

ARGUMENT ON SLANDER CASE.

Judge Teetzel Will Give His Decision on Saturday.

Roast For County For Not Providing a Poor House.

Jury Recommends That Steps be Taken to Compel It.

The attention of the Assize Court was taken up entirely this morning with the action of Coeks vs. Wagstaffe.

The case went to the jury this afternoon. W. A. Logie for the plaintiff and J. L. Counsell for the defence.

His Lordship Justice Teetzel heard argument this morning in the slander action of Guest vs. Ptolemy, and announced that he would give judgment in the matter on Saturday morning.

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We must congratulate the city on the erection of the Home of Incurable adjacent to the House of Refuge. It is complete in every particular, well equipped and well cared for.

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We would, however, call attention to the lavatories, both in the men's and the women's wards in the basement of the main building. The plumbing is of the most antiquated style, and in our opinion should be remedied at once.

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MRS. CLEWS AND BRIDESMAID.

Mrs. Oscar Livingston, of New York, was married recently to James B. Clews at the country place of her brother, Romaine Nichols, at Bernardsville, N.J.

Her neice, Miss Frances Livingston Sullivan, a debutante of this season, was her maid of honor.

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Drowned in Tub

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 15.—There is sadness in the home of Percy Glynn, an Englishman residing in Thorold, over the death of his little two-year-old son, Leonard. While the father was at his daily duties at the Davy Pulp Mill, and the mother was ministering to the wants of some of the other children, the unfortunate little fellow wandered out into the kitchen, and evidently tripped over something and fell, for when he was found his head was immersed in a tub of water and he was dead.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Too many small fires. Be careful. Private Moir has been declared insane and will be locked up for life. To be safe, after this we should all be required to possess a Government certificate of sanity.

Getting off a street car backwards is so ladylike. But it is dangerous. Twenty divorce suits before the Senate. In the rush to get married people seldom think of such a finish.

Let us hear now what you think of this annual fair proposition. Would the machine also want to nominate the candidates for the Board of Control? We might as well know that now as later on.

It's possible Dr. Pym may want to spell it "Hamilton." The Council may turn down or upset the Cataract agreement, but I am safe to say that it will be a strange country. A long and expensive lawsuit with defeat for the city as a climax. That's the way it looks to me.

Somebody should write to the old country newspapers to tell them that Col. Denison slanders all decent Canadians when he says their loyalty depends upon increased taxation of the old country people for our benefit.

John Seath has us all seething on the deformed spelling. January is supplying weather to suit all tastes. I wouldn't be too hard in judging these old country lads who find themselves stranded in a strange country. You might feel mighty blue yourself under similar circumstances.

Toronto shouldn't be too weak-minded in dealing with those Socialists or whatever you call them, who are inciting the unemployed to riot. It's poor policy to wait until somebody is killed or damaged done before taking action.

However, people willing to work should not be allowed to starve. Toronto should see to that, and at once. If the City Council can hasten in any way the building of the car barns, it should not hesitate to do so.

Gunner Moir is not a millionaire, still he cannot help noting the difference in his trial and those of Thaw and Hains. The Board of Education cannot ignore the tonic sol fa question much longer. Many people consider that a mistake was made when the system was kicked out of the schools, and they are anxious to see the wrong righted. Why not let Mr. Johnston bring in a report? He has had experience in the teaching of both systems. Don't be afraid of offending Trustee Wedell. He will get over it.

Judge Jelfs wants something more than church membership when it comes to a show down for character. Possibly some printer will now come forward and put up the money for the nurses' new home or the Y. W. C. A. building. They can't spend all that money on groceries.

BADLY BURNED. Narrow Escape From Death at Merritt Carbide Works.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 15.—A man named Reed, employed in the Wilson Carbide Works at Merritt, narrowly escaped serious injuries this morning. He slipped while standing on a steel plate and to save himself from falling, took hold of a crucible which was hot. Fortunately a fellow workman shut off the electric current almost immediately, saving Reed's life. He was, however, somewhat badly burned.

Bain & Adams' List. Grimly tomatoes, cucumbers, mushrooms, new potatoes, Boston head lettuce, sweet potatoes, radishes, pineapples, grape fruit, Malaga grapes, new beets, butter beans, snow apples, spices, Canadian walnuts, hickory nuts, haddie, cranberries, smelts, kippers, marmalade oranges, sauerkraut, olives, by the measure, oysters and pigeons. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

Foot Warmers. When your feet are cold you feel cold all over. It takes all the pleasure out of a drive when your feet are cold. Get one of our foot warmers and put it in the carriage or sleigh as the case may be. Sold at 50c, 65c and 75c. Parke & Parke, druggists.

