

THE WEEK'S NEWS

HOME.

Steele's Scouts have been presented with their medals by General Strange.

The by-law granting \$10,000 to the West Ontario Pacific railway was carried in Woodstock.

New buildings costing nearly half a million dollars have been erected in Winnipeg this year.

Theroid has been visited by a fire which destroyed over twelve thousand dollars worth of property.

Colonel Gilder, of New York, with his companion Griffith, has left Winnipeg on his expedition to the North Pole.

Twenty miles of track of the Manitoba and North-Western railway have been laid, and all the grading of the main line is finished.

Fifty-four per cent. of the land in the Province of Manitoba is still unoccupied, and improved farms can be purchased at reasonable rates.

Property to the value of about forty thousand dollars was destroyed by fire at Belleville the other night. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific railway has decided not to complete the road from Port Moody to the terminus until legislation has been secured for the purpose.

The Department of Agriculture has thoroughly investigated the alleged cases of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle in parts of Western Ontario, and found them to have no foundation.

Belleville City Council has instructed the city solicitor to draw up a contract for the construction of a water works system, and authorized the Mayor to sign it after its execution by the company.

A brick of gold weighing 319 ounces and valued at over six thousand dollars was brought to Halifax, N. S., from the Oxford mines at East Halifax. It represents thirty days' work of three men.

Judgment has been given in the Superior Court at Montreal declaring three ex-directors of the Exchange Bank responsible for the interest on a loan to the insolvent institution, for which they gave their personal security.

The Dominion Government has commenced buying up and slaughtering all the cattle belonging to the farmers in the immediate vicinity of the Lewis quarantine. The authorities are determined that pleuro-pneumonia shall obtain no footing in Canada.

While in the Lacina rapids the other morning the rudder-chain of the steamer Edgemoor suddenly snapped, leaving the boat helpless and causing a panic among the passengers. Fortunately nothing worse than a delay of about an hour and a half occurred.

The liabilities of Leopold Isaacs, the absconding Montreal tobacco merchant, will exceed \$169,000. It is stated that several forgeries and other swindling schemes have been brought to light, and that steps will probably be taken to secure his extradition.

The Earl of Idelburgh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the House of Lords, referring to the Bulgarian affair, said that with regard to the future of the country the Government could say nothing, except that all new engagements must be made in accordance with the Treaty of Berlin.

Negotiations are reported to be in progress in Montreal between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Ontario and St. Lawrence Navigation Company for putting a fleet of steamboats on the St. Lawrence next season to compete with the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company.

Some significant facts have been brought to light by the police in connection with the recent stage robbery and the murder of Scott at Calgary, N. W. T. They tend to show that Scott was implicated in the former, and that he was murdered in consequence of a disagreement with his fellow-conspirators.

A meeting of manufacturers along the Welland canal was recently held to discuss proposed drawing off of the water for the purpose of deepening the canal. After waiting upon Mr. Page a committee was appointed to memorialize the Government to adopt some other plan, so as to avoid the stoppage of the works during the winter.

AMERICAN.

Thomas Cruikshank, a Scotchman living in Alford, Ill., is reported to have fallen heir to an estate of half a million left by an aunt who recently died in Scotland. Cruikshank is a veteran of several wars, having served in the British and American armies.

Awful destitution prevails in the drought-stricken region of Jones and Senewall counties, Texas, no rain having fallen there for fourteen months; the region has been transformed into a desert. All the settlers who could leave have fled, but about three thousand families are threatened with death from starvation unless assistance is given them.

Hog cholera in Adams county, Indiana, has now extended over the entire county. One farmer has lost 86 head—all he had. Unless the cholera abates in the next two weeks, there will not be enough hogs left in the county to supply home consumption. It is estimated that \$30,000 worth of hogs have died in the last two weeks in that county.

A battle was fought on Sunday morning of last week about twenty miles from New Laredo, Mexico, between troops from the latter city and a force of bandits under El Coyote, the troops being defeated. It is stated that the bandits are being reinforced by Texan desperadoes. Intense excitement prevails in New Laredo, an attack on the city being expected.

The Milwaukee authorities have discovered that a regular business of murdering infants at such a rate has been carried on in that city. A woman has been arrested and confessed to the murder of a babe found with a darning needle thrust through its heart, and she is believed to have killed a number of others whose deaths are now being investigated.

FOREIGN.

It is stated that Russia is endeavouring to form an alliance with Turkey.

The other day £100,000 of bullion was withdrawn from the Bank of England for America.

A very heavy rainstorm has done great damage to the crops in the western portion of Scotland.

The Imperial Government has decided to permanently increase the Belfast police force by 500 men.

Several Continental papers view with alarm the increased influence of Russia in all European matters.

Four thousand five hundred ounces of gold, dug in the Transvaal, have been shipped to England.

It is reported that Germany has abandoned the right to establish a naval station at the Caroline Islands.

The Porte has sent a note to the powers praying them to prevent the foreign military occupation of Bulgaria.

Sir Edward Thornton's retirement from Constantinople is final, as he failed to detect and defeat Russian intrigues.

The London Times is of the opinion that the annexation of Roumelia and Bulgaria by Russia is only a question of time.

The London Standard is convinced that Prince Bismarck will not succeed in averting an eventual struggle between Russia and Austria.

The Paris Journal des Debats publishes a sensational report of an alleged uprising of the native of North Eastern India against British rule.

The new Maharajah of Scindia, who has been enthroned with imposing ceremonies, declares he will surpass his father in his firm friendship to England.

Forty thousand miners recently held a demonstration at Motherwell, Scotland, and resolved to form a federal union for the redress of miners' grievances.

