

Yesterday's municipal elections in Hamilton were marked by few surprises, unless it be regarded as a surprise that the face of the machine's fully organized campaign two more anti-machine candidates were elected than were in the Council last year.

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The figures of the vote are given in detail elsewhere. Of the last year's Council Ald. Bowerman, Craig and Sullivan went down in the fight. Of candidates not in last year's list, but who had served in former years, Evans, Smuck, Fearnside, Morris and Phelan, were left in the order given; and all the new men but Lewis were slaughtered, notwithstanding that there were some excellent candidates among them.

A study of the figures is enlightening, and shows that in spite of the machine many voters exercise their right to favor individual aldermen. Ald. Main's 3,720 votes and Ald. Eastwood's 3,548 go to prove that Ald. Findlay and Ald. Allen, too, with 3,349 and 3,296, respectively, precede Ald. Birrell with 3,246. Evidently in some cases the individual conscience is still stronger than the machine.

One of the most gratifying results to those who have watched the contest and the course of the machine's organ throughout last year, was the election of the two recalcitrant Tories whom it devoted all its efforts to injuring and whom it had sworn to crush. Ald. Stewart and Macleod. They both stand well up in the list of those elected, a fact which goes to show that the organ has little influence with the machine and with the people who vote, and that the noise and bad language as well as the lower ends there. No more rebuke has ever been given to the arrogant organ of an unscrupulous boss, and the victors are being generally congratulated. It is to be noted, also, that the two member aldermen are tail-enders, although they had the enthusiastic support of the machine.

Glancing over the results one is led to think that there is in the Council of 1906 enough material to make a good business board; and that if the connection between the City Hall and the evil influences that make the top floor of the Sun Life building their headquarters severed, and an effort made to do a sensible business on business principles, it will give the people good service. The machine element has been strengthened, and a rebuke has been given to attempts of an insolent newspaper boss to play the car, while a number of the more experienced men were retained. These facts may have influence in convincing aldermen desirous to a party machine, and to put a little stiff backbone to their individuality. The gain has been important.

School Board elections the day after a clean sweep, electing all candidates and promising to the government of the city, should be a partisan wire-puller, appear to favor it, and is an efficient school board, and in due time will stand. The degradation of a few years ago, and the standing, education of the party graft sat at the business without asking or which was Tory, is regrettable; but there is a dominant character, integrity among the trustees needs be ashamed. And will not be altogether.

ON MURDER. From Flint, Mich., tell us the identity of the Barton murder and his victim, may be true or may be mere fiction. They do press the careful reader familiar with the known facts as being worthy of a qualified acceptance. But the authors cannot afford to ignore them, unless an investigation will be made. The tale told by Horton charges the murder to Juan Senon, a Mexican. If true, then it is highly probable that the officers who have been sent to the blond-mustached man were trying to take up a man and the man who was supposed to have been the murderer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Write it 1900. Did you vote as you prayed? Get down to work now. You've had your blow-out.

If Mr. Lamoreaux can say to the machine men, "Hands off!" he can give the School Board good service. It all depends.

The Spectator said Findlay would have to push somebody off the Council Board to find a seat. And William took his hint.

Toronto by a large majority declared against reducing the number of shops and tavern licenses. Yesterday's figures go to indicate that had a plebiscite been taken here a similar result would have been recorded.

Wardrop made a fine run in Ward 3, considering the machine organization against him and the fact that acting on a principle which he advocates in municipal affairs he did no canvassing, depending entirely on the voluntary work of those who favored him. It is a pity he was defeated.

People say that the route of a certain buggy that nightly goes across the high level bridge and out into the rural fastnesses of Flamboro, was easily traced last night by an odor of brimstone and a fragrance of frenzied chunks of carbon which made sulphuric of carbon seem like vera violeta. And every time Ald. Stewart and Ald. Macleod think of it their faces stretch into an eighth of fourteen smile.

Joseph S. Neave, described as a millionaire, a politician, a clubman, bon vivant, dilettante, a shrewd, far-sighted manufacturer and Vice-President of the Bullock Electric Manufacturing Company, the most valuable subsidiary concern of the great Allis-Chalmers Company, has accepted the position of Cincinnati's superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department at a salary of \$2,500 a year. He has not taken the job for what is in it, as he can earn many times \$2,500 a year at his present business. He accepts the job, he says, to oblige his friends and because he would like to see Cincinnati look as clean as, or cleaner than, any other city, and although he knows nothing about the job, he is going to learn, and he says he is going to give Cincinnati as clean streets as there are in the world. There is no politics in his mission. Although most of the members of the department are Republicans, and he is a Democrat, the axe will fall on none of them.

