

PREDICT 23 MILL RATE.

Ex-Mayor Stewart Bets a Silk Hat On It, And Ald. Allan Hopes to Win the Topper.

Would Like to See the City Purchase Oaklands.

Ex-Mayor Stewart, who was a visitor at the City Hall this morning, indulged in some pessimistic prophecies about the increase of the tax rate within the next two years if the City Council, Board of Education and Parks Board maintain the clip they have been travelling this last year.

"If the ratepayers in January vote the money the city is asking for and purchase the park at the Beach I will bet a silk hat that the tax rate goes up to 23 mills within two years," remarked the member for West Hamilton.

"I will take you up on that," said Chairman Allan, and they shook hands on it.

The discussion began over the revision of water rates. Mr. Stewart thinks this is a hobby of the aldermen, who are always looking for votes at this time of the year. He admits that the system of charging for water is wrong, but does not think this is the proper time to interfere with it in view of the financial difficulties the city may face by other expenditures.

The member from West Hamilton is very strongly opposed to the city purchasing the Beach park property. Chairman Bruce, of the Parks Board, he says, has assured him that the board cannot finance it on its own mill. This would leave the city liable. He is very enthusiastic about the purchase of Oaklands.

"If you can get Oaklands I will guarantee that the Council will buy it," said Ald. Allan.

Mr. Stewart argues that the city will be able to get it some day, and he counsels delay. "I would sooner give my cheque for \$500 towards the purchase of Oaklands than see the city buy the Beach property," he said.

"If the Council lets the people decide about the Beach park not 20 per cent. of them will vote for it," he predicted.

"If the Council, the Parks Board and Board of Education keep up the trot they have been travelling Hamilton will not see a 21-mill rate for the next ten years," was the gloomy prophecy of Hamilton's parliamentary representative, as he strode away.

MONTROSE WRIGHT BELIEVES STORY.

The three decided she should die. Lots were drawn and Senon did the deed. The Hamilton police stamped the story a fake at once. Horton proved it the following day when he confessed that he was never in Hamilton, that the Mexicans were dreams of his imagination.

GLORY WHALEN CASE. It will be remembered that a similar "confession" was made in Liverpool some years ago by a man who claimed to be the murderer of Glory Whalen, near Collingwood. It was subsequently discovered that the fellow had never been near Collingwood and was taking this rather strange method of trying to get transportation to this country. The police think Bedford may be doing the same thing.

SAM GOMPERS.

Twenty-Five Thousand Men to Welcome Him at Washington. Washington, Oct. 12.—American labor will honor in the capitol of the United States to-night the returning President of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers. Preparations have been made by the Union labor organizations of the city to give their chief a monster parade, in which it is expected more than 25,000 men from Washington and other cities will appear, and which will be reviewed by Mr. Gompers, to be followed by a mass meeting in convention hall.

Dr. Soper at Hotel Royal.

Dr. Soper, specialist in nervous, skin and blood diseases, and special ailments of men, may be consulted daily, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. until the evening of Saturday, Oct. 16th, at parlors L and C, Hotel Royal, Hamilton.

ZIMMERMAN RELEASED.

A. F. Zimmerman, who was charged with bigamy, intends to fight extradition. He claims, however, that he is not married and that the scheme was arranged in Brooklyn to get him arrested. Last night Geo. C. Kerr, K. C., who is acting for him, demanded that he be released, and he was allowed to go. If any further action is taken by the local police it will have to be done in a regular way.

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Chicago, Oct. 12.—The Chicago Board of Trade, in common with public offices and schools, was closed to-day. The day was declared a legal holiday by the last Legislature, to be known as Columbus Day.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

The gold lockets for the Hamilton Summer School for Oratory contest may be seen in the Oak Hall window.

At Buffalo yesterday the city clerk issued a license for the marriage of Louis Stevens, aged 26, Buffalo, and Jessie Ferguson, Hamilton.

The annual meeting of the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home will be held on Wednesday, October 13th, at 3.30. It is to be hoped a large number of the friends will attend.

Rev. E. B. Laneley, of First Methodist Church, preached anniversary sermons in Welland Avenue Methodist Church, St. Catharines, on Sunday, and speaking at the annual entertainment last evening.

LITTLE BABE IN OLD COURT.

male adornments such as a comb, veil, etc. Defendant took the stand with her baby in her arms, and the little mite seemed to be conscious that something was wrong, for it kept snuggling closer to the mother, and now and then its little arms would be heard in the dingy court room.

His Worship said he was confident she had stolen the goods in question.

Mr. George Kerr, her counsel, pleaded hard for leniency, but the Magistrate considered that it was an injustice to the community to let petty cases of their kind pass, as they were getting too prevalent. Still, Mr. Kerr pleaded for the sake of the baby, but the sentence of one month was not rescinded.

There was not a dry eye in the court room. The tears literally poured down the mother's face, and tightly to her breast she drew her baby.

Mrs. McCarthy, when asked by the Magistrate if she were married, said she was, but her husband had left her before her baby was born.

