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PRICE ONE PENNY

CARD.

To Friends & Strangers.

AFTER an experience of over four years in selling the New York Union Piano Company's Pianos, (made under the direction of J. F. Hale at the corner of 10th Avenue and 39th Street, New York.) with the instruments of some of the other leading manufacturers, we have decided to drop all others and confine our sales to the

Union Pianos!

Being fully satisfied, after having sold over 600 of these splendid instruments in New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis, that they are the finest toned and most durable Pianos now made. They have given us and our agents less trouble than any Pianos we have ever dealt in, and we would invite both dealers and customers to try them in preference to any other now made. TRY AN SUPERIOR INSTRUMENT.

PHILIP PHILLIPS & CO., Music Dealers, New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

About 5,000 of the above Pianos are now in use giving entire satisfaction. Samples constantly on hand at the subscriber's Music Store, opposite the Market, Guelph, at 22 per cent. less than other good imported instruments. Also, the best Melodeons and Cabinet Organs.

W. WARNER CLARK, Market Square, Guelph, Ont.

Guelph, Oct. 13.

FUNERALS



WILLIAM BROWLOW UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street, in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice Terms very moderate.

WM. BROWLOW, dawa

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE,

UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH

Guelph Jul 24

TROTTER & GRAHAM,



DENTISTS!

GUELPH and BRAMPTON,

LICENTIATES OF DENTAL SURGERY,

Successors in Guelph to Trotter.

Office, over Higginbotham's Drug Store

Guelph, 2nd August, 1868.

House and Lot for Sale.

SITUATED on Delhi Street, Mitchell's Hill, Guelph, being Lot 22, in Division A, containing one-fifth of an acre. House is built of stone and contains four comfortable rooms, besides a kitchen; also, clothes press, and good cellar, all well finished and in good condition. Lot is well fenced and planted with choice fruit trees, &c. There is a good well with pump on the premises; also, stable and carriage house. This property is well adapted to a small family, being on a very healthy site, and affording an excellent aspect. Will be sold cheap. For further particulars apply to WM. JOHNS, McTague Street, or THOMAS BOLTON, Guelph Township, near Armstrong's Mills. October 21st.

Another Lot of these Delicous

Pine Apples

At H. BERRY'S.

SPLENDID DATES

At H. BERRY'S.

FINE

ORANGES & LEMONS

At H. BERRY'S.

REAL

Maple Sugar

At H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 30 1868.

CLARK'S EXCELSIOR

Washing Composition!

The best and Hardest Discovery of the Age, for Washing Purposes.

Worth Twenty Dollars a Year

In a family of eight or ten persons.

It will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the fire before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. Family Right containing full directions for making and using the Composition, \$1 each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. B. FETTER'S Drug Store, W. WARNER CLARK, Patentee Guelph, Ont. July 14th

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.

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS!

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, d

Guelph, 17th October.

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,

GUELPH, ONT.

Four New Pichin Standard American tables.

W O'CONNOR, Proprietor, doly

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for

Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings, At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street, Guelph, July 25.

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 a reduction on Guelph Prices.

JOHN PIPE, dwin

Speedvale Mills, Oct. 14.

Southdown Sheep for Sale,

THE subscriber has for sale several Thorough-Bred Southdown RAM LAMBS, also, a number of Southdown EWES and EWE LAMBS.

JAMES ANDERSON, Springfield, Near Guelph, on the River speed. Guelph, October 20.

TO TAILORS,

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-Rules, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Ganges Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Threading Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER, 114 Yonge Street Toronto

Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsters.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws Coffin Trimmings, Upholsters' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodeon Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street Toronto 1st April, 1868.

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England,

Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

WORKING WATCHMAKER

AND JEWELER

DAYS' BLOCK,

Opposite the Market Guelph.

A GOOD Assortment of the Best English and Swiss Lever Watches. Reference can be made to respectable persons who have carried his Watches from one to twenty-five years. Guelph, September 9th.

TROTTER'S



Canadian Dentifrice

IS recommended by the following first-class dentists as the best preparation for cleansing, beautifying and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Connell, Secretary, Dental Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott, Toronto.

17 Price 25c. per box. For sale by all Druggists. Guelph, June 22

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

All the remaining Stock of

DRY GOODS

AT COST PRICES,

And under cost prices, as the whole stock must be SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE before the

First of January,

As I am going out of that branch of the business, and would particularly invite all to come and get a share of the GREAT BARGAINS, as they will get

As much for a Dollar as they can get elsewhere for a Dollar and a Half.

