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OPPOSITION FOR MAYOR STEVELY J. M. PARSONS TO RUN FOR HONOR

Mr. S. Screaton Elected by Acclamation for Hospital Trustee.

TWENTY NAMES FOR ALDERMEN

Seven Candidates From Whom To Select Five School Trustees.

There will be a contest for the mayoralty.

Although ex-Ald. Matthews, C. M. R. Graham and F. J. Darch, one of whom it was thought would be a candidate, retired, Mr. John M. Parsons qualified, and will make a contest.

It was about 8 o'clock when he filled in his papers, only doing so after Mr. Darch had qualified for water commissioner.

Mr. Parsons' avowed reason for running is to discuss the water bylaw at greater length than would be allowed him under any other circumstance. He is opposed to the present scheme of the commissioners, and is an advocate of meters and high-pressure.

The only office to go by acclamation was that of hospital trustee, Mr. S. Screaton being returned without a contest. He has been on the board for some years, being chairman the last two.

A Dark Horse.

A dark horse turned up in the race for the water commission. It was thought that Dr. H. A. Stevenson would oppose Mr. F. J. Darch, but he did not qualify. Mr. Urban A. Buchner will run against Mr. Darch. Dr. H. A. McCallum, who it was thought might be induced to run, did not qualify.

For Aldermen.

For the aldermanic board just twenty candidates qualified. Of this number half are members of last year's council. They were:

Ald. Beattie, Ferguson, Stevenson, Parsons, Armstrong, Moorhead, Saunders, Rose, Stewart, Gerry.

Ald Greenlees and Ald. Booth are the only missing ones. Ex-Ald. Scarlett, a member of the 1907 council, and ex-Ald. Josh Garratt, also a member of the same board, will face the music. Ex-Ald Neil Cooper, who always runs, is on deck again. There are some new ones.

Board of Education.

Only one member of the five whose terms expire this year will run again. Mr. C. M. R. Graham, who was chairman of the board this year, will run again. Two former members, W. W. Gammage and W. T. Strong, are again in the field, and should poll a large vote.

The List.

The line-up will be as follows:

Mayor.

Samuel Stevely.
John M. Parsons.

Hospital Trustee.

Samuel Screaton (acclamation).

Water Commissioners.

Fred J. Darch.
Urban A. Buchner.

Aldermen.

George W. Armstrong.
J. H. A. Beattie.
Neil Cooper.
W. J. Craig.
James Donnelly.
Donald Ferguson.
James Fitzgerald.
Joshua Garratt.
William Gerry.
Thomas H. Janes.
James H. Jeffries.
Joseph Lawrence.
Charles G. Moorhead.
Albert J. Morgan.
Robert Parsons.
George E. Rose.
John H. Saunders.
Wm. Scarlett.
William J. Stevenson.
Donald A. Stewart.

Board of Education.

W. W. Gammage.
Charles M. R. Graham.
John M. Gunn.
Harry A. Kingsmill.
Richard McBride.
William T. Strong.
Albert J. Wyckoff.

INDIAN CHARGED WITH STEALING WHEEL

Appeared Before Magistrate and Was Remanded for Trial.

An Indian named McKay Antone was arrested yesterday for stealing a wheel belonging to a young man who has been working for Walter T. Westby. The noble redman made a quick getaway, and the wheel was sold to a man named Blair, about two miles from Strathroy, for $11. Constable Shaver went after the wheel yesterday and succeeded in locating it. Antone appeared before Squire Chittick this morning and was remanded to jail to appear before the magistrate on Jan. 6, 1909.

ATTEMPT TO LOOT BANK

Six Criminals Killed at Messina—$500,000 in Plain View.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Six criminals were killed while attempting to loot the Bank of Sicily at Messina, where cash amounting to half a million dollars lay in plain view.

TEMPLAR VS. TEMPLAR—A RETRACTION.

In reporting the institution of this divorce suit in Detroit last summer, The Advertiser set out certain allegations made by the plaintiff against his wife. These allegations, which were very damaging to Mrs. Templar's reputation, were received by our reporter and published without due inquiry. It now appears that the assertions were quite wrong, and that there was no foundation for those injurious statements. We regret that anything published in this journal should have done injury to Mrs. Templar, who, so far as we are able to learn, is a very respectable and reputable lady.

We may add that Mrs. Templar's husband, who left her in June last, is now, under order of the court of chancery in Detroit, paying his wife interim alimony.

