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Expert Titus Offers Water to City from Artesian Wells

Guarantees 3,000,000 Gallons a Day—City Need Not Put Up a Cent Until Water Is Delivered—Three Proposals Made.

Mr. Elias W. Titus, of 662 Carroll street, Brooklyn, N. Y., the most famous and successful of American experts on water supplies, yesterday afternoon, in company with Mr. C. J. Fitzgerald, of this city, and Brooklyn, waited on the board of water commissioners, and laid several propositions before them for increasing the water supply of London.

After a short discussion of each plan proposed, the commissioners requested Mr. Titus to put his proposals in writing, and submit them to the city at once. Mr. Titus agreed to this, and he left last night for New York, where he has important business to attend to.

His plan is to use artesian wells, and compressed air for pumping, but nothing was said about where the wells will be located.

Mr. Titus' offers are also accompanied by the provision that until such time as he makes good any one of the propositions which he offers the city, the corporation need not put up a cent. He will supply the money for everything, and when he makes good his statements, then he is to be paid.

"I am here to make money," he frankly told the commissioners, "and I will make it if you say the word. But I am making you fair propositions, and I do not ask a cent until I get the water for you."

The Proposals

The offers made by Mr. Titus were as follows:

If the city would agree to pay him 10 cents per 100 cubic feet, and take 3,000,000 gallons per day, he would turn over the entire plant to the city at the expiration of five years, free of cost, and guarantee the plant to be in good working order and the flow of water to be the same as when the pumps were started.

The second offer was that he would supply any quantity of water the city needs for \$7 per million gallons per day. And at the expiration of five years he

would hand over the plant to the city free and clear.

The third proposition was that the city pay Mr. Titus \$10,000 per million gallons at the surface, the city to do what it liked with the water after he produced it at the surface.

And in conclusion, Mr. Titus said he would be willing to divide the profits with the city if any of the schemes suggested by him was adopted.

The Schemes Considered

The commissioners listened with the greatest interest to what Mr. Titus had to say. He came before the city's representative armed with testimonials from Brooklyn, N. Y., Savannah, Ga., Elizabeth, N. J., New York City, and other places, where he has made propositions to supply water and has carried out his word to the letter.

Mr. Fitzgerald, in introducing him to the commissioners, made the statement that Mr. Titus came to London at his (Mr. Fitzgerald's) request without receiving a dollar for his services, although his usual consulting fee is \$500 per day. Mr. Titus had been in London for several days, and in company with Mr. Fitzgerald had gone over the Springfield and other water districts, and had gone into the matter as thoroughly as his limited time would allow.

"I left over the signing of two 10,000,000-gallon contracts to come here for Mr. Fitzgerald," Mr. Titus said. "I have looked into the matter quite extensively, and I am prepared to carry out anything I have said to you. No money will be needed until I prove to you what I can do. Of course, I would like to go over the ground when the snow is off, as it is difficult to make proper observations at this time."

The commissioners then considered each of the proposals.

Commissioner Saunders did not think

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THE SPANISH MONARCH CLOSING PARLIAMENT

The Issue Between State and Church To Be Submitted to the People.

Madrid, Jan. 25.—King Alfonso today issued a decree suspending the sessions of Parliament, as it had become evident that Senator Maura, the Conservative leader, who formed a cabinet yesterday, with himself as premier, could not command a majority in the chamber.

An early submission of the issue between church and state to the people, through a dissolution of Parliament, and new elections, is the only means of clearing up the situation. The clericals and the reactionaries are jubilant, and the mere fact of the Conservatives being in power will give them a great advantage at the polls.

HUSTLING THINGS AT LIBERAL CLUB

Bowling Tournament Arranged for Next Week, Open to the Entire City.

President Sippl and his capable staff of officers are hustling the affairs of the Liberal Club in a very businesslike and satisfactory way.

It has been arranged that every night two officers or members of the directorate shall be present to look after the interest and comfort of the Liberals who visit the club. The names of those on duty will be written on the blackboard in the hallway.

It has also been decided to abolish the charges on the billiard tables, and young Liberals may now use the tables free.

A bowling tournament, the first game of which will be played on Monday night, has been arranged for.

A handsome prize will be awarded the winner of the series of ten games.

