By Night Express Train will Close at 9 p. m. Arrive at 2.00 a.m. MAILS GOING WEST By day Express Train will close at 3.50 p.m. Arrive at 5.15 p.m. By night Express Train will close at

Arrive at 5.00 a.m. BRITISH MAILS Per Cunard Steamers, via New York and Boston, will close on Mondays at 2 P.M .. and per Canadian Steamers, via Quebec, on Fridays at 12 M.

UNITED STATES MAILS, and arrive at 1.30 P.M. R. DEACON,

Postmasle:

Post Office, Kingston, ¿ 13th Nov. 1865.

G. T. R. TIME-TABLE. Trains arrive and depart from the Kingston Station as follows :--

EXPERS TRAINS GOING WEST. Arrive at 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Local Trains arrive at 10:00 p.m.; depart at MIPRESS TRAINS GOING EAST.

Arrive at 2:00 p.m. and 1:15 a.m. Depart at 2:20 p.m. and 1:25 a.m. 6:15 a.m. (Montreal Time-15m, faster than Kingaton,

The Train from Montreal on Saturday night lays over at Belleville till Mouday morning and that from Toronto lays over at Brock-

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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 12, 1865.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS. E. C., Ne York.

Saies This Day.

COUNTY Court and Quarter Sessions for the County open at noon in the Court House, before Judge G. W. Draper. LEASE of the Tolls on the Kingston and Portland Macadamized Road, at Langwith's

tavern at ten a. m. County Council meets at ten o'clock this morning, in the Court House.

PAPER THE FOURTH.

Facts and Fancies, Opinions and Reminiscences of an Octogenarian.

De omnibus rebus et quibusdem aliis. A SHORT ESSAY ON SHAKSPERE. The Iconoclasts of the times of Leo, the Greek Emperor, did a world of good. They may have destroyed a quantity of beautiful Statuary, but they defaced the idols that disgraced Christianity, and restored it to pere something like that which prevails it ober Protestant countries, where the der them intelligible! But it may be said Amighty is worshipped without any that Shakspere does not shine as a Come- deeply felt in Kingston. No artist worth imagery to call him to memory. A few dian with so fierce a light, as he does as a Iconoclasts would effect a material service | post and tragedian. ; Granted. Let In Great Britain just now, where one-man | compare his tragedies, in which his beautiworship prevails as much, as that of ful poetry is chiefly to be found, with those Images did at Constanople when first the name was known historically. The English are a great people, but they have not a sufficiently good opinion of the great men they raise among themselves. For instance, at the close of the French Wat, they possessed a dozen good Generals equal fame, bravery and skill; but they only worshipped one-the Duke of Wellington-a good man certainly, but one greatly over-rated, greatly over-praised, and greatly over-paid. While in the field with Lord Hill, Sir Thomas Picton and others, his equals in the art of war, the Iron Duke justly merited and justly received his fair lence, which time can never efface, and mede of praise; but at the close of the time with me is pouring out its last sands. War, when the English began to worship him and pay him undue honors, it was not

for it allowed Frenchmen and other one general, when she had a dozen at the | beautiful a composition as 'Rome and July very least, of equal talent with the one she | et, or 'King Lear,' but alss! it is therefore would a few Iconoclasts have English were not always such idolators, such one-man worshippers as they now have become. When the intelligence raid of Cherry Chace came to King James at Edinburgh, he lamented deeply and oxclaimed "there perished Scotland's greatest knight; so but when the like news of the killing of Earl Percy reached King Henry at Windsor, he was equally grieved, but so far from being down-hearted, "though Earl Percy was dead, he thanked God that England had live hundred knights as good as he." And that was a brave way to treat the sad event.

but at that of the British Empire at large

Duke of Wellington, that Iconoclasm at Papers have procured me, that place a copy Home is needed; it is to break the image of Shakspere's most pathetic traged of a greater idol whom the English for the and a copy of 'The Maid's Tragedy' bet past fifty years, and still more recently, the any unsophisticated well-educated youth ---William Shakspere-a mighty poet, but ing public opinion, at least public opinion For singular to say, that not only do Eng. | ford to compare Shakspere with poets of a | the Journal of Miss Berry, (a protoge lish, Irish and Scotch worship the name of | later time. With Milton, Dryden, Pope, Horace Walpole) and American Psycho-Shakapere, but our American Cousins here, Otway, Byron or Burns. These great men | mancy form the topics for the remaining and the Germans on the European continent | were fully his equals, and in some partic-

fame of this great post; I simply wish to demi-god. say, and if possible prove, that England has in her literature, names as great as that of William Shakspere, and whose works if THE PROJECTED MASONIC HALLS.

