

LIGHTNING KILLED A HAMILTON BOY.

James Merrigold Lost His Life Under a Big Tree at Woodstock Yesterday.

Yesterday's storm at Woodstock proved fatal to James Merrigold, a Hamilton youth, 14 years of age, who has been attending the Baptist College at that city for the past three years, and was in his final year before entering McMaster University.

studies, but also took an active interest in sport as well. During the college course James had been back and forth a good deal, and his most recent visit to the city was at Easter, when he was home for his holidays.



Mrs. James H. Boyle, the woman alleged to have assisted in Billy Whittle's kidnapping, attacked by a mob of a thousand women in Pittsburg yesterday.

ANOTHER DENIAL OF CAILLE STORY.

When a Fake Yarn Is Launched It Is Hard to Get It Stopped.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., May 7.—The general theory that the last has been heard of the Kinrade case is by no means a correct one. Early this morning Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Clarke, who watched the case so carefully, were at the Parliament buildings and in consultation with the Deputy Attorney-General.

"Marion Elliott," was in Toronto last month, and had been in daily communication with the Kinrade family. "No truth in it whatever," said the Minister. "I never heard of such a story."

An emphatic denial by Hon. J. J. Foy, the Attorney-General, and Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright is given to the effect that the department is investigating a report that the mysterious

Mr. Cartwright corroborated the Attorney-General's statement. The whole report, in so far as the Crown's connection with it went, was manufactured out of whole cloth. The information in the hands of the authorities is directly contrary to the story published.

NO BLOOMERS OR NO MIXED CROWD.

If Collegiate Girls Play In Bifurcated Skirts Women Only Will See Them.

Whether it is just the proper caper for pretty girls in bloomer costumes to engage in a strenuous basketball game on a gymnasium floor before a mixed assembly was the ticklish question on which the Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education had to pass judgment last night.

There was another objection—the St. Catharines girls could not leave here until 2.30 in the morning. Of course, there would be a return match, and the Hamilton girls would not get home until early in the morning.

The Building Committee of the Board of Education decided last night to ask the Finance Committee to consider the matter of issuing debentures for the \$3,000 required to purchase the property in rear of the Stinson Street School, and also to purchase other property for school sites, which the board may decide it is necessary to secure this year.

The Technical School Committee last night awarded contracts for the iron and wood working machinery for the new Technical School. The bulk contract is worth about \$3,100. The London Machine Tool Company gets \$2,400 of this, and A. R. Williams, of Toronto, the balance.

FORCED OUT OF VILLAGE.

Another Chapter in Troubles of Stoney Creek Family.

Edward Palmer, Stoney Creek, who was in the Police Court last Wednesday charging a young lad by the name of John Culp with throwing stones at his home, was there again last night, but on a very different mission—that of asking for a night's lodging for himself and family.

This morning Magistrate Jeffs and Chief Smith held a consultation on the case, and an hour or so later the Palmers returned to Stoney Creek. They were advised to go to Reeve Millen, and tell him that they must have police protection. The Magistrate intends to see that law and order is enforced there, and if necessary will send a couple of special policemen down.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gower wish to thank their many friends for their kind remembrance in their recent sad bereavement.

Hole in Her Bow

St. John's, Newfoundland, May 7.—The steamer Lake Champlain, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, put in here to-day, leaking from a hole stove in her bow by heavy ice off Cape Race yesterday. There are about a thousand passengers on board. The vessel made water so rapidly that it was considered unsafe to proceed for her destination, and it was decided to dock her for temporary repairs. The Lake Champlain left Liverpool on April 28, for Montreal, in command of Capt. Webster.

FATAL FALL FROM CAR.

The Most Photographed Boy in America Meets Death.

Chicago, May 7.—Four-year-old Paul Maurice Montfort, who was killed yesterday by falling through a window of a south side elevated train to the sidewalk, was known among his friends as "the most photographed boy in America."

His father, A. W. Montfort, is a photographer who does a large amount of commercial work, and whenever a firm wished a baby's picture to advertise its goods Mr. Montfort used his little son as a model.

Some of the firms using the boy's picture are national advertisers, and thus the street scene of the city had looked from street cars, newspapers, magazines and bill boards upon residents of hundreds of cities and towns. In one of his most widely known poses, the boy is smiling as a brand of talcum powder is being shaken over him.

