

The Sporting World.

Ottawa Wheelmen Lay Down a Municipal Platform.

Miller Away Ahead in the Six-Day Cycling Contest.

WHEEL.
A MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Ottawa wheelmen have decided on a platform for which they are going to ask candidates for aldermanic honors to subscribe to before giving assurances of support. The platform is: The amendment to the wide tire bylaw rescinded and the original wide tire bylaw enforced. Bicycle paths provided on the streets not paved with asphalt; the asphalt pavement washed at night as in other cities; street sprinkling performed in such a way as not to lay dust by converting it into mud; a strict enforcement of the bylaw against scorching on the main streets especially; the enforcement of the bylaw against throwing glass, tacks, blocks, wire, hoops, rones, etc., on the street.

THE SIX-DAY GRIND.
New York, Dec. 10.—In the six-day cyclin tournament at Madison Square Garden the score at 1:15 a.m. today was as follows: Miller 1,590, Rice 1,508, A. Riviere 1,504, Schinner 1,482, Wailer 1,388, Moore 1,225, Hale, 1,387, Pierce 1,388, Elkes 1,270, Gannon 1,263, Enterman 1,238, Gannon 1,210, Kinz 1,181, Julius 1,157, Beacom 937, Johnson 894, Gray 863. Miller was 229 ahead of the record for 97 hours.

CHASE AND MICHAEL.
New York, Dec. 10.—The terms for the greatest indoor cycling race ever arranged—a match between the little Welshman, Jimmy Michael, and the English crack, A. J. Chase—were completed yesterday. The rivals will meet in a single race or a series of three races if the latter plan proves feasible at 30 miles paced, the first race to take place not later than Jan. 10.

TWENTY HAVE DROPPED OUT.
New York, Dec. 10.—When the early morning enthusiasts over the six days' bicycle race reached Madison Square Garden they found but sixteen of the 36 men who started on the record-breaking task last Monday. The second serious accident of the contest had removed Moore from the track. He struck his head violently against one of the uprights of the rail and lay unconscious. At first it was thought that Moore was dead. An ambulance surgeon put the fears of the spectators at rest, but he is not expected to take any further part in the race. He had ridden 1,459 miles when he fell.

The score at 10:15 a.m. was: Miller, 1,702; Rice, 1,640; Riviere, 1,613; Schinner, 1,572; Wailer, 1,498; Hale, 1,600; Moore, 1,489; Pierce, 1,471; Elkes, 1,361; Golden, 1,348; Enterman, 1,338; Gannon, 1,213; Kinz, 1,269; Julius, 1,240. The best previous record for 106 hours was 1,456 miles, made by Hale.

THE TURF.
The board of appeals of the American Trotting Association has reinstated Bob Kneeb, who are imprisoned in Germany, for his connection in a riving case.

At the winter sale of trotting stock in Chicago, Thorne, the winner of the \$15,000 Kentucky Futurity, brought only \$3,100. George Hammond's little pacer Dan Q, 2:03½, brought \$4,000. Bessie Bonhill, 2:05½, world's champion pacer mare, was sold for \$1,400.

PURCELL'S PERIL.

Confined in a Smokestack With Six Fires Lighted Under Him.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington, at the Folsom street wharf, when six fires were started below him. He was strapped on a chair, suspended from the top of the stack about 40 feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive on the hot dampers. Dense volumes of hot smoke began rolling out of the stack, while Purcell shouted for help. The heat increased every moment until his clothing caught fire. He beat on the iron with all his might, and shouted for fully ten minutes before his helper on the outside came to the rescue. Purcell is in a critical condition.

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The Hand of Death

Falls Suddenly on Well-known Residents

Three Skaters Drowned—Car Repairer Crushed to Death—Two Collingwood Boys Perished.

New York, Dec. 10.—Judge Asa Tenny, of the United States district court, died at his home in Brooklyn today. Senitt, Dec. 10.—A. Laird, manager of the house of industry here, died Wednesday night after an illness of some months. He was 55 years of age. Tanworth, Ont., Dec. 10.—Mrs. David Baird, a farmer's wife, aged 71 years, dropped dead while washing dishes. Montreal, Dec. 10.—Robert Nesbitt, a well-known farmer, living on March road, near Bell's Corners, dropped dead at McKay Mill, at the Chaudiere. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—Two little boys, sons of Fred Jollimore, were drowned in Colpitts' Lake, near the Northwest Arm, while skating yesterday afternoon. The only witness of the accident was a 6-year-old sister. Brantford, Ont., Dec. 10.—G. V. Henderson, car repairer, G. T. R., was killed at the Market street station yesterday morning while engaged in testing the wheels of a train previous to its departure. Collingwood, Ont., Dec. 10.—Charles Gamon, son of the late Charles Gamon, collector, and James McFarlane, son of James McFarlane, furniture dealer, of this town, started about 12 o'clock Sunday night for the wharf, to stay for the night on the fishing tug "A. T. McCarthy." On Monday they could not be found. The harbor was dragged yesterday, and the body of McFarlane was found near the G. T. R. elevator, but so far the body of Gamon has not been found.

