

QUESTIONS RIGHT TO SIT IN COUNCIL

Councillor Hills Raises Another Storm at the County Council Session.

Councillor Hills has started out to make it interesting for some of the members of the County Council. The members from Saltfleet township were the objects of his gentle scolding this morning, during a discussion following the presentation of the financial statement by County Treasurer Cochrane. There was an item in the statement showing that Saltfleet township owed the county \$8,083.50 taxes.



MR. THOMAS HOBSON, Who is slated for Chairmanship of Board of Education.

M'COLM-DAVIS RECEPTION.

Brilliant Event at the Waldorf Yesterday Afternoon.

In connection with the McColm-Davis wedding yesterday the reception at the Waldorf Hotel was a notable event. The spacious parlors of the hotel were finely decorated, and were filled with a brilliant gathering of guests.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Who is this Councillor Hills who wants to be Czar and muzzle the press?

Well, here's wishing the moulders an early settlement of their trouble.

On this power question, the aldermen are certainly hunting for trouble.

Put your matches in a tin box, so the mice won't get at them. I shouldn't have to tell you that at this time of day.

Warden Gage has fifty good reasons why the county should build a poor-house. The principal reason in favor of one, however, is the fact that they have to.

If Councillor Hills is to talk that way it may be necessary to muzzle him.

The citizens may rest assured that whatever changes may be made in the Engineer's department it will be made to cost more money to run it.

We have had four expert opinions, Judge Anglin's, Mr. Rose's, Mr. Middleton's and Mr. Waddell's. Will one more satisfy?

Now, gentlemen, see that no more drunks are turned out upon the streets. We want this to be a decent city.

Possibly Councillor Hills will get an injunction preventing newspaper reporters from getting inside the County building, and thus throw the poor chaps out of a job.

Who is going to pay for the expert opinion of W. E. Middleton, K. C.? The city or Ald. Juttner?

Mr. Studholme might hire a hall and tell us what measures, if any, he is to introduce this session. What about that old age pension fund he was talking about? Is he going to get it for us?

Mr. Mayor might investigate and see if lots of people will be able to get free treatment at the City Hospital. There may be a leak there. I have heard of patients in the free wards who owned city property.

The Legislature will meet on Feb. 16—two days after St. Valentine's Day.

Prospects for work for the working-man next season are said to be good. I like that.

Don't shout. Winter is not over yet.

Having stolen British Columbia by fraud, the Tories intend to keep the stolen goods.

Yes, sir. We miss Mr. Zimmerman from his accustomed place in the House. How is that Senatorship petition getting on?

It is a new experience for Mr. Waddell to have his bona fides questioned by an alderman.

There is a suspicion that some of the clergymen are not sticking to the union schedule in the matter of wedding fees.

"A reliable newspaper" is what Justice Teetzel termed the Times. Rely on the Times.

Of course, we have again lost track of the proposal to extend the street railway tracks.

Suppose we muzzle the press to the extent of not reporting the proceedings of the County Council, would Councillor Hills raise a holler?

The Canadian Club might try its hand at unravelling Justice Anglin's decision. The discussion would at least be diverting.

The municipal art gallery should be seen to be believed.

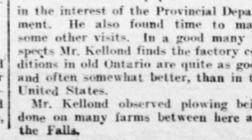
Don't worry. You're not the worst.

Still keeping your window open?

Fell off the rock, eh? Too bad!

Talk up the Times.

Keeping good hours, girls?



JOSE MIGUEL GOMEZ To-day sworn in as President of Cuba.



MRS. WOLFKILL, Re-elected President of the Young Women's Christian Association.

CLAMORING FOR ROAD.

Engineer Finds Good Grade For Line to Waterdown.

