

\$10,000 ACTION OF WEAVER VS. WILD

Being Tried at Assize Court To-day. Plaintiff's Case Occupied All Morning Session. Evidence of Weaver's Sobriety and Industry.

The echo of the words of Park Commissioner Wild at a meeting of the Parks Board held on Oct. 17, 1907, was heard at the court room at the assizes before Justice Teetzel yesterday afternoon, when Samuel Weaver began his suit against Mr. Wild for \$10,000 damages for slander.

Mr. S. F. Washington, K. C., counsel for the plaintiff, in addressing the jury, said that Samuel Weaver had been foreman of the parks system for seventeen years, and that George Wild, the defendant, had been on the Parks Board for four years, and was chairman of the Works Committee.

Mr. Washington said that Wild had no right to say anything derogatory to Weaver's character at a public meeting, where newspaper men were present, who would herald the news to the four corners of the city the day following the meeting.

Mr. Weaver at the meeting, it was alleged by Mr. Washington that Mr. Wild had told several people about the "doings up at the park." Mr. Washington said that he considered Mr. Weaver was entitled to a fair amount of damages by reason of slander, and also the loss of his position at the park.

REED CAUGHT THE TRAMP WHO FIRED HIS BIG BARN.

Walter Clark, Charged With Incendiarism, Says It Was Accidental.

Walter E. Clark, a former Hamiltonian, was brought into the city last night in charge of County Constable Hazzard, Archie Reed and his two sons, on a charge of having set fire to Archie Reed's barn. The Reeds live near Mount Hope, and have a large barn on their premises.

The other side in time to see Clark running towards a fence. The quarry jumped the fence, but floundered in a ditch, and Reed was on him in a minute. Clark gave up, and said he could not run as fast as he would have liked, as he had only one shoe on, and had not had a meal for a couple of days.

JAPAN CRISIS.

Saionji's Cabinet in Jeopardy—The Immigration Question.

Tokio, Jan. 15.—An accurate prediction concerning the probable life of the Marquis Saionji's Cabinet is difficult. The probability of the Cabinet averting a climax and the resignations of the Ministers of Finance and Communications, has created a situation approaching on a political panic.

The immigration question has nothing to do with hastening the climax. It is believed on all sides that the immigration questions which exist with America and Canada will be settled amicably.

HIS BARN BURNED.

Mr. Lewis, Ancaster Road, Lost Two Horses.

At an early hour this morning the barn adjoining the residence of Mr. Lewis, on the Ancaster road, just outside of Hamilton, and near the Globe Hotel, was burned to the ground and the contents destroyed.

FOR PAARDEBURG.

Successful Musicals at Home of Col. and Mrs. Rennie.

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Rennie, Main street, was the scene of a most enjoyable musical last evening, under the auspices of Paardeburg Chapter, Daughters of the Empire.

Marmalade Oranges.

A limited quantity first class, large, bright, juicy marmalade oranges, also sweet oranges and nice large lemons. The best of granulated sugar. A splendid recipe and the use of one of our slicers for the asking. Order now before they are all gone, as we are not expecting any more for some weeks. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

OCEAN FARES.

The Cut in Rates May Not Affect the Canadian Lines.

London, Jan. 15.—The fact that last night the Cunard Steamship Co. had not responded to the White Star's further cut in rates leads to the idea in some quarters that the former may be considering the advisability of agreeing to a compromise based on slight differential rates with respect to the Lusitanian and the Mauretania.

BIG OIL GUSHER.

Far Surpasses Any Other Well in the Baku Region.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—Oil producing firms here to-day received news from the Caucasus of the opening of a mammoth oil gusher in the Bibi Eibat field at Baku, flowing at the rate of 120,000 barrels a day. It far surpassed any other well in the Baku region and unlike the new gusher opened at Surakhant in Dec. which gives 10,000 barrels daily, the new Bibi-Eibat gusher was discovered in an already exploited field.

GOT OFF EASY.

Had Two Wives But Neither Cared to Prosecute.

Tara, Ont., Jan. 15.—Solomon Wood, before the County Judge at Walkerton yesterday was fined \$100 or two months in jail for bigamy. Wood's first wife was Miss Charlotte Kennedy, and his second Miss Carson, daughter of George Carson, of the township of Amabel. Wood is illiterate, but honest. He told his first wife had given her consent to Wood's marrying again and Wood thought that was all that was necessary. In consideration of neither wife pursuing the prosecution, the prisoner's lack of education and his honest dealings, a light sentence was given.

