

HANGED AT BRAMPTON.

Galacian Pays Penalty For Murder of Friendless Boy.

Condemned Man Protests His Innocence to the Last.

He Died in Twelve Minutes—Wife Paid Last Visit.

Brampton, Ont., Feb. 11.—For the first time in the history of Peel county capital punishment was carried out this morning when Steffan Swryda, who was found guilty of the murder of Oleka Liutiek, was hanged in the jail yard here, Hangman Radcliffe officiating. The scaffold was erected in a corner of the jail yard, hidden from view on two sides by a specially built high board fence, and on the other two sides by the stone walls. On the scaffold Swryda still maintained that he was innocent. The drop fell at 8 o'clock, and within twelve minutes the man was pronounced dead. Only officials were allowed to witness the proceedings.

The crime for which Steffan Swryda this morning suffered the extreme penalty of the law was the most brutal one. On April 16th last (Good Friday) Swryda enticed Oleka Liutiek, a fellow Galician, to a bush near Clarkson, and there killed the young man for the sake of a small sum of money he had in his possession. Not until some weeks later was the crime discovered, through the finding of Liutiek's body in the bush. Nobody had seen the murder committed, but Swryda's movements, as traced by Detective Miller made it almost certain that he was the guilty man. When placed in the witness box at the trial to give evidence in his own defence, Swryda told a story of Liutiek going off with another man, whom he called "Mike," but no trace of any such man could be discovered. Attempts were made to secure a new trial for the man, but they failed, as did an attempt to obtain executive clemency. Swryda's wife became a mother only a few weeks ago.

BEFORE THE HANGING.

Swryda Protests His Innocence and Not Afraid to Die.

Brampton, Ont., Feb. 10.—"I no kill that boy; I go to my God not afraid, because I no kill that boy." Within twenty-four hours of the gallows, Steffan Swryda thus avows his innocence of the crime for which he has been sentenced to die at dawn tomorrow morning.

In broken English and trembling voice the sturdy young Galician declares he did not take the life of his young fellow-countryman last Good Friday. He says it so emphatically and with such apparent honesty that the death watch, the men who have been

KING SICK.

Suffering From Bronchial Catarrh—Confined to Room.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—King Edward is suffering to-day from an attack of bronchial catarrh, and according to a local newspaper he has called in consultation a German physician, who ordered him to remain in his room until he was better. In spite of this, however, His Majesty had luncheon with the officers of the Dragon Regiment, of which he is honorary colonel. This was one of the functions scheduled for to-day.

It had been planned also that the King go in an automobile to Potsdam this morning to lay a wreath on the tomb of his sister, but this part of the programme was not carried out, owing to the very cold weather and the high wind prevailing.

OLD COUPLE

Celebrating 64th Anniversary of Wedding at Port Dalhousie.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Feb. 11.—This afternoon Capt. Alex. and Mrs. Muir, of Port Dalhousie, are celebrating the sixty-fourth anniversary of their wedding. They were married in Kingston in 1845 and settled in Port Dalhousie a few months later, where Captain Muir for many years conducted a ship yard and drydock. Although the venerable captain is in his ninety-second year and his wife a few years his junior, they are in excellent health and spirits. Port Dalhousie, when they arrived there, consisted of fourteen houses and stumps still stood in the streets.

CANNERS' ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Cannery, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon. The usual dividend was declared, and the Board of Directors were re-elected. At a subsequent meeting David Marshall, of Aylmer, was elected President; F. R. Lator, M. P., Vice-President; J. J. Nairn, General Manager; R. L. Innes, Secretary-Treasurer.

FOR LOSS OF A HORSE.

Mewburn & Ambrose have issued a writ in the County Court for \$185, on behalf of the John Hoodless Furniture Company, against F. and W. Grainger, for the loss of a horse. Grainger's horse ran away and ran into the horse of the Hoodless Company, killing it and damaging the wagon.

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.

MONOPOLY OR NO HYDRO POWER.

Hon. Adam Beck Tells the Mayor So as Emphatically as Possible.

The plebiscite it is proposed to submit to the ratepayers on the power question will be voted on early this year. Although the deputation, headed by Mayor McLaren, which went to Toronto yesterday, seeking information on power matters, was unable to see Sir James Whittney, His Worship announced this morning that indirectly they had the Premier's assurance that the Government would at once pass legislation authorizing municipalities to submit plebiscites, without waiting until January. A confirmation of this from the Premier himself was expected today, but at noon the City Clerk had not received it.