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.

STEAMBOAT MERGER EFFECTED TO-DAY

Hamilton and Turbine Companies Will Put On Best Service Possible.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 15.—The amalgamation of the Hamilton Steamboat Company and the Turbine Steamboat Company were brought about this morning. Mr. J. C. Eaton was elected president, and Mr. R. Y. Eaton vice-president. The Jarvis interests were sold out entirely to the new company.

Under the new arrangement the two companies will, in all probability, maintain separate identity, but will be operated by one management, and will cooperate in all respects. Mr. W. E. Bishop, one of the ablest steamboat men in Canada, and who has been general manager of the Hamilton Steamboat Company for years, will be manager of the joint interests, and the advisory board will consist of representatives of the two companies.

The Turbinia, which was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne, is a magnificent steel steamer, and holds the distinction of being one of the fastest boats on fresh water. The Modjeska and Macassa, of the Hamilton Steamboat Company's fleet, are both Clyde-built boats, and have proved highly serviceable as passenger and freight carriers.

TO BOOM INDUSTRY DURING THE YEAR

Mayor McLaren Makes a Suggestion---No Oratory Over License Question.

If Mayor McLaren's views are endorsed by the City Council this year Hamilton will have a strong industrial committee, comprising a dozen prominent citizens, chiefly large manufacturers, who will take an active interest in bringing new industries to this city and advancing the city's interests generally. It is proposed when Hamilton gets a line on a good concern to send a small committee off to try and land it, the same as other big centres do, and for the general committee to be sort of a council, to consider the report of the smaller deputations.

Contrary to custom, when the question of license reduction comes before the Markets Committee on Monday night there will not be a temperance deputation to advise the aldermen, and the matter will probably go to the Council without much discussion. Chairman Gardner said he was informed by one of the temperance aldermen that as four of the aldermen on the committee are in favor of reduction, there was no need of having a deputation there. In the past it has been necessary to hold the committee meeting in the Council chamber, when the temperance question was up, to accommodate the crowd. It is not likely that any deputation will be permitted to speak in the Council chamber when the Council deals with reduction. A resolution was passed last year preventing any one from addressing the Council, on the ground that the committee room is the proper place for deputations.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of representatives of the Board of Health, Hospital Governors and Hamilton Medical Association, the matter of equipping a civic laboratory was discussed. A joint committee consisting of Chairman Quinn, of the Board of Health, Chairman Billing, of the Hospital Board, and the Medical Health Officer, was appointed to wait on the Finance Committee to see if it will make a grant and arrange other details. Dr. Mullen and Dr. Wallace, who represented the Medical Association, said that a small deputation of doctors was going to Toronto next week to interview the Provincial Secretary and see (Continued on Page 8.)



ALD. JOHN FORTH. Who was elected President of the Retail Grocers' Association last evening.

BRIBED JURORS.

Bank Cashier Found Guilty at Pittsburg To-day.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—With the jury which heard the case against J. B. Rinehart, former cashier and vice-president of the Farmers' and Drovers' National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., locked up in the U. S. court still deliberating, and two prominent Waynesburg citizens in cells in the Central Police Station for an alleged attempt to bribe one of the jurors, further sensational news is expected to result to-day in the famous litigation growing out of the failure of the institution for \$2,000,000 about two years ago. The jurors have no intimation of the arrests last night of secret service men of Geo. W. Worley, a brother-in-law of banker Rinehart, and James L. Smith, wealthy Green county farmer, of alleged tampering with a personal friend of a juror. Rinehart was found guilty on all counts.

C. P. R. LANDS.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15.—A Chicago despatch says: Judge Kohlsaa, in the United States Circuit Court, granted a temporary injunction to the Canadian Pacific Company restraining Burton D. Nichols, George H. Nichols and The Co. partnership of Nichols Brothers from circulating alleged defamatory circulars concerning the business of the railway company in selling Canadian lands.

FIRE ON STEAMER.

Konakry, French Guinea, West Africa, Jan. 15.—News has just been received here that the Liberian Customs gunboat Lark has been bombed by a German steamer of the Woermann line off the coast of Liberia. The reason for this action is not given. A German guardship from Kamerun has sailed for Liberia. The Woermann line runs steamers from Hamburg around Africa.

WANT MORE MONEY.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Civil Service Association to-morrow will send a deputation to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Chas. Murphy, Secretary of State, asking for increases of salaries, based on the higher cost of living. The reclassification of the service, the association contends, has not altogether aided the members in the salary question.

