

STRAIGHT OFFER OF POWER AT \$16.00.

Cataract Company Far Cheaper Than Hydro.

Company Has Put In a Very Low Price.

Union Label Not on "Hydro" Printing.

Hamilton to-day is in possession of a straight, definite, positive offer for electric power at a price which the Hydro-Electric Commission has never been able to equal, even in its estimates.

Dear Sir,—The Hamilton Cataract Power, Light and Traction Company, Limited, hereby offers to supply power for pumping the city water supply and operating the proposed city street lighting plant, for sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per year electrical horse power; the amount required to be determined on the twenty minute maximum requirement.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission has never made an offer or given a figure which it is prepared to guarantee. Its lowest estimate is \$17.50 per electric horse power per year on exactly the same conditions as the Cataract now makes its \$16 guaranteed offer on.

Although it has been admitted by strong opponents of the Hydro scheme that the prospects were for the power by-law being endorsed on Monday by a substantial majority there was a sudden reversal of opinion in municipal circles to-day and among those who have been fighting the hardest in the interests of the by-law.

Earnest advocates of the power scheme were taken as a bad sign. An evening meeting this morning was held on every side with the reply, "We can't at any time tap the wires, which have to pass through Hamilton, and we can't wait to see how the others make out before planning Hamilton into expense and taking unnecessary chances."

As to the distribution of cards in election booths on Monday City Clerk Kent says this is strictly against the law. In the past it has been a practice of the Tory machine men to nail up the state in the booths. This will not be permitted. The returning officers were (Continued on page 20.)

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METAL DISCOVERY.

Radium Emanation Causes Metals to be Malleable.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—That the changing of elemental metals into one another, is now possible was the startling claim made yesterday by Prof. Herbert McCoy, of the University of Chicago, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

THE COUNTESS

Asks For Nullification of Her Marriage With the Count.

London, Jan. 4.—The solicitors of the Earl of Yarmouth, whose wife, who was Miss Alice C. Thaw, Pittsburg, has begun suit for a nullification of her marriage, have given notice that they propose to defend the action. The case probably will not be heard for several weeks. While this action is quite distinct from a divorce it will be heard in the divorce court. The sittings of this court begin on January the 11th.

TROOPS CALLED.

Policeman Worn Out Over Street Car Strike at Muncie.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 4.—At a conference last night of Adjutant General Perry, Mayor Guthrie, the sheriff, city officers and several prominent citizens, it was decided to ask Governor Hanly to send the police keep order during the strike of street car men. When yesterday's work was ended many of the policemen who had been on constant duty for 48 hours, lay down on the station floor and fell asleep. Most of the special police refused to serve further.

A Dainty Breakfast

It is a good start for the day. Breakfast is the hardest meal of the day. Most people want little to eat, but everybody wants it dainty and palatable. Our pea-bacon is delicious. A few rashers properly cooked, together with a cup of Perfection Blend coffee make a breakfast that you would thoroughly enjoy. We are getting in a limited supply of new laid eggs. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

SCANDAL AND GRAFT.

Paris, Jan. 4.—As a result of the charges of scandal and graft in connection with the liquidation of the property of the late Janssens, the French press are going rounds of the electrical reactionary press, a parliamentary commission has been created to conduct detailed investigations.

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CHINESE BOXERS

Destroy Protestant and Catholic Missions and Get Ugly.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—C. Polhill, an English missionary who has spent twenty years in China, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Nippon Maru, and says that shortly before he left his station at Kai Tsien, in the Province of Szechuan, a place about 1,500 miles from Shanghai, the Boxers had caused considerable alarm to the foreign residents.

DRUCE'S BODY.

Defence May Have to Prove That His Body Was in Coffin.

London, Jan. 4.—At a conference today of the lawyers and others interested in the claim of George Hollanby Druce to the estate and title of the Duke of Portland, it was decided after receiving the reports of the doctor and surgeon who attended the examination of the Druce coffin on behalf of the claimant, Mr. Polhill to continue the prosecution of Herbert Druce for perjury when the case came up in the Police Court on Jan. 6. While no statement was given out, it is understood that the prosecution will insist that the burden of proving that the body found in the coffin is actually that of T. C. Druce, lies with the defence.

CHILD'S SAD FATE.

BURNED TO DEATH CLASPING A DOLL.

Little Girl's Anxiety to Display Gift From Santa Claus Results in Fatal Fire—Only a Charred Little Bundle Left.

New York, Jan. 4.—Nanrana Leone, round and chubby and four years old, rested her little chin on the edge of the counter yesterday in a grocery in Richmond avenue, Wakefield, and gazed wistfully at a box of sweet crackers.

"Did you get a dolly for Christmas?" asked the woman behind the counter. "Yeth, m'm," said the child. "And may I see it?" the woman asked.

