

LOOKS LIKE A TIE ON POWER QUESTION,

And Another Vote of Ratepayers.

Two Important Meetings This Week.

Oakville Contracts For Cataract Power.

The prospects are that a special meeting of the City Council will be held on Friday night, when a decision to send the street railway question and power matter to the people for their verdict, will, in all probability, be reached. That is the feeling in municipal circles to-day.

VISITED THE WALL.

Canadian Engineers Pleased With Hamilton Work.

Among the many visitors to the city yesterday was a special party of fourteen members of the Society of Canadian Engineers, who sailed up from Toronto in the cruiser Otomabee, of the marine Department of Public Works.

ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE.

Port Dalhousie Ratepayers Hold an Indignation Meeting.

Young Man Committed to Jail as Insane.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, May 26.—Robert and Mrs. Gibson, of Merriton, celebrated yesterday, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A large number of their friends and relatives from various parts of the United States and Canada, were present, as well as many from this immediate district, to extend their congratulations and good wishes and to join in the festivities of the occasion.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Caused by Great Floods in Various Parts of Texas.

Thousands Homeless and Millions of Dollars' Damage Done.

River Still Rising and More Trouble Feared by the People.

Dallas, Texas, May 26.—Fourteen persons dead, others missing and believed to have suffered a like fate, property valued at millions of dollars swept away, thousands homeless and being cared for by charitable organizations, train and wire service demoralized—such are the conditions prevailing in the northern and central sections of this state—the result of a record breaking rise in the Trinity river and other streams, following a rainfall unprecedented in severity.

TORONTO MAN HURT

In Stopping Runaway Horses on James Street.

Miss Holt, daughter of Mr. C. Holt, the grocer, Barton street east, and Miss J. McAlpine were in a runaway accident yesterday afternoon. They were driving a team south on James street, when the horses ran away at Cannon street.

CORNER STONE.

Hon. R. F. Sutherland Lays One at Walkerville.

Walkerville, Ont., May 26.—The cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church was laid with appropriate impressive ceremony before several hundred people yesterday. Hon. R. F. Sutherland made the principal address, and Rev. George Jacobson, of Walkerville, Rev. Mr. Roster, of Essex; Magistrate Bartlett and Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, and others assisted. Rev. Joseph Watt is pastor of the new church. The structure, when completed, is to cost about \$15,000, and will be dedicated early in the fall.

SAW THE POPE.

Bishop of Brooklyn and Over Hundred Pilgrims at Rome.

Rome, May 26.—Pope Pius to-day received in private audience the Right Rev. Charles R. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, who afterwards introduced to the Pontiff over a hundred American pilgrims, most of whom left New York with the bishop on April 30.

TO SEE CZAR.

King Edward May Go to Peterhof to Visit the Emperor.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—There is a possibility that King Edward will prolong his projected visit to Russia, and visit Emperor Nicholas at Peterhof. The original plan restricted the coming of the British sovereign to Revel, because of the fear of a revolutionary demonstration and on account of the embarrassment that would attend the necessary police arrangements.

Easy Walking.

When your feet don't hurt and they won't hurt you if you use British Army Soot Powder into the shoes every morning. It will stop excessive perspiration, relieve sore and tender feet, and keep the leather in the shoes dry. Be sure and get the genuine with the sprigged top, 25c per box, Parke & Parke, Druggists.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

MacKay to-night.

Did you see the unveiling?

New story next Friday.

The most unpopular man in Hamilton arrived home on Saturday night.

Don't blame me if you didn't register.

Thanks to the ladies. The statue is all right.

From the T. H. & B. station to the Con. Club quarters the Scott procession did not get one cheer.

Whitney might steal the City Hall and John Hendrie would not object.

No danger of the hay crop being frost-bitten now.

Buffalo yesterday?

There were more jeers than cheers at the Saturday night Tory procession.

There will be no third term for Mayor Stewart. Hydro-Electric power killed that idea.

There may be no danger from that consumption home, still I would not want it at my back door, either.

