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WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 20, 1877.

The more battles the Turks win the longer will the war last, so that the recent defeats of the Russians, may, after all, be to them a mixed blessing.

Details of the receipts by the Turks of the redoubts at Plevna show it was one of the bloodiest struggles recorded. The proportion of officers killed was immense.

A recent despatch says that Suleiman Pasha has effected a junction with Mehmet Ali. It seems probable their combined forces may attempt something against the army of the Czarowitz.

It is comforting to know that an effort is to be made at the next session of the Dominion Legislature to amend the Dunkin Act by giving proper facilities for voting.

Stanley has arrived at the mouth of the Congo, after a journey across Africa, which has taken him since the 15th of November, and which has been one succession of hardships and hostilities with the native tribes.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—The London Advertiser says: Everything goes to show that the coming fair will be the best ever held in Canada.

The failure of J. F. Macfarlane, dry goods merchant of Woodstock, has been announced, with liabilities of about \$60,000 or \$70,000.

County Fair.—We would remind our readers that the time for the annual County Fair draws near.

Pen and Scissor Selects.

—Bush fires are raging in the woods to the north of Ottawa.

—The Odd Fellows of Welland are meeting in a new hall, which will cost them \$12,000.

—Stanley has been heard from. He has successfully explored the Lalabaha River in Africa.

—There is much anxiety in Winnipeg respecting the result of the Blackfoot treaty negotiations.

—The famine stricken provinces in the North American States are also affected with the locust plague.

—The next annual convention of the North American States will be held at Guelph.

—Guelph puts in a claim, through the colonel of the Mercury, for the Provincial Fair.

—The yellow fever epidemic at Pensacola, Fla., is still on the increase, the weather continuing unfavorable.

—A Godefrich gent-man recently returned from Manitoba advising the young men of Ontario to stay where they are.

—The track of the Hamilton & North Western Railway is laid to Clarksville, and a considerable portion of it ballasted.

—Lord Dufferin has been warmly welcomed by the Leclaires. His Excellency will finally leave Manitoba on route for Ottawa on the 29th inst.

—A drunken woman, named Catherine Levit, of Hamilton, while endeavoring to light the fire, burned herself so severely that she is not expected to live.

—Some foolish men sow grass seeds in the streets of Niagara when the Dunkin Act becomes law there. He has since been sent to jail for a month for illegally selling whiskey.

—Better crop prospects are reported from most of the Eastern and Western districts, but prices are still high, and much distress prevails among the poor.

—It has been decided in Brantford that a storekeeper cannot, under the Dunkin Act, give away beer to his customers without being liable to a twenty dollar fine for doing so.

—Within the past few months three distilleries in Ontario had to close down. Their failure is attributed to the falling off in the consumption of liquor and excessive competition.

—The miners' strike in the Lehigh region of Pennsylvania is at an end, a concession having been made by the coal companies whereby the miners will receive the rate of wages given previous to the reduction in May last.

—The Warm Spring Indians, who recently left their reservation in Arizona, have commenced a series of raids, murdering settlers and attacking freight trains and teams. Fourteen are known to have been killed by them.

—Republicanism in France does not mean liberty. Gambetta has been sentenced and sentenced to three months imprisonment for making a speech, in which he freely criticized the actions of the party in power.

—The Ottawa papers tell some amusing stories about the fright occasioned amongst the French Canadians by the descent of a balloon the other day. They regarded it as an infernal machine of some sort, which had been sent amongst them for their destruction.

—Walkerton in 1872 had a population of between eight and nine hundred, and was without a railway, and had no sidewalks, and hardly a street. At present the town has eight miles of streets, four miles of sidewalk, a population of 2,700, and a debt of 320,000.

—Some time since a young girl threw a bottle containing her name and address into the Ohio River. It was found by a youth, and at first sight, not very objectionable, but the Paducah News has been thrown by it into a state of lively trepidation from the fear that upon the fact becoming generally known the navigation of the river will be permanently impeded.

—Florida, the northern invalid's resort, is in parts as hot as being swept by the terrible plague of yellow fever. At the headquarters of the malarial, Ferandina, there have been twenty deaths from this cause since August. Known cases of attack are numbered by the population is sick, and the trains have been filled with persons sufficiently well to fly from the infected district. There seems to be no largeness in dealing with the enemy, and medical men describe the disease as more easy of treatment than it sometimes is.

—Grand Reform demonstration at Galt today.