Dr. McCallum Is Against the Bylaw

"What would have been your platform had you run for water commissioner?" asked The Advertiser of Dr. H. A. McCallum this afternoon.

"I would have been opposed to the bylaw, because it is in reality a river water or filtration scheme," the doctor replied. "I would be for spring water out of artesian wells, with a new main from them delivering into the eastern part of the cit, and an independent high-pressure system. It could be done cheaply by tapping the present main, as it comes into the city, using electric pumps to force water into the high-pressure pipes. As we only use 1,000,000 gallons in a year for fire-fighting, we do not want a new supply for this purpose.

"Burn down the business section and what will follow? Hundreds will be idle and wageless, and thousands will be without the means of support.

"Many of the wholesales would not rebuild again in this city. The fire would scare away any concerns contemplating coming here.

"The value of every man's property in the city would be reduced one-half and for twenty years it would remain depreciated in value. Nothing so true in a city like this as the statement that if one part is degraded the whole city is degraded.

"As a citizen I think I owe it to the rest of the citizens to do my share toward showing them that the value and safety of their property depend upon the safety of the whole city."

Nelson Blackwell Was Allowed To Go

A. Nelson Blackwell, the young man recently found guilty of bigamy, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning and was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

"I think this is not the case of a man taking advantage of an innocent woman," said the court. "All the facts were brought to this woman's knowledge before the marriage, and she has only herself to blame for whatever occurred. I think, Blackwell, that your troubles have been brought on entirely by the excessive use of whisky, and in future I would recommend you to keep away from it altogether. You have been a hard-working man, and although you have done time on previous occasions I understand that you have lately been making every effort to reform. I am glad that this is the case, and hope you will continue to keep straight. Remember that your first marriage was made while you were drunk. So was your second. However, I am satisfied that your last affair was done with the full knowledge of the woman. Remember that if you marry again while your first wife is alive, or before she gets a divorce in Canadian courts, you are liable for bigamy. Your first wife, I understand, is getting a divorce in Detroit. That does not let you out in any way as long as you are in Canada. Your second marriage is, of course, absolutely void. I am pleased to be able to tell you that your employer says you are one of the best men he ever had, and he is willing to take you back at once."

Will Bore Deeper Before Testing

The test well on Horton street has not yet been pumped out, and it is impossible at this moment to say what quantity of water it contains.

The air compressor is in place and as soon as Mr. James Peat has sunk the well a few feet further, it will be pumped out and a test made.

The well is still practically filled with water, and Mr. Peat is confident that it will be equal to any sunk in the neighborhood.

A statement has been signed by T. F. Kingsmill, T. H. Smallman, C. B. Hunt, J. W. Little, W. M. Gartshore, F. E. Leonard, A. M. Smith, Geo. G. McCormick, J. H. Chapman, R. J. Young, W. W. Thomson, Hon. A. Beck, John Labatt, F. G. Rumball, Thos. Baker and C. R. Somerville, asking that the bylaw be not passed until the well scheme is shown to be a success or failure.

Woodstock Water Tank Topples Over

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 30.—The big tank situated at the east end of the G. T. R. yards burst at noon yesterday, and, toppling over, submerged the yards and tracks in tons of water. Dr. Stevens, who was driving over Bay street bridge, with a friend, narrowly escaped death by the falling timbers. As it was, both occupants were almost forced over the edge of the bridge, and were drenched. The horse was injured, and a boy received slight injuries.

TRUSTEES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Separate School Nominations Were Held at Noon Today.

Nominations for the separate school board were held at noon today in St. Peter's school.

The four retiring members—Mr. Wm. McPhillips, Jeremiah Loughlin, R. Muir Burns and Dr. Claude Brown—were nominated, and were elected, without opposition.

There was a fair attendance of electors present. Capt. T. J. Murphy acted as returning officer.

A NIAGARA POWER MEETING IN LONDON

Session of Delegates From the Municipalities Interested Will Be Held Monday.

A meeting of delegates from the municipalities interested in the Niagara power movement will be held in the board of trade rooms on Wednesdaf evening next at 8 o'clock.

"A large number of the municipalities interested will send delegates," said Mayor Stevely.

Warrant for Indian Lister.

