

PEREGRINE FOR FINANCE.

That is Practically Settled By Slate Makers.

Temperance People Will Control Markets Committee.

The Real Fight is Over Fire and Water.

The matter of civic chairmanships appears to be pretty well straightened out now, the only hitch being over the Fire and Water Committee. Ald. Peregrine, who was being pressed to take this, declared to-day that he had refused before on the ground that he had not the time to devote to it. His desire is to be chairman of the Finance Committee, and it is practically settled that he will get it. This makes it a straight fight for the chairmanship of the Fire and Water Committee between Ald. Clark and Ald. Wright. Reports varied in the City Hall to-day as to who will get it, although it looks as if Ald. Clark would win out. Ald. Wright has the temperance people behind him, and it is claimed that he has ten aldermen prepared to support him. Ald. Apple-gate is said to be the man he is depending on to give him a majority. Ald. Clark's friends say he will undoubtedly be chairman, and that Ald. Wright, as a reward for "butting in," will not only be deprived of the chairmanship of the House of Refuge, which will go to Ald. Anderson, but will only be given a place on minor committees. Ten or eleven aldermen had a caucus behind closed doors in the City Hall last night. Every faction in the council was represented. Those present said they had nothing to make public to-day. The temperance people are insisting on having a majority on the Markets Committee.

Mayor Stewart to-day is addressing a letter to the Spectator, in which he gives an emphatic denial to the story that he is taking a hand in slate making and tried to get a number of Ald. Clark's friends to vote against him being chairman of the Fire and Water Committee. His Worship says that in his opinion the chairmanship of the Fire and Water Committee was more important, and that if he had his choice he would accept it.

The Board of Education has always made it a rule to appoint only Hamilton teachers to the teaching staff of the Public Schools. It looks as though the home supply has become exhausted and that it would be necessary, after this to go outside of the city for teachers. Last night the Internal Management Committee was obliged to appoint an outside teacher.

MINISTER DEAD.

Was Brother of Rev. Mr. Crossley, the Evangelist.

Whitby, Ont., Jan. 8.—Rev. D. O. Crossley, pastor of the Methodist-Tabor-nacle, died of pneumonia early this morning. He was taken ill on Sunday night. Though very unwell, he insisted on going out on Monday and voting for local option, of which he had been one of the chief advocates during the previous campaign of several months at this, the country seat. Rev. Mr. Crossley was aged sixty years. His only brother is the celebrated evangelist, Rev. H. T. Crossley. One son, a merchant at Brantford, and a daughter, Miss Crossley, at home with Mrs. Crossley, survive.

DISMISSED.

T., H. & B. Fails in Action Against Simpson & Co.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—Mr. Justice Anglin gave judgment to-day in the action of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company against the Simpson Brick Company, of Hamilton, and A. M. Orpen. The plaintiffs sued for an injunction to restrain the defendants from trespassing on their right of way or track. His Lordship holds that the plaintiffs have altogether failed to establish their right to the relief claimed and dismissed the action with costs.

FRAUD CASE.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—George A. and Burnet K. Snider, officers of the North American Merchandise Co., of Montreal, were charged with conspiracy to defraud. They are said to have carried on a combined commission agency and loan company. Persons paying in \$1 per week for two years, \$104, in all, were enticed to receive \$140 in merchandise, or the amount in cash, less twenty per cent. Provincial officers obtained evidence against the company. The case was remanded for a week.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

HE GOT OFF.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—W. Stephens, who says Toronto is his home, was picked up by the police after making two unsuccessful attempts to steal an overcoat from the front of a Sandwich street clothing store. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

KLEANT

Quickly removes ink, vegetable or fruit stains from the hands. Will not roughen the skin.



FRANCIS J. HENEY.

San Francisco's prosecutor of grafters. The man who got the results and greased the ways into prison for despoilers of the Public Treasury.

MESSINA TO BE REBUILT.

Forty Thousand Men Required to Isolate the City.

British Gunboat Brings Stores For the Sufferers.

Religious Procession Through the Ruined Streets This Morning.

