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A Happy New Year To All

May the incoming year of 1907 be a happy and prosperous one for you. May all your troubles, temporal and spiritual, rest lightly on your shoulders.

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The Municipal Nominations Create Much Enthusiasm

Water Commissioners Elected by Acclamation—An Excellent Lot of Men Nominated For Board of Education—The Aldermen

A very small audience greeted City Clerk Merritt this morning at ten o'clock when he announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the municipal positions of Mayor, Water Commissioners and Board of Education. As the time went on, however, the crowd commenced to come and when the nominations finally closed at eleven o'clock there was a good crowd in attendance and the interest in the proceedings seemed to be quite general and spirited.

One of the notable features of the nominations was the fact that the Water Commissioners were elected by acclamation—W. D. Sheldon and Dr. G. W. Cornell. No one was mentioned as opponents to these two gentlemen, and when the time was up the Clerk announced amid great applause that the Water Commissioners were elected by acclamation. The citizens seem to be universally satisfied with the manner in which this department has been managed during the past year under the management of Messrs. Sheldon and Cornell. When the meeting adjourned they were besieged with friends, all offering their congratulations.

For Mayor there were two nominations, Messrs. Scullard and Stone. For the Board of Education a particularly good class of men were brought out, and it is understood that all but possibly two or three will stand the election. This is particularly fortunate and the citizens will have the opportunity of selecting a Board which will conclusively prove the wisdom of the introduction of the Board of Education in Chatham.

The following were the nominations:

FOR MAYOR.

W. M. Stone, moved by H. J. Wil-

lard, seconded by Charles Evers. Thomas Scullard, moved by Wm. Robertson, seconded by Arthur Fenning.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS.

G. W. Cornell, moved by C. R. Charteris, seconded by R. M. Paxton. W. D. Sheldon, moved by W. S. Richards, seconded by W. M. Stone.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

J. H. Duncan—Moved by T. K. Holmes, seconded by James Brackin. George Thomas McKeough—Moved by S. B. Arnold, seconded by A. J. Dunn.

William Samerville—Moved by S. F. Gardiner, seconded by W. H. Bennett. D. McLaughlin—Moved by Robert Gray, seconded by M. Campbell.

W. C. McArthur—Moved by T. K. Holmes, seconded by F. H. Brisco. W. G. Richards—Moved by W. A. Hadley, seconded by G. W. Cornell.

John McCorvie—Moved by Fred. Stone, seconded by John Flook. Geo. W. Cowan—Moved by J. A. Wilson, seconded by Richard Lowe.

J. C. McLean—Moved by R. J. Weaver, seconded by T. W. N. Clements. E. A. Mounteer—Moved by W. G. Burrows, seconded by George W. Wands.

W. N. Morley—Moved by John L. Bray, seconded by W. D. Sheldon. William Robertson—Moved by M. Campbell, seconded by W. M. Druden.

J. B. Rankin—Moved by G. W. Cornell, seconded by R. A. Harrington. Richard M. Paxton—Moved by G. W. Cornell, seconded by G. W. Cornell.

R. L. Brackin—Moved by James Cornhill, seconded by John Redner.

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W. D. Sheldon Tells History Of Waterworks Bylaw

Aldermen And The Mayor Come In For Some Scorching—Property Committee Fathered The Measure—What Is Needed Now

W. D. Sheldon, chairman of the Water Commissioners, contributes the following letter explaining his position in reference to the Waterworks By-law, which was withdrawn:

To the Editor of The Planet:

On reading the report of the Council proceedings in your issue of Dec. 27th, I am compelled to say that if you quoted the chairman of the Property committee correctly where he said he was only acting on the urgent suggestions of the Water Commissioners and City Engineer, who had led the Council to believe that a new waterworks and electric light station was an absolute necessity in the city, and thus throwing the blame on the Water Board for having a by-law prepared to bring before the ratepayers for \$11,000 to build a new waterworks and electric plant, I would like to ask right here what have the Water Commissioners to do with the electric plant? To say the least it is very misrepresenting and unjust. Now the facts of this affair are just these: Some time last October Mr. Potter ordered the fire department to make a test. Neither one of the Waterworks Board was notified of the test, but when the test was going on I was told by Chief Pritchard what was doing, and I walked over the river and saw four streams going on a 150 foot hose each and throwing a fairly good stream, but it was impossible for the engineer at the plant to keep up or get up the pressure anywhere near what is required by the underwriters; the pressure at the fire hall showing about 70 pounds at the best. Mr. Potter was at the pumping station and saw for himself that everything was done that could be done to make the test as good as possible. He was also at the fire hall and saw what the gauge registered there. Shortly after that Mr. Potter called a meeting of his committee and asked the Water Board to attend, which they did. As convenor of the meeting he took the chair and outlined the conditions as he found them, which was as stated above. He then outlined the condition of the electric plant, saying, if I mistake not, that their plant was fit to supply about 60 or 65 lights, and there was then about 123 on and more asked for. He then said, "Gentlemen, this is the condition of affairs as I have found them, what is the best to do?" Everyone had something to say. Some thought best to separate the plants, and, by the way, the Mayor had quite a lot to say, and he felt that something should be done to rectify the difficulty, but from what he said in The Planet at the last meeting one would hardly think him a member of the Water Board, when he said it looked as though the Water Commissioners and Engineer had gone about something that they did not know much about. Finally the chairman, Mr. Potter, said he would instruct the Engineer to make a rough sketch and estimates of a combined plant, which he did, and had it at the meeting the evening he brought it before the Council, and it was he who asked me to come before the Council and state the facts, which I did, so far as the water plant is concerned. Remember when the October test was taken we were pumping over one million gallons per day, and the plant has not got capacity to fill the requirements for fire protection when the above quantity is

required for all other uses. Then some few days ago Mr. Potter ordered another test, this time with six streams and 300 feet of hose at each stream, but it must be remembered the consumption of water is about four hundred thousand gallons per day less than when the first test was taken, so the last test was quite satisfactory, throwing six good streams with 80 pounds pressure at the fire hall and 110 to 115 pounds up at the pumping station.

What I said before the Council I still maintain, and that is, that to insure ample fire protection in the summer time we require one more pump, and to secure good pure healthful water we require two new filters. We have used the old ones until their usefulness is largely gone, and until they are taken out of commission and thoroughly cleaned and refilled, and this is impossible to be done until we have new ones to take their place, without pumping common every day river water through your mains, which would be very detrimental to the health of the city, and two filters cannot filter the water that is now required to supply the needs of the city. Then again we should have a new chimney. The one we have sits on the edge of the river bank and is 25 feet too short to give the required draught. Experts say it is not safe to add to it the required number of feet.

I was talking to Mr. Potter in the Hotel Garner the night before their meeting and he said something about calling a mass meeting, and I told him that his, not our, by-law, would be defeated, and he was also satisfied it would be. I told him then if he would move his electric plant down to the old police station, which would be ample for an electric station, then we would have plenty of room for two new filters and an extra pump, which should answer for years, and if the Council would hand back the \$17,000 that was handed to them to be placed to the waterworks account, the Water Commissioners could, by the electric plant moving out, make a plant there with sufficient volume to supply the needs of the city for years to come. There is just one place where the Water Commissioners had anything to do with the by-law. It appears this by-law had to be asked for by either the Water Commissioners or the Property committee, and although it was prepared there was no request for it; City Clerk Merritt went into Secretary Weir's office and asked him to prepare a resolution setting forth the requirements to be put into the by-law. Mr. Weir did so as directed and came over to my office and explained to me what they wanted, so I phoned Water Commissioner Cornell and told him. We had a special meeting and carried the resolution as requested, and that is all in any way we had to do with the defunct by-law. In conclusion, I think I have shown that the Water Commissioners had nothing to do in urging the by-law before the ratepayers, and I believe the gentleman who had all to do with it did it in all sincerity, but when he ordered the winter's test, and it was so satisfactory, it broke his heart, and then the crawling began, and it was simply pitiful how those poor Water Commissioners were scored.