The police have a warrant for an Indian lister named Arthur Lenehan, who was at one time a fireman on the Grand Trunk Railway. Lenehan is charged with viciously assaulting a citizen at the corner of the Hamilton road and Maitland street on Monday night. He is said to have been under the influence of liquor at the time, and in the fight which followed he gouged with his finger nails the face of the citizen who was going to his home at the time. The police up to date have been unable to find Lenehan.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30. — There have been some changes in the trade commission staff. W. A. MacKinnon, who has for some years been trade commissioner at Bristol, has been transferred to Birmingham, to take the place of Peter B. Ball, deceased. E. B. Arnaud, who has been trade commissioner at St. Johns, Nfld., is transfererd to Bristol. J. E. Ray, who has for some years been connected with the commissioner's office in Birmingham, is appointed trade commissioner at St. Johns.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 30—8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, shifting to westerly and northwesterly; mild today, with occasional sleet and rain; turning decidedly colder during the night.

Thursday—Northwesterly gales, and becoming very cold.

TEMPERATURES

Stations.	Today. 8 a.m.	Yesterday. Min.	Max.
London	36	19	36
Winnipeg	2	10	30
Port Arthur	30	..	..
Parry Sound	28	12	26
Toronto	36	26	40
Ottawa	12	6	22
Montreal	2	10	16
Quebec	4	2	16
Father Point	— 6	..	..
Dawson	..	—48	—44
Victoria	..	34	38
Vaucouver	..	29	39
Kamloops	..	20	26
Calgary	..	— 8	12
Edmonton	..	— 3	2
Battleford	..	— 6	10
Moosejaw	..	21	22
Qu'Appelle	..	8	20
St. John	..	12	24
Halifax	..	18	22

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The important disturbance which was situated in Alberta yesterday morning now covers Lake Superior, while a very severe cold wave is spreading over the Western Provinces.

Rain is now falling in the lake region, and the outlook generally is decidedly stormy.

MALONE ACCUSED BY WILKINS COMMITTING ARSON AND THEFT

Astounding Story Told at Preliminary Examination of Ex-Chief of Police of Simcoe---Committed for Trial and Bail Refused.

Simcoe, Dec. 29.—Ex-Chief of Police Malone was today committed for trial at the next assizes, Feb. 22. Bail was refused.

At the continuation of the trial today, Mr. Kelly, counsel for the prisoner, instanced a number of cases in which he said Wilkins had made mistakes in identification.

"Did you ever get the promise of the chief's job?" asked Mr. Kelly.

"I got no promise of any job," replied Wilkins.

"I suppose you obey him like a brother, eh? Do whatever he tells you? Cut a man's throat if he ordered you to, eh?"

"No, I wouldn't go as far as that."

"I suppose not. You have been at Sunday school, eh, and learned the commandments. 'Thou shalt not steal,' 'Thou shalt not kill,' 'Thou shalt not bear false witness,' etc.?" said Mr. Kelly, sarcastically.

Abused the Court.

When it came to a question of the statement signed by Wilkins at the sanatorium, where he was taken after the shooting, Mr. Kelly and Crown Attorney Slaght had a sharp tiff. Mr. Kelly demanded to see it, and Mr. Slaght contended that if it were produced in this court it must be used throughout.

"His worship doesn't understand any

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Two More Men Arrested by Police Charged With Assaulting an Officer

Bail Was Accepted in the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars for Each Man.

The police last night arrested Walter Rowe and James Kennedy, two young men living in the east end, on a charge of being among those who assaulted P. C. Robert Robinson in such a brutal manner at the corner of York and Wellington streets, Monday night. Mr. Judd appeared for the young men and asked bail.

Crown Attorney McKillop opposed this strongly.

Bail Opposed.

"If this were an ordinary crime, your worship," said Mr. McKillop, "I would raise no objections to bail. But it is one of the most brutal and cowardly assaults that have ever come to my notice. I cannot emphasize the brutal and cowardly part strongly enough. The police officer is still in a very serious condition, and while it is not thought his injuries will result fatally, he is suffering greatly. P. C. Robinson's face is in a terrible state, and I think it is no hardship at all for these men to go to jail for a week for doing such a thing. I most strongly oppose bail being granted."

Mr. Judd stated that the primary object in detaining the men was that they might be present at the trial. From his instructions he said he believed the men were not implicated in the row.

"I have the most positive evidence that they were," said Mr. McKillop.

A Compromise.

A compromise was finally effected by which each of the prisoners was bailed in the sum of $2,000—$1,000 being personal bail, and the remainder being furnished by their parents.

The two most-sought-after persons as far as the assault is concerned, have yet to be apprehended, and the police are keeping a close watch for them.

Principal Speaker at Masonic Banquet Drops Dead in Middle of Speech

Death Takes a Prominent Amherstburg Man in Dramatic Manner.

