father was kind enough to forgive the rascal for his wickedness, and rushing into the house overcome with joy that the boy had returned, cried out to his wife, 'let us kill the prodigal; the calf has returned!

A minister in Minnesota has been presented with a watch guard composed of hair, every lady in the congregation having plucked out one hair as a contribution.