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Of all kinds, made to order at

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CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale. Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874. dw

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RICE'S BILLIARD HALL,

In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables refaced in situ, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.

Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

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Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.

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OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.

Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the post office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention and good accommodation to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.

THOMAS WARD, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.

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Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonell-st., Guelph.

Dr. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.

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NEW PAINT SHOP.

The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fowick's Furniture Shop, and opposite C. Elmer's Church. He is now prepared to do all kinds of Painting, Glazing, Graining and Paper Hanging on short notice.

He hopes by strict attention to business, and using none but the best materials to secure a share of public patronage.

All orders whether from town or country promptly attended to.

W. HUMPHRIES, dw Guelph, March 31, 1874.

LIME, BRICKS AND TILES

FOR SALE.

The subscribers are prepared to furnish Lime in quantities to suit purchasers at the Mine on the York Road, Guelph.

Also, constantly on hand first-class Bricks and Tiles, at their residence, Liverpool-st., Guelph.

PEARSON & SON, dw Guelph, March 31, 1874.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dw

SERVANT WANTED—To do general housework. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Armstrong. 18-dw

FOR SALE—Horse, Harness, Wagon, and Carriage. Apply to John McCrean. 19-dw

TO LET—A stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John McCrean, or Henry Hamilton. Guelph, March 29, 1874. 20-dw

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. For sale several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office. 21-dw

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Royal Hotel, on TUESDAY evening, April 7th, at half-past seven. A full attendance is requested. JOHN GOLDIE, Secretary. Guelph, April 4, 1874. 22-dw

CORNISH SILVER MINE.

A few shares for sale on advantageous terms. Call on Saturday. Box 750, Toronto P.O. 23-dw

M. L. B. C. C.—The annual meeting of the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club will be held at the Royal Hotel, on TUESDAY evening, April 7th, at half-past seven. A full attendance is requested. JOHN GOLDIE, Secretary. Guelph, April 4, 1874. 24-dw

BARREL ASTRAY—Was rolled against my wagon on Neeve street on Thursday night, a barrel, filled it is supposed with pork. The owner on proving property, and paying the expense of this advertisement can have it by applying to Sd. W. LAWRENCE, Neeve st. 25-dw

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.

Unlimited supply on good Farm and Town Security. Lowest rates and most moderate charges. HART & SPEIRS, Guelph, April 1, 1874. dw 26 Day's Block.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON FARM SECURITY.

The undersigned have \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 percent, for periods from 5 to 15 years. Early applications requested. LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN. Guelph, March 18, 1874. dw 27

MEETING.

St. Patrick's Catholic Benevolent Society

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's Catholic Benevolent Society will take place on Wednesday Evening, at half-past seven o'clock, at Thos. Merlihan's hotel. All members are requested to attend as business of importance is to be transacted. JOHN F. MURPHY, Secretary. Guelph, April 6th, 1874. 28-dw

WAR, WAR!!

NO SURRENDER!!

NO MONOPOLY!!

If you want your hair cut in the best style

Go to Bryan's Hair Cutting Saloon

Next to the Temperance Hall.

Hair Cutting, 10c.; Shampooing, Shaving and Dyeing in the lowest terms, and in the best manner. J. NICHOL, dw 29

LEWING'S FAMILY WASHER AND WRINGER COMBINED.

The Best, Cheapest, Simplest, and Most Complete Machine yet offered to the public.

The subscribers announce that they have secured the sole right to sell the above machine in Puslinch, Guelph, Eramosa, and Erin townships, and solicit a trial of the machine. The machines have given entire satisfaction wherever used.

All orders addressed to Everton P.O., O. will be promptly attended to.

A. POLTON, T. NICHOL, dw 30 April 1, 1874.

TOWN HALL, SIX NIGHTS.

RETURN HERNDON'S Opera House Company.

BRASS BAND AND ORCHESTRA!

COMMENCING

MONDAY EVG, APRIL 6th,

When this Star stock Company will have the honor of presenting the beautiful and thrilling Irish Drama of

KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN

To conclude with the screaming farce of

The Stage Struck Tailor.

Admission 35 cents; Reserved seats, 50c; Reserved seats secured 75 cents—to be had during the day only at Anderson's bookstore. Doors open at 7. Begins at 8. Guelph, April 4, 1874. dw 31

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of RICHARD CLAYTON, an Insolvent.

The insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office in Guelph on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of APRIL, 1874, at eleven o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. Dated at Guelph, Ont., 25th day of March, 1874.