Mr. Peter Ray, ex-County Councillor, who is purchasing right of way for the Patterson electric railway to Galt and Guelph, reports that farmers along the line are anxious to see the line built, and most of them are liberal in the matter of selling right of way. According to Mr. Patterson's present plans the Galt branch will leave the main line at Rock Chapel, about four miles from the city, and the main line will run through Freeport to Guelph. The people of Waterdown are anxious to have the line go through that village, but were told that to make a change would necessitate too steep a grade. Mr. Ray has secured the survey made by the Haines Company, which ran through Waterdown, and the East Flamborough Township Council voted \$100 to have Engineer Wingate take the levels. The Engineer reports that the line can be run through Waterdown, and the grade will not be over 2.12 per cent. This can be done by having the junction nearer the city, close to the Valley Inn. By making this change the villages of Waterdown and Carleton will be served by the line. Mr. Ray intends to lay the Engineer's figures and survey before the promoter of the line, and has hopes that the change will be made.

SMALLPOX SCOURGE

Guatemala City Has 12,000 Cases, and the Epidemic is Spreading.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 28. Twelve thousand cases of smallpox are reported in Guatemala City and its environs, according to the statement of the passengers on the steamship Heredia, which arrived here last night from Colon, Limon and Port Barrios. The report was brought by persons who had come to the Pacific coast from Guatemala as returning passengers.

Attacked With Sword

Tokio, Jan. 28.—A special report from Seoul conveys the news that while the Imperial train bearing the Emperor of Korea and Count Ito, of Japan, who are making a trip of inspection through North Korea, was en route to Pyongyang, one of the Emperor's aides attacked the Home Secretary with a sword. The official escaped with his life, but suffered a wound, the severity of which, however, is not known.

JUMPED INTO SEA.

Young But Sick New York Banker Suicides.

New York, Jan. 28.—According to a telegram received here last night, James T. Schever, 27 years of age, of this city, plunged from the deck of the Old Dominion liner Princess Ann, en route to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday night, and was lost. He was on his way, with his secretary, William Doves, to Virginia Beach, for his health, which has been poor for more than three years. Despondency over his condition, which had necessitated his retirement some time ago from the banking firm of Asiel & Co., and had recently compelled him giving up an importing business which he had just started, is supposed to have led to his act.

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.

Fine English Briar Pipes.

The Rudolph patent pipe is a high-grade briar pipe of the best English fish. It has a double draught that ensures a cool smoke. They are sold at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

A NEW DIFFICULTY MEETS ALDERMEN

Eminent Lawyers Who Are Wholly Disinterested Are Hard to Find.

This afternoon the special power committee will meet in Mayor McLaren's office to decide on further questions to be asked the lawyer the city will engage to give an independent opinion on Justice Anglin's decision, and to furnish other information as to the city's position in the event of a lawsuit. Although it was the intention to decide upon the lawyer to-day, this will not likely be done. An eminent Toronto lawyer, whose name was mentioned as the likely man, is said to be a solicitor for Mackenzie & Mann. Mayor McLaren insists that a man entirely free from any connection with any electrical company or other interest involved shall be engaged. He says the committee must make sure of this before it engages a man. One of the questions he wants answered definitely is the time the Cataract contract dates from. Under Justice Anglin's decision he says the city does not have to take more than the fifty horse power it is using at the crusher. Mr. Rose's opinion is that the city, within a year from the time the first power was taken, will be liable for the minimum amount, 710 horse power. If it is right that the city began taking power for the crusher at the time stated, he wants to know what it will be liable for at the end of 1909.

NOT SETTLED.

Moulders Will Have a Special Meeting This Evening.

Neither the foundrymen nor the iron moulders care to say much to-day about the threatened trouble between them. Mr. James Ripley, who is a member of the Hamilton Union, said this morning that the reports printed in morning papers to the effect that the men had been asked to accept a reduction was not true; also that the men had not, at their meeting last night, decided to ask for an increase. The union met last night and was in session for a long time. That it has important business on hand is shown by the fact that another meeting has been called for this evening. The agreement under which the men have been working expired at the end of the year, and since that time things have been going on under the old agreement.

A DOG HUNT IN ANCASTER.

Dominion Inspector Killing Canines That Were Bitten.

