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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1877.

The new President of the United States is a surprise to both his friends and enemies. The Republicans are astonished to find him a much greater man than they had any idea of, and the Democracy are disappointed at the splendid success that has attended his efforts to do what he promised in his letter of acceptance and inaugural address. The Republicans knew that Gov. Hayes was a well educated man, who meant what he said, but as Grant had failed to make any reform in the line of civil service, they had no idea that it was possible to do it. The Democracy believed that all his talk was of the anti-election order, that nothing would come of it, that they would have "broken promises" as they termed it. Both are disappointed. Hayes promised reform and he is carrying it out. The "easy-going, well-meaning man" has developed into an iron handed, strong-willed, intelligent man, who knows what he is doing and is determined to do it. In his hands civil service reform is an accomplished fact. The office-seekers who did not believe that he was in earnest are going home in droves, their carpet-bags lightened by the exact weight of the recommendations they took with them. They have all met with the same answer: "The incumbent is a good capable man, and the good of the service does not demand a change." "But my services in the campaign?" "They go for nothing whatever. Every citizen did what he could to elect the man of his choice. We recognize nothing of the sort, and shall not. Good service is what we want. Good morning." And so the applicants, who had made politics a business and in it politics for purely business reasons goes away sorrowing to his member of congress. Up starts the Hon. Mr. Blaine, with blood in his eye, and demands the appointment of his friend. The same honorable politeness and the same "Honorable" answer meet him. "There will be no changes made for party reasons." If the present incumbent is unfit for the place, show it, and we will put a better man in, and your recommendation will have its weight. But there will be no change except for cause. And the Congressman stands and says, but it all amounts to nothing. Cool, self-possessed, the President sits, paying no more heed to the storming and raving, than as though it was the softest zephyr. Oh, ye people, do you know why President Hayes is in a position to do this? Learn and apply the same to your local politics, and let good government all around. This is the secret—he don't owe anybody any favor for his nomination or election. He never asked for the nomination, he never asked for election, and he is complicated with nobody. Consequently he has no friends to reward or enemies to punish. He has no one to thank, for he asked no one for his vote or influence. In short the office sought him, not he the office. He can afford to do as he thinks best, for he is in no one's hands. There are no rings or cliques controlling him, and all the efforts to organize them have failed. He is a man of his own mind, not a victim of his name, is the president. The era of good feeling is at hand.

The settlement of the Eastern Question hangs fire. Russia dallies with the English amendment to the protocol, and Turkey appears in no hurry to arrange peace with Montenegro. It looks as if the two powers directly interested are merely killing time with protocols and treaties that they never intend to sign, and that the opening of fine weather will witness the commencement of another Russo-Turkish war.

Mr. Blake's Act for the suppression of gambling and gaming houses, imposes a penalty of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100 on any person found in a gambling house, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding two months.

In the House last Friday evening a division was at last come to of the motion of Hon. Mr. Cartwright and amendments thereto. On the question of amendment, the majority for the Government was 33. On Sir John Macdonald's amendment the majority was 49. On the main motion being put the Opposition next demanded the "yeas and nays," in order to obtain a strict party vote. The result was a majority of 51 for the Government.

Another outbreak, under circumstances of unusual cruelty, is reported from Herzegovina.

Bible Society Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Acton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening. There was a very fair attendance. Archibald Campbell, Esq., President, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises, the chairman read a letter from Rev. Mr. Culvert, explaining his inability to be present on account of being engaged in special religious services at Silver Creek. The President then read the following interesting address:

"In the good providence of God we are again met to celebrate the anniversary of the Bible Society, an event which has resulted from an interview which the Rev. Thomas Bala had with a Welsh girl who told him that she journeyed seven miles over the hills every week to get sight of a Bible. This incident directed the attention of the rev. gentleman to the dearth of Scriptures in the principality, and led him, when he returned to London, to urge the committee of the Religious Tract Society to consider how the need might be met. While engaged in this enterprise it occurred to a rev. gentleman present, surely a society might be formed for the purpose, and if for Wales, why not for the Empire, and if for the Empire, why not for the world? Hence, on the 7th day of March, 1804, was founded the British and Foreign Bible Society, a little more than seventy-three years ago in the estimation of some of the men of the present day this lapse of time is but as a dream, and yet what a marvelous work has been accomplished in the publication and spread of the Gospel throughout the world, and while we rejoice at the amount of progress in this regard, we already in this great work, the details of which I shall not now enter upon, leaving that for the speakers that will follow, suffice it to say that by the British and Foreign Bible Society alone 76,432,723 copies have been issued in some 211 languages and dialects, and a number not much smaller issued by societies who were born and bred in this Society has given impulse to it, not reasonable on our part, in acknowledging the boon thus conferred upon mankind, to pray that in time to come the spread and progress of Bible societies may increase ten fold until all hands shall know the salvation of our God, of the millions of India, China, Africa, and other heathen lands. I have no doubt you will bear something to edify your sympathies, and as we value our Bible for the help it has given to the kings of great joy, which shall be unto all people, and if we value the peace and prosperity we enjoy as a nation, let us arise and renew our efforts and let us give as we would like, but it is not also true that our crops and all our gettings are more than we ask for. How many are there among us who would like to commit the seed to the ground leave it there for the laws of nature to give it life and growth, just as the ostrich leaves her eggs in the sand and leaves her eggs in the sand and leaves her eggs to produce her young, when we ought to look to God and to pray daily for the early and the latter rain, and to give abundant increase to the fruit of the ground that it may bring forth in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some one hundred fold, and let us obey the injunction of God who said 'Bring forth all the tithes into the storehouse that there be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive.' And let us hope that the Acton branch of the Bible Society will vigorously pursue its efforts in the good cause in all time coming until the knowledge of God and his love shall cover the whole earth as the waters cover the sea."

EXECUTION OF JOHN D. LEE.

At 11 a. m., precisely, on Friday, John D. Lee was brought out upon the scene of the massacre at Mountain Meadows, and before the execution party, and seated on his coffin about twenty feet from the shooters. After the order of the court was read to him, Marshal Nelson asked if he had anything to say before the execution was carried into effect. Lee made a short speech denying that he had done anything wrong designedly. He had done what he could to save the innocent, and was now sacrificed by the parties to blame in a cowardly manner. He was a firm believer in God and the Gospel as taught in its purity by Joseph Smith, but did not believe anything taught and practiced by Brigham Young. He regretted leaving his family, but was prepared for death. After prayer by Patrick Stokes, the hangman was placed over his neck, he requested the firing party to aim at his heart, and at the word from Nelson the five guns were fired, penetrating the body in the region of the heart. Lee fell square back upon his coffin, death being instantaneous. The body was placed in the coffin, and the crowd dispersed. There were about 75 persons on the ground. Not a child or relative of the deceased was present. The body will be given to the relatives at Cedar City.

A Desperate Train Wrecker.
A desperado giving his name as James Lorn was put off a train at Kleinburg on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, and swung himself by obstructing the track with a rail which he laid across the line. Trackmen discovered the obstruction in time to avert mishap, and followed the fellow to Woodbridge, where they attempted to arrest him, but he drew his revolver and threatened to shoot them. The constable obtained a warrant, and with James Paul, the switchman, went after him. They found him on concession A, having cut through the woods to avoid pursuit. On coming up to the man the constable called to him to stand. He again drew his revolver and fired at Paul. He missed, and fired again, and again missed. Then Paul and Lorn closed, and fell to the snow. When in this position he fired at Constable Haslam, shooting him in the thigh. After a bloody fight, in which they had to shoot him in the arm to get his revolver from him, they succeeded in bringing him a prisoner to Woodbridge, where he was tried and committed to the next assizes at Toronto.

A Dishonest Bookkeeper.
New York, March 13.—George L. Whiting, head bookkeeper of the Brooklyn Bank, was arrested today charged with having robbed the bank of \$160,000. In a valise which he carried was found \$120,000, leaving \$40,000 still missing. He refused to state the whereabouts of the rest of the money when first questioned, but at the latter hour he confessed that the missing \$40,000 was concealed in a room at the Vanduyke House, corner of Bayard street and the Bowery, New York, where the detectives proceeded and found it. The money was counted at the Brooklyn police headquarters, and found to be correct.