My Stock of GROCERIES is complete as I intend to carry on that part of the business.

LIQUORS of the very best Quality of kinds for Tavern-keepers.

Some very Cheap CROCKERY arrived.

Robert Rutherford, d

Guelph, September 19th.

Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'NG, NOV. 11, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

A woman in Leipzig broke the heads of her five children with a hammer because her husband had scolded her.

THE SAUL DAVIS LIBEL SUIT. — In the case of Saul Davis, vs. the Hamilton Times, tried at St. Catharines, the jury consulted about three minutes and rendered a verdict in favor of the Times.

The name of the pedler, who was injured at the Great Western Station, on Saturday, by his horses running away is Chas. Boy. He is a resident of Baden. A friend of his came to town this morning and discharged his liabilities.

FOUNDRY FOR SALE.—We would call the attention of those interested to the sale of the Foundry in Entry Village, in another column. It is eligibly situated, in a thriving village, far from any other foundry, and in the heart of a splendid country. It would be a capital investment for any one who would push the business.

COMMISSION MERCHANT.—We would call attention to the card of Mr. Joseph Mewhort who has commenced business in Montreal as Produce Dealer and Commission Merchant. Mr. Mewhort is well known in this section, and those who entrust their business to him will find him prompt, reliable, and well posted in everything pertaining to the business.

In view of Lord Monk's departure by the *Nestorian*, on Saturday, the 14th, a full meeting of the Dominion Friday Club will be held in Quebec on Friday next, when Sir Charles Wyndham will be sworn in to act as Administrator until the arrival of Sir John Young, who will not leave for Canada before the arrival of Lord Monk in England.

A Fifeshire man brought his child to the minister to be baptized, who asked him, "Are you prepared for so important a solemn occasion?" "Prepared?" he echoed with some indignation; "I have a firlet o' banocks bakin', twa bacon hams, a gude fat kubbeck, an' a galloon o' the best Hielans' whusky; an' I wad like to ken what letter preparation ye could expect frae a man in my condition here?" He meant "the christening" at home.

An indictment has been laid before the Grand Jury, Chatham, charging Mr. Gemmill, of the *Banner*, with libelling Dr. McCully. This case has its origin in a letter written by Mr. Geo. Taylor, law student, charging the Doctor with unbecoming conduct at Big Point, while acting as Coroner, in the investigation of a case of sudden death of a woman. The Doctor's letter, in reply to the charge in the *Banner*, has created a good deal of disgust in the minds of the profession and the people.

NEW MILLS IN MULMUR.—Mr. Alex. Laidlaw has just erected a splendid flouring mill at Boyne, in the Township of Mulmur, for the enterprising firm of Messrs. J. Mulkin & Sons. The mill is 48 feet long by 35 feet wide, three stories high, and contains three runs of stones, driven by an improved turbine water-wheel, manufactured by Messrs. Pratt, Inglis & Co., of Guelph. The machinery and general get up of the mill, are of the most modern and improved patterns, and reflect great credit on Mr. Laidlaw, who planned and superintended the work.

THE NOTORIOUS LEWIS MUDGE.—This scoundrel was arrested on Monday at Stratford by the Great Western Railway detectives, through the assistance of some Blenheim officials, on a charge of being one of the parties who put the iron on the Great Western Railway track near Canning, in June last, for the purpose of throwing the night express off the track. No doubt the object in view was to rob the passengers. He has long been known as the leader of the notorious Mudge gang, and is no doubt connected with the various robberies that have taken place about Paris and the surrounding country for the past year. Two or three of the gang are already lodged in Woodstock jail awaiting their trial; the coming assizes for the robbery of Mr. Wilson and others. Mudge will be tried before the magistrates of the county of Oxford, and will no doubt be committed to jail. —*Brantford Courier*.

HOW A MAN FEELS DURING AN EARTHQUAKE.—A letter to the *Sacramento Union* describes a novice's sensations during the first shock in San Francisco, thus:— "I was sleeping back to the window. I discovered nothing at the kind, but saw people rushing from the buildings on the opposite side of the street. I immediately knew it was an earthquake; nor, indeed, by this time, could any doubt have existed, for the whole building was being shaken, and the noise was like rattling thunder. I remembered the advice given by residents in earthquake countries to seek and remain under an arch, if possible. I saw that my companion was under one, and I reached for the door to unlock and open it. The movements and sensations were now terrific, for I can think of no other word that can describe either or both combined. At first it was as if a giant was pounding the whole house from under its feet. The vertical shocks almost raised me from the floor, so palpable and severe were the convulsions. These lasted perhaps for fifteen seconds, and then gave place to other and more fearful and sickening motions. The whole building seemed to sway to and fro, the floors rose and fell, and the bricks were grinding together as if the walls were about to come to the ground. If any one can describe the emotions or sensations of such a moment, he then holds a far more graphic pen than your humble servant. Fortunately these could not have lasted more than seconds, though it seemed to me minutes. The plastering ground together and fell in large patches all over the room and house. I am satisfied that, had these lateral movements continued thus violent for a whole minute even, not only our building, but every other one of brick, would have come tumbling to the ground.

