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For Alderman.

Chatham, Ont., 12th Dec., 1905.

To the Ratepayers of Chatham —

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN —

I am a candidate for the position of Alderman for the year 1906. If you approve of my actions in Council during the past year I would respectfully ask for your vote and influence at the coming Election. I do not intend making any personal canvass as I believe where there is no question at issue between the candidates that the Electors should be free to vote for the men they think will serve the city best.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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W. W. Rainie Killed.

Campbellford, Dec. 12.—Early Sunday afternoon T. W. Rainie, a well-known resident, left his house on the side of the road, and was in the act of ascending the steps when he was seized with a stroke. He fell down the steps, receiving injuries about the head from which he died about an hour later. He was 62 years old.

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SAT ON BELT OF ENGINE

Starting Off It Threw Levi Quirk Against an Iron Pulley.

Man Was Rendered Unconscious and Died in Twenty Minutes After Being Struck — Accident Occurred During Noon Hour While Chatting With Another Engineer, at the Toronto and Niagara Power Works.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 12.—Levi Quirk, aged 37 years, foreman of the stone quarrymen, was instantly killed at the Toronto and Niagara Power Works at one o'clock yesterday by having been caught in the belt of a stone crusher being run by a steam engine.

Quirk was sitting on the belt with his feet on the ground, chatting with an engineer of another engine just before one o'clock, the engine having been shut off during the noon hour.

The engineer remarked to Quirk it was time the engine should start, and went to his engine, leaving Quirk sitting on the belt. In the meantime the engineer of the engine running the belt that Quirk was sitting on, went to his engine on the opposite side and, not noticing Quirk, started up his engine. It threw Quirk against the iron pulley, his head striking the engine. Quirk screamed and the engineer shut off, but too late. One side of Quirk's body was squashed in between the belt and pulley. When he was extricated he was unconscious and lived but 20 minutes.

Quirk came here from Montreal about two years ago to work on the power works. He has a brother employed on the American side of the river.

BOTH ARMS TORN OFF.

Boy Meets Terrible Death in Merrittton Paper Mill Shafting.

Merrittton, Dec. 12.—At 4.30 yesterday afternoon, in the Lincoln paper mills, Wm. Webster, the son of 15 years, was almost instantly killed. He was engaged in putting on a belt, and in some way was caught and taken over the shafting.

Both arms were torn from the body, and he was also crushed. The young man lived with his parents in St. Catharines, and had only been in this country about eight weeks.

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Robert Gibbons of Woodbridge, aged 25, was asphyxiated in the New Armory Hotel, Toronto, during Saturday night.

DEATH CAME

The Unfortunate Young Noah Pelletier Succumbed at an Early Hour This Morning

At three o'clock this morning Noah Pelletier, the young man who shot himself in Wilson's bush on Sunday afternoon, passed peacefully away. The bullets both pierced the left side near the heart, one going right through the body to the back. Loss of blood and the deadly wounds were too much for the skilled physicians who sought to save the life, which had been sacrificed, and death came very quietly, the deceased sleeping away.

The deceased young man was 21 years of age, and he was up to the time of his death, been employed at Gray's factory. He is a son of Alex. Pelletier, of Dover.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, from the residence of his sister, Wellington St., to the St. Peter's Church, Dover.

New College Building

We have just received from Messrs. McLaughlin & Co., a cut of their new college building, which is now nearing completion.

It is a magnificent structure and will make a fitting home for the work of a school that has always stood for the highest and best in the line of commercial training.

HOW MONEY MAY BE SAVED ON CITY BOARD OF WORKS

Ald. O'Keefe, Civic Minister of Public Works, Submits Valuable Suggestions to Successor—Many Important Improvements in Present Faulty System —Other Matters at Busy Council Session

"It is a very serious—very startling—statement, and it is only after a most minute and careful investigation of our work and the system under which we operate that the conviction forced itself upon me. A conservative comparative estimate of the money the city spends annually, and of what we have to show for it, has convinced me that one-third of the money spent is practically thrown away. This, I believe, is largely to be laid to the door of the faulty system under which we operate—and it is with this end in view that the retiring Board of Works have submitted certain suggestions which we would earnestly urge upon our successors."

Such was the comment of Ald. J. O'Keefe, the Civic Minister of Public Works, at the conclusion of the City Council meeting last evening, when many citizens present took occasion to congratulate him upon the clear, forceful and economic policy he had suggested for the future guidance for the great spending department of our civic service. The full text of Ald. O'Keefe's valuable address was as follows:

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatham:

In accordance with your request, made at last meeting, in regard to bringing in a report offering some suggestions whereby the work done by the city could be improved upon, we beg to submit the following suggestions.

After a careful review of all the work done by the city the past year, we feel that an improvement might be made in the manner of doing said work. We think a great deal of money is squandered in not having the work properly managed. By this statement we do not wish it to be understood that the present officials have done their duty, but we do think that the present system of one man doing the engineering work and looking after all the other work is wrong, as, owing to the great many varieties of work on hand, it is impossible for him to give the proper attention to all the work in order to obtain the best results for the least expense.

Therefore, we would strongly recommend that an engineer be employed to lay out all the work that is required to be done by an engineer, giving full details and specifications. Then we would have a good practical man be employed to carry out the engineer's instructions and specifications. By this means we think the engineering work could be done at a very reasonable cost, as the engineer would not have to spend any time on the streets in looking after the work. We would suggest that the superintendent appointed by the city have full charge of all the work done by the corporation and be responsible to the city.

