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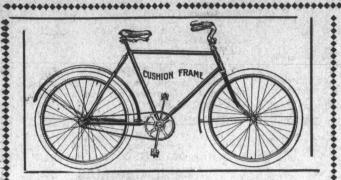
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BIRRELL'S BILL DEAD

Irish Measure to Be Withdrawn In House of Commons.

Second Fiasco For the Irish Secretary-Will Be End of Half-Way Measures-New Bills Will Deal With Evicted Tenants and Irish University Questions-What T. P.

O'Conner Says.

London, May 23.—It is the opinion of all the London morning papers that Mr. Birrell's Irish bill already is dead, and the Government organs bitterly lament the misfortune of the Irish secretary, in seeing two important Government measures, the education bill and the Irish council bill, miscarry in his hands.

There is keen disappointment felt at the discredit thrown upon the Government, specially as John E. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, himself moved the rejection of the bill and, as the Liberal papers remark, "thus closing the door upon any future half-way measure to home rule."

It is believed that Premier Campbell-Bannerman will withdraw the bill and substitute measures dealing with evicted tenants and the Irish university question.

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A Sterner Struggle.

Dublin, May 23.—T. P. O'Connor, M. P., in a speech before the United Irish League of Great Britain, which met here yesterday, said that the political situation created by the convention's rejection of the Irish bill Tuesday, imposed upon all new and large duties, and may necessitate some change of policy. He added:

"Instead of reaching the end of the chapter of Irish misgovernment, we have to open a new chapter. I believe the House of Lords was determined to destroy the Irish bill in any case, but if it had been satisfactory, the bill would have marked the close of a certain chapter in Irish history. Now we have to recommence the work, as we have done many times before.

"There is now imposed on the Irish race the obligation of making a stronger, sterner and more energetic struggle than it has ever made before. I believe that the rejection of the bill has not retarded for a single hour the erection in Ireland of a great assembly to make the laws of Ireland on Irish soil."

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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

RALEIGH COUNCIL

The above council met pursuant to adjournment on the 29th day of with all members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Frank Goulet gave notice to have the Goulet drain and also the Livabee drain in a proper state of repair.

James Gill gave notice that the Bavin drain was in need of repair.

On motion the above complaints were referred to A. Baird, C. E., to examine and report on as soon as possible.

A petition was received from R. A. Mason and other ratepayers of Merlin asking that J. N. Hailiday be granted the privilege of laying pipe lines on the Raleigh side of Merlin without paying any rental for such privilege, the cost of the gas to be 25 cents per 1,000 cubic feet for domestic and business purposes.

Moved by Wellwood and Gilhula, that the petition of R. A. Mason and others are be entertained and the Clerk prepare a by-law and agreement in reference to the same.—Carried.

Moved by Shreve and Wellwood, that the reports of Milton Backus retile drainage be adopted and that Frank Goulet be allowed \$600 and R. Krieger \$300, and the Clerk prepared to A. Baird, C. E., with instructions to examine the drain and others re Merlin drain be referred to A. Baird, C. E., with instructions to examine the drain and report on the means suggested to give relief to the citzens of Merlin from the present condition of the drain.—Carried.

Moved by Shreve and Gilhula, that the petition of G. C. Marshall and others re Merlin drain be referred to A. Baird, C. E., with instructions to examine the drain and report on the means suggested to give relief to the citzens of Merlin from the present condition of the drain.—Carried.

Moved by Shreve and Gilhula, that the repair of the Merlin drain in front of the Marquis Hotel be charged to the general funds.—Carried.

Moved by Doey and Wellwood, that the repair of the Merlin drain in front of the Merlin drain i

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mr. Stewart, Chatham, addressed the council in reference to granting a franchise to the Maple City Oil & Gas Co. to fay nipe lines along the highways in Ruleigh.

A petition was received from G. C. Marshall and others that an engineer be sent on to inspect the condition of the Merlin drain and devise means to give relief to the residents of the village.