The Spectator building was in darkness when the Scott procession passed, and not a single firecracker or colored light was touched off on the roof.

What's this about Stewart's organ of power monopoly threatening that if the members of the Council don't submit to him and sacrifice the city's interests, they won't be elected again? Why, I can find hosts of good Conservatives who do not hesitate to say that Stewart could not now be elected in Hamilton for pound-keeper!

Hear MacKay at Grand Opera House to-night. Go early and get a good seat.

Trust the people.

It was a sad home-coming that of Mr. Scott.

Mr. Thompson's friends must make a special effort this time to make his election sure. MacKay needs him.

Hossack says Whitney is an unjust steward.

Does Mayor Stewart really think that he can give the citizens cheaper power and light than the Cataract Co. can?

Mr. Hendrie was to see that justice was done to Hamilton. He is, slow about it.

The leading of Friend Johnson and the singing of the school children were worth the whole price of admission.

Geo. Lynch-Stanton is telling the farmers to vote for Whitney. But isn't George one of the "hiringlings"?

Now, Mr. Sweeney, what about those Westworth steps? When you are at it, flatten out the top flight.

That didn't look to me like the Thirtieth Band in the Scott procession. Was it a procession?

Hear Dan Reed at Truman's Hall, Crown Point, to-morrow evening. Dan knows what he is talking about.

Now take them off.

Mr. J. J. Scott says that he started the report that he was the most unpopular man in Hamilton. Well, he seems to have told the truth. Nobody contradicts him.

Chairman Clark might take a walk up to the city quarry reservoir and see what is needed. But he must be careful not to tumble in. There have been several narrow escapes already.

You are too late to register now. Well, it was your own fault.

You have been misinformed. Mr. Scott did not build and present the Boys' Home to the city.

Come again, Earl.

Don't forget MacKay to-night.

Yes, Mr. Scott, but the workmen had to tramp all that distance through the deep snow just because you would not do as your neighbors did, and clean off the snow.

HOLIDAY MADE LARGE COURT.

Drink the Cause of Most of the Trouble.

William Roberts Committed on Stabbing Charge.

Two Cases of Insanity In Court This Morning.

Police Court lasted two hours this morning, and much business was transacted. There were about twenty cases to be disposed of, and they were hustled through at a rapid rate.

The drunks over the holiday numbered only four, and there were few drunks and disorderliness. A good deal of drunkenness was visible on the streets last night, but the police were out after them, and a charge of threatening Fred Raven, a street car conductor, and refusing to go in off the back platform of a closed car, and stop smoking, was fined \$5 this morning and ordered to find peace bonds to the extent of \$100 to keep him from carrying out his threat to kick him in the head and "hand him a lesson."

Joseph Burns, 46 Jackson street east, pleaded not guilty, and elected for a summary trial on a charge of highway robbery, preferred against him by William Chalmers. Chalmers is the man who was locked up with Burns on Saturday on a charge of being drunk. Chalmers did not seem anxious to prosecute, and said he remembered nothing more than going into an alley north of King street on John street.

Audley Morrien said he saw Chalmers stumble into the alley beside their place of business, and he gave a stranger a dime to haul Chalmers into a yard off the alley. A short time later he saw Burns walk into the yard and sit beside Chalmers. He saw the prisoner go through Chalmers' pockets, and went down and accused him of the offence. Burns claimed he was a friend of the inebriated one and did not intend to keep the money.

The Magistrate allowed the prisoner (Continued on page 5.)

TWENTY IN JAIL.

Havana Officials Locked Up For Permitting Gambling.

Havana, May 26.—The Alcade, the chief of police, the city treasurer and seventeen other officials of Neuva Paz, in the Province of Havana, who recently were arrested and placed in jail on the charge of permitting public gambling, were held in default of \$90,000 bail yesterday.

The complainant in the case is Major-General Loyans de la Castallo, who alleges that the gambling devices which were allowed to operate in the city of Havana during the carnival are now making Neuva Paz a gambling centre.

