

ARE THEY JUGGLING THE PUMP FIGURES?

Changing and Explaining Figures Looks Bad.

A Population Problem in Ward No. 1.

Meeting With Engineer Sothman This Evening

A discovery that would lead one to believe that the work of gathering the figures showing the population of Hamilton last year had been badly bungled was made when the returns were checked over and compared with the number of children attending school in Ward 1. Each year the assessment department takes a census of the number of children between the ages of 8 and 14. It was discovered this year that in the schools in Ward 1, 154 more children than returned by the assessors were attending. It was suggested that a similar condition might exist in other wards, and this was taken as a pretty good indication that the population was much more than 64,067, the figures given out last year. The assessment department, however, has a reasonable explanation. The officials say that in Ward 1 many children attend the schools who come from the north side of King street and each of the city limits. Of course these are in the county and would not be counted in the returns. Assessment Commissioner Macleod doubts very much if similar conditions exist in any other wards, and does not take it as an indication that the official figures of the population are incorrect.



THOMAS W. WATKINS, Chairman of Finance of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Roosevelt Replies to Attacks on the Government.

Washington, Jan. 31.—In a special message sent to Congress to-day President Roosevelt replies to recent attacks on the policy of the present administration in regard to the control of large corporations and suggesting legislation for the more adequate control by the Government of interstate commerce. The message says in part: Much is said in these attacks upon the policy of the present administration about the rights of "innocent stockholders." That a stockholder is not innocent who voluntarily purchases stock in a corporation whose methods and management he knows to be corrupt; and stockholders are bound to try to secure honest management or else are stopped from complaining about the proceedings the government finds necessary in order to compel the corporations to obey the law.

CITY MESSENGER.

Thomas Whitton, of St. Catharines, Passes Away.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 31.—(Special)—Thomas Whitton, for the past fifteen years caretaker and messenger for city buildings, and one of St. Catharines' oldest and most esteemed citizens, died suddenly this morning. He was over eighty years of age and was a shoemaker by trade. Coming here from Niagara-on-the-Lake about forty years ago, he for a long time was engaged in the restaurant business. He was a skillful musician and for a number of years conducted an orchestra here. He leaves a widow and a large family, all grown up.

THE ORIENTAL BANK.

New York, Jan. 31.—The Oriental is a State bank at 184 Broadway, capitalized at \$750,000. According to its last statement it owed to individual depositors \$7,576,811 and to banks, bankers and brokers \$3,477,252. It had a surplus fund of \$912,000. G. S. Leonard, a state bank examiner, was placed in charge of the bank this morning.

HURT IN EXPLOSION.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Several persons were seriously injured to-day by an explosion and fire at the Frankfort Arsenal, in the extreme northeastern section of the city.

AWFUL ATROCITIES ALLEGED BY PORTUGUESE IN AFRICA.

Boer General Tells of Natives Brutally Murdered and of Others Sold Into Slavery.

New York, Jan. 31.—Lieutenant General Francois Joubert-Pienaar, who worried the red coats exceedingly, chasing them from kopje to kopje during the Boer war, but who is a most loyal subject of Edward VII. nowadays, is going to Washington in a few days to have an audience with the President and to see if he cannot interest Mr. Roosevelt in his crusade against slavery and its kindred atrocities in the Portuguese colony of Angola in West Africa. After the Boer war ended and General Joubert-Pienaar had taken the oath of allegiance, he bought an estate in Angola, where the climate of the upper lands is splendid and the soil amazingly prolific. Then he bumped up against the institution of slavery. He had hardly more than landed when one day he saw in the public square of Lobango the head of the Kaffir chief, Hanganus Molondo, who was killed in battle. The governor general of Lobango gave him little boy slaves for that head, afterward placing it in the fort, where the soldiers drove a nagstaff through it and used it as a target for the flag of Portugal. The general protested unavailingly. Later he investigated the "indentured system" by which the Portuguese obtain native labor, merely slavery under

DR. HARRIE LYLE

Appointed to Important Position in New York.

Dr. Harrie Lyle has been appointed associate attending surgeon to St. Luke's Hospital, New York, thus placing him in a position of honor next to the chief of the staff, and giving him a commanding place among the surgeons of New York. This honor has been won through merit and distinguished service, and Dr. Lyle has the satisfaction of being the youngest surgeon to hold this position of so great importance and hospitality. Harrie's old football friends in Hamilton and in Cornell congratulate him on his showing in the great game of life.