Messina, Jan. 6.—It is believed that 40,000 men will be required to isolate the city, as the peasants from the interior are crowding in much faster than the others are leaving. The relief work on the Calabrian side is more systematically organized than it is here. A meeting of the survivors of the earthquake, which was presided over by Senor Filicini, was held yesterday, and resolutions were adopted that the city be rebuilt, and that civic administration be re-established as soon as possible. British Consul Hains and the American vice-consul have established a relief station at the water front, where milk and bread are being distributed. The gunboat Scorpion brought the stores to Messina, and the sterilized milk was extremely valuable in the case of a woman and two children who were taken from the ruins alive. Orders have been issued that all who have a permit to remain must depart from the city. Rations will be refused all those who do not obey the order.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Rome, Jan. 8.—Following the desires expressed by Queen Helena, the anniversary of her birth, which was observed here to-day, was not attended by any unusual festivities. Her majesty is reported to have said that this year she wished to celebrate the day by working doubly hard for the earthquake survivors, whose sufferings she cannot drive from her mind.

GRAFTON & CO. WILL HOLD

Great Alteration and Midwinter Sale Commencing to-morrow.

Grafton & Co. are starting a tremendous alteration and midwinter sale in their new building to-morrow morning. Prices have been cut to the bone on their immense stock of clothing and furnishings for men and boys. The high grade standard of Grafton clothing and furnishings is well known by everyone, and it is a safe guess that this sale at such tremendously reduced prices will fill even their immense new premises to overflowing to-morrow. Every person should read the Grafton & Co. advertisement in this paper. Grafton & Co. are planning extensive alterations to their new store. An entire new and up-to-date front will be put in, and elegant new interior fittings and fixtures will make the new building not only the largest, but the finest clothing store in Canada. In the meantime their great alteration and midwinter sale will hold the centre of the stage, and should stir the whole town to enthusiasm with its splendid, unparalleled bargains.

There is a growing demand for American pearls. Those taken from the western waters last season were valued at \$500,000.

A. O. U. W.

Object to Statement of R. Rodgers in Division Court.

The Times, Hamilton, Ontario: Sirs.—In your issue of 23rd December, 1908, prominence was given in the report of a Division Court trial to the testimony of one Robert Rodgers, who was reported to have stated in effect that the A. O. U. W. was rotten and bankrupt, although the majority of the members did not know it. The A. O. U. W. have always courted the closest investigation of their financial affairs, and have no fear of publicity in this regard, and do not propose to permit this reported slanderous statement to go unchallenged. The A. O. U. W. have, therefore, proceeded in the only way open to them to bring this matter to an issue, and upon their instructions we have issued a writ out of the High Court of Justice for Ontario against the said Robert Rodgers, claiming damages for slander. Yours truly, Lawrence & Dunbar, Solicitors for Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W.

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LOST A LEG.

Tamworth, Ont., Jan. 8.—Fred Coughlin, a farmer, near here, was caught underneath a tree he was falling yesterday and pinned down until he was found by a party who was searching for him some hours later. Coughlin had chopped the tree nearly through when it suddenly gave way, the butt coming down on one of his legs. The limb had to be amputated about four inches above the knee.

ALD. BAILEY THANKS TIMES

Mr. W. G. Bailey, who was the unsuccessful candidate for the Mayoralty in the election last Monday, called at the Times office yesterday to personally express his appreciation of the way this paper treated him throughout the campaign. "I want to thank the Times," he said, "for the fair campaign which it carried on. Of course I did not expect your paper to support me, that would have been unreasonable, but you were fair throughout, and I have not one word of complaint. In the hour of defeat it is a pleasure to acknowledge your kindness and I appreciate it greatly. My defeat was undoubtedly due to my own friends. They turned me down, and not because of any fault or failure in my public career."

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The cry of "down with the liquor" is open to two interpretations. Honest aldermen will see that this year's appropriations cover last year's overdraft.

As Mayor Stewart fades away, the people leave a great sigh of relief.

Ald. Dickson should get a seat on one of the permanent boards.

I am anxiously waiting for the details of the police force reorganization scheme.

If you feel like it, and get the chance, say a good word for the Times.

When the annual meeting of the Hamilton Liberal party comes round, I expect something will be done to strengthen the organization in every ward in the city. You can't win a fight unless you go into training and keep in condition.

Perhaps if a rummage sale were held under the patronage of Mayor-elect McLaren, one would get enough money to dig the foundations of a nurses' home.

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MANY ACTIONS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

The Guest vs. Ptolemy Slander Case Also Comes to Trial Next Week.