(now dead), being struck by some remark - | erecting a Masonic Hall. have mentioned; but the' I was greatly pany with \$10,000 capital, to lease that would be invaluable. moved by their sophistry, mixed with a few | piece of vacant ground (140 feet by 66 feet) sublimity of Shakspere but Shakspere Stone three-story Building. On the ground

considered entire and intact. Shakspere did not write in a barbaro age as many suppose, for the age in which he flourished was anything but barbarouse with plenty of room for apart nents in rear His grossness was all his own, not of his times, but of the age of Chancer and Rabelais when men delighted in lewdness and profan. ity. He was contemporary with Bacon, Spen cer, Ben Johnson, Massinger, Ford and the twin poets Beaumont and Fletcher, besides a host of other worthies that I cannot call rent accruing from all these would be mind. There may be gross indecencies in nearly all of his contemporaries' works, but no barbarisms, no incongruities, such as you find in every play of Shakspere's. The comedies of Ben Johnson are positively models of perfection, and as for anachronisms, one may be looked for in vain. Take o Ben's 'Every man in his humor,' and | compare it with the best comedy Shakspere ever wrote, 'The Merry Wives of Windsor,' for instance, and for nature, humor, varie of character and depth of character, it wi compare most favorably. What can poss :- | bly be more highly finished than Massing er's "A New Way to pay old Debts?" Can anything equally good be found in the whole range of Shaksperian comedy P. It is played now and will continue to be played while the English language lasts, without the alteraof a single scene and scarcely a single the stage, or a glossory in the closet, to ren-

of Beaumont and Fletcher, who lived and wrote in his day, and whose plays always attracted greater crowds, and were more highly esteemed than those of their great a magnificent, edition of Beaumont and the word, for it will be on very rare occa-Fletcher's works. These plays I positive. | sions that it will be used by the Masons. ly devoured; every character, every scen is deeply impressed upon my, memory, and the' sixty years have passed away, and nothing but an odd volume of these gifted authors has come across me, yet I have a ed and the Magazines for the

'The Maid's Tragedy' by Beaumont (for only at the expence of his brother soldiers. be it recollected that these poets, 'arcades ambo,' mostly wrote jointly, yet some foreigners to say, that England had only their individual plays are credited,) is an deigned to worship. What a deal of good equally well known. Among my many readers how many have read this charming done when the Iron Duke and his generals | tragedy, and how many have ever heard its name? Too few. No one man reads any- Brook Fossbrooke? are also given. thing but Shakepere of the older poets, and of those who will condemn me for my presumed detraction of their favorite poet, how the death of the Earl of Douglass at the few are there who can prove that I am guilty. The images and phrases of Shakspere, like household words, are familiar ous from our carliest infancy; we hear then hourly and we admire them in proportio to their universal currency, admire then sometimes for their very uncouthness; by mages and phrases equally pointed, equal grand and equally poetical, and never outh, would be equally listened to and equally admired, if they were as universall current and popular. I will stake my individ-

ual opinion, and the little reputation these him, and utterly overlook other poets

ancodote, the' I fear it may Byron, because of his wickedness; no one A. tiodey, Philadelphia., \$3.00.