HAS SECURED NEW INDUSTRY

Hamilton Has Made a Good Start For the Year.

Industrial Committee Will Soon be Completed.

Some Good Concerns Secured During Depressed Times.

Hamilton is off to a good start on the industrial boom that will be inaugurated here this year to establish the city's claim as the chief manufacturing centre of Canada. It has just landed the first new industry for 1909, a branch of a United States firm, the McCaskey Register Company of Alliance, Ohio. Others it is expected will follow shortly. In connection with the announcement of the coming of the new concern the press was supplied with the following statement by the city officials:

Mr. H. F. Pollock, vice-president, and Mr. T. G. Maxwell, superintendent, of the McCaskey Register Company, have been in Hamilton two days trying to secure a suitable location for a Canadian factory to manufacture the McCaskey Account Register and other high grade articles made by this company. They have secured an option on a building at the corner of Rebecca and Hughson streets, which will doubtless be their permanent location. A local manufacturer is already at work manufacturing a quantity of fine oak cabinets which are used to house the McCaskey system. Other sample parts are en route here and the register will be on sale not later than March 1st, the manufacturing having already begun. Messrs. Maxwell and Pollock were taken care of by the mayor and assessment commissioner during their stay and the business men's committee used every effort to assist them in securing a desirable location, something very difficult to find in Hamilton at this time. Some idea of the importance of this concern may be formed by the fact that the business was started less than five years ago in Alliance, Ohio, with

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STEEL CO. VICTORY

Caused Great Excitement in Toronto Stock Exchange.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 11.—There was great excitement on the local stock exchange at the opening this morning as a result of the Steel Coal judgment. The decisive victory of the Steel Co. was immediately reflected in the quotations. Steel Common jumped four points, and the preferred 12 points, right on the start off, while Coal was heavy and four points lower.

The first transaction in Steel Common, which was at 23 1/4 and 24 following, was a fractional decline, but in another moment the price had strengthened a fraction, and eventually it touched 25. Of Steel preferred the transactions were fewer, the first being recorded at 78, the next 81, after which there was a jump of three points to 84, and eventually 85 and 87 were paid.

The first coal transaction was recorded at 88, and the next at 69, but soon afterwards the quotations eased off to 58 asked and 56 bid. In the market for Dominion Steel bonds the first transaction was \$100 at 84 1/2. Towards the noon hour Steel preferred was working the other way, being offered at 54 1/2. Steel common, however, remained about the same, ranging between 23 and 24.

MARRIED IN BUFFALO.

Rev. W. E. White, of Jarvis, who will be remembered by the people of Christ's Church Cathedral, where he was curate a few years ago, was united in marriage yesterday in Buffalo to Miss Davis, of Cayuga. The wedding took place in Buffalo at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was conducted by Bishop DuMoulin. Mr. and Mrs. White will reside in Cayuga, of which church he is rector.

Like the Running Water.

Always fresh, live and boiled lobsters, Malpeque and Bine Point oysters in the shell, Select, Standard and Sealship oysters, in bulk, fresh caught whitefish, trout, halibut, cod, sea salmon, halibut, sea herrings, Yarmouth blotters, kippered herrings, escoco, Finnan haddie, salt sea herrings, Holland and Lochfyne herrings in kegs.—Peables, Hobson & Co., Ltd.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

If you haven't seen Stanley Mills & Co.'s Made-in-Hamilton exhibition, see it to-morrow. I dropped in yesterday, and have been talking about the demonstration ever since.

If the Mayor or anybody else could tell us what this hydro-electric power is to cost we might know better how to cast our ballots.

Ireland's parliamentary representatives have decided against obstruction tactics in the House. That's quite a compliment to the Liberal Government.

Let us have an official investigation into this staff-tonic sol fa business. It can't cost more than a million dollars or so.

Perhaps if some real estate expert or experts were to be permitted to go over the City Clerk's tax rolls those inequalities could be straightened out and justice done to all.

Mr. Sealey hasn't been long in securing the approval of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association of his work in Parliament.

We should have something definite about the Technical College soon. Is Hon. Mr. Hendrie going to see that justice is done Hamilton?