LAW ASSOCIATION.

Mr. S.F. Lazier, K. C., Again Elected President.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Law Association was held yesterday afternoon. S. F. Lazier, K. C., occupied the chair. The report of the trustees showed a membership of 71. Three portraits of former presidents have been presented to the association, those of Sir Emilius Irving, K. C., Edward Martin, K. C., and Frank MacKeehan, K. C. P. O. R. Mason, K. C., and E. D. Cahill, Auditors—Messrs. W. S. McBrayne and James Dickson. Committee on Legislation—Messrs. E. D. Cahill, S. F. Washington, K. C., G. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., William Bell, A. Bruce, K. C., S. F. Lazier, K. C., and Walter Evans.

OBITUARY.

Funeral of the Late Mr. Dalley This Afternoon.

The remains of the late E. A. Dalley were laid at rest this afternoon, the funeral taking place from his late residence, 1208 Hughson street north, to St. Thomas' Church for service. The Masons turned out in a very large body to pay their last respects to the deceased. Rev. E. J. Etherington conducted the last rites at the church and grave and the pall bearers were John Milne, W. C. Breckenridge, J. H. Herrington, J. W. O'Callaghan, Frank Menzie, J. W. Lamoreaux and Mayor Stewart. The service of the Masons was given at the deceased at the grave.

The funeral of William Horn took place this afternoon, from his late residence, 270 West avenue north, and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Tovell conducted the services.

The remains of John Smith were taken to Trinity Church, Glanford, for service this afternoon, the funeral taking place from his late residence, 173 Park street north. Dr. Tovell officiated at the church.

Claude, the eighteen month son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckingham, 535 Hughson street north, died last evening after a brief illness of a week's duration. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Ellen Anderson, 66 John street north, received word this morning of the death of her brother, Isiah P. Hall, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was the son of the late Rev. Solomon Hall, of the A. M. E. Church. Mr. George Morton left this morning to bring the body home for interment here.

Mary Ellis passed away at the City Hospital at an early hour this morning, after a lingering illness. The remains will be taken to Goderich for interment in the family plot.

162 BODIES IN MORGUE.

Identifying the Victims of the Boyertown Fire.

One Woman Had Premonition of Disaster.

Some Grotesque Sights—Town Bearing Up Well.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—With the opening to-day of the four improvised morgues in which lay the victims of Monday night's theatre holocaust, the inhabitants of this little borough began to realize the awful extent of the tragedy. The hand of sorrow has touched probably every family in the town, and in neighboring villages.

Where families were not directly affected by the terrible panic and fire through the loss of relatives, they were mourning for lost friends or acquaintances. The gruesome scenes following the disaster bring a shudder to the stoutest heart, and many of the thousands who have come as ardently seekers of news and with a purpose to witness another sight like it.

The four buildings used as morgues contain 162 bodies. The three undertakers' establishments of the borough were too small to accommodate the large number of victims, so the borough officials decided to use the High School. Undertakers from surrounding towns were pressed into service to care for the bodies as they arrived from the ruins.

Each body was attached a tag containing number and with a corpse was laid another article of jewelry or clothing that might have been in the possession of the victim.

Coroner Strasser, who has been on the scene since midnight, had expected to open the morgues for the identification of the dead yesterday, but the number of dead grows so large that the undertakers, even with the augmented force from other towns, were unable to properly arrange the bodies.

Most of the bodies were in such condition that few of them could be recognized by the features alone. In nearly every case the upper portions of the bodies were burned, some of them to a crisp, because of the difficulty of identification decided to keep the morgues closed until to-day, and during the morning the doors of the buildings were thrown open. Hundreds of people were waiting at each place to get a look at the bodies in the hope of finding the remains of some loved ones. Perfect order was maintained. At each of the morgues a detail of the State police was on duty to keep the crowds moving. As quickly as identification were made the bodies were turned over to undertakers, for removal to the homes of relatives.

Jacob Johnson, who was badly burned in the mad rush for exit from the burning building, died this morning.

Coroner Strasser is making an investigation preliminary to the official inquest. "It was a sudden picture I ever looked upon," he said. "No living soul can depict the scene. It was simply indescribable. I shall make a thorough investigation leading up to what I consider a most horrible thing that ever occurred in Eastern Pennsylvania."

