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The subscriber in returning thanks to the pub-Mic for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbrath & Beattie, would beg to say that he in tends carrying on the business in all its branche at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelpia and hopes by street attended to the public sup-spect. As he intends using only the bestor store, and employing none-but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

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GOOD WORDS AND SUNDAY MAGZINE

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## News from the County.

Mr. E. H. Newman will be a

fficial assignee for Elora.

Robert Leech, Esq., has resigned his osition as Captain of the Howick Volun-

er Company. The Rev. R. L. Tucker was

ne new buggy from Bruce with a beautiful cutter, upon his departure for Orangeville. PERSONAL.—The Hon. John Hillyard on the Owen Sound Road, in the town

ship of Arthur, under the name of River Capt. John Hollinghead of the Arthur

The St. George's Society of Guelph will hold their annual meeting very shortly, and decide in what manner to celebrate the anniversary of their patron Volunteer Rifle Company, received a first class certificate at the Military School, Toronte, recently.

The Bachelor's Social, held in the ent of the Wesleyan Church, Elora, on the 26th ult., was quite a success, over \$20 having been realized.

advertisement of E. O'Donnell & Co., in another part of to-day's paper. Great inducements are offered by them to housekeepers, especially in the precious commodities of tea and sugar. Mr. Thomas Tribe, of Winterbourne. late of Elora, fell about a fortnight ago striking his shoulders and the back part of his head on the icy ground, rupturing a small blood vessel.

Words and Sunday Magazine for April.
They are filled as usual with most interesting and instructive reading matter, including continuations of the stories now being published in them. These two periodicals form the best family reading which can be obtained. For sale at Day's Rodistore. A pleasant reunion was held in th Orange Hall, Mount Forest, on Monday orange that, another corest, on anonasy evening last, by the members of the Literary Club, and of the Mount Forest Division of Sons of Temperance.

The Montreal Telegraph line to Listowel will be erected about the first of

May. The poles are all laid down, and as soon as the weather permits, men will be set to work placing them in position.

place at the Range yesterday (Thursday) atternoon between three hotel-keepers and three tinsmiths, in which the latter came off victorious by seventeen shots. The Enfield was the rifle used, and the ranges were at two and three hundred yards. The sides were—Messrs. D. Bunyan, M. Deady and D. Heffernan, against Messrs. John Coulson, Wm. Horning and Wm. Sunley. In the evening the vanquished supertained their opponents at an oyster supper at Bunyan's Dominion Saloon, which passed off in the most pleasant manner. are held in the Primitive Methodist Church, on the 10th line of Peel, which are productive of much good. Several have professed themselves benefited by

FAIRS.-The next regular monthly Thursday, 22nd April. A fair is to be held at Durham on the previous Tues-day, and at Mount Forest on the previous

Percy Gaston again in Trouble.

Many of our readers in Guelph will remember Percy Gaston, (colored) who some years ago lived in this town, and whose trial for the alleged burning of his store created no little excitement at the time. At the trial he refused to employ a counsel; but defended hinaself with considerable ability and shrewdness, closing up with a speech, in which he reviewed the evidence at length. The result of the trial was, that he was acquitted. He did not remain in Guelph, however, as the feeling there was strong against him, being generally considered guilty of the crime. He went off to the United States; and on the war breaking out he enlisted in the Northern army, according to the story told by some of his friends. Be that as it may he returned to Toronto in 1864, and was employed as a barber. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELORA.-At the restry meeting of this church on Easter Monday, Messrs. James Arkell and T. Farrow were appointed Churchwardens and Messrs. H. Smith, J. Arkell and W Lapenotiere, delegates to the Diocesan

informs us that the roads in many parts of that township are in a wretched condition. People from other locolities have the same story to tell, and consequently very little produce or wool is coming into town at 1 resent.