In the list of cases for the Winter Assizes, which open on Monday next before Chief Justice Meredith, at the Court House, there are 20 actions for damages for injuries received. This is the largest number on the list of one court for some time. There is every likelihood that the list will be cut down after the opening of the court, as many cases will go over until the next sittings. Among the civil cases is that of Guest vs. Ptolemy, the slander action growing out of the statements made by Lieut.-Col. Ptolemy at the Wentworth nominations for the Dominion Parliament. There are two criminal cases to come up, M. M. Robinson, charged with criminal libel, and Louis Perri, charged with aiding and abetting the impersonation of Giovanni Coradetti, as one Cyrus Rose, in the Dominion elections. The civil list is as follows: JURY. McComb vs. Grace, \$10,000, death of workman Lewis; Arrey, solicitors for plaintiffs; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison, solicitors for defendants. Ross vs. Townsend, \$505.90 salary. W. L. Ross; Stanton, O'Heir & Morrison. Wemp vs. Grand Trunk Ry., \$3,000, injury to pedestrian. Crerar, Crerar & Bell; W. H. Biggar. Ray vs. Fulkerson, \$1,000, damages for assault. Lee & Farmer; Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson. McBride vs. Hamilton St. Ry., \$5,000, injury to bicyclist; Biggar & McBryne; Ross & Telford. Gravelle vs. Zass, \$1,000, seduction. H. C. Gwynn; J. W. Lawrason. Myers vs. Hamilton Radial, \$10,000, injury to railroad employee; Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Ross & Telford. Hoising vs. Hamilton St. Ry., \$3,000, injury to railway passenger; W. M. McClelland; Gibson, Osborne & Co. Springstead vs. Hamilton Street Railway, \$5,000; injury to railway passenger. Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Gibson, Osborne & Co. Macdonald vs. Hamilton Incubator, \$5,000; injury to workman. Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson; Beatty, Blackstock & Co. Cocks vs. Wagstaffe, \$825, wrongful dismissal. Chisholm & Logie; Bruce, Bruce & Counsell. Rogers vs. Hamilton Street Railway, \$10,000; damages, injury to passenger. Kerr & Thomson; Ross & Telford. Brown vs. T. H. & B. Railway, \$10,000, death of workman. Lee & Farmer; Cahill & Soule. Howell vs. Patterson, \$300; under agreement. Biggs & Biggs; W. M. McClelland. Marshall vs. Hamilton Mountain Park, (Continued on Page 8.)

COMPROMISE TALK IN THE CITY HALL.

Street Lighting Trouble May be Settled—Plenty of Work in Prospect.

A compromise may be effected between the city and the Cataract Power Company in the matter of the street lighting arbitration which the Court of Appeal has re-opened to permit both sides to put in new evidence. The city officials declared to-day that the chances for getting a good rebate under the arbitration were not half as black as painted by the company. Under Justice Garrow's ruling the city will have an opportunity of inspecting the company's plant and examining the books, something that was refused when the case was in progress. If the arbitration is fought out the city hopes to show by having an expert accountant go through the books that the Cataract's new plant really effected a big saving in the cost of the lights. It is believed, however, that the company will agree to a compromise. The Board of Works has been paying under the reduced rate, at a saving of \$15.50 per lamp, since the award was signed, although the company has been accepting the 80-cent rate. City Solicitor Waddell tried to-day to get

IS SETTLED. DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Trouble Over Beach Taxes at Last Cleared Away.

Mr. Eli Van Allan, chairman of the Beach Commission, will leave on Monday for a trip to Southern California and Mexico. He notified the County Clerk to-day that the trouble between the Beach Commission and Saltfleet has been settled, and there will be no law suit. The Commission will pay part of the taxes to Saltfleet for the years 1906 and 1907, and Saltfleet will settle with the county for the county rate. In future, however, the Beach will be treated as a township, and the Commission will have to be notified of the rate of equalized assessment fixed so that an appeal can be entered if the Commissioners so desire.

FIRM FAILS.

New York, Jan. 8.—Failure of the customers to protect their holdings of Consolidated Gas at the time of the severe decline in that stock, following the decision upholding the 80-cent law, is alleged to have been the cause of the failure of the firm of Hackley, Baxter & Seed, which was announced on the Consolidated Exchange to-day. The failure of C. W. Willett, a trader, also was announced to-day on the same exchange.

BLYTH GUILTY.

Agincourt, Jan. 8.—The adjourned inquest into the death of Mrs. Walter Blyth was resumed in the Temperance Hall, Agincourt, this morning at 9.30. The jury, after hearing the evidence of several witnesses, brought in a verdict of death by violence at the hands of her husband, Walter Blyth.

Special For Saturday.