Amherstburg, Ont., Dec. 30.—William Henry McEvoy, former mayor of Amherstburg, and a leading citizen, dropped dead at midnight in the Masonic Hall. The occasion was the annual banquet of the local lodge. Mr. McEvoy was a guest and the principal speaker of the evening. He was apparently in the best of health, and was in a particularly jovial mood, and had been speaking about twenty minutes when he dropped to the floor and expired almost immediately. Apoplexy was the cause.

Mr. McEvoy was born in Belleville 56 years ago. He came to Amherstburg in 1873. He was well known throughout the country, and was one of the most popular men in business and society in the town. Mr. McEvoy was mayor from 1888 to 1894. He was manager and pricipal stockholder in the Amherstburg Light and Power Company, and interested in several local concerns. He leaves a wife and three children.

Police May Deport One James Long Alleged To Be Worthless Character

Is Now Charged With Stealing Goods From Down Town Stores.

In the police court this morning, James Long, one of the men charged with stealing goods in downtown stores on Christmas Eve, was remanded for a week, while steps are being taken to deport him. Long claims to have a wife and two children in England. As far as the police can find out he is said to be worthless, refusing to work, and spending his time drinking.

J. W. Hibbert, who was with Long at the time, was allowed to go on suspended sentence, as the court, after making inquiries, found that he had hitherto borne a good character, and had been so drunk on the night in question that he did not know what he was doing.

A Case of Charity.

James Bruce, who was arrested for stealing coal, was dismissed on that charge, but out of kindness to him, and in order that he might be comfortably provided for during the winter, Magistrate Love sent him down for three months.

William Wilton, for being drunk, was fined $3.

William Brierly, an Indian lister, claimed he had his whisky in his house and got drunk there. He objected strongly to being sent down to sober up.

Frank Bradley, a man who was arrested for being drunk, but who alleged he had merely lost his way, was bailed until tomorrow morning.

Fourteen Years for Grafter Ruef

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Abraham Ruef, formerly political "boss" of San Francisco, yesterday was sentenced to fourteen years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin. Sentence was pronounced by Judge William P. Lawler, who presided over Ruef's trial on the charge of bribery of a member of the Schmitz board of supervisors in the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads.

Canada Accepts American Invitation

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Mr. Pinchet, head of the forestry branch of the United States Government, reached Ottawa yesterday bearing an invitation to Canada to a convention which is to be held in the United Stattes to consider the conservation of the natural resources of the North American continent. He was met by a representative of Earl Grey, and driven to the Government House, where he was the guest of the Governor-General during his stay in Ottawa. The Canadian Government will heartily accept the invitation, and will send probably several representatives, who are capable of discussing questions relating to forestry, minerals, fisheries, water powers and other natural resources.

Among the wonderful surgical operations becoming so common nowadays as to be commonplace, was the removal of a woman's entire larynx in a Baltimore hospital the other day. Though she will be speechless, the operation saved her life.

THOUSANDS ARE BURIED ALIVE IN THE RUINS OF MESSINA

Suffering Slow Death by Torture---Many, Unable To Extricate Themselves, Are Being Burned.

AT LEAST 100,000 PERSONS PERISHED

Flames Are Sweeping Over the Devastated Area, Destroying All That Escaped Wave and Earthquake---Scores of Villages Have Been Razed---Property Loss Many Millions.

Palermo, Dec. 30—There was a slight earthquake early last evening, and it caused a terrible panic. The population invaded the churches, and carried out the images of the saints and sacred vessels, then marched in a processional through the streets, imploring a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

Many are in danger of starvation in Messina. All trains bringing refugees by the hundreds from the devastated city.

Catania, Dec. 30.—One of the Messina survivors gave a vivid account this morning of the appearance of the city. He says that only a small proportion of the total population escaped. Thousands of persons are still buried alive in the ruins, where they are suffering slow death by torture.

Being Burned Alive.

The flames are still making their way slowly over the devastated area in an inexorable advance. Imprisoned and pinioned human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being burned alive. Others are dying of their injuries, while still others are starving.

The streets are filled with confused masses of brick and mortar, beams, furniture, chimneys and roofs. It is impossible to recognize one thoroughfare from another. In many cases they appear as enormous crevices or great ditches, twisted into fantastic shapes.

Filth Floods Streets.

The celebrated Avenue Palazzatti, which runs along the sea front from the Plaza to the postoffice, is impassable. All the monuments that were there have entirely disappeared. All the water pipes, sewer and gas pipes of the city have been destroyed, and water, mud and filth are flooding the torn streets.