Elora, says the Express, can boast of one of the largest, and one of the smallest bables in the Dominion. The former weighed eighteen pounds two ounces one hour after its birth, and the latter one pound and a quarter. "Like master like

## The World Over.

Kossuth gets his living by copyin

Messrs. Lawson Bros., large clothing merchants in Hamilton, have failed; lia-bilities \$10,000. It is expected the firm will make an arrangement with their resilier. It is estimated that the snow in Tuck-erman's ravine, in the White Mountains, is at least one thousand feet deep. Hopes are entertained of a magnificent snow arch there next August.

Mr. Miller, of Listowel, merchant, recently climbed up a pile of boxes, raised so as to enable him to reach the ceiling. His foot slipped, and he fell to the floor, breaking three ribs.

The Volunteer Review announces that after the present stock of military clothing in the government stores is exhausted no more will be supplied, and the members will have to supply themselves.

The trunk and head of a gigantic fawn has been discovered in Greece. From the dimensions of this piece of statuary, it is supposed to have been one of a set of statues which adorned the Athenian temple of Bacchus.

The Saugeen Watchman, the German paper published at Neustadt, advocates the division of the township, after the fashion of Garafraxa, as the best means of settling the existing "unpleasantness" between the sections.

The Museum of the Louvre, containing the relics of the sovereigns of France, has just been enriched with the silver buckler of the sword belt of Pepin-le-Bref, father of Charlemagne, found in the tomb of the former at St. Dennis.

# TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, April 1.—The Royal Commission recommend the enactment of a law recognizing naturalization abroad as alienating British subjects from their allegiance to England, and propose the total abolition of the disabilities of aliens to hold landed property. Advices from Cape Town, received to-day, state that a tract of country in Southern Africa 400 miles long, and from 50 to 150 miles broad, had been burned over, occasioning great destruction of property. Several natives perished in the flames.

The Liverpool Chambers of Commons, Mr. Gladstone and the Postmaster General, to support the present contracts with the steamship lines for carrying the mails to America.

## American Despatches

New York, 2nd.—A large fire has been raging for the past few days in the woods near East Hampton. The fire has extended over 500 acres, and has done a vast amount of damage. It was kindled by some boys who started a fire to roast potatoes.

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The Herald's special says: Correspondence has been in progress for some time between certain prominent men in the British Provinces and leading men in this country, relative to the proposed annexation of these provinces to the United States. Enough has been developed to warrant the belief among some members of Congress that if the matter could be reached in an official way proposals would eventually be made to the United States looking towards annexation.

Temperance Lecture.

The celebrated temperance orator, Mr. George Easton, delivered a lecture in the Town Hall last (Thursday) night. The hall was filled, with the exception of a few of the back seats. Mr. Thompson was called to the chair, and Mr. Ileid introduced Mr. Easton to the audience, alluding to his eminent services in Scotland, where he had labored for many years in behalf of the temperance cause. He eulogized him very highly both as an eloquent orator and as a "whole-souled, hearty man." He believed Mr. Easton would be the means of doing a great deal of good in the cause of temperance in Canada, and hoped that he would be allowed by the Scottish Temperance League to remain in this country at least a couple of months.

The lecturer on coming forward was received with loud applause. Aftera brief humorous introduction he proceeded to lay the foundation of his argument by reference to certain physiological facts respecting poisons. Having established the principle that every poison had an affinity to some particular organ of the body, he mentioned as illustrations that arsenic attacked the stomach; that white lead attacked the stomach; that white lead attacked the stomach; that white lead attacked the spinal marrow. He went on to show that alchohol differed from these in being a general poison, affecting a person from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot, preying especially upon the nervous system, and paralyzing every function. His next argument was that alchohol was specially upon the nervous system, and paralyzing every function. His next argument was chat alchohol was specially a dangerous poison because it acted upon the superior part of man—his mental powers, first of all—took possession as it were of the seat of government, and having gained the power, prostituted his noblest qualities to the basest uses, Having or larged at some length upon the superiority of the brain and nervous system as part of man's constitution, he depicted in forcible language the folly of deteriorating or utterly THE LEGISLA COLLEGA COUNTY CASES AND THE LEGISLA