men of greater learning and higher attain-

rielides done to thee," said the sage, Snakepers will, still retain his fame as a priced. As January Numbers are always " that thou desirest to banish him ?" delightful pourtrayer of Nature, yet that the gain numbers of the year, those before "Nothing," was the answer, "but I am tired fame will be noncompanied with idolarry, ins are seen in their best colors and gayest of hearing him called the Just and Good," Men in giving him his just mede of mornt dress. The Fashion Plates are very handow, let me not be misunderstood. I have | will wonder at the extravagance of the some, and the other engravings equally no desire to detract one tota from the just | nineteenth century, in fancying him a teresting. In fact these Plates and En-

now read, as they were by our grandfathers. We trust we are not telling tales out of and whose plays if now acted as they were school, when we make public the non- Canadian manufacture, the first of the kind f in former days, would delight as much as intention of the Masonic Fraternity of that we have seen. It a quite as well made quent special session were read and a Hamlet or Othello possibly could, and whose | Kingston to avail themselves of the kind as one manufactured in London or New proved. erudition and good taste far surpass the offer of the City Council to lease them the York, and replete with the customary, in- It was moved by Mr. Strachan, second like attributes of their more fortunate con- large Hall in the City Buildings, known as | formation contained in books of the kind. | by Mr. W. Gibson, that the Council adjournt the Wesley Chapel. The impossibility of These Diaries have become so useful that it till ten o'clock this morning, to enable; the I might commence by asserting that the dividing this Hall into compartments, with- is a matter or surprise that every body does | members to attend the Dinner at Waterloo Plays of Shakspere, and the Poetry of those out destroying the elegance of its architec- not possess one, particularly as the Banks to the Warden. Plays are not written by the same hand. | ture, and the great difficulty of heating it | no longer send 'snipes' to warn their cus- | The motion was carried and the Counc That the coarseness of the one and the ex- in Winter, have led to this determination. | tomes of approaching indebtedness. It is all | adjourned accordingly. treme delicacy and beauty of the other are | Nevertheless the Masons must have some | very well for the merchant and trader to incompatible; but I abstain from a ground large building at their disposal, and in this look well to his Bill Book, but there are that I could not maintain. I remember | dilemma, they have bethought themselves | hundreds of folks doing business with about ten years ago, in Putnam's Magazine of forming a Joint Stock Company and banks, who trust their payments to memory

disagreeable facts, yet I was forced to ad- opposite the Post Office, at a rent of \$180 mit, that no one can lay any claim to the per annum, and thereon put up a handsome himself. Consequently, when the merits of floor are to be put up four large Offices or other poet. Lake to be compared with those | Stores, 45 feet long by 30 feet wide, with of England's idol, the latter must be outhouses, independent of two sma'l. The Drawing Room Quaduitle. Music Offices on each side of the main entrance. On the first floor, the Masonic Hall, 90 feet long, 45 feet wide, and 22 feet high - | and very popular everywhere. of the Hall. And on the second floor, the . The following article from the True Wit Masonic Chapter Rooms and Lodge Rooms, | ness should be read and studied by all who for which there would be ample space. A feel inclined to wish well to the Fenish Yard and Gallery in rear of the building | Cause, If such there by within the h would afford every convenience to the tenants | this newspaper's scope :--office \$80, and the up stairs Masonic apart. ments \$160-in all \$1280. The annual rance and \$50 repairs, leaving a profit \$950 to cover the luterest of \$10,000. expense of erecting such a building is placed at \$9,000, therefore a capital of \$10,000 will cover all outlays in 400 shares of \$25

Masons generally will take up the Shares scheme under proper management cant

therefore Kingston is deprived of its fair share of amusement of a higher kind than-Negro Minstrelsy. And the fanatical spirit late Wesley Hall from being appropriated to secular gaities. Consequently a Music rival. Here I must crave indulgence for Hall has become a matter of imperative a little bit of egoism. During my early necessity. The contemplated Masonic youth it was my good fortune to fall in with | Hall will be a Music Hall in every sense of rem

The Editor's Table .-- No. 421.