LONDON GROCERS

To Run a Two Days' Excursion to the City of Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., May 26.—While the London Old Boys are getting ready to go to the town of their nativity this summer and have a good time, the London Retail Grocers' Association will be in Detroit June 17 and stay here two days. It is expected that 1,000 will be on the special train. Tickets have been secured for 500 of them to go to the Detroit-Philadelphia ball game in the afternoon of June 15, while that night there will be a special programme for them at Electric Park. Other things will be on the next day, a trip to Walkerville being a part of it.

ONE YEAR FOR EACH OF THEM.

MAN WHO ASSAULTED LITTLE GIRL GETS LASH ALSO.

John Swallow and Frederick Roach Sentenced by Judge Monck This Morning.

Judge Monck handed out a severe sentence this morning to John Swallow, who had been found guilty of committing an indecent assault on Hazel Winn behind Cotter's Hotel on April 17th last. The sentence was one year in Central Prison and thirty lashes. His Honor said, "You have been convicted of one of the meanest crimes that is on record, and I think there is sufficient evidence of a corroborative nature to find you guilty."

"Your Honor, I am not guilty of this charge, so help me God," said Swallow fervently.

"I find you guilty of the offence of which you are charged," said his Honor, "and the sentence is one year in Central and thirty lashes, to be given at such times the prison physician may order."

The prisoner was defended by Mr. Frank L. Morison.

Frederick Roach, who was brought here from London, pleaded guilty through his lawyer, Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, to a charge of purse snatching, committed on August 29, 1907, this morning before Judge Monck. The complainant was Miss Frances Gillies, but she did not appear.

Mr. O'Reilly, on behalf of the prisoner, asked for leniency, owing to the fact that Roach was but 17 years of age, and that if he was given a chance he would behave in future.

His Honor, however, held that there was too much purse snatching going on around the city, and while he did not like sending young men to jail, it was in the interest of the public that it should be stopped. He then sentenced him to one year in Central.

M'KAY SPEAKS IN HAMILTON TO-NIGHT.

HAD TO WAIT.

Merry Party Got Home by Daylight This Morning.

A party of young ladies and gentlemen of this city, numbering about 40, went to Winona yesterday, for a picnic, and in the evening a dance was held at the park. Arrangements had been made for special cars to come for the party at 1 o'clock this morning. After enjoying the pleasures of the evening to the fullest, they all tramped to the station, shortly before the hour of one, with the expectation of getting home in a short time. Great was their dismay, as the time passed, and no car was to be seen. Then some of the male members of the party began to make their predicament known, over the telephone, to the officials. They succeeded in routing Mr. George Waller, the General Passenger Agent, out of his bed, at that unseasonly hour, and he took a car down to Winona himself, not being able to get any of the regular men. He arrived there about 3.30, and it was a tired bunch that arrived in the city about 4.30. The boys of the party are certainly saying "things" to-day.

LADY ORANGE GRAND LODGE.

Annual Convention Going on In This City.

Delightful Banquet In Orange Hall Last Night.

The 15th annual session of the Ladies' Grand Orange Lodge of British North America opened yesterday morning for two days in the Orange Hall, James street north. There was a large attendance of delegates, mostly from Ontario, and they evinced a great deal of interest in the work. The Grand Mistress, Miss Mary Cullum, of Toronto, a former popular Hamilton lady, presided.

The first business was that of the appointment of standing committees, after which the lodge adjourned until after luncheon. The reports from the several committees were received in the afternoon, and a lively discussion took place over these reports. A delegation from the County Orange Lodge, consisting of Bro. James, County Master, and Bro. Mitchell, County Secretary, read the address of welcome to the Grand Lodge. Dr. R. B. Orr, of Toronto, responded with an appropriate message. During the session Bro. William McIntyre, an honorary member of No. 1, visited the Grand Lodge, and at the request of the Grand Mistress, conducted the election of officers, which resulted in the following ladies being returned:

Miss Mary Cullum, Toronto, Grand Mistress. Mrs. A. E. Perkins, London, Deputy Grand Mistress. Mrs. Miller, Ottawa, Junior Deputy Grand Mistress.