I am afraid this is to be a poor year for increases in civic salaries.

There is a proposition to send Joe Downey, of Guilph, to London as immigration agent. Joe would be more at home, if not more useful, in Dublin.

Another thing about the overdraft that I don't like is that we are paying interest on it, more than enough to pay its board.

There may be a yellow streak in the man who shuffles off this mortal coil when he falls in the battle of life, especially when he leaves a wife and children such a man should be reduced to such desperate straits in this land of boasted plenty.

I had lost track of the consumption dispensary. I am afraid it does not get publicity enough. Where is it located? Excuse my ignorance.

The tax rate may be all right if the assessment is on all fours.

The Hot Air Club should give His Worship a few castles.

The Hotel Men's Association will have to keep awake this year if it is to successfully combat the Civic Campaign Committee. These people mean business and look as if they will be able to transact the business they have on hand.

Now, listen, will you? Mr. T. J. Stewart is to arraign the Government the first chance he gets on its immigration policy. A Government minister's complaint in the meantime Hamilton's interests are being sadly neglected down there.

"The dirtier of the two local organs" is the gentlemanly way in which the Chesterfield of the Hamilton Herald refers to this paper. No wonder, the complaint is made of the coarse manners of Canadian children.

I hate to say a word that would interfere with the enjoyment of the youngsters. But that tobogganing on the Jolley Cut and John Street certainly looks to me like flirting with death. Perhaps the Chief wouldn't mind going up and taking a look at it.

Is there any place in the city where homeless cats are taken in and done for? There should be.

HE WILL PAY EVERY CENT.

Mr. H. P. Heming to Wipe Out All Old Debts.

The many friends of Herbert P. Heming, the well-known former stock broker of this city, who a couple of years ago failed, will be glad to learn of his success in the West. When he failed he had liabilities of over \$50,000. Through his solicitor, Mr. W. S. McBrayne, it was learned that the determination of wiping out all his old debts. A short time ago, a division of 12-1-2 cents on the dollar was made out of his estate. Within the last day or two Mr. McBrayne received the second division of 10 per cent. on all claims which have a balance of over \$50, and paying all claims under \$50 in full. After the payment of the 12-1-2 cents on the dollar out of the estate, there was a balance of \$43,000 to be paid. Mr. McBrayne expects that from the tone of Mr. Heming's letters, the whole matter will be settled in a short time. Mr. Heming is at present situated in Vancouver, and has struck it rich in timber.

GALT MAN

To Marry Miss Silvia, Daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 11.—Miss K. L. Wilks, Cruicston Park, Galt, has notified her friends in Galt of the following announcement made this week:

"Mrs. Hetty Green, New York, announces the engagement of her only daughter, Miss Silvia, to Mr. Matthew Astor Wilks, of Galt, eldest son of the late Matthew Wilks, Cruicston Park, Galt, Ontario."

Mrs. Green is said to be the wealthiest woman in the world.

Quality is Cheapness.

Cheapness, regardless of quality, seems to be the paramount issue in most stores. With us cheapness is the last thing considered. Prices are governed by quality. Quality is always the main issue with us. There is no grocery carrying a larger variety or better quality and few so clean and neat as this store. Visit us, look around, then your order is sure to follow.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

SHORTAGE 3,000,000 IN WATER SUPPLY.

Engineer McFarlane Makes Statement That Should Waken Aldermanic Sluggards.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I see it stated in one of the papers that a certain alderman had secured from me an affidavit to the effect that the pumps at the Beach were in good order. There was no alderman that got from me an affidavit to that effect, although I said and do say that the pumps are in good order, that does not prove that the pumps are adequate to the requirements of the city. The following statement will show where the city stands in regard to pumping power, and is based on what we did last summer and does not take into account the magnitude of the Pratt or McInnes fires.

Rate in twenty-four hours: Gallons. The Killey engines pumped .. 8,619,840 Gartshore engines pumped .. 2,400,000 Loss in reservoir .. 1,291,700 Required in case of a fire .. 4,000,000

Total quantity required .. 16,311,340 Rated capacity of all the engines .. 13,250,000 Deficit .. 3,061,340

You will see from the above statement that the engine power is over three million gallons short of what would be required without any breakdown of any of the engines, but all the engines doing the above duty are overloaded, the old engines especially. When they were first installed in 1859 we had pumps that pumped 77 gallons per stroke into the Barton reservoir against a pressure of 80 pounds per square inch; but the pumps were enlarged in 1882 to pump 122 gallons per stroke against the same head, and since the James street reservoir was built they pump against a pressure of 110 pounds per square inch, so that it ought not to surprise anyone if they broke down. Yours truly, Jas. McFarlane, Hamilton Waterworks, Feb. 10, 1909.