Yesterday he climbed upon the seat of an elevated car, and, placing his hands trustfully against what he imagined to be the window pane, plunged to the street sidewalk, falling five feet below, and died two hours later. His skull was crushed in like an eggshell.

The boy had just boarded the train, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Achilles W. Montfort. The frenzied and screaming mob was carried to the next station by the train. When told that her boy was dead, she was with difficulty prevented from doing herself bodily injury.

When heaven's artillery takes part in the war of the elements, as it did last evening, it makes us mortals feel our littleness and helplessness.

Of course, the boys can't play ball on the street. They can't even play marbles, except by stealth.

I didn't think the Police Commissioners would meet in the dark, when there was such a racket in it, was suggested that the coroner should hold the inquest with closed doors. Let there be light.

The Greater Hamilton movement is catching on. Have you joined the association yet?

Will somebody just tell us in so many words what the controllers will be expected to do when they are elected? Will they boss the aldermen or what?

As one way to boom the city, how would it do to invite the Business Men's Clubs of other large cities to visit Hamilton, say, on a certain date, when they could be shown the advantages of Hamilton as a centre for all sorts of industrial concerns? Then why not canvass the old country for the establishment of branch factories here? I would as soon see British factories and British gold in Hamilton as any other kind. These hints are given Mr. Hoodless without charge, and Mr. Murton will know if they are any good.

How many new railways was it that we were to have in Hamilton by this time? I don't see any of them yet.

I heard of a young girl, lady I should say, who gets up quite often and gets mother's breakfast for her, then goes off to work. She would be a snap for some young fellow.

Look pleasant, please. This is a pretty mix-up between the blooming principal of the Collegiate and the girls on the question of bloomers and mixed gatherings.

Green peas, strawberries, butter beans, new potatoes, Malaga grapes, asparagus, spy apples, Bermuda onions, tomatoes, mushrooms, grape-fruit, celery, squashes. Customers are delighted with the splendid value we are offering in pineapples. Buy now, while they are good and prices low.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

THE STORM.

Not Much Damage Done by the Lightning Here.

Though the electrical storm was very severe last night and lasted several hours, very little damage was done. The electric lights were out for a couple of times, but only for a few minutes on each occasion. The street cars were tied up for a short time also. The lightning was exceptionally brilliant. A barn south of Webb's farm, near Rymal, was struck and the fire that resulted completely gutted the place.

BLAMED WIFE

Because She Remonstrated When He Went Home Full.

Walter Hill, 443 Ferguson avenue north, appeared before Magistrate Jeffs at the Police Court this morning to answer to a charge of assaulting his wife, Ada Hill. Mrs. Hill said that on Wednesday, May 6th, her husband went home at night intoxicated. He began the trouble, she said, by demanding her to get up some wood for the stove, which was well supplied, and did not need any more. She refused, and her husband shoved her into a corner and struck her, she said. Mrs. Hill complained that her husband was jealous of her and called her everything that was bad, without any cause. She said that it was a frequent occurrence for her husband to go home drunk, and she was becoming afraid of him. The defendant swore that he did not strike her, and though he admitted doing wrong in drinking, he said that it was his wife's temper which caused all the trouble. "When I come home with a little humor in me she will not let me alone," he said.

Levan Lee, acting for the plaintiff, had doubts of the defendant's sanity, and thought it would be a good idea to have him examined by a physician. "Men have treated their wives worse than that and not been insane," said the Magistrate, as he bound Hill over to the house of correction, and told him to secure bonds for \$50.

Arthur Messenger had a fuddled vision of what occurred last night, and could not remember if he was drunk or not. The Magistrate had no doubt whatever, judging from the expeditionary way in which he fined him \$2. William E. Hill, no address, was fined \$2 for a similar offence.

FOR THE DOG SHOW.

To get your dog in prime condition feed him Spratt's dog biscuits. We have all the different kinds of biscuits. Our stock of dog remedies comprises Spratt's, Glover's and our own. Come in and get booklet on care of the dog. Parke & Parke, druggists.

DEAD BODY LYING ACROSS LIVE WIRE

And No One Dare Go Near It—Shocking Death on Power Line.

Robert Richards came to his death in a tragic way this morning. Mr. Richards was a laborer, 58 years of age, who resided three miles due south of Beamsville, on the mountain. The high voltage line of the Toronto & Niagara Power Company passes near the Richards home. Early this morning, probably before 6 o'clock, Mr. Richards noticed that there was trouble on the power line. Great flashes of electric green flame were shooting out at intervals, and the air seemed full of electricity.