The coroner's attention was called to the fact that oil lamps were used for footlights in the opera house in place of a stationary illumination. He said he would make a thorough enquiry.

But two members of the cast so far as can be learned, were killed. This was due to the precaution taken, which was Della Mayer. She had a premonition that something would happen. At a luncheon given over to members of the cast in the hall several days ago she said she feared something.

"There ought to be a means of escape," she said. The rear entrance was spoken of and at her suggestion the doors were taken off the hinges so that in case of accident egress could be accomplished. That the victims were not confined to residents of Boyertown, was shown by the number of unclaimed remains at the hotels. Fully forty teams remained unclaimed for the night. A hosteler said that they belonged to people residing near Boyertown who came here on Monday with their families to witness the production of "The Scottish Reformation." There is no clue to the identity of the owners of a number of the teams. Merry parties of four and six that drove into Boyertown with these teams are believed to be among the unidentified dead.

Boyertown bearing up bravely under the heavy burden of sorrow which has stricken many homes. Seventeen of the victims resided in one row of houses near the scene of the disaster.

STOPPED AT BORDER.

Police Solve Mystery of Letter They Received Yesterday.

"I beg to be informed of old Carlo, 219 Locke street north. Angelo Padria, 218 Locke street north, which the police received yesterday, and which they thought might be a warning of some kind. A man was sent to 219 Locke street north, and found there that "Old Carlo" was the father of the sender of the message, and a brother of the tenant. The old man is an Italian, and has been living with his son at Manhattan Crossing, Brooklyn, for some time, and he came here on a visit to his son on Locke street. He started to go home last week, but was bundled back over the border as an undesirable, but having proven that he was an American citizen, he got his papers for the other side and left yesterday.

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.

Genuine Manana Operas.

The Operas are a short smoke of clear Havana tobacco of the finest quality. Just like a small cigar. Ten in a package for 25 cents at peste's cigar store, 107 King street east.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

There was nothing wrong with Paul Vane's wife. But she is the central figure of a dandy story.

The Thaw trial pales before the Far-rar demonstration.

We are having a mild winter, but we can hardly say a healthy one, when we see so many pass away.

Now who is responsible for that awful sacrifice of life in that little Pennsylvania town? Could such a thing have happened in Hamilton? We are afraid it could.

If there is any one man in the city of Hamilton who has done more for the Tory cause here than my friend, Richard Jose, I would like to make his acquaintance. For years, I understand, Mr. Jose has been led to expect a situation at the Asylum, a position for which he is well qualified. He has been turned down repeatedly of late, and a man can't stand everything. Now there is a chance to place him on the License Commission, and that's where he ought to be.

The Mayor's quite right. The new blood on the School Board is an extravagant lot.

Chairman Sweeney will need to put \$3,000 in his appropriation this year for Jolley Cut improvements. Just for the fun of the thing, some of you should go up some fine day and see that sidewalk.

The Victorian Order of Nurses is certainly doing a fine work in this city. Many a poor woman has reason to bless it.

There is some talk of quarantining the Board of Health.

Ex-Ald. Thomas Allen can now see how much good his friendship for the Mayor did him.

I suppose Ald. Jutten has no more use for the North End Improvement Society.

The prospect of a \$2 fine should keep your snow shovel busy on the sidewalk.

A little salt or a little sand on the sidewalk is a good thing. Try it.

There are no independent boards now. They are all Tory boards.

Mr. Zimmerman still insists that he will see the city's interests protected before the Radial Bill is allowed to pass.

Politics is mixing and muddling Grant City Council. But it is the Brits that are in control.

The Criminal Code would be an awkward thing to run up against, gentlemen of the Tory Executive.

DARING HOLD-UP.

J. Parmenter Robbed of \$50 in Fire Station Yard.

A daring hold up took place last night in the Central Fire Station, in the station yard. J. Parmenter, Bartonville, was walking through the yard with a bank book in his pocket with about \$50 in cash ready for deposit. He was also carrying a fair sized bag. Flashing the roll in some saloon had evidently started some one after him, and the first thing he knew he was in a snow bank and the money was gone, with his wallet and his bank book, which called for \$800 on the Traders Bank. He tried to chase the thief, but could not get started, so he reported his theft at the City Hall.

The police have a little hope of recovering the roll for him, but it gave him a great deal of satisfaction to learn that the \$800 in the bank could not be touched.

A GREAT WHITE SALE.