QUITE DIFFERENT.

Art Concern That Is Not in Crooked Business.

Nobody in Hamilton is as anxious to find out who is doing the crooked work in connection with portrait enlarging and framing as the representatives of the Canadian Art Association. The agents of that company are doing a legitimate business in paintings in Indian Sepia, French Pastel and India ink. They do no crayon work. When they call at a house they leave a ticket, which explains their business in plain print. Every ticket and every sale order bears the portraits of the agents, so that there can be no doubt about who they are. They do not ask anyone to sign a contract or do anything that is not fully understood. But there are canvassers in town who are not doing business that way, but who are resorting to sharp practice. The Canadian Art Association representative will assist in a prosecution if they can get a line on any crooked work. They called at the Times' office yesterday in reference to the article which appeared in the issue of Wednesday. "We found the Times in every house we went to, and everybody wanted to know if we were the people referred to," said Mr. Fox. "If you want a recommendation about bona fide circulation we can supply it."

SUDDEN END.

Dropped Dead While Chopping Down Tree.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 30.—Theophilus Reavely went out with C. Pullin, a neighbor of his, to chop a tree down in the Gore this morning, and had not been at work long when he suddenly fell over and expired almost immediately. A doctor was hastily summoned, but death intervened before his arrival. The late Mr. Reavely was 59 years of age, and until the factory closed down he was employed with the Canada Furniture Co. A wife and two children survive. Mr. Reavely had been in good health and had not been working at all hard before the end came. Heart trouble is assigned as the cause of his sudden end.

The Herold Officialis or Leech.

Is being used to draw off poisons from the system, and it is being used to a great extent in pneumonia cases. We are importing these leeches and always have a stock on hand. They are sold at 25c each, or \$2.50 per dozen.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

Saturday Cigar Bargains.

Bouquet and Hilda cigars, union made, 8 for 25c; Marguerites, Boston, J. C. F.'s, Barristers, 4 for 25c; Kiltie cigars, 6 for 25c; Julia Arthur cigars, 6 for 25c, at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

Bain & Adams.

Mushrooms, sweet green peppers, strawberries, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, grape fruit, rhubarb, radishes, ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, ripe pineapples, corn on the cob, new potatoes, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, Limburger, sauerkraut.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

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.

THAW JURY IS NOW OUT.

Justice Dowling Delivers His Charge to Jury.

He Instructs the Jury as to Their Duty.

Jury Had Choice of Three or Four Verdicts.

New York, Jan. 31.—The fate of Harry K. Thaw is now in the hands of the jury. The lawyers have finished their summing up, and Justice Dowling began his exposition of the law in the case when court convened this morning. When he finished the jurors retired to the stuffy little room near the court room, where the trial has been held, there to remain until they have agreed upon a verdict or until the court loses hope of their ever reaching an agreement. Mr. Littleton, for the defence, argued that there was nothing in the evidence to show that Thaw was sane when he killed White. On the other hand, District Attorney Jerome declared that there was nothing in the evidence to show that Thaw was insane, and everything to show that the killing of White was premeditated murder. Between these two extremes the jury must decide. They have the ground for a compromise verdict of murder in the second degree or manslaughter in the first degree. A verdict of not guilty carries with it, under the plea made, the excuse of insanity, and if it is rendered the District Attorney may move at once that Thaw be committed to the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminally Insane. If a verdict of not guilty is rendered, Thaw probably will be sent to the asylum, where he will remain until released by judicial procedure.

Judge's Charge.

In opening his charge Justice Dowling impressed upon the jury the responsibility which was theirs, telling them that they should bear in mind that upon their verdict depended the life or liberty of the prisoner. "Your verdict must not be influenced by any matter outside the record," said he. "Neither passion nor sympathy should sway you in your deliberations. You must not speculate or guess as to matters in evidence here, but must decide the issue solely upon your calm, dispassionate judgment as to the weight, credibility and meaning of the testimony. Nor are you concerned with the punishment which may follow a verdict of guilty at your hands. Your sole function is to determine if any crime has been committed, its grade, and leave the penalty to those responsible for its imposition."

Justice Dowling told the jury they should bear in mind that the prisoner is presumed to be innocent until the jury has been convinced beyond a reasonable doubt.