Dun's Review for last week in its retrospect of 1905, speaks glowingly of the prosperity of the United States during the past year. It says that over a million immigrants were absorbed during the year without causing any apparent glut of the labor market. The mileage of the railways has steadily increased, and the issues of stocks and bonds were beyond precedent and the earnings are much greater than ever before. Manufacturing plants have turned out quantities of products much in excess of any earlier year without causing overstocking. In fact, it was often the case that goods could not be delivered as specified, and in the iron and steel industry orders will be carried over into 1906 equal to the entire annual production a few years ago. Prices of commodities have risen to the highest position in 22 years, a striking evidence, it says, of the expanding capacity of the people. An evidence, also, we are afraid, that the wage-earners' increase of wages has been eaten up in the enhanced prices of the necessities of life.

The Hamilton Herald and the Toronto World both twitted the Times with supporting a slate and with taking a side politically in yesterday's elections because the men it recommended for aldermen and school trustees happened to be Liberals. Without favoring the policy of mixing party politics with municipal affairs it would have been impossible to recommend any one else, for all the Tory candidates were either on the Tory or Spectator slate, and their men were all running as Tories, with the avowed object of subverting civic affairs to political party and, with perhaps the single exception of Ald. Church, asking to be elected because they had the approval of the Tory machine. The Times has always been opposed to running the city's affairs on party lines, and it would have justified itself had it supported such men. On the other hand, the men whom it supported did not ask to be elected on their political record, but simply as citizens interested in the welfare of the city and the schools. They might have asked the voters of the electors on the ground that they were Irish or English, Episcopalian or Catholic, Free Mason or Workman, but they did not. As private citizens they ran, and as such the Times supported them. The candidates who were Tories asked support because they were Tories and the Times consequently opposed them.

Serious Run of Bad Luck. (Continued from page 1.) "Did you have any bad luck? Not a bit of it," said the man and he set things on the table and he frowned and said, "I never did any bad luck!" "No, I never did any bad luck!" "No, I never did any bad luck!" "No, I never did any bad luck!"

Kingston's Socialistic Venture. (Kingston whig.) The first statement of the revenue and expenditure for 1905. This shows that the gas plant is the money maker. It costs less, it involves less risk of damage and deterioration, and it yields a larger profit. The earnings of the gas plant for the year are \$32,017.93, and the electric plant, \$33,075.19. The expenses (manufacturing) are for gas, \$18,182.64, and for electricity, \$21,736.51. The difference, so far as the power and light and gas departments are concerned, is, with the rental, \$26,971.07. Against this has to be charged interest, insurance, office salaries and rent, etc., a total of \$17,723.18. The surplus is \$9,248.49. But it is not a cash surplus. The earnings of the plants disappear as fast as they are collected, and they appear to be going largely into permanent improvements. Last year there was an overdraft on Dec. 31 of \$23,770.62. It increased during the early part of the year, while certain extensions were going on, but it was reduced when the Lieutenant-Governor in Council allowed the issue of debentures to the extent of \$20,000. Still there is an overdraft of \$2,770.62, and of interest and unpaid accounts to the amount of \$7,665.27, a total of \$36,192.33. The only available assets are the December dues, \$22,000, and accrued rent of \$302, or altogether \$22,302. With every dollar the incoming rates applied, therefore, there will be a serious liability at the beginning of the year, and the overdraft will grow during the time another quarter's dues are accumulating.

The point of greatest moment is this: That while in 1904 there was a paper surplus of \$7,841.01, and in 1905 of \$9,348.49, in both years there was an overdraft out of all proportions with the revenue and at a heavy cost to the city in interest account.

The fellow who never knows when he has enough generally gets too much.

Our Exchanges

Swearing Off Time. Have you appetites unruly? Swear them off! Do you smoke or drink unduly? Then swear off!

Wear an oath as 'twere a fetter; Keep it as a curb, and say, "No, no!" Break it—still you're something better. No swear off!

Evidence of Sound Mind. (Modern Society.) Secretary (unatic asylum)—Mrs. Sharp-tongue was here to-day and wanted her husband sent home and placed under her care.

Superintendent—Did you let him go? "No. He said he would rather stay here."

"Hum! The man must be sane!"

The Grip Microbe. (Washington Star.) I have a tiny little pet. A creature strange and weird; I often strive to lose him, yet He's very fond of me.

He lingers near me all the day, And with delight will squirm, No matter what I do, or say, 'Tis curious little germ.

About my shoulders with great glee He climbs and shows no fear; And when I tuck 'em taken, he Will sing into my ear.

Whatever bedtime, he'll cling; 'Tis something sadly sweet To find in such a tiny thing Devotion thus complete.