When sentence was imposed the complainant left the room. She had broken down. She is herself a mother.

A sadder sight never has been seen than the mother and baby going over the bridge. That baby had aroused sympathy. Its very helplessness had made big strong policemen and rough-looking back benchers look on the scene through very watery eyes, and loud sniffs were heard some time after the mother with her little bundle of sweet innocents had started off on their month's enforced detention.

George Jennings for the next six months will live on Barton street east. He will contract no bad habits during that time, and will live a strictly methodical life. The police said the same George is a confirmed vag. He was up on that charge.

"Everyone says you're a confirmed bum," said the chief.

He was gathered in last night on the market by P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett. This morning his Worship looked up the telltale police record. "Why, you were here on August 27th?"

"I let you go on condition you would go to work."

"Yes, sir, I have been working since."

"The hotel men complain about you," said the chief.

"Why don't they put me out when I go in their places then?"

The chief couldn't answer.

MAY STARVE.

Three-Year-Old Child Being Fed Through a Silver Tube.

KEY WEST HURRICANE.

\$2,000,000 Damage Done to the City and Harbor.

Whole Blocks of Frame Buildings Blown Down and Other Loss.

Twelve Persons Lose Their Lives at Havana—Danger Past.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 12.—With the city in the hands of the military authorities, who were called on by the Mayor for assistance, efforts are being concentrated to-day on ascertaining the damage wrought by the hurricane which swept the Gulf yesterday. It is estimated the damage to property in the city and harbor will reach \$2,000,000. No loss of life has been reported in the city, but it is thought the death toll will be heavy along the eastern coast of the peninsula.

Many of the vessels which had been swept from their moorings during the blow yesterday afternoon managed to ride out the storm during the night and limped back to their piers this morning, but between sixty and seventy boats of all descriptions were wrecked. It is feared a number of lives were lost on these vessels.

In the city whole blocks of frame structures were razed, brick houses also fell before the gale, while the great tobacco factories and warehouses suffered considerable damage. It will probably be several weeks before they will be able to resume their normal life.

The city jail is filled to overflowing with vandals captured by the militia, and police, during the night. Thieves began operations as soon as the fury of the storm had abated, the wrecking of the electric light plant having plunged the city into darkness. The Mayor immediately took stringent measures to cope with the situation, and proclaimed martial law. The Key West Guards were called out and patrolled the streets during the night. The United States Government has been called on for assistance in the storm-swept territory.

Hundreds are homeless to-day, and are being cared for in churches, schools and other roomy structures which escaped the fury of the storm. The rations are being distributed by the city authorities and it is expected help will arrive during the day from the State.

TWELVE LIVES LOST. Havana, Oct. 12.—Communication between this city and interior points, which was interrupted when yesterday's storm tore down the telegraph and telephone wires, had not been renewed to-day. Reports from nearby places indicate that the property loss, especially to the westward, has been heavy, but that there were few fatalities. Four bodies have been discovered amid the ruins of fallen homes here, and it is now believed that twelve lives were lost in this city.

At least half of the lighters that were in the harbor when the storm broke were sunk or stranded and the work of loading and discharging cargoes has been interfered with in a way to seriously affect the shipping interests.

DANGER PAST. Washington, Oct. 12.—All danger of points on the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coast from the West Indian hurricane, which wrecked Key West yesterday and swept northwesterly over Florida, has passed, according to the weather bureau to-day. The tropical storm, after passing over Key West, crossed the Florida peninsula and went out to sea at Miami. The disturbance is now continuing with unabated force northwesterly along the Gulf stream, and is heading toward the Bermudas.

St. Catharines, Oct. 12.—Straggling reports to the weather bureau this morning indicate that yesterday's hurricane was closely following the Gulf stream, up the Atlantic coast.

DIRECTION OF STORM. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 12.—Reports received by the weather bureau here which swept over the southeast coast of Florida yesterday and last night veered directly east from the Jupiter Islands and spent its force in the neighborhood of the Bahamas Islands.

NOT WORRIED.

Mrs. Mabel Turner Sent Up For Trial at Higher Court.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Oct. 12.—Mrs. Mabel Turner appeared in the police court this morning for investigation into the charge against her of murdering the Authers infant. The evidence taken was practically the same as at the coroner's inquest. The Magistrate said that in view of the verdict of the coroner's jury he could not do anything but commit the prisoner for trial by high court jury. She took the committal easily and returned to jail to await trial.

OBITUARY.

Funeral of Thomas H. Smith—Other Interments.

The remains of Thomas H. Smith were laid to rest this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Barton Presbyterian Church cemetery. The funeral took place from his late residence at Crown Point. The services were conducted by Rev. T. H. Todd.