W. J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee. 32-dw

TOWN OF GUELPH. TO BUILDERS

Tenders will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to twelve o'clock, on MONDAY, APRIL 6th, next, for the

Erection of a New Town Hall and Market House,

As well as an Extension of the present building.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Council Chamber.

For further particulars apply to

E. HARVEY, Chairman Market House Committee

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. Guelph, March 24th, 1874. dw 33

MONEY TO LEND.

In sum to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.

Apply direct to the undersigned

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, dw 34 April, 1874. Guelph

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MONDAY EV'NG, APRIL 6, 1874.

Town and County News

Mr. ARELL has expressed a willingness to establish a branch of his agricultural works in Orangeville provided sufficient inducements are held out.

J. D. WILLIAMSON, of the Golden Lion, has purchased the bankrupt stock of R. Clayton, Alma Block, and is disposing of the goods at a great sacrifice.

The customary effusions on "Spring" have started on the rounds of the press. We think it would be as well to postpone their publication for a week or two.

VESTRY MEETING.—At the annual Vestry meeting of St. George's church, held to-day, Messrs. George Elliott and F. Biscoe were elected Church Wardens.

The Hermonds' open their season of six nights in the Town Hall this evening, when the drama of "Kathleen Mavourneen" will be played. We predict a full house.

REVIVAL SERVICES are now being held every evening, in the Primitive Methodist Church, services commencing at half-past seven o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Six persons have been fined for swearing in the streets of Blackburn, and other towns in England are about to follow the example. If the idea were acted upon here a goodly fund might be raised.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—As will be seen by advertisement the regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Benevolent Society will be held on Wednesday evening next at Merlihan's Hotel.

Don't fail to call and examine the fine collection of oil chromes at McMillan's old stand. These valuable pictures are to be sold by public auction this evening, at 7 o'clock, and to-morrow afternoon and evening. The collection is a valuable one, and is being disposed of at about one half the regular price.

WOUNDED.—On Friday last John Brigger, living on Wyndham Street, was accidentally shot by a companion, who in firing at a target across Victoria Bridge, made a "wide" and hit Brigger, who was attending the target. The wounds are but slight and the lad will soon be around.

GRIP has been sent us by J. Anderson and T. J. Day. The cartoon is entitled the "Vacant Chair," and represents the Riel bond of union between Mr. Mackenzie and Sir John, who are standing on either side of Mr. Riel's vacant chair waiting for the occupant. Each has a warrant for Riel's arrest in his hand, and the suspicious-looking spikes in the chair suggest the question "will Riel take his seat?"

ACCIDENT WITH POWDER IN FERGUSSON.—On Friday forenoon two young boys named Wilkie and McCulloch were going out hunting, they met with an accident whereby they may lose their sight. They had their powder in a flask and the shot in a paper; both were put into a school bag, the shot and powder getting mixed in the bag. The boys stopped to pick the shot out from the powder, and both leaning over the bag smoking cigars, one let the cigar fall into the bag amongst the powder, when it at once exploded in the boys' faces. A doctor was soon on the spot, and did all in his power to relieve them. He says they will both lose the sight of one eye, and perhaps of both.

A WARNING.—A man drew a note promising to pay \$100. He used the printed form and did not close up the blank devoted to dollars, and after passing it as a negotiable paper somebody inserted "and fifty" after the one hundred and before the printed word dollars. The note, thus altered, got into the hands of an innocent party, who presented it to the drawer, and the Supreme Court decided that the maker of the note was liable for its face, because through negligence he did not draw a line between the written word and "dollars." Any testimony that the drawer might offer to establish the fact that he gave the note for \$100 must go for nothing, as "there was nothing on the face of the note to show that it had been altered." Evidence of alteration on the face of the note would have changed the case.

PROHIBITION AND THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE.—On Saturday evening, in the Templars' Hall, Rev. J. Russell, of Detroit, delivered a very logical and powerful lecture on Prohibition, looking at the subject in its legal aspect. Yesterday afternoon in the same place a large audience assembled to hear an account of the work now going on in Ohio, known as the "Women's Crusade," which the lecturer witnessed personally. He preached in the W. M. Church last evening on the moral standpoint, to a large congregation. While the lecturer does not approve in all respects of the conduct of the Ohio ladies, he thinks it would advance the cause in Guelph if the ladies would undertake the systematic work of tract distribution and holding prayer meetings where keepers of saloons refused to abandon the trade.

Local and Other Items.

