

ALTONA.

Mr. Henry Allen, a blind musician gave a concert in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening of this week. Owing to the inclemency of the weather he was not greeted by a very large audience.

Our popular neighbor, Mr. James Cook, disposed of his surplus stock of goods and chattels by public auction on Saturday Dec. 1st.

Mr. Henry White returned home from Dakota last week. Two of the trio remained to experiment with Dakota blizzards. The boys had a good summer despite the early frosts; their prairie farm yielded an aggregate of eighteen hundred bushels of grain.

The season of snow and ice is upon us. The heart of the youngster turneth towards skating and the wail of the expiring swine is heard in the land. The youngster goeth forth with joy depicted on his countenance and his first pair of steel skates under his arm. He performs several fantastic motions on the smooth hard ice, shows a decided tendency to sit down suddenly and is frequently observed trying to stand on his head. He seems animated by a special aversion to the stumps which occasionally rear their heads above the surface and he will bear down on these obstacles with all the velocity he can crowd on. There is a crash—a damaged boy—a calm—then a renewal of hostilities. After an hour and a half the ice and stumps heave, a deep sigh of relief for the boy has removed his skates. He presented a very bedraggled appearance and "was written on his visage" as he homeward plods his weary way" dragging the companions of his late joy and misery—his skates.

When Gen. William Henry Harrison was inaugurated as President, on the 4th of March 1841, he nominated the following Cabinet: Secretary of State—Daniel Webster of Massachusetts; Secretary of Treasury—Thomas Ewing of Ohio; Secretary of War—John Bell of Tennessee; Secretary of Navy—Geo. E. Badger of North Carolina; Attorney General—John J. Crittenden of Kentucky; Post-Master-General—Francis Granger of New York. It would be a difficult task for the grandson to gather such an illustrious galaxy of statesmanship about him as is presented in the grandfather's Cabinet; but if the President-elect is worthy of his lineage he will match the Cabinet of 1841 as nearly as possible.—Philadelphia Times.

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Rev. T. W. Jeffery has been requested to resign his pastorate of the Western Methodist church, and has been given until noon to-day to hand in his resignation to the president of the Conference, Rev. Dr. Stafford.

Rev. Dr. Stafford, president of the Toronto Conference, declined to talk about the matter.

In answer to a direct question as to whether he had asked for Rev. Mr. Jeffery's resignation, he said:—"I know of no man who has any right or authority to ask Rev. Mr. Jeffery or any other Methodist minister to resign."

Catholic News announces that Rt. Rev. Joseph Thomas Dowling, Bishop of Peterboro', Can., has been translated to the See of Hamilton to succeed the late Dr. Carberry, and that the Rev. Richard O'Connor, Dean of Barrie, in the arch-diocese of Toronto, has been nominated for the See made vacant by the translation of Dr. Dowling.

In the House of Commons on Saturday the Speaker ordered Mr. Cunningham E. Graham, Advanced Liberal member for the north-west division of Lanarkshire, to withdraw from the House because he had accused Mr. Smith, the Government leader, of conniving at a dishonorable trick and had refused to retract the accusation. As Mr. Graham was leaving the House a member shouted "Bravo, Graham." In an interview, Mr. Graham explained that the trouble arose over the action of Mr. Brooke Robinson, Conservative member for Dublin, in putting a motion on the paper, to prevent discussion on the chainmakers' grievance. Mr. Graham had characterized this as a dishonorable trick, and had expressed the belief that the Government had instigated Mr. Robinson to perform it. He had refused to withdraw this statement and hence his dismissal. Mr. Graham says he will not apologise no matter what the result will be.

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