No Color Line

London, Feb. 11.—An attempt to draw the color line met with signal failure to-day at Birmingham, where an effort was made to exclude a negro student of the university from the local skating rink. The incident aroused a heated controversy. The students took up the negro's cause and hired a lawyer to oppose the renewal of the rink's license. The management of the rink apologized in court this morning, and promised not to make any race distinction in the future.

ST. PHILIP'S

Workmen Make an Appropriate Gift to Church.

A number of improvements have recently been effected in the chancel of St. Philip's Church, Earl street, and a commodious vestry and class room erected, the whole of the work having been the free gift of the men employed upon it. This work being now finished a supper is to be held to-morrow (Friday) evening to celebrate its completion. His Lordship Bishop DuMoulin, Archdeacon Clark, Mr. T. E. Leather and Ex-Alderman Nicholson, have promised to be present.

AFTER YEARS.

Mrs. Traill Applies to Have Husband Declared Dead.

Mrs. Johanna Traill, who resides on MacNab street north, this city, has filed an application for an order declaring that the death of her husband, William Traill, may be assumed. Traill was employed by Kerr, Brown & Company, of this city, 30 years ago, as a traveller and went to Chicago in 1880. When last heard of he was in the Marine Hospital suffering from injuries sustained at his work. He was insured in the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company in 1871 for \$1,000.

DOLLAR WHEAT

An Advance of Two Cents on Local Market To-day.

Wheat prices, which have been steadily advancing ever since the early winter, reached the \$1.00 mark this morning on the local market. The quotations have been running from 90c to 97c for three months and the demand has been good. On the big wheat markets the price has ruled firm all winter and the advance on the local market to \$1.00 was not a surprise.

COLLAPSED.

Frank Gray, of Hamilton, in Bad Shape at London.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., Feb. 11.—Frank Gray, giving his address as Hamilton, claiming to have walked from Windsor to London and to have been without food for 26 hours, is at the police station in a cold and hunger. This morning he was remanded to jail for a week, and was placed under the care of a physician.

LIBERAL POOL TOURNEY.

In the Liberal Club pool tournament all games must be played off not later than next Monday night. No contestant will get a prize who has not finished his entire schedule of games, no matter how high his standing.

From Marseilles

We import all our "Shell" brand castles soap. We get it in bars to retail at 20c per bar. These are the regular 2 1/2 lb. bars. We have the same soap in cakes. These retail at 5c each, 6 for 25c. They save the trouble of cutting the bars. Parke & Parke, druggists.

Do You Need a Pipe?

You can take your choice of a lot of the best pipes you ever saw for 25 cents at peace's cigar store. You ought to see the bargains for 25 cents at 107 King street east.

BOOMING BRANTFORD.

Church Wants Rev. Dr. Gee to Stay Another Year.

Former Brantford Barber Mayor of New Liskeard.

To Fight Local Option—Rural Delivery For Oakland.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Feb. 11.—Brantford merchants held a meeting yesterday, which was representatively attended, when consideration was given to the plan of organizing a retail merchants' club for the purpose of boosting Brantford in general, securing better freight facilities, better radial rates and rural telephone exchange throughout the country. The matter of organization of the club was left in the hands of a committee headed by J. M. Young. Radial excursions on all lines are proposed as one of the features of the programme.

ASKED HIM TO STAY. The congregation of Wesley Methodist Church met last evening and unanimously asked their pastor, Rev. Dr. Gee, to remain another year at Wesley Church, subject to the June conference. The church has made rapid strides under Dr. Gee, whose work has been appreciated by his congregation.

FORMER BRANTFORDITE. Mayor Frank Haines, of New Liskeard, a former Brantfordite, who conducted a barber shop in this city, is here on a brief stay. He went north and struck it rich. He now owns a large business block and is one of the leading business men of the northern town, having been elected Mayor this year.

