

NOT READY TO ANSWER,

But T. J. Stewart's Friends Say He Will Surely Run.

Mountain People Talk of Building Another Incline.

Sewers Committee Winds Up Its Work For Year.

The question of a Mayoralty fight still remains unsettled. On Saturday T. J. Stewart promised that he would make a statement to-day. This morning Mr. Stewart said he had not been presented yet with the petitions urging him to oppose Mayor McLaren. The Hydro Committee will wait on him to-night, and Mr. Stewart promises to make known his answer to-morrow. It is believed, however, that he has already made up his mind, and his friends say that he will undoubtedly be in the field. They declare that he is busy making preparations for a fight and will start in at once on a whirlwind campaign. Mr. Stewart met a large deputation on Saturday night. It was not composed of the people who are behind the Hydro Committee. The member for West Hamilton admitted that he had been waited upon, but refused to discuss the matter further.

The latest scheme of the east end mountain top people to get better accommodation at night is to form a company and build an incline for passengers only. The idea is to have it for the use of the mountain people only, and to operate it merely as a convenience and not for profit. Some of the property owners have discussed the matter informally, and a number have offered to put money in the scheme.

City Engineer Macallum said to-day that there was no foundation for the story that the city would have to spend about \$2,000 more than it figured on in connection with the motors at the Beach pumping house. He communicated with the Westinghouse Company, and was assured that the two transformers at the Beach would also provide for the annex disposal plant.

Divisional Engineer Hurlburg, of the C. P. R., notified City Engineer Macallum to-day that the company has completed the installation of the twenty-four inch drain pipe near the High Level bridge. It was feared that the surface water from the company's property would undermine one of the tiers of the bridge. The drain pipe will prevent it.

The Sewers Committee on Saturday recommended the council to accept the tender of the Canadian Westinghouse Company to install two motors and other equipment, including a lighting plant for 30 lamps, at the new annex disposal plant, for \$4,000. It was the final meeting of the year, and Chairman Jutten's colleagues took occasion to congratulate him on the committee's good work. The financial statement was particularly gratifying, showing a surplus of about \$2,800. The sewage disposal appropriation of \$19,500 shows a balance of \$2,055. There is a surplus of \$849 from the sewer appropriation of \$7,150.

There is an unexpended balance of \$12,423.48 from the \$185,000 voted for the eastern annex disposal works, and the extending of the Catharine and Ferguson avenue sewers. This will be required to complete the system. During 1907-8 \$142,544 was spent. The expenditure during 1909 amounted to \$69,032.35, made up as follows:

Princess street sewer, Sherman-Wentworth \$13,117.99 Expenses by-law 808 786.03 Ferguson ave. sewer extension 13,084.13 Catharine street sewer extension 2,978.75 Accounts outstanding 65.15 \$30,032.05

The school trustees who retire this year are: Ward 1, C. G. Booker; Ward 2, Thomas W. Watkins; Ward 3, Alfred Ward 4, Geo. Allan; Ward 5, J. J. Moreaux; Ward 6, Geo. Armstrong; Ward 7, Dr. Carr.

Mayor McLaren will entertain the aldermen and heads of civic departments at dinner at Crawford's to-night.

Alb. Ryan's friends expect to see him head the poll in Ward 6.

The Markets Committee held its last meeting of the year this morning, when the members warmly congratulated Chairman Gardner on the excellent work done. The financial statement showed a surplus of \$1,297, the largest saving being made on the police appropriation, which had a balance of \$1,052.

It was decided to recommend next year's committee to appoint an assistant for Market Clerk Hill. The work on Central Market, Mr. Hill said, had become too heavy for one man to handle. The aldermen thought that in view of the fact that the Police Commissioners had abolished the position of market constable, Mr. Hill was entitled to an assistant.

The receipts for the year on Central Market amounted to \$6,543, an increase of \$235. The John street market receipts totalled \$1,150.

J. D. Patterson's offer to cover the light patrol wagon for \$65 was accepted. A light wagon will be purchased for the police department, at a cost of \$100. The Hamilton Stamp & Stencil company's tender for supplying license books, as follows, was accepted: 225 copies of carters' plates, 20 cents a pair; 20 laundry plates, 10 cents each; 125 pedlars' plates, 18 cents each.

The annual report of License Inspector Welch showed that 735 dogs were destroyed since last May. Mr. Brick says that hundreds of dogs were killed by their owners during the crusade to keep dogs off the streets. The revenue from license fees amounted to \$8,481.65, a decrease of \$701.25, accounted for by the decrease in the number of pool and billiard rooms and pawn brokers' shops, owing to restrictions by the city.