December is now pretty well advanc-

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for November Reprint of L. Scott & Co., New York ; the face of the earth. John Creighton, Kingston. \$3.00.

has an instalment of " Miss Marioribanks', " and an excellent instalment it is If all women wrote like Mrs. Oliphant, what charming writers they would be? of purely every day life, charmingly pon by the author of 'Tony Butler.' Ireland possesses one more good novelist, to

THE CANADA FARMER George Brown, Toronto. \$1.00 THE JOURNAL OF ARTS AND MANUFAC. TURES FOR LIPPER CANADA for December. W. C. Chewett & Co., Toronto

Reprint of L. Scott & Co., New York

John Creighton, Kingston, \$3:00 This, the principal of the Whig Reviews be said of Sir Thomas Wyse, in a review

THE CANADIAN POCKET DIARY for 1866. Brown, Brus., Toronto; Jahn Creighton.

This is a charming little, Pocket Book of | Godfrey, Barr and Anglin. or written memoranda that cannot always able papers, striving to show what above I The present intention is to form a Com- | be relied on. To such one of these Diaries

> NEW MUSIC. We acknowledge the receipt with pleasure of Two Pieces of New Piano Music from Mr. S. Black, of Princess Street :-THE HUMMING BIRD, GALOP, Music by Woodlawn.

> by Woodiawn.

the four Shops or Offices. The We read in our exchanges that there is a regular war of races at New Orleans beof French origin, the decendants of the origin nal settlers, and founders of the Colonyand the Yankes or Anglo-Saxon section the population. The seat or theatre, of the French language-the language of fathers, the mother tongue of their childre the original language of the Colony-sho which desire the Yankees or Anglo fied. The paragraph from whence we de-

> shall be thoroughty Americanised." There is something very ludicrous in the impertinence with which the Anglo-Sax pulation of the United. States arrogate themselves, and their portion of the Continu exclusively, the name of Americans an America; as if all the descendants of French men, Spaniards, Portuguese settled in Ameri ignation Europeans to the subjects of Louis

they who speak as if the terms U. States and America were synonimous, as hearing will venture to sing in that wretch. Andericans, but those who formed a part edly sounding place, the City Hall, and the political society organised at presen But if the language of certain of our neighactions are often odious because tyrannical. Such is their treatment of the French Creoles in the City Council will ever prevent the in New Orleans-the descendants of the firs

> Canadians would experience, were it their misfortune to form a portion of the great Some of our Rouge journals, in their blind batred of British connection -a hatred is spired by the fact shat, the British Govern-Church in Canada-are ever insisting upo the great advantages that would accrue their countrymen from annexation; they will of these advantages, as experience by the French Creoles of New Orleans, wit-that the teaching of their mother tongo would very soon be prohibited in Canadian common schools, and that their new masters would subject them to the process indifferently called Americanization, or "improving

NEW DISCOVERIES BY AGASSIZ .- Important intelligence from Professor Agassin's expedi tion is given in another column. The Professor writes that the success of his investi gations exceeds his most extravagant dreams mber, but one third have hitherto been

Our late English exchanges report certain was anything but popular in Ireland and his

COUNTY COUNCIL.

terday afternoon at two o'clock, pursus to adjournment, the Warden, D. D. Calv Esq., in the chair.

Present -- Mesirs. Mace, W. Gibson, Joiner, C. Joiner, Madic, Booth, Strachao, Neale, Watkins, Day, Campbell, R. Gibson,

---PITTSBURGH AND GANANOQUE ROAD COMPANY. - At the Annual Election, the 2000 car wheels. old Directors, with the exception of the. Mayor, were re-elected. The Board consists of Messrs, Hope, Barker, McLean Muckleston and McCorchen. As Mayor is going out of office, he preferr

Bengalary .- The office of the Evening ?

LATE FROM MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. A Cabinet meeting was held to-day at awrence hall, but nothing has transpired a

There is considerable talk about the appointment of Mr. Deliste. His friends say that he takes the place of Mr. Ryan and goes customs for Montreal. Mr. Ryan's friends going also. A French Canadian representa-

knowledge Mr. Delisle as the right man. A number of merchants signed the followng :-- "The undersigned being informed that he Adjutant-General of Militia has represen lay, for the special purpose of attending dril after twelve o'clock, except when there may

On Wednesday last 1 wo respectable sed young women called in at Moss' City oan Office, and offered a gold enamelled whole gang of thieves to light, as well as a large quantity of stolen goods. Seven gold sold at the store of a man named Abraham ther revelations were made which led to the arrest of a gang of thieves, to the number nine lads, women, and men, and discoveries of large quantities of clothing.