LOOKS BETTER.

People who are grumbling about the street car service never stop to think that the company has already ordered in all the open cars.

MINUET DANCE.

The many friends of the Minuet Club will be pleased to hear that they intend holding their annual dance some time during the latter part of next month, when nothing will be overlooked which will tend to make this one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season.

INDIANS WILL NOT BE HUMILIATED IN TRANSVAAL.

Johannesburg, Jan. 31.—The main points of the Asiatic settlement are that the element of compulsion is eliminated, the Indians being permitted voluntarily to register within three months by signature instead of by finger print, and that no information offensive to religious susceptibilities would be demanded.

JOHN BURNS GOT BOWL OF SOUP.

Joined the Unemployed Crowd in Court Dress—\$65,000,000 For Old Age Pensions



MR. JOHN BURNS

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

This is the plumbers' busy day. But has Mayor Stewart got the Executive's permission to promote Ald. Dickson to a chairmanship?

My advice to the girls is to look before you leap this leap year.

Perhaps the St. Andrew's Society will again take up the project to build a public hall something like the Massey one. The society has been thinking about it for a long time now.

Mr. Archibald's lecture should be interesting enough to find guests for all the plates.

How many feet did you say the ice was?

I don't notice any of those long-distance pantless runners taking a spin along the streets in the evenings. Have they quit the game?

If you are a Christian you will put a little more sand on the sidewalk for the Sunday church goers.

There is no deadlock in the County Council this year. Works like a charm.

Rather than stay out of Toronto the Radial Railway will burrow underground. Nothing elevated about that.

Is the bay ice nearly ready to cut yet?

After they get the water the mountain people will be wanting sewerage. Those people always look down upon Hamilton.

What about all those Cleveland factories that were coming here, Mr. Mayor?

Mr. McMenamy should go over and see if the Con. Club is needing coal. Some say there was only three days' supply last night.

I don't see any ear muffs advertised in the papers. There should be a good market for them just now.

No, Maude; no other paper is just as good as the Times if you want to reach Times readers. Advertisers can only reach our readers through the Times columns, and they are all people who have the money to shop with.

Slippery sidewalks all over the city and nobody fined or in jail. What's the trouble?

They now call it the Hydro-political power scheme.

People who are grumbling about the street car service never stop to think that the company has already ordered in all the open cars.

COUNTY FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

Overdraft of 1906 Reduced to \$4,064.

Expenditure on Good Roads \$37,472.

Grand and Petit Jurors' Fees Increased.

The all important statement of finances of the county occupied the attention of the County Councillors yesterday afternoon, and after the treasurer's statement was read, it was found that the actual overdraft amounts to \$4,064.34. The Warden stated that there is about \$2,000 to come in from odd sources that will reduce it to about \$2,000. The total receipts for the year 1907 were \$87,074.56. The expenditures amounted to \$96,908.30. At the first of last year the county was saddled with an overdraft of 1906, amounting to \$9,532.74, and added to that was the overdraft occurring from the expenditures of this council of 1907, making a total of \$18,869.84. The receipts from the first of January to the 28th, 1908, were \$21,007.80, and the expenditures have been \$6,202.30. Included in the receipts for the month is the Government grant of about \$10,000. The difference between the receipts and expenditures from the 1st to the 28th is about \$14,000 balance on right side, which the council has applied to the overdraft of \$18,869.84, reducing it to \$4,064.34. For the coming year, however, the county will have no money coming from the Government to the Good Roads fund, and the Council will have to figure closely to keep the expenses down. This may result in the raising the rate of taxation, but that matter will not be taken up at this session. The treasurer, Mr. Cochrane, presented the report of the Registry Office, and it showed that the fees for 1907 had amounted to \$16,928.86. Of that amount the county receives a cheque for \$1,965.09. The disbursements of the office were \$8,248.65. The report of Road Superintendent Taylor was read yesterday afternoon. (Continued on page 5.)

POST CARDS BY THE KAISER.

Plan of European Royalties for Raising Money for Charity.

The Queen Dowager Carolina of Saxony, who died a couple of weeks ago, and the Princess Mathilde, who is 44 and unmarried, originated a few months ago a new way of raising money for charity which is being generally copied in Germany.

