

FOUR NAMES FOR MAYORALTY ONLY TWO CANDIDATES TO RUN

Fight Will Be Between Alderman Stevely and Alderman Matthews—Alderman Beattie and Mr. McMahon Will Retire.

A BIG GRIST OF NAMES AT THE NOMINATIONS

The Crowd Was Large, But There Was No Speaking—Only One Election By Acclamation—Contests for All Officers Except That of Hospital Trustee.

The nominations today were about as quiet and tame as it would be possible to have them.

While there is a very large number of nominations for the different offices, especially for the council, there was little doing.

Not a candidate made a speech. As the names were proposed, they were without exception greeted silently, and the proceedings were very formal.

There was quite a crowd in attendance, but the people formed little knots and chatted among themselves.

Neither party appeared to take much interest in the proceedings. A very large number of nomination papers were signed by men of both parties. City Clerk Baker presided.

THE MAYORALTY FIGHT.

There were four nominations for mayor, Ald. Stevely, Ald. Matthews, Ald. Beattie and Mr. A. T. McMahon. The latter two, it is understood, will withdraw, leaving the field to Ald. Matthews and Ald. Stevely.

It was rumored that an effort would be made to pull Ald. Matthews off, but he frustrated all such plans and qualified before any overtures could be made to him. That made it imperative that Ald. Beattie and Mr. A. T. McMahon retire, neither gentlemen being willing to figure in a three-cornered contest.

Ald. Beattie will probably run for the council.

Mr. McMahon will not contest for any office.

A RECORD-BREAKER.

The council field is almost a record-breaker for size. About fifty were nominated, but it is expected that fully half that number will drop out before tomorrow night. The field is expected to be about twenty-five. Several well-known ex-aldermen have signified their intention to run.

There are ten nominated for the board of education. Two or three of these will probably withdraw, making a contest certain however.

Prominent among the new names mentioned are two clergymen, Rev. D. S. Hamilton and Rev. Victor J. Gilpin.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

There are three names mentioned for the water commission, the present commissioner Mr. W. E. Saunders, Mr. Wm. Jones, an ex-commissioner, and Dr. H. A. Stevenson, an ex-alderman.

It is not known yet whether the latter will face the starter.

ONE BY ACCLAMATION.

There was one acclamation, Mayor Judd being elected to the position of hospital trustee without a contest. Mr. John H. Chapman was nominated, but withdrew, after the nominations were closed.

City Clerk Baker will receive withdrawals up till 9 o'clock tomorrow night.

Those nominated for alderman will have to qualify or their names will be left off the list to be placed on the ballot paper.

The same is true also of the mayoralty candidates.

Those nominated for the board of education, and the hospital trust must withdraw in writing, or their names will be placed on the nomination paper. Mr. Barker will be in his office from 7:30 to 9 o'clock this evening.

The list of candidates nominated is as follows:

FOR MAYOR.

Samuel Stevely, merchant, 520 Dundas street. Proposed by Charles Ross. John Henry Alfred Beattie, 90 Ridout street, barrister. Proposed by A. T. McMahon, seconded by W. G. R. Beattie.

Richard Francis Matthews, shoe merchant, 403 Central avenue. Proposed by Adam Thornton McMahon, 609 Col-

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Overdue Liner Is Safe at St. Johns

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The Allan Line steamer Sicilian, overdue from Glasgow for Boston, arrived last night, having been delayed by stress of weather. Her officers report encounters with fierce gales.

On account of the stormy weather it is thought probable that the steamer Anita, bound here from Norway with 3000 reindeer for Dr. W. T. Grenfell, head of the Labrador Mission, will make a long passage. The steamer is now 14 days out.

Catholic Cadet Corps To Be Formed

There is a move on foot to establish a corps of Catholic cadets in London, similar to bodies now existing in Montreal, Ottawa and other cities.

The matter was brought up at a meeting held in St. Mary's Church schoolroom yesterday afternoon.

It is the intention to have the cadets uniformed and to have them well drilled under Instructor O'Donnell.

It is also proposed to pay the expenses of the corps by a series of entertainments to be given by the boys.

Many Cases of Grip Reported in City

The city is in the midst of a grip epidemic. Already physicians have begun to notice the effect of the damp weather, and many cases of grip are now reported. The conditions are very favorable to a spread of the disease. The damp, heavy atmosphere, and the chilly weather are ideal for the grip.

germs, and they are making right merry these days. "We are in for an epidemic of the grip," declared a well-known physician this morning.

"There are several cases I know of myself, and other doctors tell me that they have a lot of it. This is the weather for it. People will have to take care or they will be down with it. I look for a number of cases."