John Barleycorn's Punch. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch.) If John Barleycorn, knocks out a prize fighter at 42 what age will the business man throw up the sponge to the great champion? We are told that Bob Fitzsimmons was not a drunkard.

He was a steady drinker. Few business men are drunkards, but many of them are steady drinkers. A business man may go on for years drinking steadily, and if the punch in the stomach in the shape of unforeseen difficulties does not come he may pull through. But who can say when it will come or that it will come at all? It is possible that the business man has a better chance to survive the punch than the pugilist?

Be Gentle When You Blow Your Nose. (London Daily Mail.) Medical experts are calling the attention of the public to the importance of performing the nose blowing operation in a scientific and hygienic manner. First on nostril and then the other should be blown without undue violence.

Doctors state that the two nasal passages should never be closed at the same time. If they are obstructed, as in the case of a cold, the back of the throat is filled with compressed air, and this, together with the discharge and the microbes which it contains, may be driven through the eustachian tube into the middle ear and lead to serious results.

A great authority on the subject used to forbid his patients to blow their noses when suffering from a cold. This course is hardly one which will commend itself to those in the habit of catching colds, and the best advice would seem to be that when it is necessary to blow the nose the blowing should be done gently.

Municipalization in Britain. (N. Y. Journal of Commerce.) In the five years, 1891 to 1895, as the result of legal restrictions which date from 1888, only 34 miles of street railway were built in the United Kingdom. Glasgow, whose local tramway enterprises have been so much heralded, has had 140 miles of street railway track for the purpose of catching colds, and in the city and suburbs. It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that in 1901 no less than 91,200 inhabitants of the city lived in the condition of three to twelve persons in one room, while 100,000 persons lived in the condition of five to twelve persons in two rooms.

The result of municipal jealousy of private enterprises in tramway construction has thus been to leave Great Britain far behind in providing her people with the means of catching colds, and cheap suburban homes. The municipalities are bound together in a cohesive league to resist any measure which takes power from them to confer it on private corporations. The result has been to paralyze the extension of street railways in Great Britain, to deprive of electric power important manufacturing interests, and to keep the people huddled up in small and unsanitary spaces near the centres of population while their smug officials write rose-colored reports about the gross earnings of their carefully selected tramway lines, for throwing dust in the eyes of the public.

Funeral of Victim. COLLECTION A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOLGONGLEY FAMILY.

The funeral of Elliott Longley, an employee of the Imperial Cotton Co., who was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk engine on his way to work Saturday morning, took place yesterday morning at Blackford's and Son's, Rev. J. K. Unsheth, officiating. At the service in the Congregational Church, yesterday morning, \$2.50 was collected for the widow and orphans of the unfortunate man.

The jury at viewing the body on Saturday at a morgue adjourned to meet again on Monday evening.

FOUNTAINSENSE. LITTLE JOEY HAMBURG, DRUNK, TAKEN TO CITY HOSPITAL.

Late on Saturday night P. C's Harris and Robson, and thirteen year old John Hamburg, resides at 276 James street northwing intoxicated on the roadside necking and Queen streets. The boy was sensible and in such bad shape that had to be removed in the ambulance to the City Hospital. The doctors used a mach pump and succeeded in bringing a round. His father took him home Sunday. The police investigated the air, with a view of prosecuting and if it could be ascertained where they got the liquor. They were given understand that it was taken from delivery rig and the Chief of Police unable to say yesterday whether further action would be taken.

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THAT ROAD RACE

REV. MR. TRELEAVEN REFERS TO IT AND OTHER THINGS.

Rev. R. J. Treleaven, in First Methodist Church, on Sunday morning preached his sermon on "An Aldermanic Slate for 1906, with some remarks of a personal and general nature. Quoting a paragraph that had appeared in one of the city papers on Friday, which stated that he was accused of canvassing for the four aldermen who had voted the question of license reduction to the people, he asked that any person who had heard him mention any candidate outside the pulpit should stand up. No one stood up, and Mr. Treleaven said he considered that a minister of the gospel had a right to speak against anything wrong from the pulpit, but to canvass for individual candidates he considered beneath a minister's dignity. Then he referred to anonymous letters attacking him, saying he never paid any attention to such. In regard to his statement that a speaker at a liquor dealers' convention had said that the future of the business depended upon the creation of an appetite for drink in young men, Mr. Treleaven stated that the statement was made at the Ohio liquor men's convention, and was so atrocious that even that convention from among its members subsequently, in a big procession, half-pint bottles of liquor were distributed free, for no other purpose than to create appetite. Referring to the Christ-mas day road race, he deplored the gathering of young men in such a crowd around saloons and asked who gave the false start. If no one knew, someone should have known. The race was called off and another day set, but not New Year's day. That would have been the natural day, a holiday, but the saloons would be closed that day, and the race was set for Saturday, when the saloons would be open.