Teams from each of the six wards into which the city has been divided have been entered, and they will bowl from 8 till 9 o'clock on the following nights:

Monday—No. 4 Ward.
Tuesday—No. 2 Ward.
Wednesday—No. 6 Ward (South London).

Thursday—No. 1 Ward.
Friday—No. 5 Ward (East London).
Saturday—No. 3 Ward.

One game will be played each night. Every Wednesday night a whistle match is to be held. A special invitation is issued to all Liberals of London to come to the club next Wednesday night and take part in the play. A handsome prize will be awarded the winner.

All the committees have been named for the year, and the work of the club is going ahead in all quarters.

Membership tickets are selling rapidly.

IS THE DOMINION LOST?

Some Anxiety As To The Safety of a British Warship.

London, Jan. 25.—Some anxiety is felt in naval circles here for the safety of H. M. S. Dominion, which left Bermuda on Wednesday. Dockyard officials who have received reports from Bermuda doubt if she could weather a severe gale.

BUYING THE PROOF LINE

Real Estate Owners Opposed to City Bearing Part of Expense.

The Real Estate Association last night passed the following resolution on the purchasing of the Proof Line road by the county, the township of London, and the city of London:

"That in view of the fact that the city some years ago relinquished the market fees, amounting annually to several thousand dollars, in consideration of the county abolishing the tolls, and as in addition to providing a free market the city has spent a large amount in buildings for the accommodation of the farmers and their wives, therefore this association is of the opinion that the city of London should not be asked to make any further outlay in this matter."

COSTLY VILLAGE FIRE

Three Buildings Destroyed at St. Vincent De Paul at a Loss of \$30,000.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 25.—St. Vincent De Paul, the village adjoining the penitentiary of that name, was this morning the scene of a bad fire which destroyed a store and two dwellings. The total damage amounted to about \$30,000. Of this amount \$5,000 is covered by insurance. The fire started at 4:30, and had made such headway before it was noticed that the families residing in the dwellings which were burned were forced to flee in their nightclothes, and were unable to save anything. Cyril Biegon owned all the buildings.

SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. A. G. BLAIR

Ex-Minister of Railways Succumbs to Heart Disease.

PASSES AWAY WHILE AT HOME

Dramatic Close to Career of Distinguished Lawyer and Former Member of Liberal Ministry.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 25.—Hon. A. G. Blair, former minister of railways of Canada, died suddenly at the residence of his sisters-in-law, the Misses Thompson, here, this evening, of heart failure. He was stricken while resting on a couch chatting with Miss Mary Thompson, and immediately lost consciousness. Three physicians were quickly upon the scene in response to telephone messages, but were too late to render any assistance.

Mr. Blair arrived in the city from Ottawa yesterday to transact some business in connection with the merger of the Central Telephone Company with the New Brunswick Telephone Company, of which he was president. He was about the city as usual yesterday, cheerful and apparently enjoying his customary health. This morning he told the household he had not rested well during the night. He spent the morning at the telephone office, but said he would not return during the afternoon, as he did not feel well. An appointment was made for a meeting at the house at 7 o'clock in the evening to finish the business in hand.

Death Came Quickly.

Mr. Blair spent the afternoon at the home of Senator Thompson, and while reclining on a couch in the sitting room at 5:30 o'clock he was joined by Miss Mary Thompson, who is employed in the education office. He was making inquiries in regard to her work when, without a moment's warning, he collapsed. Miss Thompson spoke to him and replied to his call, but he did not respond. She called for Judge Wilson, who occupies part of the same house. Judge Wilson found him breathing heavily and unconscious. He felt his pulse, but could not detect any movement. Drs. Bridges, McGrath and McNally, after examination of the body, gave it as their opinion that death was due to heart failure. During the afternoon Mr. Blair had a consultation with Judge Barry, the New Brunswick Telephone Company's solicitor, and gave him to understand that he had eaten scarcely any dinner.

News of Mr. Blair's tragic death was wired to the members of the family at Ottawa, and also to his lifelong friend, Senator Thompson, who left Montreal this evening for St. John.

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The late Hon. Andrew George Blair, K. C., was of Scotch descent, and was born in Fredericton, N. B., March 7, 1844.