A number of accounts were submitted in reference to the small-pox cases.

Milton Backus, inspector, reported that R. Krieger had done tiling on the e 1-2 lot 10, concession 1, to the value of \$467, and Frank Goulet had done same on the e 1-2 153 T. R., which he valued at \$1,037.

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at \$1,037.

Mr. Shreve reported that he had
repaired a bridge over the Stewart
drain at a cost of \$17.58.

Mr. Doey reported having a new
bridge built over the Centre Road
drain at the 16th concession road for
\$43.13, and charged to drain. And
that he had repaired the road to the
beach at Burns sideroad at a cost
of \$21 and charged to the general
funds.

Wm. Pratt and others addressed
the council and asked for a reconsideration of the action in reference
to building a new town hall this
year, and let the question as to
whether the new hall will be built
in South Buxton or on the old site
be settled by referring it to a vote
of the people at the next municipal
election.

Moved by Gilhula and Shreve, that

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Moved by Gilhula and Shreve, that the resolution in reference to building a new town hall on the presention if the 11th day of February, and the resolution in reference to entertaining the resolution for T. L. Pardo and others to proceed and build the new town hall this year, and appointing a committee to proceed with the work, passed on the 1st day of April, be resoluted, and the submitted to a vote of the ratepayers at the next municipal elections, and



the Clerk prepare a by-law re the same.—Carried. Yeas—Gilhula, Shreve and the Reeve. Nays—Wellwood and Doey.

Doey.

Wm Graham addressed the council in reference to losing one of his work horses during the time he was quarantined, and believed that if he was not shut in a veterinary could have saved his horse, which he valued at \$75. Mr. Graham considered he was entitled to compensation for his loss; and also his taxes were not paid and he had no opportunity to get out and make any money to pay them.

Moved by Gillula and Weliwood.

Moved by Gilhula and Weliwood, that the collector and treasurer be instructed to receive the taxes of Wm. Graham, less \$25.—Carried. Yeas—Gilhula, Wellwood, Doey and Shreve. Nays—The Reeve,

Moved by Gilbula and Doey, that the council meet the Maple City Oil & Gas Co. In Wilson's office on Sat-urday, the 4th day of May, at two p. m., in reference to granting a franchise to Jay pipe lines along the highways in Raleigh.—Carried.

Moved by Gilhula and Shreve, that the council meet the Symmes & Costa Co. in Chatham on the 11th day of May to investigate the grievance of the gas consumers in reference to the charges made for pipe and fix-

Moved by Shreve and Wellwood, that the Reeve be authorized to pay Wm. H. Williams \$150 in full set-

Mysterious Explosion.

New York, May 23.—A terrific and mysterious explosion in crowded Mott street yesterday seriously injured eight Chinamen, three of them possibly fatally, and struck terror to the hearts of hundreds in the crowded quarter.

For a time a condition verging on panic prevailed.

Tried to Murder Wife.
Ottawa, May 23.—A man named
Naubert attempted to murder his wife
with an axe at Cascade. Que., Tuesday night. The woman is badly hurt,
but neighbors prevented the man from
murdering her.

DISTRICT

CEDAR SPRINGS.

Mr. Ralph Story is still confined to his room through illness. Mr. Thos. Graham, of the Commun-

ication Road, was the guest of Mr.
Joe Clark on Sunday.

Mr. Alex. McPherson and wife
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.
Wm. Mead, of the 5th Con., Har-Wm. Bunning's children are down

with the measles.
Mr. Wilcox of Brockville, spent
Sunday the guest of Mr. John Ham-

ably on Sunday evening in the Methodist Church.

Miss Ferguson of the 4th line school, spent Sunday at the residence of S. A. McDowell.

Mr. Chas. Hadley spent Sunday in the village.

Miss Spencer of McKay's Corners

ALL THAT WAS LEFT.

What a lovely collection of odd cups, exclaimed a guest, peeping into the china closet.

Mr. Wilcox of Brockville, spent Sunday the guest of Mr. John Hambly.

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