"Yeth, m'm if mamma theth thoh," said the little one, and she looked inquisitively at her mother, standing near by, who smiled her consent.

Clapping her hands in anticipation of a reward, the child ran to her home, only two doors away, to get the waxen image. The women talked earnestly and the child was forgiven. "More smoke than fire," they said as they came out, having extinguished the flames.

"My baby!" cried Mrs. Leone. The firemen went in again, and in a few minutes came out with a charred little bundle. There were two little dolls, which had suffered in the flames. It had been under a bed, where Nanrana could not find it, and she had taken matches to aid by her light. The bed-clothing first, then the child's clothing, took fire.

AOKI TALKS.

Exclusion of Japs From U. S. Would be Offensive Action.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Viscount Aoki, the retiring ambassador of Japan to the United States, who is on his way to the Orient, arrived here last night. He said that Japan was willing to restrict the immigration of her subjects, but would consider it as an offensive action any attempt on the part of the United States to exclude Japanese from America or American insular possessions.

NICE TEETH

Get an ornament to anyone and you can have nice teeth by using Parke's Thymol Tooth Paste, as it preserves and whitens them. It is an antiseptic and arrests decay and also hardens the gums, sold in tubes at 15 and 25 cents each, by Parke & Clarke, Druggists.

Peterson's Patent Pipes.

This pipe has more points of superiority than any other pipe, and consequently is more popular with smokers. They are sold in all sizes and shapes at peace's pipe store, 167 King street east.

COLD IN FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 4.—France is experiencing a spell of extremely cold weather. The thermometer, for the past four days, has averaged 10 degrees Fahrenheit, and the lakes in the parks of Paris are frozen and covered with skaters.

It's Not Genuine

Economy to purchase cheap food, and you would be fully convinced of this fact if you try E. D. Smith's pure jam, marmalade or catsup. The price may be a little more than unwholesome compounds but the richness and purity more than make up the difference. Watch for the demeritization at your grocer's.

The Man In Overalls

Vote for the non-polliticate. Vote for the ward wags and thus chase out the political alien.

So John Patterson is a chief, is he, Mr. Mayor?

Apparently Hill the MP has the good sense to stay off the Spectator stage.

If Mayor Stewart had some of right and wrong, he would ask the city to pay for the rent those halls he is hiring or for the piling he is having done in the interest of his electrical friends.

Tom Cramer is a chip of old block and will be quite a help and the City Hall.

Mr. W. D. Platt is a man these days, holding up the end out has time enough to see through Stewart's bogus figures.

Look what politics is doing. Breaking up the North End Improvement Society, an organization that has done much for Hamilton.

I haven't heard of a manufacturer asking for Hydro-electric power they know better.

Mr. Guy, gentleman, is gay. He is a clever, bright, business man.

So far the Mayor's pay meetings have been frosts.

If you vote for the party bar you will just be helping Tom to get cheaper power to fight manufacturers.

John A. Williamson who got the ladies' vote. He is a fine fellow and just as fine as he is.

The only persons thaven to be pleased with the Tory's are those who are on it. The Com's is "nothing" over it.

Don't forget Roy Moe. He is a coming man, and will make a model alderman.

Mr. Thomas Allen is an admirable candidate this year. John Allan is another man, and don't deserve your support.

HAMILTON TEACHER

Appointed to Staff of the Public School

Dundas, Jan. 4.—(Some)—A special meeting of the Board of Education was held last night to receive resignation of Miss Scott, of Hamilton, who decided not to accept appointment as public school teacher.

LADYSMITHDAY.

South African Veteran Talk of Celebrating

A movement is on foot among the South African veterans to up a relief of Ladysmith anniversary celebration in this city. It is that there are about 200 men residing or close enough to Hamilton to go to such an event—men who took part in the campaign in some part of South Africa seven years ago.

A WONDERFUL

Great Bargains in Cts, Rugs and Carpets Made, 1 and Lined Free

Thomas C. Watkins is in their big advertisement in their scores of most remarkable bargains in carpets, rugs, curtains and home furnishings. Home furnishings will many dollars by supplying everything needed during this great Right House January reduction sale.

Hundreds of people have taken advantage of the savings opportunity. Readers of this paper will not take every word in these lines to the Right House if they want some of the magnificent savings their own.

Right House quality famous. Right House values ahead. This Right House sale is of the importance to you. Don't miss it.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year onwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, wills, silver and other valuable.

WOMAN MURDERED.

Greenville, R. I., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Eddy, aged 40, employed in the Greenville woollen mill, was killed by being struck over the head by a billet of wood on her way home from work last night and landed of her week's wages, \$16.

WILL BE LYNCHED.

Escaped Convict Commits Murder —Posse is After Him.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—Poses of citizens are searching the woods in the vicinity of Yates, Newton county, in an effort to capture Yates Standridge, an escaped convict, who yesterday killed two citizens and wounded another. Members of the posse declare Standridge will be lynched, if caught.