Whitewear samples, odd curtain sets, sample curtain ends, children's and misses' dresses, men's fine wool underwear at clearing prices, as we are giving up the keeping of men's goods. Sample lots of silk and muslin waists, black and colored silk undershirts at one-third to one-half off regular prices. Misses' and children's coats at cut prices. Men's, women's and children's hosiery at less than regular prices. Neck ruffs at sharp reductions. Fine women's coats at less than maker's cost. Skirts at a third less than the regular selling prices. Women's cloth suits at half regular prices. Special values in frillings and veilings. Come early.—James Shea.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Old Churn and cut T. & B., 5c. British Navy, 7c. Empire Smoking and Bob's, 8c. King's Navy, 7c. T. & B. bright plug 10c. Shamrock, 3 for 25c. at peace's cigar store, 107 king street east.

FOREIGNER SENT DOWN.

His Ignorance Probably Made it Harder For Him.

Hugh G. Stout Must Stand Trial at High Court.

Walking From Toronto is Popular Just Now.

Because he didn't understand the English language and Canadian Police Court customs Kainger Meall, 15 Harriett street, was given a heavy sentence, whereas if some person had helped him out a little he might have fared better. Meall was arrested last night by Constable Brannon on a charge of stealing a watch from Lucas Startarno. The pair board at the same house, and Meall stole the watch last night while under the influence of liquor. Startarno missed his timepiece and suspected his drunken roommate at once. He noticed Brannon, and the officer arrested Meall shortly afterwards. At court this morning Meall pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by the Police Magistrate. Startarno gave his evidence, and that concluded the Crown's case. When asked if he wanted to testify in his own behalf, through Budimir Protich the prisoner started to tell his story, but as he was not sworn it was not taken any notice of. After he had told the interpreter the whole story Protich asked him on oath if he wanted to be sworn. "He says he doesn't want to say anything further than what he told me just now," said Protich, and the Magistrate was forced to take the evidence that was before him and find Meall guilty. "Tell him he will have to go to Central Prison for one year," he said. The foreigner took his sentence calmly.

The charge of getting R. Barrow to sign a note by false pretences, on which Hugh G. Stout was arrested on Tuesday, was ventilated in Police Court this morning. Stout pleaded not guilty, through Frank Morrison, and declined to elect. James McNeven was called and said that on March 17th of last year he sold a team of horses to Stout for \$400. McNeven said he got a note from Stout for the amount, signed by the prisoner and endorsed by Robert Barrow. Barrow was called and said that when Stout asked him to back the note he told him that he owned a store on the mountain top. He was asked by the Magistrate if he would have backed the note if he had thought Stout did not own the store, and answered that he certainly would not have done so. Mrs. Barrow corroborated her husband's story. Stout took the stand in his own defence and denied that he had represented himself to be the owner of the store and business. He said he did all the business in connection with the store, and Barrow may have had the impression that he owned it, but he had never said he owned it. Magistrate Jeffs said there was enough evidence to put Stout on his trial, and he accordingly committed him.

There are many cases where a man does not want to go to jail, but gets there just the same, but a case of a man who wants to go to jail badly and fails in two attempts is something odd, yet that is the experience of Joseph Mockridge, of Toronto, a tailor. Several days ago, being out of work, he decided to go to jail and applied at the Toronto courts, but was turned away. Nothing daunted, he walked to the courts and arrived here last night. He applied to the Police Station for lodgings and this morning asked to be sent down to tide him over the cold weather. He was told to get right out of town and beat it back to Toronto where he would get a term in the jail that would do him good.

AFTER HIS MONEY.

Assault on Man Who Has No Use For Banks.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 8.—What looks like an attempt at the murder of an old man occurred here about 10.30 last night, when Henry Church, a locksmith, was knocked on the head with a blunt instrument, and after he fell senseless was kicked fiercely in the back. The pockets of the old man were probably rifled, but there was nothing in them. Mr. Church awoke after two hours and sought medical attendance. His scalp was badly cut. Mr. Church is said not to believe in banks, and is looked upon as having money hid somewhere. This alleged fact is thought to have inspired the attack on his life. There are no clues.

TO LOOK FOR COOK.

New York, Jan. 8.—Arrangements are being perfected to send a relief expedition into the Arctic regions next June to search for Dr. Frederick Albert Cook, the explorer, and his party, who left New York on July 4, 1907, in quest of the north pole.

Don't Cut Off the Bars.

We don't cut off the bars of castle soap sold by us at 20c, but give you the original 2 1/2 lb. bars just as they come to us from the manufacturer. This is the original "Shell" brand castle soap. We have it also in cakes at 25c and 50c per dozen. Parke & Parke, druggists.