

The Times Wishes its Many Readers a Happy New Year

ELOPING MINISTER AND HIS AFFINITY.

Former Pastor of Long Island Church

Working to Support Girl He Has Ruined.

Deserted His Wife and Family In East.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—In a pelting rain and before daylight, the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, formerly pastor of the fashionable St. George's Church at Hempstead, N. Y., and Floretta Whaley, the 17-year-old heiress with whom he eloped eight months ago, deserting a wife, stoled away to-day from the little flat which they had occupied at 1199 Green street in this city, where they were discovered yesterday living under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Balcom, taking with them their baby boy.

The discovery of Cooke and the girl was made through the fact that Captain Cleary, of the Morse patrol agency, who had met them as Mr. and Mrs. Balcom when they arrived here last June from Los Angeles, recognized the girl's picture when it was published last week in connection with a despatch from Louisiana stating that Cooke had deserted Floretta Whaley.

Yesterday afternoon a representative from a local newspaper called at the home where Cooke and his companion lived. Cooke, a Yale graduate, worked at painting and decorating, and when that was not abundant he did any manual work that he could get.

When the interviewer called yesterday, Balcom, or Cooke, admitted his identity, but sent the young mother and the baby into another room, asking the reporter to lower his tone that she might not learn of the discovery of their identity.

When Cooke was visited at the Green street flat yesterday he was engaged in making gray for his Sunday dinner, while Floretta Whaley, beautiful and with the pallor of recent motherhood, lay on her sofa, looking at the baby in her next room singing to her baby, a healthy boy. The fugitive pastor at first denied his identity and insisted that his name was Balcom, but as he offered his visitor a cigar his hand shook and he finally admitted he was Cooke.

"Finis," he exclaimed, "now the awakening. My God, what an awakening. Look here, give me a chance to get away. You are human, just as human as I am. I don't mind Sing Sing or hell, but it's he. The child was born only two months ago and this will kill her. What's the use—what's the eternal use? The incredible law must be maintained. The child will go around and nothing can prevent it. I have preached it myself so often that I ought to know it now. Faith, there's nothing that will paint a lack sheep white, but look here, listen to my side. For ten years I have kept me without a murmur the vilest lies in yellow journalism could conjure and now I will speak. It was only yesterday that a paper had a story about me giving away my wife to a man in Louisiana—as if that could be possible. Give her away! Give away my life!"

"I worked my way through college writing for the papers and periodicals to make up my expenses and then took a post-graduate course there. I then entered the ministry and was given the rectorship of St. George's Episcopal Church at Hempstead, L. I. Prior to this I had married and three days after my marriage I discovered that I had made the most awful mistake a man could make. To continue, I found what a mistake I had made three days after I was (Continued on page 3.)

QUITE FRIENDLY.

Jap Ambassador Has Kindest Feeling For States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—"We shall take back home with us to Japan only the kindest feeling for America and for her people, and the highest regard for her institutions," said Count Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador, yesterday prior to his departure for San Francisco, with Viscountess Aoki, from which place they will sail on January 7th for home. The ambassador returns to Japan at the instance of his government, which desires to consult with him regarding conditions affecting Japanese interests in America.

SHOT GIRL

Because She Would Not Give Up an Admirer.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 31.—In a fit of jealous rage, Charles Bennett, a baker, shot and killed Jennie M. Cappa, a handsome Italian woman, 22 years old, and then killed himself last night. Although married, Bennett had for some time been very attentive to Miss Cappa. She boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard, and Bennett frequently called on her. Blanchard, knowing that Bennett was married, would not allow him to enter his home, and it was Bennett's habit to stand in the hallway and whistle as a signal to Miss Cappa to come downstairs. He did this last night and Miss Cappa answered and met him. A young Italian had recently been paying his addresses to Miss Cappa, and Bennett was jealous. In an angry talk with her in the hall last night he demanded that she give up her new admirer, and when she refused he shot her in the head and then shot himself, falling across her body. Both were instantly killed.