LATER.—The Brooklyn Bank officers have counted the money, and found it \$10,000 short. Whiting said that he had spent it, but on being asked what for he said "I will return it on the following conditions: I will return the notes and one half of the money, if you will guarantee not to prosecute me, and to release my bondmen." A little boy named Manning of Fort Dover, while playing with a revolver, shot his sister in the breast. She died in an hour.

Pen and Scalp Selects.
The Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto has at present 650 patients within its walls.

A despatch from Rome announces the death of Monsignor Nardii, Auditor of the Sacred Rota.

A horse-breeder's convention is talked of to be held in Toronto about the last week in April.

Gunph papers report the engagement of Quinton, of Harrisburg, Pa., as short stop for the Maple Leafs.

A recent telegram from Rome says the Pope has lost the use of his legs and is carried about in a chair.

Gunph will be fifty years old on the 23d of April. The people of the town are making arrangements for a grand celebration on that day.

The late George Dawson, of England, declared that he loved religion and flowers but hated theology and botany.

The Archbishop of Naples and Perugia and the Vicar of Rome are mentioned as candidates for the succession to Pius IX.

They say that a girl in a Strathroy church leaped her head on a young man's head and ate candy all through the service.

The greatest grubblers order lime for the stinky men and those who do the least work, drink the most whiskey and use the most tobacco.

It is stated that the Pope has received official intimation of the approaching marriage of King Alfonso and the daughter of the Duke de Montpensier.

The Great Eastern, which has been lying idle for want of suitable occupation is being fitted up for the transportation of cattle between this country and England.

Four hundred Pennsylvania colliers are idle, sixty thousand men being thereby deprived of work. The suffering among this class of the population is reported to be very great.

The Direct Cable Directors have jumped over the traces and resigned. This move is in the interests of amalgamation with the old cable companies and means another increase of rates to the public.

Ex Mayor Oaker Hall, of New York, is missing, and many suspicions are made as to his whereabouts. Some think it a case of suicide; others that he left because Sweeney returned to New York and may give evidence against him.

John D. Lee, the Mountain Meadow murderer, was shot on the scene of the massacre at eleven o'clock last Friday morning. Brigham Young has telegraphed to the New York Herald flatly denying the charges made against him by Lee.

A man who attempted to wreck a Toronto, Grey, and Bruce train on Friday, was captured near Kleinburg, his object having been fortunately frustrated by the discovery, in time to prevent mischief, of the obstruction he had placed on the track.

Another coal oil accident has just happened in St. Mary's, the victim sustaining severe injuries about the face and arms. Pouring coal oil in the stove to heat a fire was the cause.

A New York correspondent says business in the United States is getting better every day. Since Hayes has taken the helm there has been a lightening up, a revival, that is delightful. People are not only paying but they are investing. Goods are selling, exchanges are being made, there is a life and vitality that the country has not had for years. And everything looks better. They are all going to do well from this time out.

The negotiations between Turkey and Montenegro have been completely stopped, every day. Since said, is endeavoring to revive the alliance of the three emperors and to arrive at a solution of the present phase of the Eastern Question without the aid of England. Military preparations are being carried on with the utmost activity in Bosnia.

There was great satisfaction in an Arkansas town the other day over the lynching of a newly arrived stranger. He had sent ahead and had the town posted for two weeks or more with bills saying, "Old Reliable is coming." Every body expected it was a circus, and made preparations accordingly; but when "Old Reliable" reached town, and proved to be nothing but an old quack, who was again jumped off the bench, he didn't live fifteen minutes after he announced the fact.

A shocking accident occurred at the Belleville Station of the Grand Trunk Railway on Thursday, the 22nd instant. As a ballast train was approaching the station from the west, it slowed up as usual at the Caniford road crossing, when several boys jumped on one of the rear cars. They again jumped off when near the station, but one of them, John Doroy, a lad of about 13 or 14 years old, who alighted at the sloping edge of a coal heap, fell back upon the rails, and his wheels passing over him cut his head and body into several pieces. Death was of course instantaneous.