Mrs. C. D. Cullum, Toronto, Grand Chaplain. Miss Ida Gallagher, Chatham, Grand Secretary. Mrs. A. E. Yeates, Port Huron, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Leamington, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Mrs. Bentley, Toronto, and Miss Smith, Essex, Grand Lecturers.

The lodge adjourned after the election of officers, and in the evening a banquet was tendered to the visiting delegates by the local lodges. It was a grand success, all enjoying themselves to the utmost. County Master Bro. T. F. James was the chairman, and he had charge of an interesting programme, which was full of songs and speeches.

The programme was as follows: "The King" God Save the King. Responded to by Bro. A. T. Mackie. Piano solo, Miss Estelle. "The Maple Leaf Forever." Responded to by Rev. F. E. Hovitt. Recitation, Master G. Weston.

"Loyal Orange Association"—Responded to by R. W. Bro. Nicholson, P. G. M., and Bro. T. F. James, County Master. Recitation, Miss Edith Slaughter. Song, Mr. Stoker.

"Mayor and Corporation"—Responded to by Mayor Stewart. Song, Bro. A. T. Mackie.

"Hamilton District Orange Lodge"—Responded to by Bro. C. D. Nash, P. D. M., and Charles Pilgrim. Song, Miss Lillie Kissick.

"Ladies' Orange Association"—Responded to by Miss Mary Cullum, Grand Mistress. Song, Bro. A. T. Mackie.

"Gentlemen"—Responded to by Sisters Mrs. Cullum and Mrs. Yeates. Song, Bro. Johnson. Song, Miss Lillie Kissick.

"The Hostesses"—Responded to by Sisters Mrs. Hoey, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Stewart. Song, Bro. A. T. Mackie.

Routine business was conducted this morning. The following is the list of delegates to the convention which will close this evening: Miss Mary Cullum, and Mrs. C. D. Cullum, Toronto; Miss Ida Gallagher, Chatham; Mrs. E. Sissons, Chatham; Mrs. A. E. Perkins, Mrs. A. Jinks, London; Mrs. J. W. Rodney, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. T. Mason, Mrs. T. Chung, Ottawa; Miss Edith Reid, Leamington; Mrs. Maggie Annal, Mrs. Christie Allen, Miss Cora Evans, Mrs. Sarah Reame, Wallaceburg; Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Leonard, London; Mrs. and Miss Fraser, St. John; Mrs. Miller, Ottawa; Mrs. Macartney, Mrs. Stoker, Mrs. Thomas, Toronto; Miss Minnie Bridgen, Cottam; Mrs. E. Ford; Mrs. Grandson, Toronto; Mrs. T. E. Jenkins, Mrs. G. Kett, Glenwood; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoey, Hamilton; Mrs. McLenon, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Mrs. E. J. Jeffreys, Leamington; Mrs. E. Bentley, Miss Smith Falls; Mrs. Rowland, Ladysmith.

W. E. Plin has been awarded the contract for dredging in Hamilton harbor and at Burlington.

Liberal Leader In Grand Opera House.

Registration Totals Up to 6,053.

Tory Candidates Did Not Answer.

Hon. A. G. MacKay's address in the Grand Opera House this evening will be the event of the campaign. The Liberal leader has won the admiration of the Province by his high ideals and his straightforward talk in the House and on the platform. The doors of the Grand will be opened at 7.20. Those who have received invitations to the platform will be admitted by the stage entrance. The Liberal Club is providing 20 ushers, who will see that the seating is properly done and that no space is lost. While the meeting is primarily for electors, a large number of ladies have been enquiring if there will be seats for them, and, no doubt, a goodly number will be present.

LARGE CAR HAD NARROW ESCAPE

FROM GOING OVER THE JAMES STREET BRIDGE YESTERDAY.

Passengers All Escaped, But the Car Was Destroyed by Fire—Other Fires of the Holiday.