As a result of the scare caused in Ancaster a week ago yesterday by a dog, supposed to be suffering from rabies, going on a rampage, a big dog hunt is being conducted in the village and vicinity to-day by Dominion Inspector Stork, who arrived to-day from the Experimental Farm. The supposed mad dog led a larger number of other dogs and cattle, in addition to three people before it was killed by Mr. Reinke. The Dominion Inspector to-day hunted down a number of dogs that had been bitten and killed them. Dr. Farmer, of Ancaster, who sent the carcass of the dead animal to the Dominion analyst of Ottawa, received word from the officials to-day that they would probably be able to let him know within twelve or twenty days if the dog had rabies. The three people who were bitten, Mr. Reinke and the little daughters of George Horning and J. Thompson, have shown no signs of trouble.

JUMPED TO DEATH.

Maid Servant Lost Her Life, and Sister Injured.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 28.—A fire which practically destroyed the home of Philip H. Rankin, a lawyer, to-day resulted in the death of a maid servant, Anna Stas-Burns, and serious injuries to her sister, Nellie Burns, both of whom leaped from the third storey window of the Rankin home. The fire started in the nursery, where two young children of Mrs. Rankin were sleeping and she rushed in and carried the two safely. The two maids were asleep on the upper floor and finding their escape by the stairway cut off by the flames and smoke, they leaped from the windows. Anastasia Burns fell to the sidewalk and was instantly killed, while her sister jumped to the roof of the kitchen in the rear of the house.

WANT DAMAGES.

White Star Line to Sue For Raraming Republic.

New York, Jan. 28.—Counsel for the White Star Line say they expect to commence action to-day against the Lloyd-Italian Line as a result of the collision between the steamships Republic and the Florida. A libel will be filed against the Italian Company which will embody the charges made by the White Star Company regarding the disaster and these will be adjudicated by the Admiralty Court. The Italian company will also file a libel developing every phase of their charges concerning the navigation of the Republic.

NO MAIN.

The Buffalo Police Watched the Hamilton Sports Too Closely.

A rumor was in circulation here this morning that ten or a dozen Hamilton sports had been arrested in Buffalo, where they went last night to attend a cocking main. The report was not correct, however. It appears that sheriff's officers got word of the proposed main, and watched the site arranged for the battle ground, all night, also the sports who arrived in Buffalo for the doings, which didn't come off to-day.

CUBA AGAIN INDEPENDENT.

United States Hands Government Over to Gomez.

Great Rejoicings In Havana and In the Country.

Gomez Sworn In as President—Sketch of His Career.

Havana, Jan. 28.—A new era of Cuban independence dawned to-day when the affairs of the island, which have been administered by American officials for more than two years as a result of the revolution against former President Tomas Estrada Palma in 1906, were formally transferred to the newly elected native officials.

January 28 will hereafter take rank with May 20 as a natal holiday in Cuba, for it was on the latter day in 1902 that the island was first transferred to the Cuban people by the United States after a period of rehabilitation following the Spanish occupation.

The coming of this new day of Cuban liberty was signalled by a general display of fireworks, the velvet blackness of the tropical midnight being set aflame by screeching rockets and pyrotechnic bombs, which sent down showers of golden rain and gleaming vari-colored lights. The streets of the city, which were brilliantly illuminated and garlanded with chains of incandescent bulbs, were thronged with people until an early hour this morning, and a spirit of carnival everywhere prevailed. Thousands of people gathered around the club throughout the night, where inaugural and farewell balls were held jointly in honor of President Gomez and Vice President Zayas and Governor Magon, all three of whom were quickly recognized on entering the building and leaving it, and loudly applauded. The balls constituted one of the most brilliant functions held here since the days of the Spanish occupation.

General Gomez, who pointed against former President Estrada Palma, and who was imprisoned by him for one month, and released only when William H. Taft came to the island as the first official under the American intervention, will take the oath of office as president of the republic at noon, and within one hour thereafter Provisional Governor Magon and all the army officials who have served in an executive capacity will be bound out of the harbor for home.