Dead Two Weeks and Alive Again.
A telegram from Minneapolis, Minn., to the Chicago Inter-Ocean, dated 15th inst., tells the following remarkable story: "About three weeks ago Jonas Nelson, a lumberman, while in the woods on the Upper Mississippi, was struck by a falling tree and, after suffering several days, died. His comrades placed his body in a rude pine box and forwarded it to friends in this city. It was over a week before the body arrived. At the same time the weather was quite cold. The remains were taken to the residence of John Peterson, where for two or three days they were visited by friends. Finally, one who had not yet seen the body called, and after examining it for some moments exclaimed: 'Why, Jonas is not dead.' Those who heard him were astonished at this remark, which seemed incredible, but efforts were made to reanimate the body by placing it in a bed and imparting warmth to it. After a time color began to show itself in the cheeks, and shortly after his eyes opened. The spectators were almost overpowered with a sense that they were in the presence of an unseen power. Finally one asked the reviving man: 'Nelson, are you cold?' Without moving, fixing his eyes on his questioner, he answered, 'Yes.' The exertions to restore him were redoubled, and his condition since has been gradually improving. These are facts, that a man who has been apparently dead for two weeks, and must have been frozen in transit to this city, has come back to life."

MURDER BROUGHT TO LIGHT.
TWO BROTHERS ACCUSE ONE ANOTHER.

A few days ago Edward L. Keeler, of Millville, had information before the Police Magistrate of Cornwall, charging his brother, Albert C. Keeler, and Abraham C. Bedstead, with the murder of John C. Curry, about six years ago. Curry, who was married to a sister of the Keelers, disappeared about that time. On the 16th Albert C. Keeler and Abraham V. Bedstead were arrested and sent to Cornwall Jail, the former having immediately before his arrest had an information before A. Farlinger, Esq., J. P., charging his brother Edward with the crime, and his sister, Mrs. Curry, with being an accessory after the fact. The two latter were brought before Messrs. Farlinger, Charlesman, Casselman, and Madley, magistrate, and Dr. Allen, Police Magistrate of Cornwall. Under advice from the County Crown Attorney, Edward Keeler was remanded, and Mrs. Curry was admitted to bail, herself in \$4,000 and two sureties in \$2,000 each. The investigation commenced at Cornwall on Monday last, and has resulted in the commitment for trial of Albert C. Keeler, Edward Keeler, and Bedstead. Mrs. Curry was discharged. The trial will take place at the assizes in April.

MENAGERIE.—Hip pockets for lap dogs are the latest inventions in ladies' dresses. With a dog in her pocket, a seal on her back, a bird in her hat and kids on her hands and feet, the well dressed lady is but little short of a walking menagerie.

TO EVERYBODY.—Support your home merchants. We have no sympathy for those people who do all their trading in the cities. When you want contributions for a charitable or worthy public enterprise, you always go to the village merchant for his contribution first. Then help to build up your merchants, and you will help make good stores, and to improve the prosperity of the village and town.

Spring bonnets and new dresses stand no chance in the present doleful weather. It is March, and no moderately ambitious woman cares to appear in the street as yet in the new styles.

Mr. Thompson, of Welland, has been four years in Parliament and he says he cannot see the difference between the Tweedledum of Reformers and the Tweedledee of Conservatives. Like the Hon. Peter Mitchell, he is a party in himself—only more so.

On Tuesday last a son of Mr. W. Thurston, of Bobcaygeon, about four years of age, swallowed a tin whistle, which stuck in his throat and could not be extracted. He was taken hurriedly to Dr. Bonnell, who found the whistle so firmly fixed that extraction was impracticable. The only resource was to push it down, which operation the doctor accomplished. The whistle remains in the interior, and has not been heard of since. The patient is in as good health as ever.

The Tariff debate closed Friday night. The Opposition amendments favoring protection in various articles were successively defeated, and the Government resolution carried by a majority of 61.

The Minneapolis Tribune is very confident that the grasshoppers have seen their best and most destructive days in Minnesota, and that the year 1877 will witness a return of all sections of the State to the fruitful and thrifty conditions of its past.