Mr. Thos. Fralick, of London Township, Proof Line Road, has two cows, both of which increased his stock by twins on Wednesday last. Beat this, who can?

JOSEPH KIDD, Esq., one of the prominent members of the non-protestant, proposes to sink a salt well near Seaforth and conduct the brine through underground pipes to Carleton Place, where he will convert it into salt.

PRAYING WOMEN.—Encouraged by their success in the Commons, the Ottawa ladies intend asking the Senate to abolish its saloon. Should the request be refused, 200 ladies will visit the Senate lobbies daily and engage in devotional exercises till their purpose is accomplished.

The Great Western Railway, warned by the Komoka disaster, now use candles instead of lamps in the saloons, and run the bell rope along the top of freight trains.—It is rumored that they have also determined to provide the Babcock fire extinguisher for passenger cars.

The mayor and some of the councillors of Mitchell stepped into a hotel on their way home from meeting the other night about 11 o'clock, and took a drink, and next morning the license inspector brought a charge against the rum-seller, and Mr. Mayor had to fine him for keeping such unlawful houses.

WORTHY OF EMULATION.—The employees of the Great Western Railway in St. Thomas have established a Mutual Improvement Association with a reading room in connection. The General Manager, Mr. Price, with characteristic liberality, supplied the necessary furniture for the room. On the tables are found no less than eight daily papers, the leading magazines, as well as chess and checker-boards for those wishing such amusements. The reading room is well patronized—a hopeful sign that the Association is accomplishing much good.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.—On Good Friday four young lads at St. Catharines went out to shoot pike with shot guns. One of them named a clerk in a store, accidentally discharged the contents of his gun in the side of a boy named McElroy, aged 14 years, and so Mr. Benjamin McElroy. The gun had hung fire and as Morley thought it was not going off he lowered it in a hury and fired three times. The first shot was a bright promising lad, and a pupil of the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute.

The boot blacks of London are 400 in number. They are well organized, and so successful that they seldom remain very long in the brigade. Promotion is certain, and often very rapid. The total earnings of these boot blacks exceed \$60,000 a year. They last year contributed \$6,000 to build a "Boot Black's Home." Many of them contribute largely to help their parents or mothers and sisters, and almost all have money in the savings banks. In short, a member of the London Boot Black Brigade has about as good a start in life as a boy needs, for the education is carefully attended to.

EASTER BEEF IN OTTAWA.—The Times says Messrs. Satchell Bros. this Easter have the finest display of meat upon the market. Amongst it are the carcasses of the two celebrated prize steers so much admired by the Governor-General, who saw them at the Provincial Show when held in Hamilton. They weigh 6,070 lbs and were bred and fed by Mr. Thompson of Mayfield Farm, Whitby, having taken prizes to the amount of \$600 since their calves. Messrs. Satchell have three car loads of the choicest cattle the western market can produce, five head out of a number have taken prize medals, and Elora Easter Fair; they have also some prize sheep, lambs, and pigs of the finest breeds.

NEW MASONIC LODGE AT PALMERSTON.—A lodge named Blair U. D., A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., was opened on Friday night with Bro. H. Hyndman as W. M., Bro. J. Skeas S. W., and Bro. R. Shields, J. W. The W. M. elect was pleased to appoint Bro. A. Bruce Munson as Secretary. A large number of visiting brethren from sister lodges were received, amongst whom was Bro. W. S. Burnett the R. W. of the D. D. G. M., who was introduced by Bro. Irvine, W. M. of Harrison Lodge, and Bro. Wm. Gibson, J. W. of Barton Lodge, Hamilton. At the close the D. D. G. M. expressed himself highly pleased with the evening's proceedings. The regular meetings of the Lodge are to be held on the first Friday after full moon in each month.

A PAIR OF POOR FARMERS in Marengo, Ill., conceived the idea of starting a butter factory. They obtained 130 cows, and in addition bought milk from several of their neighbors. Butter is made mostly in the fall and winter season, the cows "coming in" to suit the plan. Milk is set in a proper room in common pans and churned as soon as sour. The cows are fed on eight quarts of corn and oatmeal per day, and plenty of good hay and corn fodder. Each cow produces 300 pounds of butter per annum, which sells at 40c. per pound. They make about 250 pounds a day. The sour milk is fed to hogs which forms an additional profit. Manure accrues in large quantities, and it is applied to the land, which produces 150 bushels of corn to the acre.