Right House Sale of White Muslim Underwear in Full Swing.

Nobody can measure the scope and interest of the great Right House sale of muslim underwear in a single visit.

It is a quality white sale—as notable for the special daintiness and excellence of the garments as for the small prices. Never were stocks so great in fine, or values so remarkable. It is without question the greatest white sale that even The Right House ever attempted.

Tri-day great piles of snowy white, unrimmed muslins are melting away under the heat of public enthusiasm. But to-morrow's visitors will find new beauty in the stocks and scores of special values they had not seen before.

Every garment, no matter how small; the prices, is refined in style, and no matter what the price, you will find the materials good, the stitching accurate, the fit perfect and the lace and embroidery trimmings fine. Whether you pay 25c or \$8 the garment or any of the prices in between, you will find the values most remarkable. Read the details in The Right House ad in this paper.

We Import

All our Cod Liver Oil from Norway in tin lined barrels, and bottle it in clean, dry bottles with as little exposure to air as possible. This insures you getting fresh oil in the best obtainable condition. Sold in 25c and 50c bottles, by Parke & Parke, druggists.

WILL PAY CLAIM.

Windsor, Jan. 15.—The Board of Directors and some of the stockholders of the Canadian Klondyke Mining Company, at a meeting held here decided to remove the cause for a suit brought by J. W. Boyler, one of the stockholders, by paying the \$58,000 claimed by Boyler to be due to the Canadian Company from those of the directors who were formerly directors of the Detroit Yukon Mining Company, which was purchased by the Canadian Company.

SCRUTINY GRANTED RE LOCAL OPTION.

TWELVE FREE, Of the 23 Patients at the Sanitarium.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hamilton Health Association was held on Monday. The reports from the Sanitarium were in every respect highly satisfactory. During December there were 23 patients in residence, 21 being from Hamilton, 1 from Barton and 1 from Dundas. Of these 23 patients, 12 are free, the rest paying sums varying from \$1 to \$8 per week. The city nurse has 31 on her list to be visited and cared for according to individual requirements.

An arrangement has been made by which the cars of the new Hamilton-Brantford line will stop at a little station immediately below the Sanitarium property. This has proved of great use to the residents, who by a sharp scramble up or down the hill avoid the long drive round, and are thus in much closer connection with the city.

TO SELL 50,000.

Miss Lewis Undertakes to Do it Single Handed.

The task of selling 50,000 tickets single handed for any purpose is one that most people would pass by in dismay. But Miss Jeannette Lewis, who has undertaken to sell tickets for a series of seven weeks' performances, to be given for Bennett's, beginning January 27, is satisfied that it can be done. What has pleased her more than anything else is the way in which the business men and manufacturers have received her when she called to sell tickets. Some of the large concerns have taken big blocks of several hundred and have assured her that they will be represented almost weekly during the performances. No appeal that has been made to the charity of the public has been received more kindly than that for the Children's Hospital. The scheme has the entire approval of John Ross Robertson, who built the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, which has a continental reputation.

The opening night will be Garrison Night, and the local regiments will be present in uniform.

FOR WATERWORKS.

Toronto Firm Gets Contract For Wells and Pumps.

The Beach Commissioners have let the contract for the pumps and wells at the Beach for the new waterworks system to Ingalls & Co., of Toronto. The tenders for the rest of the work have not yet been let. It is stated, however, that the total cost is within the estimate. The tenders were let yesterday, after the local commissioners had a conference with Hon. Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Crown Lands.

GLANFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

One of the most interesting meetings in its history was held by the Glanford Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Jones, Mount Hope, on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. D. Reed occupied the chair. Arrangements were made for the special winter meeting on February 5, and it was decided to serve lunch, as usual, at the close of the afternoon session to all who wished to remain for the joint evening session.

The business being concluded, the programme was opened with an interesting paper by Miss G. Armstrong on "The Entertainment of Evening Guests." This was followed by an address from Mrs. Jones on "Pleasure in the Performance of Duty," which was very helpful. A solo by Miss Hazel Gage was much appreciated, and after that a report of the Guelph convention was read by the secretary. After a pretty piano duet from the Misses Gage, the meeting closed with the national anthem.

A dainty lunch was served to the thirty ladies present, and a social hour was enjoyed by all. The thanks of the institute were tendered to Mrs. Jones, whose hospitality made the meeting so pleasant. At a meeting of the directors the topic for March was decided upon. It will be "Health in the Home."