ACTON MARKETS.
Flour ... .. \$3 25 to 3 50
Old Fall Wheat ... 1 40 to 1 45
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Spring Wheat (Glasgow) ... 1 25 to 1 35
Red Chaff Wheat ... 1 20 to 1 30
Barley ... .. 0 90 to 0 95
Oats ... .. 0 65 to 0 70
Peas ... .. 0 68 to 0 72
Potatoes, per bag ... 0 80 to 0 90
Dried apples per lb ... 0 06 to 0 07
Butter ... .. 0 22 to 0 25
Eggs ... .. 0 12 to 0 20

EPHA'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame.—Civil Service Gazette. Sold only in packets labeled—"Epps' Cocoa." Homeopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London.

Wanted Improved Restorative is quite any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores grey hair to a glossy natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature baldness; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes irritation, itching and scaly dyes. No article produces such wonderful effects. It is sold by Messrs. Gurney and Co., 17, Old Broad Street, London, and by all the principal druggists and chemists in the United States and Canada, and by LYMAN BROWN, a Co., Toronto.

DRESSMAKING.
MISSISS MANN respectfully announces to the Ladies of Acton and vicinity that they have commenced business as Dressmakers in the house recently built by Mr. Edward Matthews, near Vickin's bakery. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Dressmaking in the best manner and most fashionable styles.
MISSISS M. & M. S. MANN.
Acton, March 21, 1877. 38-3a

GRAFTING.
Any person wishing choice fruit grafted on apples, plums, pears, and other fruit trees, please let me know by card addressed to Acton P. O., and I will select the grafts that you prefer. We do not hire boys to gather my cones from any fence corner, I can warrant work and fruit. For the last two years I have cut off a great many limbs that was grafted on by strangers to this part of the country, and that do not care what fruit they give you.
JOHN CREWSON, Esq.
Crewson's Corners, March 12, 1877.

TO TAVERN KEEPERS, SHOP KEEPERS, BREWERS AND OTHERS.
Notice is hereby given that all applicants for Licenses for the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors in the County of Halton for the year 1877-78, must be made to the undersigned at his office, Mill street, Milton, before the first day of April next. Applicants must come prepared with the names of sureties they propose to offer.
Office Days—Saturday, 17th March.
Tuesday, 20th
Saturday, 24th
Tuesday, 27th
Saturday, 31st
JAMES A. CRAIGER,
Milton, March 9, 1877. 37-3b

TO BREEDERS.
The thoroughbred Durham Bull "Zephyr" will serve cows on the farm of the subscriber, near the Grand Trunk Station, Acton, Terms—Durhams, \$8; Grades, \$2. Pedigree—Zephyr (3290) bred by F. W. Stone, Gunph, got by Imported Sheriff (29964), dam Sanspencil 10th.
C. S. SMITH.
Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-4f

PAINTING AND Paper Hanging.
The undersigned is prepared to do all kinds of House Painting, Kalsomining and Paper Hanging in the very best manner, and on reasonable terms.
Residence corner of John and Agnes streets, Acton.
W. H. WALKER.
Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-2a

CASH FOR WHEAT.
Any quantity of good merchantable wheat wanted at the Acton steam mills, for which the highest market price will be paid in ready money.
B. & E. NICKLIN.
Acton, Feb. 7, 1877. 32-4f

AN exchange truthfully says that it is true of newspapers, as well as of churches, that those who contribute the least to their support criticize and find the most fault with their management.

At the Presbyterian Manse, Acton, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, on the 20th inst., Mr. William Michie to Annie, daughter of Mr. Wm. Hyde, of Esquimaux.

DIED.
In the township of Culross, on the 16th inst., Mr. James Gordon, formerly of Esquimaux, aged about 70 years. Funeral at the Presbyterian burying ground, Acton, to-day, (Thursday) after the arrival of the 11:30 train from the west.

Who comes to us with the reputation of being one of the most talented Dressmakers in this Continent. She has hitherto been carrying on an establishment of her own in one of the largest American cities, and is especially famed for a great variety of design. Mrs. Thompson will be assisted by Miss Smith, already well and favorably known in Gunph, and by a large and efficient staff.

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TO THE LADIES.

We have great pleasure in informing our numerous lady friends that in connection with other branches of our business we purpose commencing a Dressmaking Department.

We have decided on this in compliance with the repeated solicitations of our regular customers, who have again and again told us how they have found it to get first-class dressmaking on anything like reasonable terms.

OUR AIM WILL BE To maintain the highest possible standard of Design and Execution, at the most Moderate Prices.

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