

HUMAN BODY FOUND IN DRUCE'S COFFIN.

Story of Buried Lead Was a Myth.

Duke of Portland Will Win His Case.

Servant Girls Duped by the Claimants.

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in Highgate cemetery, was exhumed this morning just forty-three years to a day after his burial.

The official statement given out by representatives of the Home Office and others who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectively to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce.

The authorized statement follows: The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce.

The scene at Highgate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere, every bush and every tree apparently hid an officer of the law.

The operations began at daylight with the removal of the top of the coffin, which was found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man.

The top was quickly unscrewed and the inner casing of lead cut open. There was no dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the Home Office to carry out the exhumation.

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings which have cost, all told, a considerable fortune.

So far as the general public is concerned the entire long drawn out Druce-Duke of Portland controversy is at an end and the case of the claimant, George Hollamby Druce, has fallen to the ground.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

DUNDAS CRIMINAL CASES BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE.

William Degan Gets Six Months For Stealing Coats—Poisoning Case Also Heard.

Judge Monck held criminal court this morning in chambers. The cases taken were from Dundas. Will DeGan was charged with theft of two fur-lined overcoats, the property of Mr. and Mrs. John Maule, of the Central Hotel.

The other case was that of Duncan McIntosh charged with intent to poison a young lad named Roy Wyatt, on the 19th of December.

Shot Brother

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—Edward Prados was shot and killed yesterday by his brother Milton over a pan of chops which the mother of the young men was frying for Milton.

CHILD SAVED THEM.

Narrow Escape of Family From Asphyxiation.

Mr. John Pitt, of the Victoria Park Hotel, and his wife and child had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated yesterday morning by gas from their furnace.

CHILD'S BODY

Found by Railway Hands Near Rymal Station.

On Saturday afternoon some section men on the G. T. R. near Rymal Station found the dead body of a girl, two or three days old.

CAUGHT IN BELT.

One Leg and Arm Almost Torn From Man's Body.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 30.—(Special)—John Macleod, engineer, Canada glue works here, is dead, the result of being caught in a belting on Saturday night.

POOR GOOSEBERRY.

That Plant and Currant, Banned From United Kingdom.

The British Post Office Department has advised the Canadian Post Office that the importation into the United Kingdom of gooseberry bushes or seedlings, stocks, cuttings or any part of gooseberry or currant bushes, except the fruit, has been prohibited.

The Best Virginia Plug.

The British Consul tobacco is made of the highest grade of bright Virginia leaf and smokes cool and sweet.

ALL FAVOR WARD SYSTEM AT MAYOR'S NOMINATION.

Mayor Stewart Nominated by W. H. Wardrope, K. C., and Mr. T. H. Pratt and Elected by Acclamation.

All the Speakers Declared the Ward System of Aldermanic Election the Best—Spoke on Power By-law.

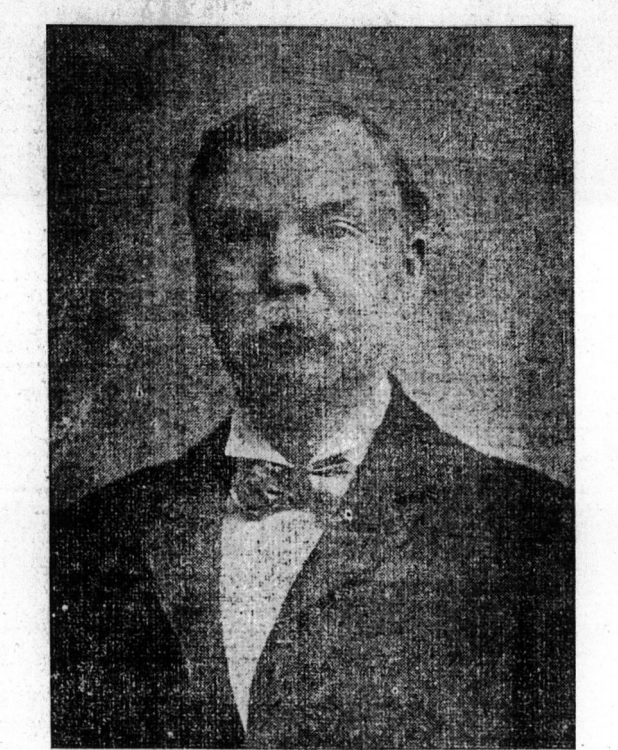
Thomas Joseph Stewart will occupy the position of Chief Magistrate of Hamilton for another year. He was re-elected by acclamation this morning.

Denounced Party Politics. Mr. Wardrope was given as fine a reception as the Mayor himself when he concluded a speech, in which he made a strong plea for the banishment of party politics from municipal government.

Favors Ward System. Mr. Wardrope said that he believed the ward system was a good thing for the reason that when so many men were offering themselves under the at-large system it was impossible for the electors to know them and to vote intelligently.