What might have been a disaster yesterday morning resulted only in the destruction of a street car, and many late breakfasts all over Hamilton. The Street Railway Company lost a splendid car, one of the large cars of the Radial Beach line, by the fire. This car jumped the track while running south on James street, just as it reached the bridge. It ran across the bridge and into the natural gas pipe, which is laid along the side. The pipe acted as a buffer and probably saved the several passengers and crew who were on board. The car had dropped to the railway tracks below. The gas pipe was broken and the gas caught fire from a spark caused by the current grounding in the pipe. The car was badly burned and will have to be rebuilt completely. No one was injured. The gas had to be closed off at the reducing station, and as a result the users of the natural article had to do without for some hours.

A short while after 2 o'clock in the afternoon Assistant Chief James and Combination Company No. 3 were called to the Drill Hall where a fire cracker had set fire to some cement bags. The loss was small. The assistant chief and hose Co. No. 2 attended a small blaze on the roof of a house at 220 George street shortly before 7 o'clock last evening. Fire crackers were the cause, but the loss was small. L. Bacon is the tenant.

Rev. T. J. Bennett's home at 220 George street, was threatened by fire shortly after 11 o'clock last night, when fireworks set the roof going. The department put it out without any damage being done, however.

TURBINA'S RATES CUT.

Rates on the fast steamer Turbina, have been cut to 35 cents single and 50 cents return fare between Hamilton and Toronto. The company intends to maintain a high standard of excellent service, and the Turbina will leave every morning, except Saturdays, at 9.15, and returning will leave Toronto at 5.30 p. m. Saturdays the boat will make a double trip, leaving Hamilton at 10 a. m. and 8.30 p. m., and Toronto at 7.30 a. m. and 2 p. m. See advertisement.

TO ENTERTAIN SCULPTOR.

Mr. Philippe Hebert, the Canadian sculptor, whose work, the Queen Victoria statue is, will be entertained this evening by the Canadian Club, at a banquet at the Royal Hotel, at 7.30. Mr. Hebert will be made an honorary member of the club.

Fireman George Gimblett, of Central Fire Station, lost his badge on the road to a fire last night. The badge number is 38, and Chief TenEyck would like to get it back.

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MARRIED TO-DAY.

Fashionable Washington Wedding Celebrated at Noon.

Washington, May 26.—A wedding of much interest in official society circles in this city was that of Miss Elizabeth Shaw Oliver, eldest daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War, and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, to Mr. Francis K. Stevens, of New York, formerly of Albany, which was celebrated at noon today at the Oliver residence. Among the notable figures present were the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft and Mrs. Taft, and the British Ambassador and Mrs. James Bryce. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Colton Smith, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in the drawing room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

RECEIVED SCALP WOUND.

James Nixon, 8 Beechwood avenue, the victim of a slight accident last evening about 10.30. He had just left his home and was attempting to board a car at Wentworth and Barton streets, when he slipped and fell to the ground, sustaining a bad scalp wound and cut in the face. He was removed to Dr. Hain's surgery and later taken to the City Hospital, where his injury was dressed. The injured man will be around in a few days.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$4 a year upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADES BANK OF CANADA.

AN OLD CAR

Jumped Track and Shook Up a Lot of Passengers.

There was an accident on the H. G. & B. Railway Sunday morning that might have been of a serious nature. Car No. 12, an open car, left the Terminal Station at 11.10 well filled with passengers. It was observed that the car creaked considerably, and a squeaking noise could be heard all the way down. The car had been in the barn all winter, and did not run so smoothly as usual. When nearly opposite the home of Mayor Roberts, near Grimsby, the rear trucks left the track and, bumping over the ties for about 100 feet, swung around and crashed into a telegraph pole. The force of the collision threw the passengers from their seats and in the mix-up at the rear end of the car some of the passengers received bruises and strains. Fortunately the ground was level, and the motorman quickly applied the brakes. Conductor Hayhoe promptly telephoned to Grimsby for assistance. Besides a severe shaking up, no one was seriously injured. Mr. Fred Irving drove from the Village Inn to offer any assistance, and Mr. John Moodie, who was passing in his Darcy touring car, was ready for any emergency.

Beach Service.

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