J. W. Wilnot announces himself a candidate for alderman in Ward 6. He is a hydro-electric man.

Special Clearing Sale of Ladies' Bags

About 3 dozen Chatelaine Bags, some slightly shop worn, others of odd sizes, which will not be repeated in our future stocks. Prices were from \$1.00 to \$1.75, a few even more. To clear them out QUICKLY the price is 50 cents.

OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.

ROBERT DUNCAN & COMPANY Phones 909-910. James and Market Squares.

Christmas Paper

Any wishing copies of the Times' Christmas number can get them at the Times business office ready for mailing. Just the paper to send to friends as a Christmas greeting. During Saturday afternoon and evening there was a big demand for them, showing that they were appreciated by the public. Get a copy before they are all gone.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

William Trotter will sail for Liverpool on Wednesday on the steamship Mauretania. The choir of St. John Presbyterian Church is to be seen in gowns and mortarboards next Sunday.

W. H. Wardrop, K. C., will speak on "Character" at the Canadian night meeting of First Church Federation to-night. Sgt. Major Huggins will speak on "The Boy Scout."

John Macdonald, 51 Wilson street, has reported that he was assaulted on Saturday evening, the corner of Wilson and Elgin streets, as he was returning from his work. Macdonald is a non-union moulder, and he alleges that the assault was committed by a union moulder. The police are investigating and a police court case will likely result.

N. J. Cartmell Beat Postle

London, Dec. 20.—N. J. Cartmell, the American sprinter, defeated A. Postle, the Australian champion, by three yards in a 220-yard dash in the fast time of 21 3/4 seconds Saturday. This lowers the British professional record for the distance.

RINK OPENING.

Thistle Skating Ready For Wednesday Night Next.

The management of the Thistle Skating Rink is pleased to announce that the rink will open for skaters next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and this exhilarating exercise promises to be as popular as ever this season. The cold spell has given those in charge a good chance to prepare a good surface, and the opening event is bound to be an enjoyable affair. A first class band will be present to play all the latest pieces, and the young people who assemble will be delighted with the improvements made to the rink. Parents, who are puzzled to know what to buy their children for an acceptable Christmas gift will do wisely to buy them a "Thistle" season ticket. The young man, too, may be sure such a gift will be acceptable to his best girl. Full particulars appear in the advertisement on the back page of this issue.

HIS HAPPY DAY.

Harry Headland, janitor of No. 3 police station, had an acute attack of joy on Saturday. It was brought on by the pleasant duty Harry had to perform under the chief's orders, that the 63 bottles of confiscated lager must be emptied down the gutter at the rear of the police station, the bottles broken, and the cases which held the bottles smashed up. Harry's respect for the goods made from malt and hops is like an ordinary man's respect for a mad dog, and to empty 63 full quarts into the sewer was a happy hour for him.

NEW VESSEL.

Detroit, Oct. 20.—Negotiations have been closed between the Anchor Line and the Detroit shipbuilding Co., for a big package freighter to take the place of the Clarion, burned off Pelee Island, Lake Erie, two weeks ago. The new steamer will be 374 feet long, 46 feet beam and 28 feet deep, and probably will cost three hundred thousand to three hundred and twenty thousand dollars. She will be exclusively a freighter.

GOES TO JAIL.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 20.—David Lamic, remanded from a week ago for sentence, after having pleaded guilty of the theft of a large quantity of grain from Albert Stevens, a Harwich farmer, was sentenced this morning to 3 years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Houston.

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MARRIAGES.

DEKON-ATCHISON—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Monday, December 20th, 1909, by the Rev. E. H. T. set, John E. Dixon to Jessie Irene Hamilton Atchison, both of this city.

DEATHS.

GREY—In this city on December 20th, 1909, Francis Loh, youngest son of James and Hannah Grey, aged 12 years. Funeral will leave his parents' residence, 41 Houghton street north, on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. to St. Lawrence Church. Interment at St. Augustine's Cemetery. Durdan. Friends will please accept this intimation.

CLARKE—At her late residence, 172 Mary street, on Sunday, December 19th, 1909, Lorilla May, beloved wife of Aylmer J. Clarke and only daughter of George M. Young, aged 28 years and 5 months. Funeral on Wednesday at 3 p. m. to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

TAYLOR—In this city on December 20th, Jane Dignan, youngest daughter of the late Christopher Dignan, Esq., of London, Ont., and relict of late Samuel Taylor, aged 72 years. Funeral from her late residence, 670 Main street east, Wednesday morning, the 22nd, at 8.30 to St. Patrick's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.

GREEN—Mourning Top, Stony Creek, on Sunday morning, December 19th, 1909, at the residence of her son, John W. Green, Martha Green, relict of William Green, in her 84th year. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her son, J. W. Green, to Stony Creek Methodist Church for a memorial service. Interment at Stony Creek burying ground.