The funeral of May Irene, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mara took place from her parents' residence 430 John street north, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Holy Sepulchre cemetery. The floral offerings included a basket from father and mother; crosses from Miss Mary Sullivan, grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Hildreth; sprays from Uncle John and Mr. and Mrs. Paser.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robson, of Brantford, was held from the residence of her brother-in-law, M. P. Shine, 18 Charlton avenue west. The remains were taken to St. Joseph's Church where mass was chanted by the Rev. Father Leyer, thence to the Grand Trunk station to be sent on the 1.40 train to her former residence. The pallbearers were four brothers.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

MARRIAGES.

HAY-BURKHOLDER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Barton Township, on October 11, 1909, by the Rev. T. H. Abbott, Ph.D., of Bartonville, John D. Hay, of Chicago, to Phoebe, daughter of Amos Burkholder.

MAFFEY-BURKHOLDER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Barton Township, on October 11, 1909, by the Rev. T. H. Abbott, Ph.D., of Bartonville, Francis Maffey, of Glasgow, to Ellen, daughter of Amos Burkholder.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Strong winds and gales from southwest and west, colder with local showers of rain or snow.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair weather except showers in extreme north portion to-night or Wednesday; cooler to-night, moderate to brisk southwest winds.

Western New York—Partly cloudy with showers to-night or Wednesday, colder to-night.

Lower Lakes—Brisk to high south-west winds, showers to-night and possible Wednesday.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Forecasts for to-night and Thursday: Strong winds from the southwest, with showers of rain or sleet.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: m., 46 11 a. m., 39; 1 p. m., 39; lowest in 24 hours, 39; highest in 24 hours, 60.

SNOW STORM.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Downtown Chicago was visited by a slight snow storm to-day. Evidence of heavier snows in the north and northwest were borne on the roofs and sides of railway trains entering the city. Temperature close to freezing point added to the discomfort of travel on the streets.

28 ABOVE.

Kansas City, Oct. 12.—A temperature of 28 degrees above zero prevailed to-day over all of Kansas, the western half of Missouri, northern Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. A killing frost was experienced last night in the south-west.

WINTER WEATHER.

Detroit, Oct. 12.—Lower Michigan received its first installment of real winter to-day. With the temperature hovering between 20 and 40 degrees, snow fell intermittently over almost all of the lower part of the State. A 30-mile an hour wind prevailed, and made the snow flurries resemble winter blizzards in many places.

CUT LICENSES.

Wants Charges of Graft Against Aldermen Investigated.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Oct. 12.—at the City Council meeting last evening Ald. Wismer gave notice that he will introduce at the next meeting of a license reduction by-law, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the people at the referendum last January. Ald. McBride succeeded in having a motion passed to ask the county judge to investigate certain graft allegations made against the majority of the Council by Miles S. Plumley, a resident of Queenston street, in a letter over his signature, published in a recent issue of a local paper.

YORK LOAN.

Will Mail Cheques to Shareholders Starting November 1.

Toronto, Oct. 11.—The officials of the National Trust Company, who have been working hard to get out the first dividend to the 114,000 shareholders of the defunct York Loan Company this fall, have a better idea of where they stand now, and it was stated officially this morning that the first payment will be made between the 1st and 15th of November.

The total amount of the first dividend will be nearly \$625,000, which is slightly more than was at first expected. The dividend, which will be 25 per cent., will be paid to people all over the world, even as far as Norway and Japan.

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TWO OCTOBER WEDDINGS.

Marriage of David A. Tope and Miss Bain—Thorson-Brown.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock at the residence of Andrew G. Bain, 91 King street east, when his only daughter, Ethel May, was united in holy matrimony to Mr. David A. Tope, the popular former full back of the champion Tigers. A large number of guests were present, including many friends from outside the city. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Knox Church, and the ceremony took place beneath a large floral bell.

The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her away to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Lomas' orchestra. She was beautifully attired in embroidered crepe over white taffeta, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Della Yeager, of Simcoe, who looked very beautiful in her gown of pink silk and a large picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. The flower girl was Miss Aileen Tope, who carried a large basket of pink flowers. George C. Robertson was groomsmen. After the signing of the registrar the wedding reception was held.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful pearl heart. To the bridesmaid he presented a large pearl pendant, to the flower girl a baroque of pearls, and a silver mounted pipe to the groomsmen.

The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful gifts, among which were a cabinet of silver from the Tiger Football Club, a magnificent cabinet grand Gerhard Heintzman piano from the parents of the bride, and a house and lot from the parents of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Tope will leave on the 6.20 T. H. & B. train to-night for New York, and on their return will reside at their new home, 187 Robinson street. The bride's travelling costume was a plum colored suit with hat to match.

THORSON-BROWN. A quiet but very attractive wedding was solemnized this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the bride's home, 16 Stinson street, when the youngest daughter of the late Charles F. Brown, Merle Frances, was united in marriage to James Alfred Thorson. Rev. Mr. Russell performed the ceremony, and the contracting parties were unattended, only a few of the relatives and friends being present. The bride was given in a sphinx gray suit with large picture hat to match, and carried a bouquet of beautiful pink roses. After the wedding reception the happy young couple left for a trip to western points, and on their return will reside at 10 Wright avenue.

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