Standridge, after escaping from the state prison, where he was serving a sentence for robbery, went to the home of his wife and threatened her life. The woman sought protection at the home of a neighbor. Standridge followed her to the neighbor's home and killed N. Rosemont and dangerously wounded Mrs. Rosemont.

Mrs. Standridge is missing, and is believed to have been killed.

FIVE FIREMEN

Thrown Headlong Into Burning Building at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Five firemen had miraculous escape from death early this morning at a fire, which broke out in the departmental store of Archie LeMay, at the corner of St. Denis street and Du-luth avenue, in the northeastern section of the city. The building was totally destroyed, and the loss will amount to between 50,000 and 75,000.

A HOLD-UP.

Queer Experience of Young People Driving to Party.

A funny incident happened on the An-caster road last night, in connection with the G. T. R. freight office employees' party to Ancester. A young lady and her gentleman friend arrived at the Terminal too late for the party by about two minutes, and decided to drive out. Hiring a rig, they started, and when about half way out were accosted by some person whom they thought was a hold-up man, but who, it is the general opinion, was looking for a lift on his motor. The man in the rig whipped out a horse and drove past the hold-up artist. After enjoying themselves at the ball, they would not drive back, and hired a man to drive the rig in, and came home on the special car.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Annual Meeting of Ninety-first Non-Coms.

The annual meeting of the sergeants' mess of the Ninety-first Highlanders was held last night, and was largely attended. The treasurer's report was very satisfactory, and showed the mess to be in good shape financially. The sum of \$300 was set aside towards furnishings for the quarters in the new armory. The election of officers resulted as follows: R. Q. M. S. MacLennan, President; Staff-Sergeant, Mr. Andrew MacLennan, Treasurer; Color-Sergeant, Rates, Secretary; Color-Sergeant, Witham, Color-Sergeant, McKay, Sergt. Wright, Management Committee; Q. M. S. Hunter, Sergt. Sinner, Sergt. Commins, Stewards; Sergt. McFarlane, Sergt. Eoss, Auditors.

TUG ESCORT RAISED.

Park Township, Ont., Jan. 4.—After putting on the sunken tug Escort all night yesterday and all night, three tugs and postboats arrived at 5 o'clock this morning, bringing the tug into harbor. The tug will be pumped out and there being no ice in the canal she will proceed up the canal to Port Colborne, where she is owned by Carter Bros. of that place.

FIRE AT ELORA.

Elora, Ont., Jan. 4.—About 2 o'clock this morning the Elora Skating and Curling Rink, owned by Wm. Hall, was discovered to be on fire. The flames had made great headway before the fire engine arrived, and the building was burned to the ground and a small stable adjacent partly burned. Had it been a windy night a large portion of the lower part of the town in all probability would have been burnt out. The cause of the fire is not known. The insurance probably will cover half the value of the property.

DRUCE CASE.

Detective Wm. Huckle, who has been closely following the famous Druce case, has received word from England to have his affidavits and witness ready. From this he concludes that the case is to be gone on with, although the perjury feature of it has been disposed of by the finding of a body, presumably that of T. C. Druce, in the grave that was opened a few days ago.

JUDGE TEEZEL TO PRESIDE.

Word was received at the Sheriff's office this morning that Judge McMath would be present at the assizes which open on Tuesday at 1 o'clock. His place will be taken by Justice Teezel, who will formally open the court on Monday afternoon and adjourn it until Tuesday. The announcement was a surprise, as Justice McMath was to be present.

ARRESTED THREE AT POINT OF REVOLVER.

INQUEST AT RYMAL.

Unknown Child Died Immediately After Its Birth.

Last night Coroner Thompson, of Stoney Creek, continued the inquest on the death of the unknown child found beside the G. T. R. tracks at Rymal last Sunday. The inquest was held at Rymal and the medical testimony was to the effect that the infant died immediately after birth from hemorrhage, due to unskilled attention. The child was dead before being placed beside the tracks, or thrown from a train.

SHOULD BE PUNISHED

Some One Interfering With Fire Alarm Box.

There was a small fire this morning at 9:30 at the home of Mrs. A. Mueller, 27 James street south. The gas was leaking in one of the rooms, and Mrs. Mueller lit a match to find the leak. The damage will not amount to a great deal. Chief Ten Eyck has been bothered for some time by people stealing the key and breaking the glass of the fire alarm box at the corner of Mulberry and Bay streets. Last night some one tried to put the key out of order by trying to pull it out after it had been turned in the box. In some of the stations the big gun connected with the box was restless, but no alarm was turned in. The chief will not agree to any more offenders of this kind getting off with a warning, he says.

G. T. R. OUTING.

Freight Office Staff Over the New Road.

