

BORN.  
HARRASSIN - In Acton, Friday, 25th May, to  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrasson, son.

MARRIED.  
BUTCHER - Dr. Butcher, 25th May, to  
James Keith, Henry Hallton, of Guelph, in  
Hand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keith.

JAMES - At the Brecon Methodist  
Parsonage, Wednesday, 25th May, by the  
Rev. Thomas Alexander, James, son of George  
Avery, all of Erin.

DIED.  
GUTHRIE - At Acton, on Friday, May 25th, John  
Guthrie, brother of Thomas Guthrie, Rev.  
Hewitt, at Rockwood on Monday, May 28th,  
Henry, son of the late Andrew Hewitt,  
aged 71 years.

ORCHARD - At his residence, and home, Trafal-  
gar, Saturday, May 26th, John G. Orchard,  
aged 63 years and 9 months.

ANNE - At the home of his daughter, Mrs.  
David H. Smith, 11, Park Avenue, New  
York, on Wednesday, 25th May, Anne, the  
widow of Alexander, daughter of George  
Avery, all of Erin.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1896.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Champion says: "The three candidates for the House of Commons are busy canvassing and holding meetings throughout the county, and they all profess to be confident of success."

The United States receipts for the month of May were \$24,643,17, and the expenditure \$26,165,00, leaving a deficit for the month of \$1,572,83, and for the eleven months of the fiscal year, of \$26,926,871.

At the meeting of the County Council on Tuesday the equalization of the assessment of the various municipalities was fixed at the same figure as last year. Owing to a surplus of \$16,000 at the beginning of the year the rate for 1896 was fixed at 7 1/2 of a mill, 3 1/2 lower than last year's rate.

The French Cabinet, after a session at the Elysee Palace, has decided to submit to the chamber of Deputies a resolution proclaiming the Island of Madagascar to be a French Colony. This measure will enable the French Government, according to previous agreement, to abrogate the treaties of alliance under which the United States and Great Britain enjoy a special economic regime in the island.

The annual Cooperative Congress, of which the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham is chief promoter, in a session just held at Wootton, has passed a resolution setting forth that in the opinion of the delegates present the English speaking people should settle their national differences without resort to the sword, and that a permanent tribunal for the settlement of disputes between America and Great Britain should be established.

A deputation of farmers and graziers from the districts of Norfolk and Suffolk, recently waited upon the president of the British Board of Agriculture, to urge the government to abandon the cattle disease, which aims to regulate the importation of cattle from Canada. The deputation contend that there is no disease in Canadian cattle and no danger in their importation. The president's reply was unconvincing. He said it was useless to send a commission to Canada.

An American exchange which has recently been through an election campaign since up the general election contest in the following terms: "Same old 'right', same old right; same old 'wrong', same old 'right'; same old 'mask', same old 'mask'; same old dodging they used to have; same old plotting; same old fun; same old games on the run; same old quibbles; same old lies; same old sugar; same old lies; same old voting; same old ways; same old games and games to play."

Saturday's official Gazette contains a very lengthy and important Militia General Order dated June 1. The order will make a vast number of changes in the existing regulations. It will, amongst other things, increase the titles of doctors, surgeons and veterinary surgeons to those in vogue in the Imperial service. The ranks being Lieutenant Surgeon, Veterinary Surgeon, Captain Surgeon, etc. Officers having served fifteen years will be entitled to the rank of Major Surgeon and Major Veterinary Surgeon as the nature of their profession requires.

The rivers and water courses flowing towards the head of the great lakes in the North west are at present likely to overflow. The heavy snowfall of last winter in that region and the recent rains have started a larger volume of water than the lakes than they have received in the year, and it is now probable that there will be a great improvement in the lake levels as the season advances. The water in Lake Ontario is considerably higher than it was last year, but it has not yet felt the influence of the great floods of the North and North west.

