

STING TIME OF THE COUNTRY POSITION LEAPS AT EVERY SHADOW

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DISPOSED OF ROUTINE WORK QUESTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Business Transacted at the Weekly Sitting—Government Street Conditions Discussed.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council convened at 8:15 o'clock last night... The Mayor was on hand prompt on the hour...

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2. In case more than one candidate for mayor is nominated... the vote of the electors for the said office shall be taken by ballot...

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of alderman... in any ward than there are vacancies to fill up...

4. That William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the returning officer at such election.

The following were appointed deputy returning officers to officiate at the elections under Returning Officer W. Northcott...

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—The minister of justice has informed Sunfield's lawyer that the murderer cannot have a new trial...

GRAVE CRISIS IN PERSIAN EMPIRE MANIFESTO ISSUED TO WORLD POWERS

Teheran, 17.—Speaking on behalf of the nation the Persian parliament has issued a manifesto to the world... The present constitutional crisis is explained...

"When the affairs of the empire had fallen into a helpless state the nation sought its only salvation in constitutional government... The late Shah granted a constitution...

"The nations do not wish to do anything that will disturb the peace... in view of the attack of the reactionary members of the government...

"By means of this manifesto the Persian nation makes known to all legislations and foreign diplomatic representatives the actual condition of affairs... and it informs them that the sovereign is violating his covenant with the people...

The mayor said the crescenting plant would be ready this week and the blocks were now being cut... It was agreed that as many of the members as possible should attend the gathering at the Bishop's residence at 4 o'clock...

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION. "Yeggen" Believed to Have Caused Accident at Dupont Powder Works.

Bowling Green, O., Dec. 17.—Six hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine in the Dupont powder works, two and a half miles from here, exploded at 5 p.m. yesterday...

A theory as to the cause is advanced that "Yeggen" in an attempt to replenish their supply of the explosive for use in safe blowing...

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Government of Mikado Purposes to Save \$200,000,000 in Six Years.

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NEGRO MINSTREL LYNCHED. Resented Being Called "A Yankee Nigger"—Body Riddled With Bullets.

Shirvesport, La., Dec. 17.—A negro member of a travelling minstrel troupe, who gave his name as Homer Rogers, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse parish last night...

London, Dec. 17.—The King and Queen of Norway, who have been on a visit to England, left here to-day for Copenhagen...

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AMERICA'S WAR BALLOON. Specifications of What is Required for New Dirigible Air Issued.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Specifications for the construction of a dirigible balloon for the use of the army, and for which tenders from Americans will be considered, were issued yesterday.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—After concluding the consideration of General Express rates, the Railway Commission has advised the public that special rates will be discussed...

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PROGRESS IN SETTLER'S CASE J. H. HAWTHORNTWHAITE GAVE EVIDENCE

He Disclaimed That He Was Solely Responsible for Passage of Act.

The examination of witnesses for the defence in the Settlers' Rights case was continued yesterday afternoon... Mrs. Fiddick being the first to give evidence...

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