THE MOUNT ROYAL

With 305 Passengers Liner Overdue.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—Heavy gales have lately prevailed on the Atlantic and several steamers are overdue at various maritime ports. More anxiety is felt over the C. P. R. liner Mount Royal than over any other, as she has now twenty-three days out on a voyage which ordinarily takes but ten days. A vessel that left Antwerp five days afterwards arrived four days ago.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The officials of the C. P. R. Steamship Company say that there is no need for anxiety concerning the steamship Mount Royal, which is now several days overdue. They say that the Mount Royal is a good staunch vessel, but is very slow.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 31.—Mr. C. G. Sise, President of the Bell Telephone Co., announces that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the company will be held in Montreal on January 10th, to discuss the proposition to sell the company's plant and business in Manitoba to the government of that province, and if deemed advisable to give the directors the necessary authority to go ahead and complete the deal.

Safety Deposit Boxes. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

FORTY-TWO CANDIDATES HAVE ALREADY QUALIFIED.

They Have Until 9 O'clock To-night to Sign the Declaration.

At press time to-day forty-two of the fifty-five aldermanic candidates nominated yesterday had appeared at City Clerk Kent's office and qualified. The entire Tory slate of eighteen members made the necessary declaration. There are fifteen Liberals in the field so far, the Temperance ticket of six and the three Labor men. The candidates have until 9 o'clock to-night to qualify. Some of Ald. Allen's friends tried to press him to sign to-day, but he was firm in his determination to drop out. Dr. McGillivray, C. R. McCullough and William McGill were the others who had their names struck off the list yesterday. This leaves nine candidates who have not qualified yet. They are: Conservatives—H. B. Witton, Richard Jose, Harry Barnard. Liberals—W. J. Reid, W. H. Wardrop, George S. Kerr, W. M. Findlay, J. M. Eastwood and George L. Goddard. Those who have qualified are: The Liberals—Ald. H. G. Wright, Ald. Dickson, Ald. Kirkpatrick, E. A. Feasible, J. McLaren, T. H. Crerar, Ald. Gard-

STONE THE JEWS

In the Streets of Chicago Says Dr. Hirsch.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Declaring that the persecution of the Jews in the United States made their existence far from comfortable—often burdensome—Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, in the strongest terms at his command last night arraigned the boasted civilization of to-day for its mistreatment of this race. "It was at the closing session of the convention of American Biblical Societies that Dr. Hirsch surprised his hearers with a number of other strong remarks as to the condition of present-day Jews. "In Chicago to-night there are Jews who tremble to go out in the streets because they may be stoned by children, who believe they do not look like a citizen of Chicago should look," said Dr. Hirsch. "Why a Jew is barred from college fraternities. For this, however, he should sing a song of thanks. "So it is plain that to be a Jew in the United States, with all its boasted Democracy and civilization is not such a comfortable thing. In Europe the condition of the Jews is worse, and in Russia it is unbearable. "Why is this? Here is the ethical problem for the members of ethical society to answer."

ST. STEPHEN'S

Annual Entertainment of the Sunday School.

The second annual Christmas tree of St. Stephen's Sunday school was held last evening in Union Hall, Mount Hamilton. The attendance was very large, so much so that standing room was at a premium, and all listened to a very entertaining programme by the children, composed of dialogues and recitations, with a chorus by the school. The senior girls presented the tableau entitled "The Holy City" with very good effect, and were encored to an echo. A very pleasant incident took place just before the distribution of the prizes from the tree, when one of the young ladies stepped forward and read the following address, after which another young lady made the presentation of a well-filled purse:

Mr. A. D. Caslor: Dear Sir,—We, the members of the congregation of St. Stephen's, appreciating, as we do, the efforts you have put forth in this parish for the mutual benefit of all, desire to express our appreciation by presenting to you this small token of our esteem, and may you be spared to pursue your studies in the cause of our beloved church, and eventually launch forth a minister of Him who disdains not to have everlasting life. Wishing you a happy New Year, we remain, yours, the members of the congregation of St. Stephen's.

The student in charge, Mr. Caslor, was completely taken by surprise, but in a few words expressed his thanks, and extended his deep gratitude for all the kindness shown him by all during the time that he has been with the congregation.

The school of the past year has increased by ten per cent, in membership and attendance, while the staff of teachers has just trebled. After the distribution of the prizes, together with the usual goodies and oranges, a few bright, cheery remarks from Mr. H. Hunt and Mr. H. Bryant, and the action arises out of articles published in the Globe, which Dr. Beattie Nesbitt alleges reflect upon his character. In his information Dr. Nesbitt alleges that Rev. Mr. MacDonald published without legal justification a defamatory libel imputing to him, "Dr. Nesbitt," was addicted to the commission of scandalous acts unfitting him for the positions of public office, and making him unworthy to associate with respectable men and women.