CANADIANS OF BOSTON.

Honor Hamilton Man With Presidency of the Club.

Col. Alexander P. Graham Was Born in This City.

What He Had to Say About Canada at Inaugural.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Boston, Mass., Jan. 15.—Last night at the annual election and banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston, Col. Graham was unanimously elected as the presiding officer for the ensuing year. He has held many offices since the club's organization, having been third, second and first vice-president, and now its president. He is prominent in the commercial life of Boston, being the head of the D. E. Slicher Co., of New York, whose headquarters for New England and the Canadian market are taken care of from the Boston offices. They are the largest manufacturers of muslin underwear in the world, with six large mills, and employ thousands of hands, shipping their merchandise to all parts of the world.

Col. Graham was born in Hamilton, Canada, on March 18th, 1864. He has lived in Massachusetts for the past 20 years, doing business in Boston and having his residence in Haverhill, Mass. He is well known in Boston, New England and Canada.

In accepting the presidency of the club, Col. Graham stated that Canada and the United States should be the closest of friends, merging together two great interests, which in the end means so much to both countries.

"Let one of these two countries have a great misfortune, and I can assure you it means millions and millions of losses to our commercial life. I have always found that business suffers from our best customers have misunderstandings, and our mills have to retrench. Therefore it is not wise and good judgment that this club do its utmost to cement the great commercial and social interests that have been growing for the past fifteen years. Canada in the past 35 years has had a wonderful growth. Its farm area has not more than doubled, its banking capital has tripled, its bank deposits have increased more than tenfold, its bank assets have grown twelvefold, its railroads have increased ten times, and there has been an enormous increase in insurance and manufactures. The property interests are considered by our great manufacturers in this country to be wonderful. Is it not a great work, then, to foster and cherish our relations for the future progress of both nations?"

Col. Graham was one of the founders of the Canadian Club of Boston, and has been one of its most enthusiastic members. He is also well known in the British colony of Boston. He has served as adjutant on the staff of the Fifth M. V. M., and is past commander of the British Naval and Military Veterans of Massachusetts.

The Canadian Club of Boston has been the means the past ten years of giving the American public views on the most important commercial questions of vital importance to both peoples, by inviting some of Canada's most brilliant and noted statesmen and public men. They have also had most of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet Ministers as guests, the Canadian statesmen gladly honoring the club with their presence, and giving their addresses on the wonderful development of Canada.

The honorary life members of the club are: Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of the Dominion; Honorable Sir Charles Tupper, Bart.; Right Honorable Sir Donald A. Smith, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal; Sir Frederick Borden; James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, D. C.

The complete list of officers is: President—Colonel Alexander P. Graham. First Vice-President—Dr. W. E. Harris. Second Vice-President—F. L. Clements. Third Vice-President—James Berwick. Secretary—C. H. McClure. Assistant Secretary—J. B. Patterson. Treasurer—John F. Masters. Historian—Thos. F. Anderson. Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Campbell. Auditor—R. J. Desart. Executive Committee—Geo. Taylor, Frank Flint, W. McLeod.

HOTEL MAN COMMITTED.

Jacob Obernesser Must Stand Trial at Higher Court.

Jacob Obernesser, proprietor of the Union Hotel, for whom the police have been looking for two days, walked into Police Court this morning with his lawyer, Frank Morrison, and announced that he wished to give himself up to the court and stand his trial on the charge of assaulting John A. Walker on Tuesday night last at his hotel.

The police did not put Jacob in the prisoners' pen, and he sat beside his lawyer while his case went on. Walker said he was playing pool in the defendant's hotel on the night in question, and that he had a long reach to make to get a shot. He looked for a rest and did not find one, and sat on the table. Obernesser asked him why he didn't use the rest, and he said he couldn't find one. With that the defendant hit him with his cue. Robert Walker, brother of the complainant, corroborated his testimony, and as Obernesser did not want to testify, having declined to elect when he pleaded not guilty, he was committed for trial.

Mrs. Rooks, 15 Windsor street, was summoned for neglecting to send her children to school. She told the Magistrate that her children's eyes were sore, and the case was dismissed. The children have to go to school or get a certificate from a doctor that they are not able to attend.

LET GO. Welland, Ont., Jan. 15.—The two men, Riley and Balz, arrested in connection with the drowning of Chinese being smuggled to Buffalo some time ago, appeared in court this morning and were dismissed, no evidence being offered.