THE TOPPING MURDERER FOUND GUILTY.—At the opening of the court on Saturday morning, Dr. Lauder, of London, and other experts held that Topping at the time of the butchery was of unsound mind, as evidenced by his changes of religious belief, and a non-belief in a hereafter. Many witnesses testified to peculiarities of action which the counsel contended gave proof of unsound mind. It was not pretended that at present insanity existed. The defence was able, and the prosecution all that justice and society could desire. After a consultation extending over three hours, a verdict of Guilty of Willful Murder was returned. The prisoner was painfully agitated while the jury were absent, and broke down completely when the verdict was rendered. He wept like a child, and was supported from the court to the prison.

Staff-Sergeant Roberts, paymaster of the 7th Regiment at St. Catharines, presented James Riley, on behalf of the Horse Guards, with a silver medal, for his good conduct while in the army.

BARLEY, strange to say, is coming from Europe to America this season. In the month ending March 14th, 465,903 bushels were brought into the United States, British and Continental ports.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Goldwin Smith on Home Rule.

The Famine in Calcutta.

Crusade on the Crusaders.

Murder and Suicide.

Secretary Richardson to Retire

London, April 6.—Professor Goldwin Smith has a long letter in the News on Home Rule. He adverts to the general improvement of local institutions, and giving them legislative powers for the administration of local affairs similar to those of the Legislatures in the American States.

New York, April 4.—Calcutta reports from the famine stricken districts show continued improvement in the general situation. The authorities are now in a position to hope that difficulties are over except in the north-eastern portion of Tirhoot, where over 500,000 persons are yet dependent upon the Government for food. The spring crop has yielded well except in Tirhoot.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 5.—At Bufon, Indiana, last night, Phillip Jones was kicked to death in a quarrel. Jones was trying to make peace between a party of roughs.

At Mount Vernon, Ohio, the Mayor attempted to enforce the ordinance against obstructing the sidewalks, and ordered the sentry-box used by the crusaders to be removed from the front of a grocery.—A crowd of men and women interfered and prevented its removal. The affair occasioned excitement, and there is fear of serious disturbances.

Chicago, April 5.—There has been a snow storm here for 12 hours.

San Francisco, April 5.—At a New York picture gallery to-day, one Conden, prompted by jealousy, shot Charles Kingsley through the head, killing him instantly. He then blew his own brains out.

New York, April 6.—The overdue steamer Marmarae from Rio Janeiro and intermediate points, concerning whose safety there has been much anxiety, is coming up the bay this morning.

A Washington special renews the report that Secretary Richardson will resign at an early day. In case Delany should succeed him General Bristow, of Kentucky, and not Eugene Hale, of Maine, would probably be nominated Secretary of the Interior.

President Grant says that Secretary Richardson will retire voluntarily, if at all.

The Times says editorially:—If he goes he will be accompanied by Mr. Sawyer, and Mr. Barfield should join the retiring party.

POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.)

Monday, April 6th.

The case of John O'Donnell, charged with breaking into Holliday's brewery, remanded from Thursday last, was laid over till to-morrow.

Independent Base Ball Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Independent Base Ball Club was held at the Western Hotel, on Thursday evening last. Mr. E. Hutchison occupied the chair. Several important matters in connection with the prospects of the Club having been discussed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. R. Haver; Vice-President, J. Watt; Secretary, William Stephens; Treasurer, W. Craig; Committee, Messrs. F. Curtis, E. Hutchison, S. Penfold, and T. Haver. It was also decided to hold meetings on the first Tuesday in each month. During last season they only lost one game and won seven, while they made some of the best scores on record for a junior club; and from present appearances it will take a strong team to vanquish them this season. After votes of thanks to the proprietors of the Mercury and Herald for their kindness in inserting in their respective papers the reports of matches played during last year, the meeting adjourned.

A balloon ascension near San Francisco ended in an unlucky, though not fatal, catastrophe. After rising some 600 feet the balloon collapsed, and the six occupants of the car were dashed violently to the ground.

Rev. Charles Kingsley, Canon of Westminster, is the guest of the Governor-General. He preached on Sunday morning in St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, that which His Excellency attends.

On Saturday morning, three carpenters in attempting to pass each other in a weak part of the scaffolding of a building in Hamilton, were precipitated about twenty feet to the street. All were injured, but none seriously.

The yearly contract for supplying the lighthouses and public works with refined petroleum has been awarded by the Dominion Government to F. A. Fitzgerald & Co. of London. It covers 16,000 barrels.