Rev. Mr. Treleaven based his remarks on an Aldermanic slate for 1906 upon Exodus xviii. 21: "Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God; men of truth, hating covetousness." He pointed out particularly that the choice was to be made from amongst "all men, not from amongst Tories only or Grits only." He also feared that many of the candidates could not qualify under the conditions set forth in the text.

S. S. RALLY.

LARGE TURNOUT AT CENTENARY CHURCH YESTERDAY MORNING.

Centenary Methodist Church was crowded yesterday morning at the annual rally of the Methodist Sunday schools of the city. It was the most successful rally ever held. The scholars and teachers of the various schools assembled at their churches and proceeded to Centenary in bodies. Mr. Thomas Lovejoy, of Emerald Street Methodist Church, was chairman, and Mr. H. A. Martin, of Wesley, who is Secretary-Treasurer, conducted the singing. Mr. W. H. Hewlett presided at the organ, and a large choir of Centenary Sunday school occupied the choir loft and led the singing. Among the songs sung was the celebrated Glee Song.

Rev. J. H. Robinson, President of the Hamilton Conference, opened the proceedings with prayer, the whole gathering joining in the Lord's Prayer. Rev. H. G. Livingston, of Barton Street Methodist Church, read the Scripture lesson.

The chairman gave a short address and called upon Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox Church, who extended the greetings from the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Martin the Secretary read telegrams from the Sunday School Associations of the Methodist Church in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Brockville, extending greetings.

Mr. J. Orr Caughan, of Centenary Church, then conducted the roll call. Ten Sunday schools reported through their Superintendents, First Methodist Church, with a membership of 668, led in numbers. There was a school more to report this year than last, the A. M. E. Church having joined the rally.

Rev. R. J. Treleaven, of First Methodist Church, gave a short address, followed by the V. M. C. A. quartette, which sang splendidly. Mr. Ralph Steele, secretary of the forward movement, spoke and Rev. C. S. Symonds presented the greetings; the Baptist Church, Rev. T. E. Egan Shere, of Wesley Church, was the st. speaker, and Rev. H. W. Crows, of Zion, closed with the benediction.

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Another Trade... STAPLE DEPARTMENT... 36-inch Cotton... 35c Linen Scarfs... 8 1/2c Towelling... 17c Towelling for 14c... Sale of \$2.00 Blouse Silks at 50c... \$1.00 Black Moire 65c... \$1.00 Venetian Cloth 75c... THE T. H. PRATT CO.

GAY SCENE AT SERGEANTS' BALL.

13TH NON-COMS. AND THEIR BEST GIRLS HAD A JOLLY TIME. A Splendid Programme of Dances—Large Attendance and Excellent Dance Music—Decorations of Officers' Ball Left in Place. The warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the Thirteenth fulfilled their promise to make the second annual ball the biggest kind of a success. It was one of the gayest and jolliest of affairs of the season. The beautiful decorations used at the officers' ball on Friday night were left in place, and when Nelligan's orchestra played the opening strains of the first number of an unusually good dance programme, the scene was an extremely gay one. The spacious ballroom floor was perfection, and the temperature just right for dancing. A splendid repast was served, and so nicely were all the arrangements carried into effect that all seemed reluctant to say good night when the appointed time came. Sgt.-Major Huggins, Quartermaster-Sergeant Sloan, chairman, Col-Sergt. Nicholson, secretary, particularly, and the sergeants generally, are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

GREGORIAN CHOIR WILL START TRAINING AT EARLY DATE. With the New Year St. Lawrence Church will begin preparations for the organization of a Gregorian Choir. The boys and men will be selected at once, and will begin practice under a competent instructor. The present choir of mixed voices, however, will be retained in the church for some time to come. It being Rev. Father's intention not to introduce the Gregorian until the choir is thoroughly efficient. On Sunday, in his address, Father Brady warned the young men against joining secret societies which were under the ban of the church. It was stated, he pointed out, to keep out of trouble than to get out of it.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS.

New Year's day was impressively observed in the Catholic Churches of the city, special masses being celebrated. The altars were beautifully decorated and illuminated and the sermons appropriate to the occasion. There was vesper in the evening. Next Saturday will be the feast of the Epiphany and a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Churches. Mr. Huggins—"Did you have a good time shopping to-day, dear?" Mrs. Huggins—"No, I found just what I was looking for at the very first store."

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