New Publications.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—We have received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York, the last number of the above periodical. It has articles on the following subjects: Landed Tenure in the Highlands, Poems by Wm Morris, (a new poet who has arisen and is striking boldly for honest fame, with good prospects of success), Reform of our City Procedure, Spielhagen's Novels, The Property of Married Women, China, The Suppressed Sex, Sea Sickness, Middle Class Schools. For sale at the bookstores in town.

THE DOMINION ACCOUNTANT.—This is a new work on Book-keeping, which has just been published by Mr. M. Sheehan, of Toronto. The author, Mr. W. R. Orr, has brought to the task a full measure of ability, a long experience as a practical accountant, and what was very essential besides, an appreciation of the difficulties which beset those first entering on the rudiments of book-keeping. The principal mystery in the science—indeed the only one—consists in the right distinction of Dr. from Cr. To those unacquainted with book-keeping, it is a matter of concern keeping an account between themselves and somebody else, there appears to be no difficulty in determining on which side an item should be entered, while to those thoroughly conversant with the principles there really is none; but with the tyro striving after a full knowledge of the science, and acquiring the required information only by having to do with all sorts of transactions which have occurred, or can be conceived to occur in real business, the case is far different. In his case the first step that is necessary is to teach him by clear and intelligible examples what is Dr. and what is Cr., and to make his understanding of the difference so accurate that he will not confound the terms. This accomplished, he is ready to proceed step by step from the most simple to the most intricate accounts. It is one of the principal merits of the work under notice, that it begins at the beginning, and ends when it has taken the student through a course well calculated to fit him for the practical execution of an ordinary book-keeping business. By regular gradations he is carried from the easiest to the most abstruse transactions which occur, and a lucid explanation is given to every point which may seem to decompa it. The series of questions and answers at the first part of the book are worthy of notice, being admirably calculated to answer their design, that, namely, of making the student familiar with the objects of book-keeping, the names and uses of the various books, the nature of different kinds of accounts, &c. In an appendix to the work there are several arithmetical rules given, which will be useful to those who may require aid to their memory in determining how to make certain calculations. Altogether the treatise is a very able one on the subject of book-keeping, and ought to meet with favour. If the Board of Education would authorize its introduction into schools, it would be fortunate for pupils. Copies may be had at Thornton's bookstore, Wyndham street.

HEARTH AND HOME.—Messrs. Pettengill, Bates & Co., New York, the well known advertising agents, have issued the prospectus of a "rural and family paper," bearing the above title, to be published weekly after the first of January next. It will not be a partisan or sectarian paper, and the names of its writers will be among the foremost in American literature. The home and fireside departments will be under the supervision of Mrs. Stowe, who will also contribute regularly to every number. All who have had dealings with Pettengill & Co. and tested their integrity will wish them abundant success in their new enterprise.

THE LATE DR. PARKER.—The following touching allusion to the death of Dr. Parker, was made by Mr. Blake, at the close of his speech on the debate on the address, on Friday night last. After speaking of the death of the late Sir Henry Smith, he said "I feel that I am somewhat constrained to allude to another, a sadder and a greater loss to this country. The gentleman of whom I first spoke had lived many years, and might fairly anticipate meeting death at any time, but he of whom I am about to speak was in the prime of life—in the vigour of manhood. The late lamented Dr. Parker, to whom I allude, was one of the most prominent men of the party to which I belong. He had always been identified with it from the early period of his entrance on public life until its close. He was a staunch adherent of the reform party,—serving at one time under the leadership of my friend opposite,—the Attorney-General, at a period when that honourable gentleman presided,—what he does not now enjoy,—the confidence of that party. Dr. Parker was a man of rare aptitude and ability for public life, in which,—had he not been removed by the hand of death,—he would have occupied a very prominent place. With great logical powers, great industry, and a well stored mind, he was ever able to inform the House with instructive facts and convincing arguments, and his kindly spirit, and pleasing manners made him as much beloved by his friends as he was esteemed by the public. As a man he occupied a very high position. (Hear.) To me his loss is particularly great. There was no one in political life with whom I had such intimate personal or political associations. Having alluded to a letter which Dr. Parker had written him the evening before he set out on his fatal journey—a letter breathing counsel, encouragement and hope for the future of the party—Mr. Blake closed by saying—such occurrences serve to remind us, as was said by the orator of old, on a similar occasion, what shadows we are and what shadows we pursue. They should teach us to rise above the petty struggles and humbler aspirations in which we are too prone to engage, and lead us to base our hopes for a lasting reputation on the accomplishment of enduring and substantial good for the country which it is our privilege to serve. Such a reputation would my friend have attained had his life been spared a little longer; and it is to me a melancholy pleasure to be able to render this feeble tribute to his public and private virtues, and to express, however inadequately, the public sorrow for his loss."