A LONDONER'S LUCK.

Mr. Harris P. Elliott Secures a Good Appointment.

The Canadian Electrical News of this week says: It is with pleasure that we present in this number a portrait of Mr. Harris P. Elliott, who has recently been appointed to the position of lecturer in "Electricity" and "The Steam Engine" at the Toronto Technical School, in succession to Mr. James Milne. These two courses of the school are very largely attended, and good work is being accomplished. Mr. Elliott, the new appointee, was born at London, Ont., in October, 1875, his father being of English descent. He entered the School of Practical Science, Toronto, in 1891, and during the following summer was engaged by Messrs. Malloch & Fairbairn, manufacturers of elevators, London, Ont. In the fall he again entered the School of Science for a second year, but on account of illness was compelled to give up his studies. He was then employed for a year by the Canadian General Electric Company in London. He finished the second year at the School of Science in 1894, and during the summer was engaged upon the engineering staff of the London street railway. In the construction of their Springbank lift Mr. Kenneth Mackay. The following year Mr. Elliott took his third term at the school, graduating with honors in 1895. An engagement was then obtained with Dr. Samuel T. Tracey, of New York, handling X rays apparatus. In the college season of 1896-97 he took a post-graduate course, obtaining the degree of B.A.Sc. from Toronto University, with honors. During the past summer he obtained a position on the engineering staff of the Port Pitt Bridge Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., tendering his resignation to assume his duties at the Technical School. Mr. Elliott is a nephew of Hon. Mr. Justice Frodfoot, of Toronto. By his ability and energy the efficiency of the departments under his supervision will no doubt be maintained.

THE IRON HIGHWAYS.

Cut-Rates to the Klondike—Rush of Grain to the Seaboard.

The Grand Trunk has made a cut in its rates to the Klondike, to meet the cut made by the C. P. R. The cut rate for Fort Wrangell is \$33.75. The C. P. R. have been compelled to refuse grain shipments via St. John on account of the difficulty of getting vessel accommodation from that port.

An order has been received from the C. P. R. head office in Montreal by the car shops at Perth to build twenty first-class passenger cars and ten sleepers.

Burglars entered the G. T. R. station at Rockwood Tuesday morning, and blew the safe to atoms, but were not rewarded for their trouble. The explosion caused considerable damage to the interior of the building.

The vote of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen on the question of federation of railroad orders is coming in, and it is practically unanimous in favor of it. All the orders except the engineers have already decided for it.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has returned to the old rates from eastern points to the Pacific coast, to take effect Dec. 12, making the rate from Toronto to Pacific coast points \$61.90 and \$55.80, first and second-class respectively, and from Montreal \$70.45 and \$61.60. The return is due to the fact that the rate-cutting between the United States lines has ceased and the C.P.R., which was cutting to meet them, has effected an arrangement with them.

Mr. J. R. Hilliard, of Niagara Falls, Ont., in an interview in the Binghamton, N. Y. Herald, of Nov. 30, in regard to the construction of the Erie Railroad, says: "While engaged in superintending part of the track construction between Fort Jervis and Jersey City, Mr. Hilliard frequently met an agile youth, with a pair of tin pails and a number of water cups. The lad was quite a favorite with the employees, and always manifested a great interest in the work which he probably thought would have been practically hopeless without his assistance. Not long afterwards Mr. Hilliard heard he was a brakeman, and when he met him again he was enjoying the distinguished position of head brakeman. The boy's name was J. B. Morford, now division superintendent on the Michigan Central Railroad."

LIFE POLICY FOR \$1,000,000.

New York, Dec. 10.—Before Geo. W. Vanderbilt, the youngest son of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, sailed for Europe and the Orient, he took out a life insurance policy for \$1,000,000. This is the largest policy ever written by one company. The policy is what is known as a twenty-payment life contract, and provides for a premium of \$35,000. After Mr. Vanderbilt has paid that sum yearly for twenty years, the payments cease and the principal becomes due at his death.

Yeoman's Weather Strips stop that crack.

Middlesex County Council.

Annual Report of the House of Refuge.

Delegations Before the Council in Re Bridged The Amalgamation Committee Continued—An Aspirant for the High Constableness "Called Down."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

A deputation in re the bridge across the Thames between Caradoc and Delaware occupied much of the council's time today. Some of the delegates spoke in favor of the Giles site, as recommended by the council's special committee, while others favored the Burwell and Muncy sites. Commissioner Talbot thought that the bridge, if erected at the Giles site, would benefit not only the people in that vicinity, but also those in the vicinity of the other two sites, while, if erected on the Burwell site, those in the vicinity of Giles site, would receive no benefit whatever. The matter was deferred until later on in the session. A motion by John Morgan and P. Elson to lay it over until the June session was lost.