W. D. SHELDON,
Chairman Water Board.

WALKER IS ROUNDED UP

Charge Upon Which Guelph Baggage Agent Was Arrested

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Arrested on a charge of embezzling \$2,200 from the Grand Trunk Railway, Charles H. Walker of Guelph was lodged in the cells at No. 6 Police Station on Saturday night.

After a chase of nearly a week he was rounded up at Toledo, Ohio, by Chief Detective Day of the Grand Trunk, who followed Walker to various cities in the United States.

As freight and baggage agent of the company at Guelph, between \$3,000 and \$4,000 passed through his hands every week, and on his disappearing about ten days ago an examination of the books revealed a shortage of exactly \$2,200.

The officials in Toronto were immediately notified by Station Agent Forbes, and Detective Day was sent after the fugitive. Walker was traced to Toronto, Buffalo and various other places, and was finally cornered in Toledo.

On account of his 30 years' service a good deal of confidence was reposed in him, and he bore a good reputation among the business men of the Royal City. The matter was kept secret, and no one suspected that his absence was connected with any delinquencies. Although having charge of the collecting of accounts which often amounted to a big sum, everything had been found in order when he made his monthly statement a week or so prior to his disappearance.

Although he handled such large sums, Walker was only receiving a salary of \$50 a month, the usual stipend paid to baggage agents throughout the middle division.

The company have not had a similar case for a number of years. Walker is a man of about 50 years of age, and has occupied similar responsible positions in Ontario. He was transferred to Guelph some years ago, and was regarded as a man of excellent character, experience and ability.

RAILWAY COLLISION

Thirty-Five Persons Killed Three Miles From Washington

Washington, Dec. 31.—An appalling disaster occurred last night at seven o'clock on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Terracotta, about three miles from this city, in which about thirty-five persons were killed and over sixty injured, some of them so seriously that they will die.

The accident was caused by the collision of train No. 66, due here at 6.25 p.m. from Frederick, Md., known as the Frederick Special, with a dead-head passenger equipment special of eight cars. Over 200 passengers were aboard the ill-fated train. The railway officials late last night were unable to explain the collision.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached this city, all ambulances available, with as many physicians as could be assembled, were sent to the scene.

The dead bodies were found lying beside the track for a considerable distance. The wreck occurred at 3.30 p.m. A dense fog was prevailing and made objects imperceptible a few feet ahead.

It was impossible at first to determine the exact extent of the catastrophe. The passengers in the forward coach, who were but slightly bruised, heard the groans of the dying and wounded, and did what they could to give aid. A number of passengers started to walk to Brookland, three-fourths of a mile away.

The moment the first of the survivors reached Brookland a general call was sent out for doctors and ambulances. Several Brookland doctors responded and were taken to the scene in automobiles.

District Attorney Baker, whose heel was cut off, walked the one and a quarter miles to Brookland and brought the first news of the wreck. He was completely exhausted, and, after medical treatment, was sent to this city.

The wreck is attributed to the second train running past the signal against it in a fog.

It has been proved that the signal at Tokoma Park, at the scene of the accident, was set when the train of the first train was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour, and Engineer Hildebrand says that on account of the heavy fog he could not see the signal.

Both Engineer Hildebrand and the fireman on the train of empty freight cars, were placed under arrest and brought to Washington in the charge of officers.

Trolley Runs Away. Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—At least 30 persons were injured, one of whom, William H. Curnayne, a passenger, has since died, in the wreck yesterday of a runaway electric car on Warsaw avenue hill.

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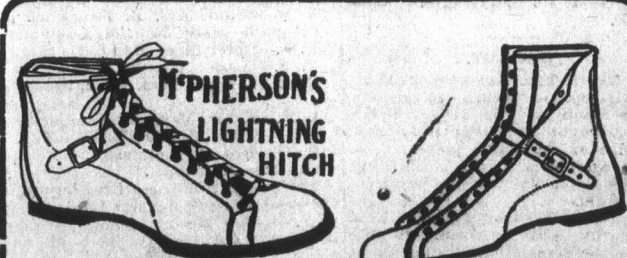
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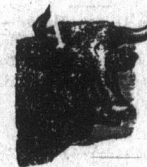
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