It is announced that the head office of the Ontario Bank will certainly be removed to Toronto; and in consequence, the premier of the institution in Wellington was greatly improved. This wise determination when carried into effect will result favorably to the interests of the Bank.

Mrs. Shiples, of the 6th concession of Kincardine, had some difficulty about her husband's will, and went crazy. She was removed to Walkerton.

A new fire company has been formed in St. Thomas, with a membership of about eighty.

PUSLINCH FARMERS' CLUB

MEETING AT ABERFOYLE.

A number of the farmers in Puslinch being anxious to organize in the Township a Farmers' Club, a meeting for that purpose was held in the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Saturday afternoon. There was a fair attendance of leading farmers from nearly every section of the Township. Mr. Jas. H. Glennie, was appointed chairman, and Mr. Joseph Grant Secretary.

The chairman in opening the proceedings, referred briefly to the objects of a club such as they proposed to organize, and the benefits the farmers would derive from it in the interchange of ideas, in enlarging their knowledge, and in the advantages, financial, social and intellectual, which would follow. He then introduced Prof. McCandless, of the Provincial Farm, who had kindly consented to address them on the subject. Prof. McCandless then gave the following address:—

The brief period that has elapsed since you favored me with an invitation to meet you here to-day to express my views regarding the usefulness of Farmers' Clubs, and to offer you any suggestions I could on the organization of your proposed club, has been, as some of you are aware, a period during which any official duties have made an unusual demand upon my time. This fact has prevented me giving to the subject the thoughtful consideration it deserves, and must be my excuse for the superficial and unstudied manner in which I am compelled to treat it. The best I can do under the circumstances is to offer a few suggestions that may possibly form a basis for discussion, and thereby elicit the views of those present.

A glance at the history of agriculture will, I believe, afford us strong arguments in favor of any organization that will have the effect of bringing together the farmers of a district, for the interchange of ideas, and for the discussion of topics connected with their calling. That history, when taken in conjunction with the histories of most of the other arts and sciences of civilization, proves beyond a doubt that there must exist, in connection with the pursuit of husbandry, some element inimical to progress and improvement, that does not, to the same extent, influence the other arts. These arts, unless when injuriously influenced by some external causes such as national wars, have steadily progressed from their primitive simplicity to their present advanced state; while it is an undeniable fact that agriculture remained for ages without any apparent improvement in its practice. Like the other arts it has never proved sensitive to external influences calculated to affect it injuriously; but, unlike them, it has always been slow to avail itself of opportunities favorable to progress. This is the more surprising when we call to mind the fact that it is, and always has been, acknowledged the most important of arts, and the anchor of all national prosperity. Notwithstanding, I repeat, it has until very recently failed to display that progressive tendency so evident in the pursuit of the other arts. As an instance of this I may cite the fact that the agricultural practice of the ancient Greeks and Romans—particularly of the latter—was decidedly superior in many respects to that of our British grandfathers; and indeed, it would not be straining facts to say that it was superior to the husbandry now practiced in many districts on both sides of the Atlantic. This retrograde movement in the art of industry will be evident to everyone who has carefully read the works of the agricultural writers, a task that might with profit be undertaken by many who entertain no small opinion of their knowledge of agriculture.

The events which gave rise to the period known in history as the "Dark Ages" may account for, and even excuse, this retrograde movement, but they fail to account for the absence of progression which characterized its pursuit previous to that period, and which continued to characterize it up to the close of the last century. For ages it has stood still, the practice of one century was but a repetition of that of the preceding one; the practice of the son has been that of the father and grandfather, and this, too, when the other arts were making rapid strides towards perfection. This want of a progressive tendency in agriculture has been attributed to many causes, and no doubt is due to more than one; but it appears to me that one great cause of it is to be found in the fact that the cultivation of the soil has, to a certain extent, been a solitary pursuit. The economical pursuit of most of the other arts renders it necessary that they should be followed by communities, the members of which must live in close proximity to one another, and this proximity of men engaged in the same calling naturally gives rise to that interchange of ideas, that whetting of mind upon mind, which experience proves, and which reason suggests, as indispensable to advancement in any calling. In every pursuit in life we find thoughtful, studious men, who are ever applying their reasoning faculties to the solution of the problems presented by the work in which they are engaged, and the man who can engage in any work calculated to present such problems, without occupying his mind in their solution, must take but little interest in that pursuit. Different minds will approach the solution of these problems by different trains of thought, and will, no doubt in many cases arrive at erroneous conclusions, from coming to these conclusions in ignorance of opposing facts known to others, and a knowledge of what would not only have prevented such a result, but would have enabled them to arrive at the correct solution of their difficulty much sooner. So long then as man continues to grapple with such problems unsaid by his fellow man, his progress must necessarily be slow, but so soon as he brings himself into contact with others, whose minds are similarly occupied, and an interchange of ideas takes place, as it were, multiplies his powers of observation, and proportionally increases the knowledge he can acquire in a given time. Knowledge is power, and therefore by this increase of knowledge he increases his power to overcome it.