THE FEMIANS. New York, Dec. 9. against John O'Mahoney, President of otherhood, for perildy and maifeasance in thee. The specifications, which are very Mahoney the following day, with notice under penalty of having judgment by default charges, declared them proved, and deposed 'Mahoney from the position of President An ananimous vote was then passed, calling

day, and the present session will continue probably a week longer A circular of advice has been sent to each Circle in the United States. That great disrant expenditures of the Brotherhand The present session is called by the Sepate

recording to the last adjournment.

at Portland of two passengers by the steamship Hibernian on their way to Canada. Portland Advertiser of Thursday gives us

Florida Keys and in the Lake Superior region | mation being given to the United States ecsived authorising Marshel Clark to arres eeded in doing so. Howell is a tall go looking young man of pleasant address. Madis is a plain looking man without

A QUACK IN TROUBLE .-- A notorious quack Peel, and Mr. Goschen succeeds Mr. Hutt .- | on Saturday on a charge of committing rape These changes are very opportune. Rotert | upon a young lady patient. He has been

Secretary Seward yesterday. cently published rumors respecting the Prebest exponent of his own policy, none being pursue in the futbre.

New York, Dec. 11. Senator Nye will to-day introduce a bill disfranchising all who voluntarily took the outh of allegiance to the Southern Con-

for submission to Congress. It has over 7,000 signatures. . To morrow government sells at Alexandria | Kingston, December 12th, 1865.

2,500,000 feet lumber 2,500 tons Railroad iron New York, Dec, 11. All vessels and trains of cars bound to with the law duly inspected and scaled by the American Consuls resident on the North

sides of the St. Lawrence, and this will in a

great manner prevent smuggling. New York, Dec. 11. At a convention of delegates from various Femian circles of this city, held Saturday, an address was adopted, endorsing Col. O'Mahour as foremost amoung the beidest, truest and most talented defenders of the cause, re padiating the authority and condemning the action of the so called Fenian Senate.

At Toronto, on the 7th instant, Mr. Robert Shannon, aged 32 years. In Montreal, on the 7th instant, Paul Durocher, aged 76 years.

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DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT. At the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, of which all Coroner's, Justices of the Peace.

ROBERT CHANONHOUSE, High Bailiff. High Bailiff's Office, Kingston, Dec. 11, 1865.

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We invite special attention to our stock of Dress Goods, the contents of two cases of beautiful new Dresses, just marked off. Our Cobourgs, at Twenty-Five Cents, can't be beat. Our French Merinos at 3s. 3d. are excellent value. One case beautiful Tartan Delanes at 124 cents per Yard. Any customer can have a sample of the 124 cent Delaines to compare with other

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Muscovado Sugar for 6d. per lb., Molasses for 2s. 4d. per Gallon, and Best Syrup for 3s. 4d. per Gallon, and Morton's Family Proof and Proof 289 | constantly on hand sold cheap by the Gallon or Barrel. N.B .- Hotel Keepers and Country Merchants will find it to their

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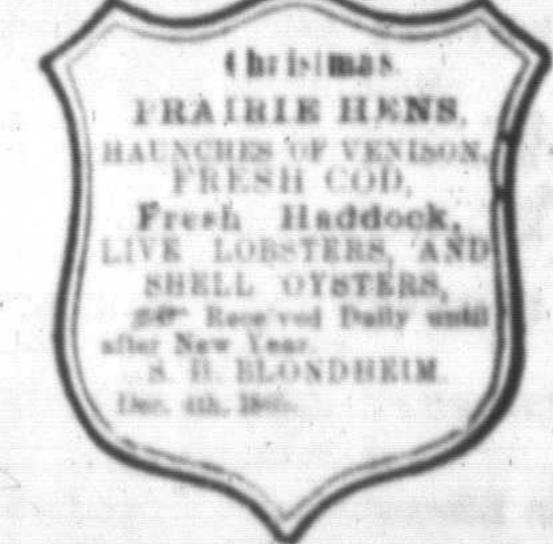
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