A. Low, of the Dominion Telegraph Survey, who has already spent a couple of seasons exploring the interior of Labrador, has left again to continue his work. He has explored part of Labrador by entering from the south and travelling northwards, and again by starting from the Atlantic coast and travelling westwards. This time Mr. Low goes direct to Hudson Bay and will sail along the coast, crossing the northern part of Labrador peninsula to the Atlantic, down the Atlantic to Hamilton Inlet, Mt. Low expects to return to Ottawa in October or November.

The following notices have just been issued by the Post Office Department - In returning direct to senders' "request" and "address" letters, postmasters should be careful always to give reason for non delivery. No letter should ever be returned until the postmaster has examined himself by a careful examination of the address. It was really intended for his office. It happened quite lately that a "request" letter placed in the mail box at Guelph, was returned by the postmaster of that office entirely, who did not take the trouble to see that the letter had never been to Clinton and who, moreover, had stamped the letter so indistinctly that the impression could not be read. This is not a faithful or creditable performance of duty.

"In the case of either "address" or "request" letters postmasters may return them at once if the addressee has left the place, and if his place of residence is unknown, due allowance being always made, however, for the possibility that the addressee may be a commercial traveller or other stranger visiting or about to visit the place.

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Medicines at the Drug Store, a complete assortment of all the advertised remedies in stock.

#### A CALAMITOUS WEEK.

Fatalities Following Cyclone, Bridge Collapses and Panics.

#### AMERICA AND EUROPE SUFFERED.

Hardy has been the lot of the public to sum up to such a plough of fatalities and destruction in a similar period during the past week.

The papers every succeeding day since the Queen's Birthday have been over burdened with sorrowful details, of which the following is a brief epitome:

VICTORIA, B. C., May 26. - The most terrible accident that ever took place in this province occurred about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, about 90 fathoms off the Point Ellice bridge into an arm of James Bay.

A sharp battle at Macaulay Point waxed the programme as a part of the celebration of the Queen's Birthday and nearly the whole population of the city went out to view it.

Up to 10:30 p. m. 62 bodies have been taken from the bay. Twenty persons known to have been on the bridge at the time of the accident are missing, and it is supposed that they have perished. The Grand Master Rev. J. C. Macmillan, who was dedicated for the chaplaincy.

#### POLITICAL POINTERS.

Mr. Henderson held a very orderly and well attended meeting at Ballindafit last Friday evening.

Mr. Huie addressed the electors at Kinnelkinn last Friday night. His chief organiser Mr. Kerr made the speech of the day.

Mr. Waldie is here in Niant Township this week. He addresses a meeting at Palmerston, in Truro, to-night.

Mr. Hume, the McPherson candidate, has held over twenty meetings already in all parts of the county.

Mr. Henderson is spending this week in Truro.

MONROVIA, Iowa, May 26. - The cyclone which devastated the northern portion of Oakland County had even swept a path half a mile wide and 16 miles long west to east, clearing the earth of nearly everything movable. About 40 persons were killed outright, and fully that number were injured, some of whom died. The cyclone first struck the earth six miles west of Ortonville and passed half a mile north of that village. In these six miles of devastated country before Ortonville was reached 15 persons were killed and 20 injured.

DOUGLASS, Iowa, May 26. - The cyclone which struck this city yesterday afternoon killed several injured one person was killed by a blow on the Bloody Run, a stream that flows into the Mississippi River, and nearly 100 persons were injured.

Mr. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, will be the principal speaker.

This is Mr. Ross' first visit to Acton and that probably his only appearance in Ontario during the campaign. Action will give him an enthusiastic reception.

LIMERICK.

Mr. Neil McGill left on Monday for British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Moore, and their little daughter, of Lancaster, Ohio, are at the old home here.

A garden party will be given by the Methodist congregation here on the evening of the 6th inst.

MTUON WITH GOD LIVER OIL AND HYDROPHYLTON FOR CONSUMPTION, Golds, and Branchitis.