—Large gathering at the Brantford picnic yesterday.

The Tramp Question.

—We have got to face another influx of tramps very soon. The cold season has commenced in the north-east, and the advance guard of the army has already shown itself.

—The study thieves are getting more and more common, and look upon that as accessible, and all-way we are carefully left open, are being already robbed.

—There is an alarming increase of study, unshaven, unshorn, unkempt men standing on the streets, looking with villainous eyes into houses, to see whether robbery or beggary will do best.

—One of them was asked which he preferred, the city or the country. With charming frankness he answered, "the country, of course, when the weather is warm enough to admit of sleeping in the open air, or in barns."

—"You see," said the vagabond, "in the city the cops are always a watch of us and you can't do anything without taking a blasted risk. But in the country, bless my soul, they ain't nothin' to stand in the way. Two of us watches till the men are away in the fields, and we know their ain't nobody in the house but women. Then we goes up and asks for milk to eat, which we don't really want, for we kin kill and roast as many chickens as we want. But while the women are givin' us milk to eat, we sights about, and if their is any loafers or layin' round, we gobble it. If there is any any fust, we show a pistol, and that ends it. We don't steal enough to make it worth their while to follow us very far, and besides they are afraid of our knives, and a dozen or two in a neighborhood."

—"Don't you find it rather hard to find comfortable places to sleep, in the city?"

—"Sometimes. Now and then we get into the station house, and there are always empty boxes, and warm corners. It ain't as pleasant as the Rossin House, but we are satisfied."

—"Why don't you try work a little in the city?"

—"The man's face took a curious expression."

—"Work! we work! we might as well be labrin' men to once! none of that for me. There is one city where they ain't no law, where they ain't no stone wall, breakin' stone for the streets—Hamilton. They got in once, and kept an at it two weeks. I wouldn't go within twenty miles of the city, if I knew it, for a fortune. But if some one would, a day, and food in us on bread and water! They don't know how to treat people there."

—The vagabond went away, with an expression of sadness on his countenance. The country should do his brief stay in Hamilton, where the city is wise enough to make them earn the bread they eat, was too much for him. He doubtless brooded over it all the day.

—What Hamilton does, every city and town in the country should do. The moment a beggar appears on the streets of that city, he is arrested, is taken to barracks provided for such culprits of the earth, and if able to work, is set to breaking stones. But if he is unable to work, he is given a loaf of bread and a piece of meat, and is dismissed with the assurance if he returns he will be retained a still longer period.

—None of them return. Every vagabond is sent to the workhouse, and the commission of the party is empowered to commit these pests, at their own request, to this country, where they are to remain until the American vagabond adopted his tactics. They have signs and language of their own, and when one or two are seen, you may be sure there are more. They work in gangs, and can be rallied within a few hours. They are vicious, useless and dangerous, and they owe it to itself to extirpate them. There ought to be the most stringent legislation against them this winter.

SUDDEN DEATH AND INQUEST.—The Forgas News Record says that a girl named Mary McLean, daughter of Hugh McLean, Erin, a domestic servant in Mr. David Brown's family at Douglas, having died in a very sudden and unexpected manner, about three o'clock on the morning of the 9th inst., formal application was made to Dr. Johnston, an inquest on the body, to ascertain the cause of death. Mr. and Mrs. Brown gave testimony as to the nature of the illness of deceased, who complained of severe cold, and first went down to Dr. Tamblin about nine o'clock on Saturday night. She was found previous to death. Dr. Tamblin testified that death was caused by congestion of the lungs and heart disease. Mr. Hill and Mrs. Blyth were shown the good treatment Mr. Brown had given to the deceased, and Mrs. Brown. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was caused by natural sickness—congestion of the lungs, accelerated by heart disease.

—The present style of ladies' dress pockets may be very fashionable, but they are not good for carry valuables in. We notice that a great many ladies use them as a receptacle for purses. This is a foolishly proceeding. Any ordinarily deft-fingered person could take the purse and the owner be none the wiser.

The Dunkin Act in Brant.

—The License Inspector for Brant has addressed the following to the Editor of the Express:

—In view of yesterday's experience I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to enforce the Dunkin Act in the city of Brantford. Up to the recent date I held the opinion that it was impossible to state correctly whether it was a failure or a success, but I have now no hesitation in saying that it is, and will be a failure, and the sooner it is repealed the better for all parties. This being my deliberate opinion, I can no longer consent to hold the position of Inspector, and have therefore tendered my resignation to the Government, retaining the office nominally for a short time, merely to adjust some unsettled claims against the License Fund, and no further proceedings will be taken by me for any infractions of the law.