OARSMAN NED HANLON IS DYING

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 31.—Ned Hanlon, for years world's champion oarsman, is lying at his home on Beverly street,

in a house presented to him by the city. He has aged rapidly in the past few years. Recently he caught cold, and the doctors hold out little hope.

Death of Tice Weaver.

The death took place at Victoria hospital early this morning of Mr. Tice Weaver, of 22 Bathurst street, a laborer at a powerhouse. Mr. Weaver was brought to the hospital yesterday, funeral arrangements have not yet having been discovered in his room in

an unconscious condition. Dr. Hogg was called and diagnosed the case as one of a blood clot on the brain. Mr. Weaver never recovered consciousness. For some time he had been employed at the street railway powerhouse. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.



"HE'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME."

Daring Robbery on Princess Ave. Two Men Tear Purse From Lady

While Passing Her on the Sidewalk—Description of Thieves Given To The Police.

A daring robbery took place on Princess avenue on Saturday evening about 11 o'clock, when Mrs. Salsbury, of 721 Princess avenue, had her purse snatched out of her hand by two men, who accosted her on her way home.

Mrs. Salsbury was not very far from her home when two men came behind her, and as she let them pass, one of

them seized her purse, which she was carrying in her hand, and then both men took to their heels.

Mrs. Salsbury reported the matter to the police at once and furnished a good description of the men.

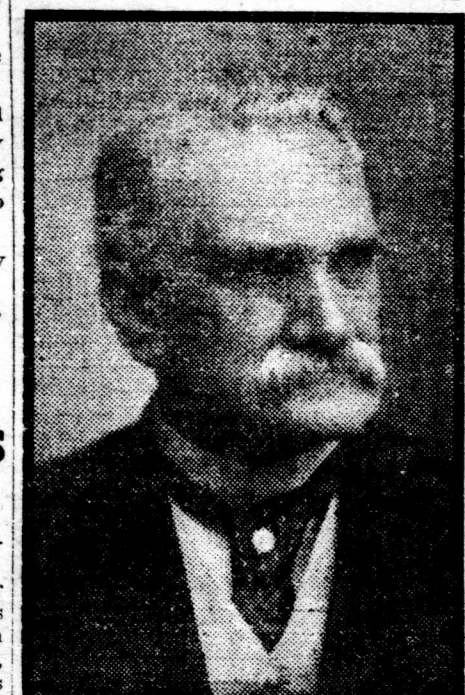
In the purse was \$7 in cash and some papers.

Several residents of the East End report that on Saturday evening they were followed by two men answering the description of the fellows who robbed Mrs. Salsbury.

The affair is being investigated by the police.

FLORETTA LOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The Call today published an interview with Rev. Jere Knode Cook, formerly pastor of St. George's Church at Hempstead, L. I., who, it is alleged, left his wife some eight months ago, eloping with an 18-year-old heiress named Floretta Whaley. The couple have been located, it is said, at a flat at 1199 Green street, in this city, while a search has been going on for them all over the country.



EX-ALD. GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG, Who Is Again in the Field for Alderman.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER. FORECASTS. Toronto, Dec. 30-31 a.m. Today—Strong winds and gales, shifting to west and northwest; rain and snow to day; turning colder tonight. Tuesday—Fair and colder.

Local Temperatures. The temperatures recorded at the local observatory on Saturday and Sunday were: Saturday—Highest, 46°; lowest, 26.5° above. Sunday—Highest, 33°; lowest, 21.5° above.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary..... 2 -2 Clear. Winnipeg..... 8 -6 Cloudy. Port Arthur..... 0 -2 Fair. Parry Sound..... 30 -24 Snow. Toronto..... 36 32 Rain. Ottawa..... 28 20 Snow. Montreal..... 30 24 Snow. Quebec..... 24 24 Snow. Father Point..... 26 18 Cloudy. Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 16-26; Victoria, 35-42; Vancouver, 36-41; Kamloops, 20-30; Calgary, 2-24; Edmonton, 20-34; Prince Albert, 14 below-4; Regina, 4-16; Winnipeg, 2 below-4; Port Arthur, 6-22; Parry Sound, 10-34; Toronto, 21-36; Ottawa, 8-26; Montreal, 10-26; Halifax, 36-46.

WEATHER NOTES. A disturbance of importance situated this morning over the lake region has traveled with rapidity from the Southwest States. It is causing heavy rain, sleet and snow in Ontario and Quebec, attended by strong winds and gales.

In the Western Provinces the weather is fair and moderately cold.