GLOBE EDITOR

Sued by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt For Criminal Libel.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—An action for criminal libel has been taken by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt against Rev. J. A. MacDonald, managing editor of the Toronto Globe. The information was sworn out before the Police Magistrate this morning, and Mr. MacDonald will appear to answer at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The action arises out of articles published in the Globe, which Dr. Beattie Nesbitt alleges reflect upon his character. In his information Dr. Nesbitt alleges that Rev. Mr. MacDonald published without legal justification a defamatory libel imputing to him, "Dr. Nesbitt," was addicted to the commission of scandalous acts unfitting him for the positions of public office, and making him unworthy to associate with respectable men and women.

It is Painful

To have chilblains, but it is easy to cure them when you apply Parke's chilblain cure, a few applications will relieve and cure. We will guarantee this remedy to effect a cure. If after using half a bottle it fails to give satisfaction, bring it back and get your money. Parke & Parke, druggists.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—(Special)—The customs receipts of the Dominion for the nine months of the fiscal year ending to-day shows a gain of \$6,183,802 over the same time last year. The receipts were \$45,393,838, compared with \$39,210,036 for the same nine months last year. There was a decrease of \$91,877 for December, as compared with December, 1906.

INJURED BY A CAR.

James Watson, a farmer from Carleton Place, was in town yesterday and will remember his visit with regret for some time. While trying to board a car in front of the City Hall in the afternoon he was thrown to the ground, receiving a nasty scalp wound. He was able to go home last evening.

FAREWELL TO BLACK PRINCE.

Mondingo Hung Ship East This Afternoon.

Montreal Man Fined For Trespass on G. T. R.

Wages Cases Against Normal School Contractor Dismissed.

The 2 o'clock train for Buffalo saw the last of Henry D. Williams, Prince of Mondingo and great spiritualist. At the police court this morning Rev. Mr. Hatchett secured his release from Magistrate Jells on condition that he supply him with money enough to take him to the other side. The colored minister left the court with the release and the money to secure the deportation of his Nobs.

Wilfred Cole, Montreal, pleaded guilty to trespassing on the G. T. R. station property this morning at 2 o'clock and to assaulting Detective Darroch, who arrested him, after trying to put him off, Darroch said that Cole was there yesterday morning having beaten his way from Buffalo and that he was looking for a chance to beat further along the line. He had a fight with him and getting the best of him made Cole promise to keep away from the station. This morning he was at the station again and the witness ordered him off. Cole struck him in the face and he then handcuffed him. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 and costs of \$3 for the trespass and \$10 fine for the assault. Cole will have to serve 42 days if he fails to pay his money.

James Sutton, 31 Eglinton street, an express wagon driver, was charged by Ted Erwood with driving on the wrong side of the street. Sutton pleaded not guilty. Erwood said Sutton cut the corner at James and Gore streets the Saturday before Christmas, and ran into him, the horse stepping on his leg and foot. Sutton said he had to cut the corner as a large wagon into which Erwood was shovelling snow was blocking the right hand side of the crossing and the Magistrate dismissed the case.

Frank Kerr, contractor on the Normal school on Sophia street, was sued by Fred Fritz for \$14.80 wages and by J. W. Smith for \$16.70 wages. The cases were both dismissed as there was no contract in regard to wages. Judgment was entered against Henry Rader for \$10.10 wages claimed by Percy Russell as the Magistrate would not take as an excuse the fact that Russell did not do his work right.

W. Butler, no address, and James Phillips, Wellington street north, were each fined \$2 for being drunk.

PURSE AND MONEY.

Losers and Finder Brought Together by the Times.

Monday's Times contained this little ad:

LOST—FRIDAY MORNING BETWEEN STREET WEST, pocket book containing \$7 or \$8. Liberal reward on returning same to this office.

The lost pocket book was this morning returned to the Times office. It was found by a Times reader, Mr. Frank E. Walker, who at once scanned the Times column of "Lost and Found," and then walked over to the office and handed in the pocket book.

One insertion in the Times was all that was needed.