No objections can be urged against the generally acknowledged remedial properties of pure cod liver oil beyond its tendency to upset the stomach and impair the appetite, and fortunately even this drawback is overcome in the preparation Matrine with Cod Liver Oil and Hydrophylton. The oil is rendered palatable and of easy digestion, the appetite is improved, and the hydrophylton gives great service in pulmonary affections and other chronic diseases generally. Matrine oil is unique, not only for its nutritive value, but by reason of its energetic action upon sickly bodies throwing into circulation a largely augmented supply of nutrition available for the replacement of the waste. A trial will convince all of its efficacy.

ST. LOUIS, May 26. - The scene in East St. Louis is appalling. The tornado struck this city with terrible effect, and it is now estimated that 300 persons are dead and 1000 are injured. The storm alone as a result of the wind, fire and flames. The tornado was followed by lightning, and before the sun rose control property to the value of over \$1,000,000 was destroyed. The tornado passed in an easterly direction, and it is reported that Vandals and Caseyville, Illinois suffered severely. One report states that the railroad depot in Vandals was blown away and thirty people were killed.

ST. LOUIS, June 2. - At 2 o'clock this afternoon the Tribune compiled the following table of the latest list of fatalities known dead in St. Louis, 106, unknown dead in St. Louis, 8, fatally injured in St. Louis, 16, missing in St. Louis, 118, known dead in East St. Louis, 112, on known dead in East St. Louis, 3, fatally injured in East St. Louis, 2; total fatality, 240.

MOGGS, Russia, June 1. - On Saturday a feast was prepared on the Hocky plain, in Moscow, for five hundred thousand visitors, largely peasants and working men, to the coronation fete. Nearly a million people came to the feast. The immense crowd was greater than had been seen before, and by six o'clock ugly rushes began to be made by bodies of working men to the ground.

These people, and others sent the air higher and higher the mass of dead and dying was piled at each other, and the ground was trampled under foot to do anything to prevent the tragedy becoming more terrible. A few hours present did noble work in trying to rescue the people, but the crowd had become crazy, and even when individuals escaped they did so stripped of almost everything they had on in the struggle.

All this happened at a point where the booths formed a curve, and into this angle the rushing mass was pushed hopelessly forward, within a distance of one hundred yards, the momentum of undivided mass, struggling, consulsed for a few moments in the death agony, but everywhere within a radius of five hundred yards people were falling and being crushed to death. Many more were laid with fear, not a few were bleeding profusely, and still more were fighting in wild agony with one another.

The vast crowd had become panic stricken.

They fell and acted as those who were bating for life.

London, June 1. - The Standard & Mirror says: "The number of dead at 3,000,000, 1,200,000 of whom were taken to the hospitals. Most of the injured, he says, will die." The correspondent adds that when the police reinforcement and Cossacks arrived on the plain on Saturday morning, the latter, as is common with them when dealing with the peasantry, applied their whips cruelly and needlessly, lashing the mouski who were on the outskirts of the crowd. Two of the Cossacks were dragged from their horses by enraged soldiers and killed. Eight soldiers were also killed in the crowd, knocked down and suffocated.

The burial of the victims of the disaster of Saturday went on all night long, and is still proceeding. Truly mournful scenes are witnessed in the cemetery. The victims are buried in long trenches extending nearly across the church yard.

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Medicines at the Drug Store, a complete

assortment of all the advertised remedies in stock.

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so much about Hood's Sarco-Cures, I defer

to Frank Leake, who has got up a

lot of good things to say about them.

Frank LEAKE

Oshawa, Ont.

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A Perfect Cure by Hood's Sarco-

paris.

It affords much pleasure to recommend

Hood's Sarco-Cures.

My son was afflicted with

gout, rheumatism, &c.

and had to get up sticks,

but he got well again.

He is now in full health.

Frank LEAKE

Oshawa, Ont.

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