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Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER XII.—THE NIGHT—WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS—AN EXCITING SCENE AT THE DROVER'S REST.

The daring rescue of the prisoners from the hands of Captain Allan and his troops in the Enterlin Pass...

The Royal army was immediately sent out against the rebels, under the command of General Dalziel...

Walter Elliot had been one of the first to join the insurgents, and he had been in the front ranks in this battle...

"Down with him!" shouted his leader, and Walter recognized the voice as that of Charlie Allan...

"Down with him, I say—give him no quarter!" roared the youth, as he made a dash in Walter's rear...

"And, raising himself in his stirrups, he bounded forward, and had Charlie bravely met him, a terrific hand-to-hand combat would have ensued...

"My men will save me the trouble of killing you," shouted Charlie, in reply. "But before you roll among the rocks, hear my words—Marion shall yet be mine."

"Liar!" shouted Walter; "I'll perish, you shall perish with me!" And nimbly he dashed forward to throw his horse with all its weight against that of his foe...

Charlie, however, did not wait to meet the onslaught, for as the stranger made towards him brandishing his clattering instrument, he uttered a bitter oath, and turning his horse's head, galloped away at utmost speed towards the loyal army...

"No for it Master Walter; let us make the most of our legs," cried the youth's singular deliverer, and Walter, turning upon him for the first time an inquiring gaze, was astonished beyond measure at recognising Andrew Weir.

"Good heavens, Andrew, is it you?" he ejaculated. "I do share it's me," was the answer—"Me and my Galloway flax, and braw work it has made w'e the chields and their horses."

"But what are you doing here? Why have you left Birkenleuch?" "There's nae name the answer questions," responded Andrew, as he adjusted the joints of his fell weapon, and placed it on his shoulder...

And Walter, recognising the necessity of following Andrew's advice, set off at once with him towards the western heights, speaking not to each other till they had placed many hills and hollows between them and that bloody slope where the battle had been lost.

"Bring now safe enough, at least for the present, they entered a deep sheltered recess, under an overhanging rock, and there sought the repose they so much needed."

drooping spirits, for now that he had time for a little reflection, he felt sick at heart at the thoughts of the issue of the battle...

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. Toronto, Feb. 3.

The house went into committee on Sir Henry Smith's Bill respecting Ontario College—Mr. Hooper in the chair.

Sir Henry Smith explained that a similar Bill had been carried through Parliament before, regarding a college in the diocese of Huron.

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After some further discussion the report was received—amendments read a first and second time, and the bill ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

THE CUNARD STEAMERS.—The Times of the 13th January, after announcing the arrival of the Africa from Boston, says:—"The Africa brings home the first United States mails under the new Cunard contract, and she has been permitted to bring them on this occasion from Boston instead of New York."

It is expected that the Suez canal will be fully opened for the service of large vessels on or before the first of October next.

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, February 4, 1868.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Hops, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

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MONTREAL MARKETS. Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

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SEED WHEAT. JOHN KIRKLAND, Guelph, Tp. Guelph, 29th Jan, 1868. dw

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