After being educated at the College

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A DISTINCT LOSS

School Board Passes Resolution on the Death of Principal Kirk.

A special meeting of the board of education was held this morning, at which a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Principal Kirk, of Aberdeen school, was passed. Chairman Fitzgerald and the trustees present spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Kirk as a gentleman and a teacher, and they pointed out that his death was a distinct loss to the teaching profession and the schools of London.

It was unanimously decided to attend the funeral in a body on Monday next. A beautiful floral wreath will be placed on the bier by the board.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Jan. 26—8 a.m.

Fair and decidedly cold today and on Sunday.

Detroit, Jan. 25.—Lower Michigan: Saturday—Fair and colder; snow along the lakes. Sunday—Fair and warmer; fresh northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 8..... 2..... Cloudy

Winnipeg..... 16..... 15..... Fair

Port Arthur..... 14..... 13..... Fair

Perry Sound..... 6..... 6..... Clear

Toronto..... 2..... 2..... Clear

Ottawa..... 2..... 2..... Cloudy

Montreal..... 4..... 4..... Cloudy

Quebec..... 4..... 4..... Cloudy

Father Point..... 4..... 4..... Cloudy

The sign indicates below zero.

Toronto, Jan. 25—8 p.m.

Light snow has fallen today over Ontario and the southern portion of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in the west the weather has been fair, with more moderate conditions in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 15 below—19 below; Athol, 22 below—12 below; Victoria, 32—42; Vancouver, 37—47; Kamloops, 6 below—6; Edmonton, 12 below—12; Calgary, 6 below—22; Swift Current, 15 below—15; Winnipeg, 30 below—15 below; Port Arthur, 12 below—12; Toronto, 4 below—10; Ottawa, 2—13; Quebec, 8 below—10; Montreal, 10 below—4 below; St. John, 12 below—8 below; Halifax, 4 below—16.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 20.5°; lowest, 7° above zero.

HIGH PRESSURE SCHEME MEETS WITH FAVOR OF UNDERWRITERS

FLAMES MENACE MANY IN GREAT MILL FIRE

\$500,000 Damage Done and 500 Employees Imperiled in Dover Fire.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 26.—The lives of from 300 to 500 employees of the Cochecho Manufacturing Company were imperiled by fire today. Many were hurt by jumping from windows, and others sliding down ropes burned their hands badly. Fears are felt that several lives were lost.

At 10 o'clock it was seen that the building would be a total loss. Mill officials were hopeful that no lives had been lost. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

THE LONDON CASE EARLY NEXT WEEK

Large Number of Subpoenas Made Out and Trial May Start on Tuesday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 26.—It was stated here today that there is a probability that the London election case will come for trial here on Tuesday next.

It is understood that a large number of subpoenas have been made out, and that they will arrive in London tonight and will be served Monday.

LAWYER AND EX-COUNCILOR DEAD

Thomas Partridge Was One of London's Earliest Barristers—In Council 21 Years.

The death occurred in Victoria Hospital yesterday of one of London's oldest and most highly respected citizens—Mr. Thomas Partridge.

Mr. Partridge was 76 years of age, and was born in England, coming to this city with his parents when three years of age. He was a lawyer by profession, and commenced the study of law with the late Thomas Scatcherd, and was for some years with the firm of Parkes & Scatcherd. Mr. Partridge afterwards commenced the practice of law, ultimately entering into partnership with Mr. E. T. Essery, the firm being known as Essery & Partridge. The deceased was a member of the city council for 21 years, being re-elected to represent old ward seven along with his father. He was for 53 years a charter member of Forest City Lodge of Oddfellows, and was the only living charter member of the lodge. He was also past grand master of the Province of Ontario.

About ten years ago Mr. Partridge's health failed, and he was compelled to retire. His wife predeceased him by a number of years. One daughter and two sons survive him. They are Edwin, of Chicago; Thomas, of this city; and Emma, at home.

The funeral, which will be private, will be conducted by the Oddfellows, and will take place on Monday morning at 10:30, from D. A. Stewart's undertaking parlors to Woodland Cemetery.

WANT BILL REPEALED

St. Thomas, Jan. 25.—Elgin county council, in session here today, decided to petition the Legislature to repeal the education bill passed last session, fixing the salaries of teachers of the rural schools of the province. The council were almost unanimous in their objection to the bill, declaring it was an injustice to compel the payment of high salaries, irrespective of local conditions.