Mr. Richards went over to investigate—and never returned. His people were not able to get near him to render assistance. Neighbors were called. They threw up fortifications to save the rest of it. You should go up and see it. One of the seven wonders of the world.

Please, Mr. Policeman, is there a right and a wrong side of the road for the man with the bicycle?

"Don't shoot!" is Judge Teetzel's advice to the policeman, and it is a warning that should be heeded.

For once the Toronto World has told the truth about Hamilton. Its usual practice is to hit the Ambitious City on the head with a stuffed club or shove its snickernee in amongst its ribs when it thinks it can get away with it.

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NEW TORY PAPER.

London to Have One With Joe Downey as Editor.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

London, Ont., May 7.—It is stated here to-day, on excellent authority, that London is shortly to have a new Conservative evening paper. Those mentioned in connection with this project are Hon. Adam Beck, Dr. F. P. Drake, A. B. Greer, and George McCormick, with J. P. Downey, of Guelph, as editor-in-chief. The attitude of the present Conservative party in antagonizing the Conservative interests is to be responsible for the move.

BURNED BLANKET.

Two Italians' Narrow Escape From Lightning at Thorold.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Ont., May 7.—A house on Maitland street, Thorold, owned by Thomas Small and occupied by a number of Italian laborers, was struck by lightning during the severe electric storm which passed over this district last night. Two chimneys were destroyed and the shingles torn off. Two Italians were sleeping in the house at the time, but neither was injured, although a portion of the blanket on the bed in which they were sleeping was burned.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Ten cent plugs of King's Navy for 7c; Bobs', 8c; Lily 9c; Starlight, 8c; British Navy, 7c; Empire, 8c; Sunny South Smoking, 3 plugs for 25c, at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

Dr. Fairfield warned the people around that it would be suicidal to go within fifty feet of the dead man. He then notified Dr. Alexander, Coroner, Grimsby, and asked that steps be taken to have the power turned off so that the body could be recovered.

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CORY KILVERT.

Clever Hamilton Young Man Marries Weehauken Lady.

The announcement was received here to-day of the marriage of B. Cory Kilvert, formerly of this city, but now of New York, to Miss Elsie Barnard, at Weehauken, N. J., which took place yesterday. Mr. Kilvert is the son of Mr. F. E. Kilvert, Collector of Customs. He has come rapidly to the front within the last few years as one of New York's foremost magazine illustrators. His drawings, which are clever, are always in demand. His friends had not been expecting the matrimonial move, and the announcement was a surprise to them.

WILLIE WHITLA

Identifies Mrs. Boyle as Woman Who Cared For Him.

Not to His Father Was Given in Her Presence.

Mercer, Pa., May 7.—The court room was packed this morning when the trial of Mrs. James Boyle, indicted as "Mary Roe," as an accessory to the kidnapping of Billy Whittle, was resumed. Billy Whittle, the kidnapped boy, was the first witness. He repeated substantially his testimony of yesterday, given in the case against James Boyle, adding that when he arrived at the house in Cleveland with Boyle they met a woman who Boyle told him was his cousin. Billy identified Mrs. Boyle as the woman who had cared for him in Cleveland, and whom he had known as Mrs. Jones. He identified a nurse's outfit as the clothing Mrs. Jones had worn, and said she had red spots on her face, which she said were the result of having recently had smallpox. He said the woman told him to tell his parents she was 44 years old and very large.

The prosecution offered in evidence the note written for Billy to carry on the street car on his way to the Hollenden Hotel when he returned to his father. The defence objected, claiming it did not concern Mrs. Boyle. Billy stated, however, that it was given to him in Mrs. Boyle's presence, and it was admitted.

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TRAIN SNOWBOUND.

Sulphur Springs, Col., May 7.—The Denver bound train on the Denver-Northwestern and Pacific (Moffet road) which left Stambouls Spring last Friday morning is still snowbound within a thousand feet of the snow sheds at Corona. If the blockade is not broken to-day the mail on the train will be taken by stage to Wolcott, Col., and thence to Denver.

Pianos and Organs Cheap.

We have a large selection of very fine square pianos, to be sold cheap, on terms of 75 cents per week. Good organs, cheap at 50 cents per week. Come in and see them. 127 King east. Opposite Terminal Station.

As the expenses in connection with "The Mikado" must be met at once, those who have tickets are requested to make returns before Saturday evening.