Your obedient servant, JAMES GRACE.

—Fast Time.—The special train on the Canada Southern which carried Bishop Burgess, of Michigan, from St. Thomas last Thursday made good time. Mile after mile was made in fifty-eight seconds, and a stretch of seven miles in five minutes; only one stop of four minutes, for wood and water, was made at Charing Cross. The train left St. Thomas at 5.30 p. m., and arrived at Amherstburg at 7.23 p. m., making the run of 111 miles in 109 minutes, allowing for the stop at Charing Cross.

—One day last week, Mr. John Walker, farmer, of East Flamboro', took four valuable cows in a most unsuccessful manner, and on going back that his cows were gone. It appears that his cows were going in to dinner they found one cow lying dead, having apparently died only a few minutes previously. At this time four other cows and a bull were grazing as usual, but on going out to work again in about half an hour, the young men found three more of the cows down—one dead and the other two struggling in the last agonies of death. The four cows all died within three-quarters of an hour, and the cause of their death is a mystery.

—The tramps are becoming a terror in Pennsylvania, and the farmers have been compelled to arm themselves and their families for the protection of their property. Even trains are wrecked and robbed with impunity by the bodies of lawless vagrants who have invaded the state.

ACTON MARKET.

Flour, new, per bush, \$3.00 to 3.00

Fall Wheat, new, per bush, 1.24 to 1.00

Spring Wheat, new, per bush, 1.24 to 1.00

Barley, per bush, 0.75 to 1.00

Oats, per bush, 0.50 to 0.65

Peas, per bush, 0.30 to 0.45

Beans, per bush, 0.60 to 0.65

Butter, per lb, 0.16 to 0.18

Eggs, per dozen, 0.10 to 0.12

Potatoes, per bag, 0.75 to 0.00

Apples, early, per bag, 0.60 to 0.75

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875.

And Amending Acts.

IN THE MATTER OF Second Brothers OF ACTON, INSOLVENTS.

All persons indebted to this estate are notified to call at once at the late store of the insolvents and settle their accounts with our agent, Mr. Charles H. Murdoch.

All accounts unpaid on the 30th inst. will be placed in suit.

MURDOCH, ROBINS & CO. Toronto, 10th Sept. 1877.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

AN OLD FRENCHMAN, retired from active service, and for many years a sufferer from Consumption, has cured himself by the use of the following medicine:

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GRAND DEMONSTRATION

BY THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS IN ACTON.

In connection with the Dedicatory Ceremonies of their Hall, the members of Calanthe Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Acton, purpose having a

Promenade Concert

AND PEACH FESTIVAL IN THE DRILL SHED,

on THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 20.

The services of several popular singers and instrumental performers have been engaged for the occasion, and no pains will be spared to render the entertainment of a first-class character. The Acton Brass Band will also be in attendance.

The Dedicatory Ceremonies of the Pythian Rooms will be conducted by Dr. J. N. King, Toronto, Grand Chancellor K. of P. of Ontario, and will be open to the public free of charge. To commence at half past six p. m.

Concert to commence at half past seven o'clock.

The Knights will attend in Full Dress Uniform. A number of brethren are expected from Toronto and elsewhere. Come and have a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

By order of Calanthe Lodge No. 18, GEO. HYSlop, F. H. STOREY, J. H. HARRISON, C. S. SMITH, ISAAC FRANKS, Committee.

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BEATTY'S PIANO, GRAND AND UPRIGHT, and BEATTY'S ORGAN, are the most perfect instruments ever manufactured in this or any other country. They are made of the finest materials, and are constructed with the most perfect workmanship. They are also made in a variety of styles, and are adapted to all tastes. They are also made in a variety of sizes, and are adapted to all rooms. They are also made in a variety of colors, and are adapted to all tastes.

CENTRAL EXHIBITION, 1877.

WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH

ON THE 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Oct.

OPEN TO ALL.

Prize Lists and Entry Papers can be had at the Secretary's office, Guelph, and also from the Secretaries of other Societies throughout the Province.

Parties not receiving their entry tickets prior to the Show, will find them at the Secretary's office.

The several Railways will carry freight and passengers to and from the Exhibition at single fare.

THOS. McCRAE, Pres. Guelph, Sept. 1, 1877. 10-4

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