HILLSBURG AND READING ROAD.—This gravel road was finished by the contractors, Messrs. How, some three weeks ago, and approved by the Engineer. The contractors have made a good job of it, and the road as far as it goes will be a great convenience to those living in that section.

A Traveller at Home.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—I happened to light on a copy of last week's *Advertiser*, and read therein a letter signed by a "Traveller" who wrote as though he belonged to Toronto. I very much suspect from the familiar way in which he speaks about Guelph, from the knowledge he seems to have of political matters in this section, and from the intermeddling spirit he manifests, that he could find him nearer home than Toronto, and that there would not perhaps be great difficulty in hunting him up between Guelph and Rockwood.

It is quite clear from the temper of "Traveller's" letter that he is either a disappointed man or an aspirant for office—having some time perhaps run for pound-keeper or fence-viewer, or it may be Councillor, and been ignominiously defeated, he now seeks to cover up this defeat by a bold dash for the higher office of member for the Centre Riding. I might not blame him for that, though I have grave doubts about his fitness. What I dislike most is the way in which he seeks to gain his object. Men of "Traveller's" stamp, who attempt by mean, underhand ways to gain their little ends, always conjure up imaginary enemies, who they think are continually planning to do them an injury, while in reality they are so little thought of, they are so little account, as not even to be honoured by a passing thought. Our "Traveller" exactly answers this description, for he writes as if there was a conspiracy on foot in Guelph to take the plank from under his feet. No man was ever more mistaken than "Traveller," for I mistake him greatly if he ever had, or ever will have, a plank to stand on, by which I mean any number of friends who think him worthy of being dragged out of obscurity, or who think sufficiently high of his abilities to take him into account count at all.

The scurrilous attack he makes on the *Mercury* and the Reformers of Guelph, is, I feel sure, totally devoid of truth.—Had he not been but a novice in politics, he would have known that in all the political contests for years and years past, Guelph has always gladly given her men her money and her influence to aid the Reform cause throughout the County. It is too bad, then, for an upstart to be thus abusing men who have fought the battle of Reform in town and country long before he was seen or heard of. I suspect that "Traveller" had a hand in getting out an startling cry of "fire, fire" in last election. He seems to be doing his best to foment the same spirit again, but I warn him in time to quit, else his intermeddling may cause him more trouble than he dreams of at present.

I remain, with thanks for your courtesy for inserting this hastily written letter. Yours truly,

AN OLD REFORMER.

Rockwood, Nov. 9th, 1868.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

From our Correspondent.

On Saturday morning the quiet slumbers of the inhabitants were rudely broken about two o'clock by the ever dreaded and startling cry of "fire, fire." In a few moments the half-dressed inhabitants were going it at a pace which no doubt astonished themselves towards the supposed origin of this turn out, when lo! and behold, it proved to be only a small blaze in a stovepipe leading from a tailoring establishment on Main street. Fortunately the solution is that one poor knave of the humble being rather closely engaged in the delicate matters of courtship, came late to the establishment, got in and put on too much fuel, and so got up a big flame to keep company with the other flame already kindled by some fair one. Said flames united were near destroying much property, thus proving the adage that true love, if love at all, does not run smooth. A calamity of the same nature, it is to be regretted ended more disastrously than that at the tailoring establishment. A German named Dalm, living on the 5th concession of Normanby, lost by fire on the 28th ult., his barn and all the contiguous sheds, a sewing machine, some pigs, shingles, and 1000 bushels of grain. All were wiped up by the devouring element. Poor Hans was almost demented at his loss, crying out that his horses were in the flames also, but they were saved. Insured for \$1,200, no doubt in the Waterloo Mutual Insurance Company.