MEYER—At the residence of his father, 45 Prospect avenue, Mount Hamilton, on December 20th, 1909, Albert G. Meyer, aged 28 years. Funeral notice later.

YOUNG—In this city on Sunday, December 19, 1909, at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Costello, 712 Cumberland avenue, Doris Young, aged 14 years. Funeral Tuesday at 8.30 a. m. to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

LOOK HERE!

Suggestions to Shippers of Christmas Packages by Express.

1st. Ship your package early. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading "Do not open until Christmas." This will give opportunity for a package to reach its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it on Christmas morning.

2nd. Use wooden boxes for packing, especially for glass and other fragile articles, which should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of damage will be very much reduced, and you should do your part to make the transportation of your gift safe.

3rd. Write the address in full—state, county, city, street and number—on the box or package, with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

4th. If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large, plain letters on the package.

5th. Insist upon a receipt and see that the amount paid and the value is marked on the receipt and on the package.

6th. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package, following the prefix "From."

7th. Enclose a card in each box or package reading: From: (Your address.)

(Consignee's address.) This in order that, should the outer marking be destroyed, the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

8th. If not convenient to ship in wooden boxes, use strong wrapping paper (not newspapers) and tie with strong cord.

9th. If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large plain letters on the box or package, which will call for special attention and delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

BITTEN BY DOG.

Markdale, Ont., Dec. 20.—After biting two little boys, a dog shot here last week proves to have rabies and two boys injured by the dog have been taken to New York for treatment. A number of other canines having been bitten by the mad animal, strict measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the rabies.

TEMPERANCE REFORM CLUB.

The Rev. T. MacLachlan, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church delivered an excellent address to the Gospel Temperance Reform Club on Sunday afternoon. The speaker portrayed the evils of intemperance, showing how, in numberless instances, catastrophes, in which human life was sacrificed, drink was the primary cause.

Mrs. C. A. Hardy played a solo and was heartily applauded. President Bolls occupied the chair and commended the speaker, who was unanimously requested to give another address, which he kindly consented to do. It encouraged the officers to notice an increased attendance.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 14.75 to 14.85; Jan. 14.95; Feb. 15.12 bid; March 15.23; May 15.54; July 15.65; Aug. 15.76; Oct. 15.84.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Strong southwesterly and westerly winds, cloudy, with light local snow falls. Tuesday strong westerly winds and continued cold.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Victoria 42 34 Clear Calgary 26 2 Clear Winnipeg 8 0 Cloudy Port Arthur 14 4 Cloudy Parry Sound 28 20 Snow Toronto 24 14 Cloudy Ottawa 18 14 Cloudy Montreal 22 20 Snow Quebec 18 4 Cloudy Father Point 20 66 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES. The barometer remains high over the northwestern states and western provinces and low over northern Ontario and eastern Canada. The weather is moderately cold throughout the Dominion. A considerable snow fall has occurred in many districts near Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 20; 11 a. m., 23; 1 p. m., 23; lowest in 24 hours, 13; highest in 24 hours, 24.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Local snows to-night and Tuesday, except fair in extreme south portion; continued cold. Western New York—Local snows, continued cold, moderate west winds. Toronto, Dec. 20. (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Tuesday: Cloudy with light, local snow falls.

AMBASSADORS.

U. S. Representatives to be Sent to Foreign Countries.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations of Ambassadors and Ministers: Ambassador to France—Robert Bacon, of New York. Ambassador to Austria—Richard C. Kerns, of Missouri. Ambassador to Mexico—Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington. Minister of Belgium—Chas. P. Bryan, of Illinois. Minister of China—Wm. J. Calhoun, of Illinois. Minister of Chile—Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania. Minister to Portugal—Henry T. Gage, of California. Minister to Panama—H. R. Hitt, of Illinois. Minister to Cuba—J. B. Jackson, of New Jersey. Minister to Switzerland—L. S. Swen, of Minnesota.

It is said at the White House to-day that no decision has yet been reached with regard to the post in Great Britain now filled by Whitelaw Reid.

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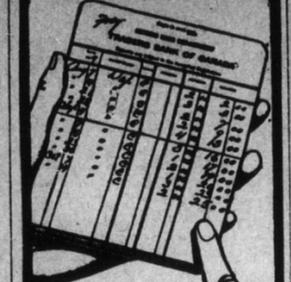
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LEFT MONEY.

Mary Matilda Hudson, of Buffalo, who died recently, left \$17,614 in Ontario, which is disposed of by a will filed here for probate here to-day.

Miss Kidder—She! Carrie has dyed her hair black. Don't tell anybody. Miss Askitt—is it a secret? Miss Kidder—Yes; she wants to keep it dark.—Boston Transcript.

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SEATS ON SALE THURSDAY, at 9 a. m. \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

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