Mr. M. McGugan, M.P., inspector of the House of Refuge at Strathroy and the Industrial Farm, submitted the annual report for 1897 as follows: The number of inmates in the house from each municipality, and number of days' board for the year, were as follows:

	Number of inmates.	Number of days.
Adelaide	15	4,141
Biddulph	9	2,677
Caradoc	18	5,232
Delaware	2	308
Dorchester North	4	1,340
Ekfrid	2	730
London Township	19	5,068
Lobo	5	1,499
Mosa	3	845
Metcalfe	1	365
McGillivray	3	1,095
Nissouri West	4	1,457
Westminster	11	3,456
Williams East	1	355
Williams West	4	1,429
Strathroy	10	3,281
London West	4	926
Leckhill	1	730
Lucan	2	730
Alisa Craig	1	107
Newbury	1	190
Glenora	1	209
Wardville	1	209
County	2	730
City of London	4	758

Totals

Keener, matron and assistant matron

Hired help

Grand totals

Of the 127 inmates, 103 were in the house on Nov. 1, 1897, and 24 were admitted since that time. Eighty-two of the inmates remained during the whole year.

Deaths during the year, 5; discharged, 5; absconded, 6; out on trial, 1; leaving 100 inmates in the house on Nov. 15, 1897. The average number of inmates during the year was 101.92. The average age of inmates who died, 72.4 years.

The following are the given causes of pauperism: Intemperance, 43; homelessness, 39; weak intellect, 12; old age, 3; loss of property, 2; heart disease, 1; rheumatism, 1; epilepsy, 1; blindness, 1; paralysis, 5; partial loss of sight, 2; deaf and dumb, 1; sickness, 3; dropsy, 1; husband absconded, 1. The total cost of the house was \$3,286.44. The cost of each inmate per day was 16 cents; cost with interest on capital added, 21.52-100 cents. The cost with expenses of maintenance of help added, 22.38-100 cents.

A large amount of produce had been raised during the summer, much of which was on hand. During the year 960 pounds of butter was made. The milk produced during the same period was 6,280 gallons.

The second report of the House of Refuge committee was also adopted, wherein the following tenders for supplies for county institutions were recommended for acceptance: Meat, Jas. Cox, \$4.40 per 100 pounds, for fore-quarters; bread, \$2.04 per 100 pounds; W. M. Smith; groceries, Mahill & Gill. A tender was also received from Acres & Banton for coffins, and although not called for, the committee recommended the acceptance of the tender, provided handles are put on the coffins, for the sum of \$2.50 each.

On motion of Simon McLeod and John Bradley, it was decided to continue the amalgamation committee appointed at the June session, with power to settle all matters relative to amalgamation of any portion of the county of the county debt to be assumed by the latter, under the head of administration of justice, which they may deem necessary.

Mr. A. C. Attwood addressed the council on the subject of "Broad Tires vs. Narrow Tires," and also on "Foul Weeds." He spoke for a short time upon these matters, and then began to comment upon his candidature for the position of high constable.

Mr. Simon McLeod, if Mr. Attwood has used these two subjects merely for the purpose of advancing his claims as an applicant for the position of high constable, I think he has taken a decidedly advantage over the other applicants.

Mr. Attwood then resumed his seat. The matter of the maintenance of the bridge between McGillivray and West Williams township, near Parkin, was laid over for the board's consideration, together with petitions and by-laws of the concerned municipalities.

The first report of the finance committee was adopted. It recommended that no grant be made to the Salvation Army Refuge.

Mr. James Gilmour, M.P., was re-appointed county representative on the hospital board, on motion of H. Hardy and J. Morgan.

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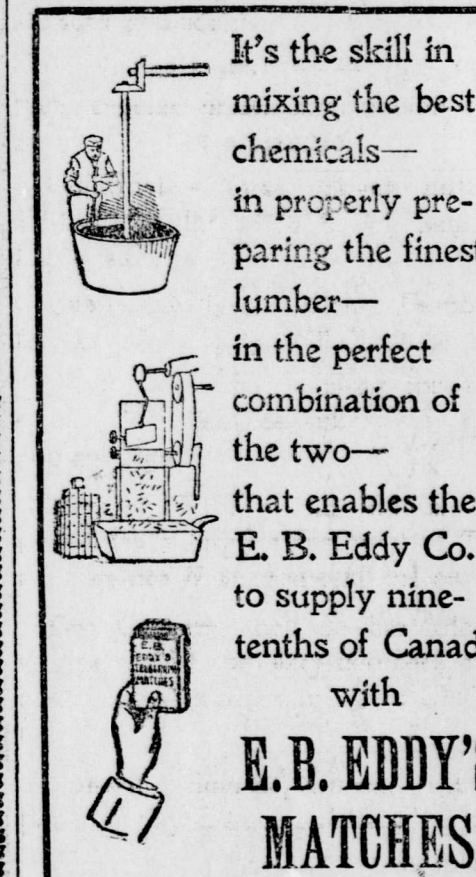
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