Several additional charges of theft were laid against John Currie, the Glenora baggage man, this morning. Goods amounting in value to about \$150 were found yesterday at Glenora when the accused, accompanied by Special Agents Hodge and Tisdale, of the Grand Trunk, and County Constable McLoud visited that place.

One of the officers stated this morning that it would be practically impossible to recover the amount of stuff stolen, as the thefts had extended over such a long period.

Detective Hodge also informed The Advertiser today that many of the articles recovered had been claimed by the owners.

KAISER WINS BATTLE OF POLL; GERMAN SOCIALISTS SNOWED UNDER

The Imperial Government Sustained by a Big Majority.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Government has won a definite victory in the general elections held today for a new Reichstag. The Liberal, Radical and Conservative parties, supporting Prince Von Bismarck's colonial policy, have won at least 20 seats.

But more important for the Government than the success of its colonial plans is the crushing defeat of the Socialists, who will lose a total of 17 or 18 seats.

This is the first election since 1887 that the Socialists have not increased their representation in the Reichstag by from 5 to 20 seats. They have lost especially in several large cities, among them Breslau, Halle, Magdeburg, Leipzig and Königsberg.

The clerical center holds nearly every one of its former 100 seats.

There is a possibility, however, that the Socialists and National Liberals are increasing their vote generally throughout the country.

THE LEGISLATURE DOWN TO BUSINESS

Whitney Has Amendments to Education Act.

GOVT. LEGISLATION OUTLINED

The Premier Congratulates the New Opposition Leader—The Reply to Throne Speech

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The second sitting of the new Legislature yesterday, as is usual in the opening days of the session, was a brief one, lasting less than two hours, but it was marked by two interesting features, quite apart from the speeches of the mover and seconder of the formal reply to the speech from the throne, which, to tell the truth, were neither of them an absorbing character in either their matter or their delivery. The province, however, does not expect any high forensic flights on these occasions, and therefore Messrs. Ferguson (Grenville), and Sutherland (South Oxford), may rest satisfied with the manner in which they performed their purely perfunctory duties.

The one interesting feature of the day was the appearance of Hon. Geo. F. Graham in his new capacity of leader of the opposition, the other was Mr. Whitney's brief statement of the Government's intentions with regard to the unpopular aspects of the teachers' minimum salary enactment. The Government's solution is to do away altogether with the basing of salary increases on townships. Instead it will be provided that township council must provide a minimum salary of \$200 in each school section. Toward any excess of salary over \$200 and up to \$500, the Government will pay forty per cent. Thus, if a section pays \$300, which is \$100 more than the minimum, the Government pays to the section \$40 of the \$100.

The Government will in addition make an unconditional grant of \$15 to each school section yearly, and a further proportioned grant for equipment and accommodation. The total grant to rural schools this year will be \$350,000, which is \$250,000 more than was paid by the former administration in its last year of office.

Address in Reply

After the routine business of receiving petitions had been disposed of, Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), rose to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne. By reason of the careful, shrewd and prudent administration of the present Government since taking office, he said in opening, the province had made marked progress and the revenues had increased.

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Education Matters

Passing to the educational features of the province's affairs, Mr. Ferguson referred to the aid given Toronto University, and the efforts made to raise the standard of the public school teachers. The principle of the minimum salary clause of the Government's act had been approved by practically every citizen of the province. In its working out, however, there had been in some cases slight friction, and the Government proposed to bring in amendments which would remove the cause of the friction, while at the same time securing the results aimed at by the bill.

Text Books

The Government had taken up the question of cost of the text books, and as a result of the evidence taken before the text book commission, action would be taken which would reduce the cost one-half. The ultimate outcome of this would be that the average ratepayer would save enough to counterbalance the cost of increased salaries for teachers.

That Mining Policy.

The mining policy of the Government had given general satisfaction. The importance of the election returns at the polls from the Wolf Bureau, the principal news agency in Germany.

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THAW JURORS ARE PRISONERS

Live at Hotel, Newspapers Barred and Their Letters First Read by the Police.