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Trade and Trade Prospects in the States.

There is no denying the fact that at present there is great depression in all that pertains to the commercial and industrial interests in the United States.

At a meeting held in New York last week to consider the proposed action of Congress in increasing the volume of the currency, one of the speakers—a merchant of over thirty years' standing in New York—told his fellow traders some plain truths, which in a sense are just as applicable to the people in Canada as in the States.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICES.—The Globe announces that the re-arrangement of Officers, talked of at the time Mr. Fraser entered the Ontario Cabinet, has now been effected.

WEST DURHAM.—The voting in West Durham took place on Saturday, when Mr. Burke, the Reform candidate, was elected by a majority of 253.

The Riel question continues to be the general subject of conversation in Ottawa. A rumour was current to day that he had resigned his seat, but it is understood to be without foundation.

The news from Spain is still of a belligerent character. Marshal Serrano is reorganizing the force under his command, and the Carlists are strengthening their position.

That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two storey dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars.

RISE OF WATER.—Under the provisions of the General Railway Act the Canada Southern Railway Company will, on Tuesday, appear by counsel before the Railway Commissioners, Ottawa, to endeavour to secure the right to approach the Suspension Bridge at Niagara.

George Brown of Toronto, has received a challenge from Coulter of Halifax, to row a five mile race at Toronto on the 29th of June for \$1,000 a side.

IS IT WICKED TO DANCE?—The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher makes this sensible reply in the Christian Union to a query as whether it was wicked to dance: "It is wicked when it is wicked, and not wicked when it is not wicked."

BIRTHS.

McNAUGHTON—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. Malcolm McNaughton, Paslinch, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

SMITH—THACKERAY—In Erin, on the 90th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Cook, Mr. Hamilton Smith to Miss Mary Jane Thackeray, both of Erin.

WESTOVER—BOLEN—On the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, 6th line, West Garafraxa, by the Rev. J. W. Sanderson, Mr. James Westover, to Miss Margaret Bolen, all of West Garafraxa.

DIED.

MUNRO—In Fergus, on the 30th ult., Dr. Munro, aged 48 years.

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of April, 1874.

- A B C Adams Thos, Adams Wm, Ahearne N, Ailes R, Amos G, Anthony George, Arkell J & T, Atkinson Geo, Badaan Miss M, Barns Mrs B, Barr George, Beattie & Co A, Birmingham Robt, Billing W H, Bisnett A L, Black Sam, Blanchard Miss G, Bourk Miss A, Boulting G T, Bowers Wm, Bowman & Zencan, Bradley James, Bruman Mrs J, Brown Miss H, Brown O L, Bruce Wm, Bruce John, Burns Mrs L, Byres Mrs L, C B, Caro J M, Carrill & Wheelhan, Carter Daniel Mrs, Carter Mrs, Chittas Geo, Clark Miss M, Clark John, Clark Simon, Collins J J, Copp George, Coulton B, Cox S, Crawley J, Crookie Jas, Culena John, Dalby H, Davies Mrs S, Day E T (2), Day L A, Decker W H, Donnelly Miss E, Driscoll D, Elmore Major, Fagen Wm, Furrow Mrs A (2), Friele A, Foster Mr A, Frierker Miss M, Fritz Mrs A, G, Gavin Miss M, Gibson Jas, Gilmore G, Gerow J A, Goad R, Green Mrs C E, Griffin R, Growth Wm, Guelph H, Hamilton Miss L, Harding Thomas, Harrington Mr, Hindmarsh W J, Hieman G C, Holland Henry, Hold Geo, Hunt Mrs (2), Irons Wm (2), Johnson Miss L, Johnston A C, Joyce Wm, Keon Robt, King E A, King D, Kirby Thomas, Laird Joseph, Lammond Jas, Lammond M, Leader Wm, Leonard Robt, Lipton By, Lynch Josh, Lynch John, Lynch Thomas, N.B.—Persons asking for any letter advertised in the list above will please ask for advertised letters. A. WELLS, Acting P.M.

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.