Various Princesses have since adopted the plan, and a Dresden newspaper now announces that the Kaiser himself is designing a set of cards which will not only bring in good returns for charity, but also demonstrate to the world his ability with pencil and brush. It is rumored that the subjects will be allegorical, dealing with the destiny of the Hohenzollerns and the relations between the people of Germany and the imperial house.

PICTURES.

Chas. R. Robertson, the celebrated Central African traveller, has over five hundred slides in his possession from which a selection is being made to illustrate his adventure stories in the Association Hall next Tuesday night.

Nell—"Chollie Saphedde says he has half a mind to—Belle—"I don't believe it." Nell—"I know what I know what I was going to say." Belle—"I don't care. Chollie Saphedde hasn't half a mind to do anything."

TALK OF AN INJUNCTION IN STREET RAILWAY CASE.

Dissatisfaction Among the Younger Men Threatens to Cause Some Trouble

An injunction to balk the course decided on by the Street Railwaymen's Union in the case of President John Shearner, who was recently dismissed by Superintendent Miller, is said to be the latest thing talked of by some of the young members, who are not in accord with a move that will incur much expense. The regular meeting of the union will be held to-morrow night, and a lively time is predicted. The new labor act under which the union has decided to appeal to the Minister of Labor is said to provide that this action must be endorsed by a majority of the members of the union, and not a majority of those present. Failing in this, it is necessary to give three days' notice when a vote by ballot is to be taken. The dissatisfied ones say that a majority of the members of the union did not vote in favor of the appeal to the Minister of Labor, nor was a vote by ballot taken three days later. On this ground they claim that the procedure is illegal. The union filed a statement of its grievances with the Minister of Labor several days ago, and the company will forward its reply in a few days. The Minister or his deputy will then make an investigation. Officials of the company say they are satisfied that when this is done nothing more will be heard of the case. An arbitration, it is said, would cost the union about \$25 a day, and some of the young members are opposed to this, because they say the finances are not in condition to warrant it. They talk of making an effort to meet the whole thing at the meeting to-morrow night and have another vote taken. Officials of the union say there is no doubt whatever that they proceeded legally, that eighty or more members attended the meeting at which the vote was taken, and that they were practically unanimous in endorsing the appeal to the Minister of Labor. Seven members refrained from voting for it, but they did not vote against it. Another thing said to have caused some dissatisfaction among the new men is the raising of the dues from 50 to 75 cents a month. Some years ago, they say, there used to be a sick benefit of \$2 a month for which members paid 50 cents a month and an annual banquet. This has been dropped.

TWO SUMMER PARK SCHEMES ARE BEING PROMOTED HERE.

Buffalo and Niagara Falls Men Have Been Going Quietly Over the Ground.

There seems to be no end of summer park promoters who see in Hamilton a gold mine for open air amusement, and it looks as if one of these resorts will be established here this spring. The Canadian Amusement Company's scheme to build a big amusement park on the Beach is generally accepted as off, certainly for this year, but during the week representatives of two different companies have been here looking over the ground. Samuel T. Robertson, of Buffalo, and J. Seaman, of Niagara Falls, have spent several days here gathering information, and gave the impression that they meant business. Their stay in the city was kept quiet, and they were anxious that their plans should not be made public until they were prepared to proceed with the work. They looked over several properties, and although a place has not been definitely settled upon, Mr. Robertson and his partner, who left for the east last night, will be back shortly to arrange for a site. They had their eye on some property in the southwest, but decided that the street railway service would not accommodate the crowds. They also discussed a proposition to fence in half of the driving park, but this scheme was also dismissed. They have under consideration now two prospective sites, one on Barton street, east of Sherman avenue, and another on the Beach road below the smelting works. There is a good piece of hay front there, and it is thought it could be made an attractive spot. Mr. Robertson is the owner of several figure eights and other amusement devices in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and many other large American summer resorts. His partner is a shrewd lawyer, who is also interested in many big amusement resorts. They propose spending between \$75,000 and \$100,000 on the park, and running it on a percentage basis. Attraction that desire to do business will be allotted space and pay a percentage of the profits to the owners of the park. The promoters are prepared to furnish all necessary capital, and are asking no local assistance. As mentioned in the Times several days ago Dennis Buckley, an old Hamilton boy, is here in connection with a park scheme. Mr. Buckley has laid his plans before John Patterson, and is said to have talked of spending \$250,000