A CHALLENGE. Ald. M. E. Harris is organizing a rink of curlers from the City Council and intends to play his rink against alderman selections from other cities. The rink will figure in a big local bonspiel here, and challenges will be sent to Hamilton, Guilph, Woodstock and other places.

CASE DISMISSED. Messrs. Howell and Brooks, J. P.'s, yesterday afternoon dismissed the charge against Mrs. John Curley, of the Indian reserve, of stealing from her husband, previous to an alleged elopement with another fellow. Curley said he had another wife living, and the costs of the case were charged against him.

WILL HAVE FIGHT. The local optionist party which proposes to have a general campaign in Brant county next December for local option, will not have a path entirely strewn with roses. This week the request was made at St. George to have a by-law submitted by the South Dumfries Council without a petition being presented. The Council turned it down by 4 to 1, a number of St. George business men forming a deputation to object to the by-law. In Brantford the Council will not submit the by-law, and the chances are the vote will not be general. In that event the success of the movement both in Brantford and Paris is considerably imperiled.

RURAL DELIVERY. The township of Oakland proposes to have the first rural free mail delivery to be inaugurated in Brant county. A petition has been prepared for the department at Ottawa, showing the most desirable route, and an inspector will be sent to look it over. The other townships will likely follow suit in the matter.

GENERAL NOTES. The annual meeting of the Brantford Bible Society was held in Zion Church last evening. A splendid report was submitted by President E. Sweet, and an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Toronto.

Gordon Hett of Hamilton, delighted the U. K. Club at its fifth annual reunion here last night by some very clever dancing.

Friends were present from Hamilton, Toronto, Galt and other places yesterday to attend the funeral of the Rev. R. C. Stinson, mother of Henry Stinson, the well-known horseman, which took place to Mount Hope Cemetery. There was a very large attendance.

Major Frank A. Howard has been elected chairman of the Public Library Board here.

Local millers paid \$1 per bushel for wheat here yesterday. Flour as a result has advanced 20 cents per barrel.

Instead of an old boys' reunion, a big two-day celebration will be held here next July.

Brantford and Dundas will play in the latter town on Saturday for the Neil Wilson curling trophy.

THAT WALK.

Township People Object to the Council's Proposition.

Judge Monck presided over the Court of Assessment Appeals for Barton this morning at the Township Hall, and heard the case of the residents on Concession street, who object to being charged by the township for local improvements for the building of a sidewalk, which was ordered by the Railway Board to be paid jointly by city and township. Mr. William Bell, K. C., and John Farmer appeared for the residents, and Mr. W. A. H. Duff for the township. His Honor adjourned the sittings pending the admission of more evidence.

BLYTHE TO HANG.

Wife Murderer to be Executed on May 13th at Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 11.—Just before noon to-day Judge Riddell sentenced Walter Blythe, the Canadian Pacific section man, who beat his wife to death at Agincourt, to be hanged on Thursday, May 13th, in Toronto jail.

The date of the execution was fixed at the period named in order to give the prisoner's counsel, Mr. T. C. Robinette, time to prepare a reserve case, and to get additional evidence from England as to the prisoner's mental condition to aid him in this.

PROGRESSIVE.

Barton Council Proposes to Lay Miles of Cement Walks.

Barton Township Council has undertaken a rather big proposition, and if it goes through, it will help modernize conditions in the township. Tenders are being asked for the building of cement walks at various places throughout the township, including Kenwood, Crown Point, Ottawa street, a portion of Cannon street, Prospect Place, portions of King and Main streets and through Bartonville. There are several other little bits to be built at the same time, along some of the side streets. It is expected that between 8 and 10 miles of sidewalk will be laid, at a price not to exceed 12 1/2 cents a square foot or 50 cents a lineal foot for a four foot walk. It is proposed to spread payment over 20 years, four cents per annum per lineal foot paying principal and interest.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS DANCE.

The Army Rink was gaily decorated last evening for the first annual ball of the Canadian Army Service Corps. There were eighty couples present, and from the first inspiring strain of the orchestra all were lost in the whirl of the exhilarating dance. Caterer Knappman provided a tasty luncheon at intermission. Dowling's orchestra supplied the music.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 11.—William J. Connors, attacked with heart failure, collapsed in St. Frontenac Lumber Yard and expired. He was aged 34 years and married.