Residence for Sale.

That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two storey dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars.

Floor Oil Cloth, Floor Oil Cloth, Very Rich and Chaste Designs, Splendid assortment, Patterns Quite New.

FRESH LOT OF Door Mats, Door Mats, NOW OPENING OUT AT JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

GREAT SALE JEWELLERY.

ROBERT CRAWFORD Being about to relinquish the retail business, will dispose of his whole stock, consisting of

- Russell Watches, Waltham Watches, English Watches, Swiss Watches, Gold Chains, Silver Chains, Clocks, Jewellery, etc.

At a Great Reduction in Price.

IN thanking his friends and the public for their kind patronage in the past, would beg to inform them that he will give them A FINAL BENEFIT as the whole of his valuable stock must be turned into money.

DAY SELLS CHEAP.

DAY SHOWS THE FINEST STOCK

WALLPAPER

IN GUELPH. Golds, Satins, Grounds, Marble, Oak.

For Dining Rooms, Parlors, Drawing Rooms, Libraries, Halls and Bed Rooms. It will pay you to examine the splendid stock before buying

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

1874 SPRING 1874

Per Steamships Hibernian and Phœnician

20,000 ROLLS OF WALL PAPER

ALL The Newest Patterns.

DECORATIONS, GOLD PAPERS, OAKS, MARBLES.

The Largest and Finest Stock of New Wall Papers can be seen at

ANDERSON'S

Cheap Bookstore, East Side Wyndham-st, Guelph, Ont.

Tomatoes, Green Peas,

Sugar Corn, JOHN A. WOOD'S

NEW ENGLISH WALNUTS

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

GOLDEN AND AMBER SYRUP

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

PLASTER AND SALT.

The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds.

New Advertisements.

A LARGE STOCK OF NEW

China, Crockery, and Glassware,

NOW OPENED AT

No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK,

and will be sold Cheap for Cash.

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

BOOTS AND SHOES.

R. MacGREGOR & Co.

(Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.)

We are now showing a large variety of New Spring Goods, which includes some of

THE FINEST GOODS

MANUFACTURED IN CANADA MADE FROM AMERICAN PATTERNS.

CALL AND SEE THEM.

R. McGregor & Co. GUELPH, Mar. 31, 1874.

DRESS MAKING, MANTLE MAKING

MISS MORRISON

Is now fully prepared with a large staff of experienced assistants to execute orders for Dress or Mantle Making

In the Latest English and American Styles.

OUR DRESS DEPARTMENT

Contains everything New and Fashionable for the season, in Plain and Fancy Dress Goods, Silks, &c. &c., and Ladies will find no difficulty in getting suited.

Full stock of Dress Trimmings, Dress Buttons, etc., to match materials always on hand.

We will exhibit in a few days in our Mantle Department everything new for the season.

COSTUMES, COSTUMES.

An immense stock of Ladies' and Misses' Costumes to select from.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Are now showing a new and splendid stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Well Made and Fashionably Cut Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!

and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

1874 SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1874

JAMES CORMACK,

Tailor and Clothier, No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of

Goods Suitable for the Season

CONSISTING OF Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and Newest Patterns.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc.

In great variety. Guelph, March 21, 1874. JAMES CORMACK, dwintw

William Stewart

HAS NOW OPENED THE

First Lot of New Goods for Spring!

Piles of Plain Lustres, Lots of Striped Dress Goods, Fancy Goods

The Newest Colors and Patterns.

THE Print Department

IS CROWDED

With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at

LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 23, 1874 dw

NOTICE.

Erb's Celebrated

FALL WHEAT FLOUR

For Bread and Pastry.

ROBERTSON BROS. SOLE AGENTS

Dealers in Goldie's End Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oats, and Feed of all kinds.

Delivered free to any part of the Town.

Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph.

ROBERTSON BROS., Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dft.

REMOVAL.

D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER,

Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of

Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts. Guelph, March 20, 1874. dwlm

GREAT CHEAP SALE

At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS

Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of FANCY GOODS.

BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES

All of which will be sold at and below cost Orders received for I. & J. ANDREWS, Guelph, Jan. 13th, 1874. dw

FARM FOR SALE

EASY TERMS OF PAYMENT

100 acres, near Freelon Post Office, North Westworth, good soil, good buildings, 10 miles from Dundas and 12 from Hamilton. Title direct from the Crown. Immediate possession. Apply to the proprietor.

ARCH. STEWART, Freelon P.O. mlswt

FERGUS BOOK STORE.