We would recommend that a good, fair salary be paid this man in order to induce him to do his duty, and to put down by corporation workers who are not so careful. This superintendent should then select a foreman from the corporation laborers most capable of looking after the particular job he is put in charge of. By offering this foreman a little extra wages he could look after the other men on his job and also do his share of the work. He would be responsible to the superintendent to see that his instructions were carried out and that the men all did their duty. By this means we could dispense with inspectors who are quite often inexperienced.

As the sewer question is, in our estimation, the most important work done by the city, we would suggest that the Council get in communication with the best authorities on sewers and how to construct them, and get all the information possible on the subject from other cities in order to give our superintendent the benefit of their knowledge and experience. We feel that the sewers in Chatham have been laid in altogether too careless a manner. We would recommend that all sewers be put down by corporation laborers under the supervision of our superintendent, and he to appoint the most capable and experienced man available to the charge of sewer construction, and then let him do his own work for the carrying out of his instructions. We would recommend that he be paid so much per day extra over the regular wages paid to laborers, and when found incompetent to be replaced. By this means it would encourage good men to take an active interest in the work and educate themselves to fill the position.

CUPID AND BANK FUNDS

E. S. Banwell's Ambition to Be Married Causes Downfall.

Missing and Supposed to Have Stolen \$1,487 in Gold and \$20,000 in Unsigned \$50 Bank Bills From Crown Bank—Was Paying Teller and Married Girl of His Choice—Have Not Been Seen Since Sunday.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—An ambition to get married without the necessary funds at his disposal is supposed to have caused E. S. Banwell, paying teller in the Crown Bank here, to steal \$1,487 in gold and \$20,000 in unsigned \$50 bank bills. He was reported to be missing yesterday. His fiancée, Miss Nora Hector of Brimdale, is also missing.

The theft took place on Saturday afternoon when the gold with 400 unsigned notes, Nos. 601 to 1,000, were taken. It is thought that after his accounts were checked over by the other teller, Young Banwell made his touch on the gold in the cash box attached to his department, which was that of paying teller. Then the box was locked and placed in the vault, according to custom.

While the young man was in the vault he put the package of unsigned notes into his pocket. The package was not more than two inches thick, and so would not attract attention. His taking unsigned notes when plenty of others fully signed were ready at hand, is peculiar.

On going out of the bank he took the train to his home in Port Credit, where he has been supporting his mother, an invalid father for some years. On leaving the house later in the afternoon he told them he was going to Brimdale, five miles away. This was quite usual.

In the meantime Miss Hector was filling in her part of the program. Early in the morning she went to the Brimdale postoffice for her letters. On returning to her home she said she was going into Port Credit, and off she went. Doubtless the young couple met somewhere in Port Credit and came on to Toronto.

Late Sunday afternoon, T. H. Hector, the father of the girl, had a message from a mutual friend of the family in Toronto, stating that the young couple had been married and that they were happy.

When the bank opened on Monday morning, J. A. Ready, the local manager, received a message from E. S. Banwell's parents, stating that he had gone to Brimdale and had failed to return in time to catch his train. The bank, however, did not notice anything was wrong until midday, when his accounts were examined. The cash box was immediately found to be \$1,487 short, although the balance made up on Saturday afternoon showed that the amount was included. On further investigation, the unsigned notes were found to be missing. They, however, need the signature of G. Deane O'Grady, the general manager, before they can be legally negotiable, although by forgery, they may become payable.

The eloping couple belong to Well-known families. The mistake was supposed to be of exemplary character. Nothing has been heard of the missing couple since Sunday, when they were in Toronto and caused the mess in the Toronto postoffice. The bank's loss is covered in a guarantee company.

COMING MAYOR

Ald. Marshall Host at a Delightful Civic Supper—Colleagues Tender Congratulations

At the conclusion of last evening's busy session of the City Council, Ald. and Mrs. W. S. Marshall entertained the aldermen and the civic officials at a delightful evening luncheon at their handsome home on Lacroix St.

After ample justice had been done the excellent viands, the happy gathering spent an hour or two in social intercourse, interspersed with songs, recitations and addresses.

At the conclusion, Ald. Austin and Potter moved a cordial vote of thanks to Ald. and Mrs. Marshall. In presenting the same, Mayor Cowan took occasion to pay high tribute to his successor in the Chief Magistrate's chair.

In an appropriate response Ald. Marshall gave a briefly retrospective sketch of his seven years of service and stated he would deeply appreciate the honor of the Mayor's chair.

The residents of Queen St. are up arms against some person or persons who are poisoning dogs in that vicinity. Several valued canines have been killed lately, and if the perpetrators of these deeds are found out they will be severely dealt with.

James Tew, the Queen St. butcher, is the latest victim. Mr. Tew returned home from the show last night to find a valuable cattle dog lying dead on his doorstep. The animal was a valuable one and the loss to Mr. Tew will be quite heavy.

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TWO CALLS

Chatham Presbytery Consider Requests for Pastors at To-day's Session

The Chatham Presbytery held a short and business-like session at the First Presbyterian church this morning.

Two calls were considered. Bethel congregation of the London Presbytery extended a call to Rev. Dr. Monroe, of Ridgeway. The congregation was cited to appear in its own interests at a special meeting of Presbytery to be held in two weeks.

A call from the Blytheswood district was also extended to Rev. G. Monroe, Jr.

Routine business completed the work of the sittings.

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