REV. DR. NELSON'S LETTER PASSED ON TO THE PEOPLE.

Will Be Considered at the Annual Meeting of Knox Church This Evening.

The letter asking for \$600, part of the salary which he claimed was due him sent by Rev. Dr. Nelson to the Board of Managers of Knox Presbyterian Church, will be laid before the congregation at the annual meeting to-night, and there are prospects of a lively discussion. Dr. Nelson, after going to Minneapolis, to take over his new duties as pastor of the Park Avenue Church, sent a letter asking the church to pay him \$600, the difference for 14 months, between \$2,500 a year, the salary he was paid, and \$3,000, which he said he was led to believe he would receive. If this \$600 was paid, Dr. Nelson, it is said, offered to donate \$100 of it to the building fund.

The Board of Managers had a meeting last night to make arrangements for the annual meeting to-night and the letter was before that body. The managers decided that they had done as instructed by the congregation in paying Dr. Nelson \$2,500 a year. Some of them say that Dr. Nelson never showed the letters he claimed to have received from officials of the congregation promising that after a certain time his salary would be \$3,000. They say, though, that by J. W. Boyler, one of the stockholders and that the party who wrote them had no more authority to do so than any one not connected with the church at all. The general opinion was that there is no chance of Dr. Nelson getting the \$600 he wants.

Judge Snider Will Assume That All Illegally Cast Votes Were "For" By-law.

January 24 Fixed as Date of Scrutiny.

Before Judge Snider this morning Mr. F. Morison, solicitor for Charles J. Siebert, hotel keeper at Stoney Creek, renewed his application for a scrutiny into the ballots cast at the recent voting on the local option by-law in Saltfleet. He filed a number of affidavits, one being by Mr. J. R. Galbreath, to the effect that he was in one polling booth when the votes were counted, and that one ballot which he was sure was marked against the by-law was counted for it. Another affidavit, by the petitioner, was that a Mary J. Cooper, who appeared on the list as a widow, had voted, although she had no right to do so, as she is a married woman. He believed she voted for the by-law. He also stated that three tenants, who had no right to vote, cast ballots on the by-law. As the by-law was declared carried by the Township Clerk by only one over the required 90 per cent, if the votes mentioned were thrown out the by-law would be defeated.

Mr. S. D. Biggar, Township Solicitor, and Mr. Geo. N. Kerr were present to object to the application, but the Judge said it was useless for them to go into lengthy argument. In view of the fact that the by-law had been declared carried by 60.15 per cent, and 60 was required, and the definite charge in regard to two votes, which would upset the by-law, he could not refuse the application.

Mr. Kerr asked that the petitioner be limited to the cases specified in the application, but Mr. Siebert said he had heard of other cases. His Honor decided that the cases to be gone into by either side must be filed by Jan. 21. The scrutiny will take place at Stoney Creek on Friday, Jan. 24.

In the course of the discussion as to procedure at the scrutiny, His Honor said he was under the impression that he would have to assume that all the votes cast by people who had no right to vote were for the by-law, and would be taken from the total in favor of it. He said the law would not allow him to question any voter as to how he or she voted.

UNION MEETINGS.

Charlton Avenue Services Are Doing Much Good.

The Union revival services in Charlton Avenue Methodist Church are resulting in a lot of good. The attendance keeps up and there is much enthusiasm, especially among the young people. Last night Evangelist Melifray spoke on St. Luke 17: 32, "Remember Lot's Wife." He pointed out three things in particular, viz: that a person may have the greatest religious privileges, as Lot's wife had, and still be lost; that a person may receive warnings direct from God, as she did, and still be lost, and that one look behind, as in Lot's case, may prove fatal. On these points he made a strong appeal to his hearers. The meetings continue each evening with introductory song service.

CANTATA AND BANQUET.

Last night the St. John Sunday school reproduced the cantata recently given in Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church before a large audience. "Christmas Glory" is the name of the cantata, and it made an instantaneous hit with the audience. After the concert those who took part were banqueted by the Ladies' Aid of the church, and a pleasant time was spent.

FIREMAN RESIGNS.

There is a rumor in fire department circles that there will be a number of resignations before the new year is much older. Some of the men are dissatisfied with the way their annual vacations have been arranged. One resignation is in, but not for that reason. Joe Greenham, of the Central Annex, has decided to leave the department and enter a more lucrative sphere.