The subscriber, in thanking the public for past favors, begs to inform the public of a new arrival of

Fancy Goods and Books,

Stationery and School Books, Wall Paper, very cheap; also, Window Blinds.

AGENT for the WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER, Sunday School Times and World. Also, any Book or Magazine ordered on the shortest notice. Call and see for yourselves.

Remember the stand, next door to the Post Office, Fergus. WM. M. SMILLIE, w

FOR SALE OR TO RENT, A Blacksmith Shop,

Situated on the Gravel Road, Minto Town, from Palmerston, half acre of land, good shop, having two fires, an excellent dwelling house and good stabling. This is a good chance for an industrious man, as there has always been a good country trade done on the premises. The above will be sold on easy terms, or rented for any number of years. Possession given on the first of January, 1874. Apply to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter to WELLINGTON WILSON, Cotswold P.O., Minto. detwtf

LIVINGSTONE. After years of toil and daring, dangers faced and victories won, He whom Britain hoped to welcome, gallant pioneer and son, Neath the Southern Cross lies quiet, the explorer's last task done.

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER XXV. TROUBLED DREAMS—AN OLD FRIEND CAUSES CONSTERNATION—A STRUGGLE—THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

Cameron spoke truly when he said he saw no way out of the difficulties by which he and M'Kenzie were surrounded, unless Hector M'Leod were removed, and he would have spoken no less truly had he said that even with him removed, difficulties stared them in the face.

"Ay, it is better. It has already proved itself successful, and it has the advantage of being much more expeditious." "Ha! say you so? Then I am eager to hear you speak it."

Priceville Correspondence. We have had a cold snap for the past few days, with excellent sleighing, which has enabled the farmers and timbermen to finish up their winter work in readiness for spring.

A four year old child of Mr. McKechnie, on the 15th concession, drank a mouthful of hot tea from the tea-pot, and died from the effects.

A child of Wm. Stone's, Artemesia, two years old, was kicked by a horse on the side of the head, fracturing the temporal bone. It will probably recover.

At the meeting of the Literary Society on the 30th ult., Mr. Ferguson read an essay on "Oddities," and handled it in a thoughtful and able manner.

Harvard says that "enquire" is right and Yale says it is "inquire."

Statistics show that German immigration is decreasing.

Di Lewis kept a Utica audience until 10.30 explaining to them the good results of going to bed at 9.

DEFUNCT.—The Daily Herald of Duluth is dead. Weekly receipts \$20; weekly expenditures \$30.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London.



NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods ; 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors ;
2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new ; 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

Direct Importer, Guelph.

The GOLDEN LION the



Leading House in Ontario

GREAT ATTRACTION!

GREAT ATTRACTION!

The new method of Importing. Each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, if need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

Another addition of 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12c, worth 16c;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12c, worth 25c; 270 pieces Fig Lustré in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c, worth 37c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at \$2 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Gloves, New Hose, all of which is stunning value.

THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is rapidly filling up, and having engaged a first-class Milliner from the city, we will execute all orders entrusted to our care in the most fashionable style.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

Dominion Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS

- Men's American Sporting Boots, Men's Rubber Boots, Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear
Ladies American Fancy Shoes, Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots, Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots
A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella. Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes. We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.

In the Custom Department

We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

WM. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

JUST COME IN!

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are putting up to-day

- 320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.
600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.
120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c, for 50c.
A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb.
10 hogsheads of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.
50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

OUR NEW TWEEDS

Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a "choice lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS

Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyles & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 1 1/2 cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

J. C. MACKLIN & CO.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

Being about to leave Guelph, to seek a home in the Far West, would considerably thank his many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold at such a bargain as will cause a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the goods will be sold 15 to 20 per cent below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No second price will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next.

MRS. G. B. FRASER

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RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread) Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) No. 1. Foot Power, No. 2 for heavy work. Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.

- CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

Shaw & Murton, MERCHANT TAILORS.

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS

JAMES MASSIE,

Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

Alma Block, Guelph,

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in

- OZENGES, all flavors; DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes; GUM and LICORICE DROPS, CONVERSATION LOZENGES, MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns; SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS, FRUIT BISCUITS, GINGER NUTS, CHEWING GUM, ROCK CANDY, LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western his year the only place where they were entered for competition. All goods are fully packed and shipped with despatch.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

IMPORTERS,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

- New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.

TEAS, TEAS.

- Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb.
Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
Choice Fresh Black Teas at 50 cents per lb.
Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb.
Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.

Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