Business is dull and so is the weather, but it is very favorable for fall ploughing. Many of the witnesses brought down to the last assizes on the Cosgrove, McKeelnie manslaughter case complain, and most justly, of the unnecessary expense they were put to, and for no purpose, as apparently, they must travel the same road again, and fork out the necessary expenses, even if they have to borrow the funds. We know of one poor man who was dragged from his plough all the way from the classical township of Proton. Who knows whether he had specie sufficient to pay his way or not? Perhaps he had to resort to the old primitive style adopted on the Garatara Road by the denizens of this region twenty odd years ago, viz: they simply charged their capacious pockets well with veritable potatoes and onions, and thus fortified, made their journey to Fergus and Guelph, thus constituting themselves their own provision merchants in a small way during the journey. It may therefore, be too true, that the poor Protoner may have been compelled to journey thus for the purpose of satisfying law and justice. A rather curious mixture of justice in law must have been the hard experience of the poor farmer from Proton who was thus forced to travel fifty odd miles without any compensation whatever, and that on what we deem the business of the State, for which the State should be prepared to pay. It is time that this outrageous grievance should be redressed by our legislature by giving, at least, a small mileage, and one dollar per diem to Crown witnesses attending Assizes or Quarter Sessions, as it is generally well known that many poor men who have seen capital offences committed, shrink the duty of coming forward as witnesses simply because they know that a few days in Guelph or any other county town costs them more than they are able to pay.

Mount Forest, Nov. 9th, 1868.

ACCIDENT.—

We are sorry to hear that our old friend Mr. Duncan Robertson, of Erin, fell off a mow some weeks ago, while there was a threshing at his place, and had some of his ribs broken. Fears were entertained that he had also received some internal injury, but we hope they are unfounded. Mr. Robertson is slowly recovering.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

WEDNESDAY, 11th.—Thomas Brown was charged by the Chief Constable with breaking into Mr. Rutherford's store on Sunday night last, and taking therefrom a number of articles of wearing apparel. When the prisoner was arrested he had on his person or in his possession, two coats, two shirts, a pair of drawers and a necktie, which Mr. R. has every reason to believe are his property. There was a private mark on the drawers only. The clerk who gave evidence was interrogated by the ruffian in the box with all that insolence in which the latter previously proved himself an adept. The young man knew no more about the drawers than that they had the private mark of the establishment on them, that he saw either them or a pair like them hanging on a line in the store after the other clerk had left on Saturday night, and that on Monday morning they were not there. The Chief Constable requested a remand of the case until to-morrow morning, and the prisoner with almost incredible impudence requested that those articles which were not identified might be returned to him. It is unnecessary to say that his modest demand was not acceded to. It is evident that bondage without stripes will have little effect on such a character.

ACCIDENT FROM A BLAST.—A serious accident occurred in the quarry of Mr. Emalle on Tuesday last. A charge having been put in a certain part of the rock and the fuse ignited the workmen retired to a safe distance. But as there was no explosion within the reasonable time Mr. Emalle and Larry Burns went forward to see what was wrong. Just as they reached the spot the charge exploded and both men were seriously injured. Mr. Emalle chiefly about the eyes, and Mr. Burns about the body. We hear that Mr. Emalle is somewhat better to-day, but Mr. Burns is still very stiff and sore. The explosion did not take place with the ordinary force; had it done so there was little chance, from the position of the two men, of either of them escaping with life.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, 10th.—There is the highest reason to believe that the statement of the settlement of the Alabama claims published in the *Times* this morning is incorrect. The fourth article of convention to which the *Times* particularly refers reads in fact as follows: "The Commissioners shall have power to adjudicate upon the class of claims referred to in the official correspondence between the two governments on the Alabama claims, but before any of such claims are taken into consideration by them, the two high contracting parties shall fix upon some Sovereign or head of a friendly State as an arbitrator in respect of such claims to whom such class of claims shall be referred in case the commission shall be unable to come to a unanimous decision upon the same. This opens every question involved in these claims whether that is the right of the English government to acknowledge south as belligerents or any other. The *Times* speaks of distinguished publicists whose judgment will aid the King of Prussia. These are doubtless Gessner and Heffer, both leading writers on international law and engaged in the Berlin administration. The former is in the foreign office, who have, since the war advocated the American views of pending questions. They concurred at the time in denouncing the seizure of Mason and Slidell, and the selfishness of British principles of neutrality.

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