THE DRUCE CLAIMANT LOSES; COFFIN HELD BONES, NOT LEAD

The Remains Exhumed Today By British Authorities, Exploding the Romantic Story in World Famous Case.

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in Highgate cemetery, was exhumed this morning, just 48 years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tales told by Robert C. Caldwell and others, who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others, who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectively to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce.

No Roll of Lead.

The operations began at daylight, with the removal of the topmost coffin in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife, and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly 11:30 before the coffin, the contents of which have aroused the curiosity of the world was brought up, ready for opening and inspection. The top was quickly unscrewed, and the inner casing of lead cut open. There was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the home office to carry out the exhumation, to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings, which have cost, all told, a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers, who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claim of George Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of.

Body of Aged Man.

The authorized statement follows: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at Highgate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere; every bush and every tree apparently hid an officer of the law. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the

William Mack Goes Down for Winter Sneak Thief Was Given Five Months

By Police Magistrate Love This Morning—The Police Court.

As the result of a clever capture made by P. C. Lucas recently, William Mack, a man giving his home as Buffalo, was sentenced to five months in the Central Prison this morning by Magistrate Love.

Mack seems to be a very clever sneak thief, and three charges of

stealing tools from workmen were registered against him.

He pleaded guilty to all of them. Mack had paid his bill at his boarding house, bought a ticket for Montreal and was just stepping out of a pawnshop after disposing of the last of the tools when P. C. Lucas captured him and took him to the station.

Charles Hanson, charged with being a vagrant, could not pay a one dollar fine and was also sent down for five months.

The case of Ernest Poole, charged by Ed. Gilmore with non-payment of wages, was left over until tomorrow.

Two first-time drunks were allowed to go.

Al. Davis for Imperial Potentate Is Suggested for the New Shrine

Dispensation Has Been Granted By the Imperial Potentate at Chicago.

The new shrine will be known as the Mocha Shrine. The letter from the imperial potentate is as follows:

"Chicago, Dec. 28, 1907. "Mr. A. L. Davis, London, Ont.: "Illustrious and Distinguished, Yours inclosing application for dispensation duly received. Same has by me this day been approved and forwarded to the imperial recorder, and in due time you will receive the return. I wish to congratulate you upon your success in locating a temple in London. With kinds regards I remain, Yours in the faith, FRANK C. ROUNDY, "Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

A High Honor.

The name of Mr. A. L. Davis has been suggested as imperial potentate for the new shrine. Mr. Davis is one of the most widely-known Masons in the Western Peninsula, and to him is given the most credit in the formation of the Mocha Shrine.

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This is a very encouraging piece of information, and was expected so soon. The request for a shrine was only granted by Rameses Temple on Thursday evening. Mr. Davis sent the application Saturday morning, and on Monday morning word was received that the application had been favorably received. The Shriners in the city are jubilant and are making every effort to make the shrine here one of the most notable on the continent.

The last difficulty in the way of London having a shrine has at last been removed, and Mr. Al. Davis, of this city, has received official notification from the imperial potentate of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, Mr. Mr. Frank C. Roundy, of Chicago, that he has granted the dispensation, and that in due time Mr. Davis would receive the return.

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Buried Beneath Woodpile 60 Hours Ailsa Craig Man Dies of Injuries

Awful Experience of Aged Robert Gray Which Results in Death.

As a result of being buried under a woodpile for almost sixty hours, Mr. Robert Gray, an aged and highly-respected citizen of Ailsa Craig, is dead.

Mr. Gray, who is subject to weak spells, was splitting wood in his own woodshed, Saturday, Dec. 21, when he became suddenly ill, and reached for a large woodpile to steady himself. Un-

fortunately, the pile fell, burying him completely.

At the time of the accident, Mrs. Gray was visiting relatives in London, and as there was no one to hear the old gentleman's cries for help, he remained there for nearly sixty hours, when the continual calling of his hungry cow attracted attention. He was found, more dead than alive.

Since that time Mr. Gray has rallied at times and was able to give an account of how he came to meet with the accident.

On the day of the accident, Mr. Gray accompanied his wife to the station, and placed her on the train for London where she intended to spend the holidays.

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The Police Break Up Gambling Joint

About 2 o'clock on Sunday morning the police put an end to what they believe was an embryo gambling joint over a barber shop on King street west.

Five men have been summoned, and it is understood that three more who came out and got away just before the police arrived will be apprehended

and charged with gambling on Sunday. It is stated that certain members of the gang captured, had planned to establish a gambling den where they could go and have a quiet little game any time.

Saturday night they initiated the dive, but the police got wind of it and on the very first night of its existence put an end to it.