Jose Miguel Gomez goes into power as the leader of the Liberal Coalition party and as a result of the overwhelming choice of the Cuban people in the election of last fall.

The ceremonies of inauguration at the palace were very brief. Precisely at noon President Gomez stepped out upon the balcony overlooking the plaza de Armas and took the oath faithfully to enforce the laws of the republic and defend the constitution. Afterwards President Gomez, who is more of a soldier than a speaker, made a short address from the balcony.

Vice-President Zayas was sworn in at a special session of the Senate, held this morning. The House of Representatives also was in session.

Major-General Jose Miguel Gomez, the first President of the new Cuban Republic, is 53 years old, and a native of Santa Clara Province, where he has always enjoyed extraordinary popularity and influence. He participated in two Cuban revolutions against Spain, in the first of which he reached the rank of Major and in the second that of Major-General. He was selected as Governor of Santa Clara Province by the Government of Intervention and when his term expired he was elected Governor.

In August, 1906, Gen. Gomez was arrested, charged with conspiring against the administration of the late President Palma, but he denied the allegation and was released from custody after a month's imprisonment.

Blobs—They tell me Gutzler is quite celebrated. Wagg—No so celebrated as celebrating.

SURPRISED JUDGE.

Jury In Henson Case Returned Verdict of Guilty.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Notwithstanding the fact that they were twice explicitly told to bring in a verdict of not guilty, the jury in the criminal assizes yesterday convicted Reginald M. Ross and Patrick Conolly for a capital offence committed upon Mrs. Ruby Henson.

There was absolute silence for a moment, and after the verdict had been recorded by the clerk, his lordship said: "Gentlemen, I would have hesitated a little further before returning such a verdict. I'll have to consider what I'll do about it."

Then, turning to the prisoners standing in the dock, the Chief Justice said: "I am not going to sentence you now. I will see what can be done with the case later in the meantime you will remain in custody."

Dr. Goodwin Howland, of Spadina avenue, was unexpectedly ushered into the trial. After hearing the evidence of the doctor, for whom Mrs. Henson had worked, the counsel for the defence and the crown prosecutor agreed to discontinue the case. Dr. Howland made it clear that the woman is suffering from a mild form of insanity.

The Chief Justice was very brief in his charge to the jury. "It would not be right," he said, "to convict and send these men to the penitentiary for long terms, in view of the evidence of Dr. Howland. His evidence does not justify conviction on a charge of rape."

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Fish Day.

Haddie, eels, smelts, blotters, kippers, strip codfish, shredded codfish, oysters, mackerel, Holland and Lochlyn herring, an endless variety of canned fish. See our list of specialties for Saturday in to-morrow night's ad.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

BELMONT BETTER.

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NEW CHURCH.

English Lutherans Will Meet in Conservatory of Music.

Rev. M. J. Bieber, M. A., who has been in Hamilton, off and on, for some months, organizing an English-speaking Evangelistic Lutheran Church, has so far succeeded that the new congregation will begin its regular services on Sunday, February 7th. The hall of the Conservatory of Music has been secured.

Rev. M. Bieber is Eastern Field Missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America, and his field includes Nova Scotia, New England and Eastern Canada. He has been organizing English Lutheran congregations for the past five years, and has now two new ones in this section—Hamilton and Woodstock. He has organized a Canadian Synod of English speaking Lutheran Churches, and also a Canadian Lutheran League, with a branch already in operation in Hamilton, and to keep them from going to other denominations the English Lutheran Church was organized.

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Within another week he expects to be at work again, and he says he trusts his car never will kill another person. In none of the accidents in which his car has figured has Broadway been censured by the coroner.

"A motorman in charge of these new high power electric cars," he says, "has a nerve-racking job all the time. I have worked on steam roads and I would rather take an express run at 75 miles an hour, with a locomotive, than try to keep the express schedule of the electric. You often have to make 55 miles an hour."

"People generally take all sorts of chances with electric cars. They completely disregard the fact that the electric cars often are running faster than steam cars. They jump in front of electric cars where they would give a steam train a wide berth."

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