It is stated that England will abandon the island of Port Hamilton, off the coast of Corea, because of the conviction that its occupation would prove a source of weakness in time of war.

An anonymous proclamation, written in the vernacular of the country, has been circulated in the Punjab, calling upon the natives to combine and throw off the hated yoke of the Feringhee.

IN THE TRACK OF THE BUFFALO.

Hunting the Remnants of the Herds Which Formerly Ranged the Prairies.

In riding over the green turf of the open country one sees every where white objects which so reflect the strong sunshine that they almost dazzle the eye. These are the bleached skulls of the buffaloes that used to roam in thousands through these regions. Every one has read how, only fifty years ago, millions of buffaloes wandered over nearly half of the United States and the Canadian North West; now there are no great herds except in the territory of Montana, and from that territory more than 10,000 skins have been sent to the east in a year. For nearly every skin that is sent away about half a ton of fine meat is left to decay on the prairie. It is a reckless waste of animal life, and I am sorry to say that our government does very little to stop it. Within ten years there will be no more great herds of buffaloes in the United States. Small bands of them will linger hidden away in valleys, but by the time some boys who read this have lived to be old men the American bison will probably be seen only where it is kept as a curiosity, just as the one little band of aurochs—the last descendants of the wild cattle which used to roam over all Europe—is kept by the emperor of Russia. Still, even now at three single buffaloes or small bands of them will wander back here to their old grazing-ground. Last summer a party of hay-makers saw a band of a dozen or more in a remote valley behind the peak. And a few days later one of our neighbors at the nearest ranch, beyond the mountains, was sitting in the doorway of his snug home one morning after an early breakfast, when, to his astonishment, a great buffalo bull came trotting easily along within a hundred yards of the door. He would hardly have been more surprised had an elephant or a rhinoceros happened in for a morning call, for he had never seen a buffalo, nor had he ever expected to see one at his own ranch. But his surprise left him breath enough to shout, "A buffalo! a buffalo!" The house was full of men just in from the work of gathering beef-stattle for shipment; and at the startling word every man seized the nearest rifle or pistol or shotgun and dashed away to join the chase, only one or two stopping hastily to throw a saddle on a horse. As soon as the chase began the big beast ran swiftly into the thicket along the creek, and was able to keep out of sight for some time. The chase was long and exciting, but the buffalo's pursuers were too many for him. Some followed up the trail, while others watched the outskirts of the thicket; and at last one of the best marksmen among them, catching sight of the big black body, took a quick line aim and brought the buffalo down with a single bullet; so all the inhabitants of the ranch were feasted with buffalo meat as long as it could be kept from spoiling. But where the great herds range there is no such excitement about killing them.

One day a young fellow from the east, listening to the yarns of an old buffalo hunter, said, as the hunter finished his story: "It must be very exciting sport, John!" "Well, I'll tell you how it is," said John. "It's about as exciting as if you were to go out into the corral and shoot a dozen of those old dairy cows with a pistol."—American Ex.

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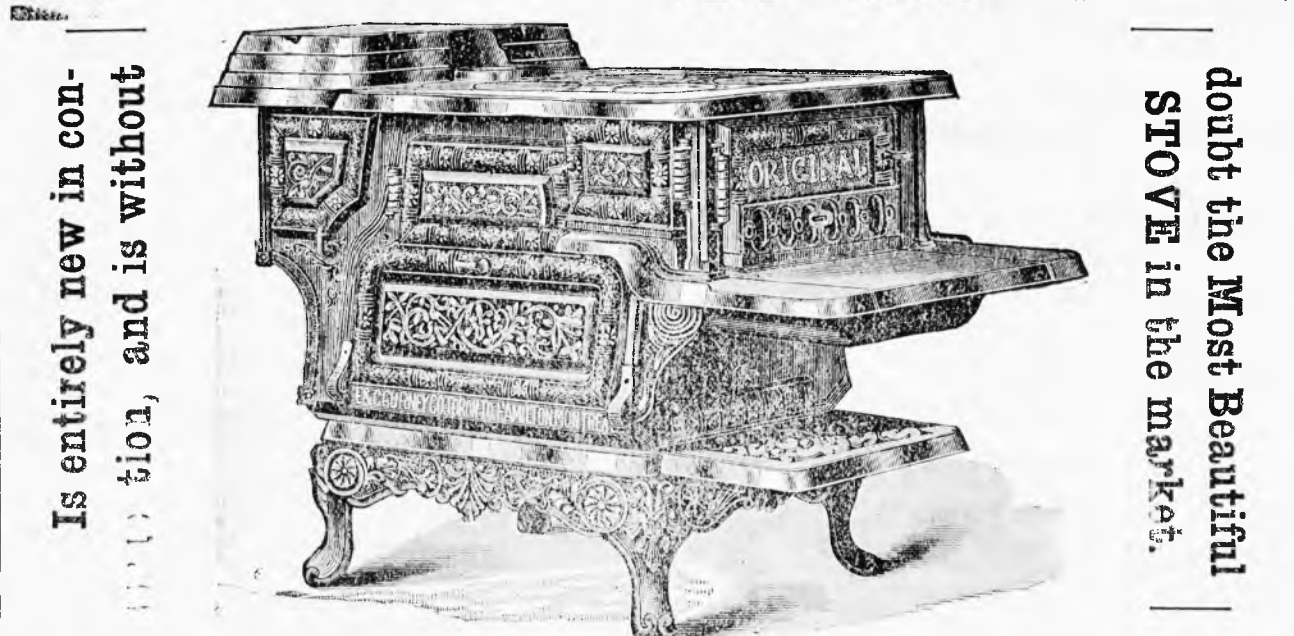
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