New York, Jan. 26.—Three days of the trial of Harry K. Thaw, have resulted in the selection of seven jurors. One hundred and one talesmen, half of the panel drawn, have been examined. The talesmen are becoming more wary, apparently as the trial proceeds, and the excuse put forth for not serving are varied and ingenious. The chief reason for the general desire not to serve is probably found in the order of Justice Fitzgerald practically locking up the jurors from the time they are drawn until the trial is over. This is an unusual proceeding, and as most of the talesmen are active business men, it involves possible financial loss besides the hardship. About the only physical exercise the jurymen selected enjoy is the little walk twice daily, accompanied by court officers to and from the Broadway Central Hotel at the courthouse. The men are practically prisoners. They dine together and they spend the evening in chatting until they retire.

Every letter that is sent to the jurors is opened and read by Police Captain William J. Lynch. This is not done with the mail of prisoners in the Tombs. No newspapers that have in them any reference to the trial or tragedy are permitted to be read by them. Captain Lynch cuts out those parts of the newspapers that refer to the case, and the jurors have to be content with his censorship. Even their books and magazines are subjected to the same sort of scrutiny.

The men are comfortably housed at the hotel, seven-roomed with baths and a private dining room, having been engaged for them.

The plans of the defense are still believed to be those which have been general prophesied—emotional insanity and an appeal to the so-called higher law.

CANDIDATE WILL RECEIVE UNITED PARTY SUPPORT IN WEST RIDING

Liberals to Convene at Mount Brydges on Thursday Next to Name Standard Bearer.

Liberals throughout the riding of West Middlesex are looking forward with interest to the convention to be held at Mount Brydges on Thursday next, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m., to nominate a candidate for the approaching bye-election for the Provincial House. It is already assured that every municipality will have a full representation. On Monday at 8 o'clock, meetings will be held in the towns of the various townships to name delegates, and in

FIGHT IS STILL BEING CONTINUED

Extradition of Isadore Levy Before High Court—Writ of Habeas Corpus Granted.

That Isadore Levy, the young Hebrew born in New Jersey to complete a term for theft, will not be extradited for some time at least, was settled this morning, when Mr. Justice Mabee, at the weekly sitting of the high court held for London, granted the motion of Mr. W. R. Meredith, counsel for Levy, for a writ of habeas corpus. The granting of the motion means that the case will be argued again before a high court judge, either in this city or in Toronto. The date for the argument will be set later. Until this argument takes place and judgment is given Levy will stay in jail here.

Three other motions were also disposed of. They were:

London and Western Trusts Company vs. Shaw-Wood—Motion to vary terms of judgment. Order granted, extending time for sale of securities to Jan. 1, 1908. W. R. Meredith, for motion; John O. Dromgole, George S. Gibbons and T. G. Meredith, for defense. H. Cronyn for official guardian.

Brown vs. Reid—A motion for order appointing judgment. Order granted for payment of \$360 into court. J. O. Dromgole and R. M. C. Toth, for motion; H. Cronyn, for official guardian.

Devine vs. Devine and the Woodmen of the World—Motion for judgment. Motion granted. H. B. Elliott, for motion; W. C. Fitzgerald, for defense; H. Cronyn, for official guardian.

ALMOST CUT OFF LEGS

Little Lad Instantly Killed by Train Standing at Rodney Station.

Rodney, Jan. 25.—A very sad accident occurred about 12:30 p.m. today, when a son of George H. Katzennehr, of Rodney, while crawling underneath an M. C. R. train standing at the station, was run over, the wheels almost cutting off both his legs. He died almost instantly.

STANDARDS

Standards of the various municipalities will be set later.

The evening at 7:30 o'clock meetings will be held in the halls in the various towns and villages for the same purpose.

A leading Liberal of the west riding stated today that whoever receives the nomination will have the united support of the party. The names likely to go before the convention are Alex. Stuart, K. C., of this city; J. C. Elliott, of Glenora; Duncan Ross, of Strathroy; Malcolm McGowan, of Carleton Place; and A. P. McDougall, of Ekfrid.

Mr. W. S. Calvert, M.P., for West Middlesex, will address the convention. For the convenience of the delegates arrangements have been made to have the evening Grand Trunk express stop at Newbury, Longwood, Mt. Brydges and Appleton.