ST. CECILIA CHAPTER.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Cecilia Chapter, D. O. E., was held in the Y. W. C. A. rooms yesterday afternoon. The Regent, Mrs. Burkholder, in the chair. The benefit to be given the Chapter by the Savoy management on the evening of Jan. 9 promises to be a success in every way. All those holding tickets, must send in their returns on Monday, Jan. 6, to the Y. W. C. A. room, between 3 and 4 p. m.

TOLSTOI HURT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—News has reached here of an accident to Count Leo Tolstoy. The author was thrown by a stumbling horse and sustained a dislocated shoulder. In spite of his advanced age, the Count is making a rapid recovery.

BISHOP DEAD.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his home in Brooklyn, at 5 o'clock this morning. Bishop Andrews was 82 years old.

Fine New Year's Dinner, Waldorf Hotel.

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

BOMB FACTORY.

Sebastopol, Russia, Dec. 31.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farm house twenty miles from here.

Just for a Smoker.

Some very fine briar pipes with long amber mouthpieces and sterling silver ferrules in handsome cases are offered at peace's pipe store. Now is the time to buy a good pipe at 107 King street east.

The Man In Overalls

Happy New Year, And Many Of Them. Write it 1908. Have you got a calendar? Good-bye to the old year. Vote for the Ward system. Will you hogmanay to-night? Now, don't overdo it to-morrow. Resolve to be a better man or a better woman. In short, turn over a new leaf. Leave the political aldermanic candidates at home. Protect the city's interests and vote down the power by-laws. Watch-night services to-night. Hear the bells ring. Compliments of the season. Vote for the ward system and decent elections. If you forgot a friend at Christmas you can remember him or her to-morrow. May 1908 be good to all of us.

There are many good aldermanic candidates you can vote for who are not pledged to work for party first and city afterwards.

Who was the Smart Aleck who fooled the Mayor?

All those who object to all city appointments going to Tories will vote against the Tory slate.

The Mayor is very free with his charges of theft against citizens.

Be good to yourself to-morrow, but not too good.

This is when Father Time pays his annual visit.

The Man in Overalls wishes you all a happy New Year. God bless us all, every one—Tiny Tim.

GAYFER-GILMORE.

Pretty Wedding of Popular Young People To-day.

A very pretty wedding took place this afternoon at 132 Ferguson avenue north, when Miss Nina Gilmore became the bride of Walter H. Gayfer, of the wholesale drug house of J. Winer & Co. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. Treleven in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was unattended, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Robert Gilmore, who was attired in cream edelweiss over white silk. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome set of mink furs. After the ceremony, a dainty wedding breakfast was served, and the usual toasts to the bride and groom were honored.

The bride's going away costume was of navy blue broadcloth, with pink hat, trimmed with mink. The happy couple left for a short trip west, and on their return will reside at 31 Grove street.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, presents from admiring friends, who were both Mr. and Mrs. Gayfer abundant success in their new sphere of life.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

To-night's Right House Ad. The Largest Sale Advertisement Ever Published in a Hamilton Paper—Read It.

The old progressive Right House is proving every day the value of truthful advertising and the liberal use of newspaper space.

To-night's Right House announcement is the largest sale ad. ever published in a Hamilton paper, and will be read with interest by many thousands of people, who will profit and save by the hundreds of special bargains offered.

Right House advertising has always brought great results, because they were backed up by the goods and the values. The big Right House advertisement in to-night's paper carries news of marvelous bargains—values that beckon you to every department.

Every thrifty person in this vicinity will make it a point to visit the store this week and share in some of the wonderful bargains that are ready. The January sale of white goods, the January reduction clearing sales and the great carpet and curtain sales rival each other in interest. For the greatest bargains you ever heard of, visit The Right House.

Greetings.

We are deeply grateful to our many friends and patrons for their liberal patronage during the last year and thank you one and all for the thorough appreciation you have shown of our endeavors on your behalf, wishing you all a most happy and prosperous New Year. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

NOMINATIONS IN WENTWORTH COUNTY

NO HOTEL SLATE

But Association Will Fight the Reduction Movement.