The staff of the G. T. R. freight office held their annual "sleigh ride" to and dance at Ancester last night, but the sleigh was left in cold storage and a special car both ways on the new electric railway carried the happy party. An excellent dance programme was carried out in the Town Hall, and then an adjournment for lunch was made to Lynch's Hotel. An excellent spread was put up by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Gray, the agent, was in the chair and several toasts were drunk and responded to, Mr. Corbett being toast master.

A MAN TO VOTE FOR.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, although a member of the City Council less than one year, has made for himself a record which should place him high among the aldermen for 1908, when the ballots are counted on Monday night. Mr. Kirkpatrick has brought large experience and sound judgment and freedom of thought and action to bear upon all subjects. He has been a good worker in committee, and strong in debate in the Council. He has plenty of time to devote to civic affairs, and is in every way well fitted for the office. He is a safe man to trust with Hamilton's affairs.

ANOTHER DEATH.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 4.—James Stanley, engineer on C. P. R. passenger train No. 2, which was wrecked near Bisecting early yesterday morning, died of his injuries before reaching his home at Chatham. He is the second victim of the morning, bringing the tug into harbor. The tug will be pumped out and there being no ice in the canal she will proceed up the canal to Port Colborne, where she is owned by Carter Bros. of that place.

ROMANCE OF PAST YEARS

SAVED HARRY RUSHBROOK.

Made Sacrifice For a Girl and the Magistrate Heard of It.

"Do unto others as you would be done by" is an old maxim, and a good one, as Harry Rushbrook, found guilty of attempting to shoot Agnes Davis, found out when he came up for sentence before Magistrate Jellis this morning. The Magistrate called him to the witness stand, and gave him a heart to heart talk, and then let him go because of a good act he had done years ago in reclaiming a waif from the streets and saving her. "You know I can send you down for a long term for this," said the Magistrate, "but I have been enquiring into your case, and have found out certain things which show that you are to be pitied in this case and almost to be praised. If I let you go will you return to the girl you married and live with her and take care of her?" The prisoner eagerly agreed to do this, and tears of shame were in his eyes as he spoke of his connection with the Davis woman. The Magistrate told a Times reporter afterwards that he had found out that Rushbrook's wife had been a waif, and that Rushbrook made a great sacrifice, and took her from her former associates and married her, thus saving her. The old walls of No. 3 have rarely heard a more pathetic story. Rushbrook gave up his friends to save this woman, who

Constable Harry Smith Did Splendid Work,

In Which P. C. English Also Figured.

Caught Three Men In Act of Burglary.

Constable Henry Smith and Constable Alex. English are receiving well-earned congratulations this morning. The two of them arrested three burglars shortly after midnight at the point of a revolver and to Constable Smith belongs a lot of credit as he arrested two of them single handed and had them handcuffed together when Constable English appeared.

Constable Smith was patrolling his beat on York street shortly after midnight and was going west towards Hess street on the south side. He saw two men standing over the grating in front of J. H. Horey's drug store on the north-east corner and he stood in the shadow and watched them for ten minutes. He saw the two men walk across the street towards him and look all around and then walk back. When they went back he crept a little bit nearer and the tallest one of the two stooped over the grating and shouted down to some person in the cellar. "Now's your chance. Come on out." Smith walked across the street further up and then leisurely walked along towards the drug store and the two men, trying all the doors as he went. When the two saw him they stood quietly looking at a placard on a post and did not seem to take any notice whatever of him. He walked slowly along the side of the building and then suddenly he ordered them to hold up their hands. They did not comply and he fired a shot in the air, over their heads and two pair of hands shot up as quick time. Keeping them covered he proceeded to turn in and handcuffed the two together. When he got them thus he called to a man who was on the other side of the street to go and call the wagon, but that worthy refused, giving as his excuse that he didn't want to catch any flying bullets. Another man was willing to comply, but pulled the box wrong when he had managed to open it and it took a third man to get the wagon into the street. The constable was sitting there with his weapon covering the two shackled and frightened prisoners. Constable English was in charge of his wagon and the constable told him that there were some more men in the store who had gone in through the grating. English took the revolver and without a second thought opened the grating, which had been shut after the third man had gone through, and dropped into the darkness. The trapped man was ready to make a dart for his liberty and as soon as English dropped into the hole he made a spring to get out, but was rendered with a cry of "don't shoot" when he snuff the business end of the shooting iron in English's hands. He went quietly up and was handcuffed and the three were carried off to No. 3 where they were searched and their names taken. In the search, the man who was in the cellar was found to have stolen nine bottles of perfume, the cheapest of which was worth \$1. He gave his name as George Parrott, 21 Hunter street west; Harry Watson, 27 Wood market, was the name and address given by one of the other men, and Frank Ford, 294 Ferguson avenue north, was claimed when this took place.

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