Gas explosions occur frequently, and result in the breaking out of scores of small fires.

For several hours after the first shock, Messina was absolutely without organized action, for the reason that the municipal authorities, the soldiers, the police, doctors and nurses, by the hundreds, were either buried or drowned.

The first work of rescue was performed by volunteers from ships in the harbor, and groups of heroic survivors, who at great labor and personal danger extricated many persons pinioned beneath the wreckage.

Messina's crying need today is for doctors, clothing and food, and firemen to combat the flames that still ravage the city.

Torpedo boats that came in here this morning from Messina bring most distressing reports. Contagion is now feared to add to the other scourges.

Doctors, nurses and firemen are being hurried into the wrecked city, but the lack of food and water makes the work of rescue almost too difficult to overcome. The British and Russian warships at Messina have sent crews ashore and are performing heroic deeds. The vessels themselves have been transferrd into hospital ships.

All the hospitals in Catania are now crowded, and even the schools have been transformed into infirmaries. The less seriously injured of the survivors of Messina are being dispatched by the dozens to Palermo.

It is reported from Palermo that Minister of Public Works Bartolino has arrived there. Assisted by Deputies Carnazza and Felice he has organized several corps of volunteers for rescue work.

Some Marvellous Escapes.

The refugees are beginning to tell tales of their marvellous escapes. After the first shock they were for a while imprisoned in their ruined houses. The masses of wreckage made egress impossible. Many awaited in terror for the coming of light.

They then made their way out, and climbing over the countless obstruc- open. They had to leave behind them open. The yhad to leave behind them under the ruins countless victims who called for help in heartrending tones. It was impossible to give succor. A large proportion of those who escaped sustained injuries. It is asserted that probably half the fatalities occurred because it was impossible for the survivors to render assistance. Not the least of the suffering was caused by the torrential downpour of rain.

Many Villages Gone.

Some of the refugees walked out of Messina through San Giovanni, Palmi, Scilla, Cannitello, Favizzana and Dagnara and found practically every one of the villages destroyed.

Two doctors who succeeded in escaping from Messina report that fully two-thirds of the city has been ruined. Entire streets have caved in. One of the doctors was sleeping in a room on the third floor when the first shock came. He saved himself by jumping, and gripping the roof of a neighboring house.

Every Soul in Bognara Has Perished

Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here early this morning says that the town of Bagnara on the coast to the north of Reggio, has been completely wiped out. Fire completed the work of destruction. The report says "That all the inhabitants of Bagnara are dead. The town counted about 10,000 people.

A big cross has been planted in the midst of the devastation. This monument alone will recall to posterity the dreadful cataclysm.

In a few days quicklime will be scattered over the heap of ruins which alone mark the site of a once populous town.

City of Reggio Completely Obliterated

Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—No direct news yet has been received from Reggio, a city of 50,000 people, but everything goes to confirm the report that the city has been practically obliterated.

The prefect of Reggio, Signor Orso, who was thought to have been killed, has reached a coast point in safety, after 24 hours of fearful experience. He could hardly talk, but he said Reggio had been almost entirely devastated, that the dead ran into the thousands, and that the surrounding villages also have been destroyed.

Sea Swept In.

A laborer who escaped from Reggio, relates that shortly before daybreak a deafening noise like the roar of a hundred cannon was heard. This was followed by the subsidence of the entire lower portion of the city. At the same time the sea, to an accompaniment of frightful roaring swept over the waterfront. The cathedral, all the municipal buildings, the barracks and the fine places that lined the Corso are now heaps of ruins. The agonized screams of the people could be heard above the crash of falling buildings.

The mayor of Seminara, a town of 4,000 people, in the province of Calabria, telegraphed that the town has been practically destroyed. The survivors had already unearthed 100 bodies.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily are dead. The other half is weeping. As the great extent of the terrific seismic disturbances becomes apparent, it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination, not only because of the dead, now known to number tens of thousands, but because of the innumerable wounded buried in the ruins, many of whom will perish, because it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned, and on the scene of the disaster the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow. The total number of victims is variously estimated from 50,000 to 150,000.

Touching Scenes.

When King Victor and the Queen arrived at Messina today touching scenes were enacted as their majesties made their way into the ruined town. The scene of disaster and horror was too much for the Queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons swarmed about the royal party, throwing themselves in the mud, and screaming for pity and aid.

Terrible Stories.

Many terrible stories are related in

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