A meeting of the Hotelkeepers' Association was held yesterday afternoon to consider what action should be taken by license holders in the coming municipal election, in view of the Temperance Executive making the question of license reduction next year an issue. After considerable discussion it was decided not to get out a slate, but to support only those candidates who are known either by previous votes in the council or by having pledged themselves to vote against any reduction. An effort was made to get the association to endorse the whole Tory slate, and rely on the "machine" to keep the representatives in line. Some of the old heads evidently believe that the machine will not be in control next year, and it was pointed out that some of the candidates not supported by the license holders might "get back" by voting for a reduction, although not pledged to the Temperance party.

MINISTER DEAD.

Was Won Time Editor of the Canada Presbyterian.

Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 31.—The death occurred early this morning of Rev. Geo. Simpson, aged 75 years. Rev. Mr. Simpson for many years was associated with the Dominion in Chicago, and at one time editor of the Canada Presbyterian. Over a year ago advancing age compelled him to relinquish his editorial work. He spent the summer at his cottage on Peninsula Lake, and remained in Huntsville at the end of the season.

PERSONAL.

Miss Mattie Fenix Superintendent of Nurses in the Orange, N. J., City Hospital, paid her mother a short Christmas time visit at Dundas.

Miss Marion Wilson, daughter of Rev. Dr. W. F. Wilson, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with Miss Constance Morris, 29 Sherman avenue.

Mr. Henry Tansley is in the city from Calgary, visiting old friends. Mr. Tansley paid her mother a short Christmas time visit at Dundas.

John W. Dickson followed and from what he said it might be inferred that the town needed some Councilors with brains and honesty. He did not seem well pleased at all with the way the town's business had been transacted during the year. One chairman, he declared, had called his committee together twice to look after some important business and failed on both occasions to put in an appearance—that had confronted the members.

Reeve Lawson announced himself in the field again and if re-elected would, as he had done in the past, serve the people to the best of his ability.

Wm. Murrie said the past year had been municipal kindergarten to him. He had done his best and would do his best another year if sent back, but if the people did not want him there would be no lack coming from his side of the house.

Councillor Lunn briefly told the people that he was at their service for another year, if they wanted him.

Councillor Lawson spoke of the Council's effort on behalf of the people during the past year. The members had, he said, no doubt done some things they should not have done, and left undone things that ought to have been done. He referred to the improved condition of the H. & D. railway, owing, in some measure at least, to the persuasive pressure of the Council. The re-arrangement of the method of dispensing the town's charity fund had, he believed, proved satisfactory. He continued discussing town matters for some time, despite continuous heckling from ex-Councillor Collins.

Some explanations from Mayor Moss (Continued on page 5.)

MRS. YOUNG SAYS SHE IS NOT THE WOMAN FOUND DROWNED. Yet She Was Positively Identified by a Friend—Murdered For \$900.

New York, Dec. 31.—Positive identification was made yesterday afternoon of the woman found murdered in the marsh near Harrison, N. J., as Mrs. Angus A. Young, who up to a year and a half ago was the controller in the pay department of the Ansonia Hotel, this city.

The identification was made by her close personal friend, Mrs. Frank Hull, who lives at 7 West 102nd street.

Mrs. Hull tells the police that she last saw Mrs. Young on Christmas day, when after breakfast in a West street restaurant near Cortlandt street, Mrs. Young went to Jersey City in company with Charles Myers, a piano tuner of Brooklyn, who had been quite attentive to the woman.

Mrs. Hull says that on Christmas day Mrs. Young had \$900 which she had drawn from the bank two days before to put into a laundry which she and Myers were to establish in some Jersey town along the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mrs. Young had been separated from her husband for two years and it is said owns considerable property in the vicinity of Flushing and Jamaica, L. I. She told Mrs. Hull that she had made a will, leaving everything she possessed to Myers.

Mrs. Hull's identification was positive. She had maintained the closest personal relations with Mrs. Young and they both had lived first with Mrs. Blandford at 1492 Amsterdam avenue, and later with Mrs. Dazzer, 310 West 13th street.

Myers is described as being short and swarthy, having a close-cropped dark moustache. He wore when Mrs. Hull last saw him a gray overcoat and gray gloves.

Not the Woman. New York, Dec. 31.—It was reported to-day that Mrs. Agnes Young, the supposed victim of the mysterious murder at Harrison, N. J., is alive and employed in a real estate office on Madison avenue, this city. In an interview published with her to-day she is quoted as saying she knows Mrs. Hull, who identified the body of the murdered woman as Mrs. Young, but is unable to understand why Mrs. Hull should tell such a story as she did to the police.