What Hamilton wanted was capable, honest men to govern its affairs, and for that reason he would not be sponsor to any Grit or Tory slate.

Mr. Wardrope referred to the Mayor's fifteen years' experience in municipal life in Bruce and his seven years in the local Council.



THOMAS J. STEWART, Re-elected Mayor of Hamilton for 1908, by acclamation.

done, I believe he has been honest in his efforts to serve the people of Hamilton. I believe that he has been capable, and an officer right than wrong.

Regarding the Mayor's stand on the free baths by-law, Mr. Wardrope commended his worship for the position he took, although it might be an unpopular one.

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FIFTY-FIVE MEN NOMINATED TO-DAY.

How They Are Divided Politically.

A Number Will Not Face the Barrier.

Veteran of the Council One of These.

Fifty-five aldermanic candidates were nominated at noon to-day, from the time when City Clerk Kent announced himself ready to receive the names of those who aspire to govern civic affairs in Hamilton during the year 1908 until the time for making nominations expired at 1 o'clock.

Ald. William Anderson, a Labor man, who was endorsed by the Tory slate-makers last year and has a place on the slate again this year, was the first man to be nominated to-day.

Every member of the old Council was nominated, and many old faces that decorated the Council board in past years are in the list.

Who They Are. Ald. William Anderson, machinist, nominated by T. M. Williams and T. H. Pratt.

Business Man Takes His Own Life With Illuminating Gas. Buffalo, Dec. 26.—George Werner, aged 67 years, of the George Werner & Sons Carriage Depository, 1133 Main street, was found dead in his office early today, having committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas.

Stole Cash, Horse and Rig and Escaped. Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A despatch to the Herald from Truxton says: Crackmen blew up the safe of Miller & Son's Bank early to-day and secured \$3,000 in cash.

TO STAY. Washington, Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks, of Nevada, to-day wired President Roosevelt that he is now preparing a proclamation calling the Legislature of Nevada into extra session.

BY-LECTIONS. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The writs for South Huron and Stanstead have been issued. The nominations will take place on the 15th and the elections on the 22nd.

Fine New Year's Dinner, Waldorf Hotel. The public are invited to remember the fine New Year's dinner the Waldorf Hotel will put on from 12.30 to 3 p. m. An elaborate and special menu has been arranged.

AT THE ALEXANDRA. By the attendance last week it could be easily seen that roller skating is again the popular form of exercise.

It looks to me now as if the power by-law will lose its deposit. Everybody seems to be down upon it.

I thought Ald. Farrar would lose the few friends he had when he started. The Tory party can't stand any independence—you've got to bow the knee or get out.

It is not the duty of the Mayor to take such a decided stand on the power question when more than half the citizens are opposed to the scheme.

To-morrow is Scotchman's night—Hogmanay.

It is painful. To have chiblainis, but it is easy to cure them when you apply Parke's chiblain cure.

NEW YEAR'S MAILS. Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day, the Hamilton post office will be open for delivery of mail matter from 6 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 6 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Word was received in this city yesterday of the death, by accident, of the oldest son of J. H. Babcock, 41 York street, deceased had been employed in a smelter on the other side for some time, but lived here most of his life.

BRAIN 40 OUNCES.

Sunfield's Was Lighter Than Predecessors on Scaffold.

The doctors who made the post-mortem examination on the body of Jake Tamillo-Sunfield, found that his brain weighed only 40 ounces, which was very much below the normal.

PERSONAL.

Miss Florence Kinrade has returned from Syracuse.

The Misses Morton will receive at their new home, Fairleigh Crescent, on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Dr. M. H. Gillies, of Teeswater, announces the engagement of his sister, Thirza Isabel, to Mr. Arthur H. Jarvis, of Hamilton.

Dine at Hotel Royal.

The Hotel Royal, which is noted for its excellent menu at all times, announces special features for the dinner on New Year's Day.

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The Man In Overalls

The first thing to do is to break the Tory slate. Only one more day to the New Year. How are you off for 1908 calendars?

Many a decent Tory in this town regrets the action of the "Executive" in insisting on introducing politics into the City Council.

I see that ex-Ald. Sullivan's horse is trying to break into public life again.

This being leap year, the ladies should look before they leap.

But isn't the Citizens' League a good enough Morality Department?

If Sam Howard gets elected to the Council an effort will likely be made to have overtime paid for committee meetings.

To have chiblainis, but it is easy to cure them when you apply Parke's chiblain cure. A few applications will relieve and cure. We will guarantee this remedy to effect a cure.

WOMAN DIED WHO SWALLOWED OVER A HUNDRED NEEDLES.

Took This Plan of Committing Suicide---Twenty-Five Operations.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mollie Desmond, who attempted to commit suicide eighteen months ago by swallowing a package of 144 needles, died in the Fordham Hospital to-day after physicians had made twenty-five surgical operations upon her and had removed all but a dozen of the needles.