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HANLAN FOR INSTRUCTOR

Alderman Would Like to Teach Young Athletes in Civic T.A.C.

Should It Not Be Banked—Hotel Men are Solicitous About Their Own Interests and That of the Poorer Citizens Should the "Rich Man's" Hotel Scheme Go Through—But Controllers Favor Partial Exemption.

It looks now as though the Mayor might be frustrated in his scheme of buying the T.A.C. for the city by the action of the meeting at the club Friday night endorsing a reorganization on a basis of a 600 member limit at a \$15 fee. But should it be carried out his Worship would not have to look far for an athletic instructor and general manager. Al. Hanlan, it is known, would not decline the job should it go his way.

Hotel Men Kick. The bigger hotelkeepers in town are up in arms against the proposition to give new places hotel special favors in the way of fixed assessments and low water rates.

The Fleming Report. As forecast by The World, the Assessment Commission recommended as follows: "The present assessed value of the land and the buildings now upon it, which the company intend to secure for the purpose of erecting the new hotel upon, is \$309,706. I have arranged that the assessment of the land and the buildings shall be \$380,000 for the next ten years from the 1st January, 1899. I have also arranged that the company be charged for water at the same rate as the Queen's Hotel, and that the quantity of water used by the Queen's, all water over that used by the Queen's is to be given the new company at the rate of five cents per thousand gallons.

OSGOODE HALL NOTES. The evidence in the John Eaton case was all in Saturday, and arrangements have been made to hear the argument of counsel on Monday. The case will likely be finished on Tuesday next.

Here Just to Get His Hand In. The Philadelphia Presbyterian in its last issue writes: "The Third Church of Ottawa was not infeasible when Dr. Withrow went back to Boston and the Congregationalist but applied to get a little acclimated in Toronto, where he has been pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The Third Church has been left by Dr. Withrow in splendid working condition."

The Provincial Trough. These provincial appointments have just been gazetted. Charles of Rat Portage, to be judge of the Surrogate Court of Rainy River. Charles Baldwin Langford of Blenheim, to be associate coroner of Kent. Arthur Murray, Chinaman of Ottawa, to be a notary public.

CORNER STONE LAID

Of the New Church for St. Clement's Congregation Now Being Erected in Brooklin-avenue. St. Clement's congregation having had a goodly share of prosperity is moving from its present seat of worship on Queen-street east to a more elaborate edifice in course of erection on Brooklin-avenue. The cornerstone of the new building was laid Saturday afternoon and the event was a most happy and auspicious one. The laity was largely represented, and of the clergy the following were present: F. C. O. Heathcote, rector of St. Clement's; G. J. Taylor, Baynes Road; De Pencil, Roumualte; G. F. Davidson, Prof. Clark, Hoyer Clarke, A. J. Broughall, F. R. O'Meara, James Wallis, J. Scott Howard and C. H. Shortt.

The foundation alone of the building is complete, and round about the congregation stood, while a full choir was stationed in the basement. On the southeast corner of the foundation a platform had been erected for the officiating clergy, who surrounded the chief block, at its rested, in chains above its socket.

His Lordship Bishop Sullivan held the hammer, striking the massive stone with solemnity, as it settled firmly in the work. The Lordship's address consisted principally in a recital of the reasons for the erection of the new church, and the substantial to the laity of the church. He just as the walls of this building will rest upon this solid foundation, so does the church of the living God rest upon her creeds." Having shown that the church was not composed of clergy and laity, but of the living God, he exhorted the congregation to bear the Bishop's responsibilities with a strong appeal to the parishioners of St. Clement's, that they stand staunchly by their rector and thus build up a healthy, active organization.

The new structure will measure 81 x 40 feet. The walls will be of red brick with plaster combination and the furnishings substantial in keeping. A gallery and a spacious basement will be appreciable features of the church. The building will seat 400, will cost \$200, and will be complete by the second week of December. Bond & Smith of the Temple Building are the architects.

IT WAS SENTENCE DAY

Judge McDougall Dispenses Justice to Prisoners in His Court on Saturday. In the Sessions on Saturday Judge McDougall passed sentence on the following prisoners, who were convicted during the sittings: Ing Gony, a Chinaman, for defrauding a fellow-countryman, six months in the Central Prison. Emma Hamby, common assault, \$20 and costs or 30 days. F. J. Craig, sheep stealing, six months in the Central Prison. George Headley, obtaining money by fraud, two months in jail. Frederick Hunter, assault, four months in the Central Prison. Frederick Fitton, for theft of grain from the G. T. R., six months in the Central Prison. Charles McNeil, charged with theft, and James Dillon, with wounding, were traversed to the next court.

QUESTION OF THE CUBAN DEBT

Cannot Be Settled Until the Commissioners Receive Instructions From Their Government. London, Oct. 8.—The Paris correspondent of The Times says: "The question of the Cuban debt cannot be settled until the commissioners have received fresh instructions from their respective Governments. 'The American commissioners are anxious to deal with Cuba in summary fashion, considering a discussion of details unnecessary.' The Spaniards, on the other hand, regard the protocol as drawn up under the necessity of putting an end to a situation which had become threatening for both countries. Therefore, from their point of view, there is still much to be discussed, especially the question of the Cuban debt. 'I doubt whether the Spaniards will accept the hospitality of General Horace Porter before the treaty of peace is concluded.' The Times, commenting editorially upon the foregoing despatch, says: "We can understand that Spain, aware of America's sanitary difficulties in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, may be tempted to hold out for better conditions than she herself offered to the United States. It is desirable, but it would be desirable to have the American commissioners do not peremptorily insist—'a President McKinley is said to be ready to do—on sweeping dilatory plans away. A renewal of the war would be an act of folly approximating to crime.' With reference to the Cuban debt, the Times says: 'America's demand that Spain retain the responsibility amounts to a substantial to the laity of the church. It is to be hoped a decision will be carefully considered. An early conclusion of peace is desirable; but it would be desirable to have the American commissioners do not peremptorily insist—'a President McKinley is said to be ready to do—on sweeping dilatory plans away. A renewal of the war would be an act of folly approximating to crime.'"

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Annual Meeting of the School for Boys at Mimico on Saturday Afternoon. At the annual meeting of the Industrial School for Boys Saturday reports were read and officers elected for the ensuing year. There are 120 boys in the school at present. During the last year 40 were admitted and 34 sent out. The estimate of assets and liabilities shows a surplus asset of \$76,804.86. The medical report states that there have been no cases of contagious disease during the year. From the Alexandria School for Girls, which was very encouraging. On motion of Inspector Noxon, seconded by D. G. Fotheringham, the Board of Management was elected as follows: Messrs. Stapleton Caldecott, William McCabe, W. F. Burton, B. S. Baird, J. Stewart, O. A. Howland, W. H. Waring, W. D. McPherson, James Massey, Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Mrs. Kilgour, Mrs. Maroon, Mrs. E. J. Davis, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Treble, Mrs. Caldecott and Mrs. Wilkes. It was moved by Rev. J. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman J. J. Graham, that the cases against Morris Levi, charged with theft, and James Dillon, with wounding, were traversed to the next court.

HIS RIBS EXPOSED

Terrible Accident to a Mechanic—Fingers Injured, Toes Damaged—Runaway. P. O. Higgins, a mechanic employed by the Tremith Machine Company, met with a very serious accident Saturday morning while working at a lathe machine. He fell plate which is fitted with large nut screws and his clothes were torn off his body and two terrible wounds inflicted in his left hand. His hand was torn away clean to the bone, and his ribs exposed to view, but fortunately they were not broken. The accident happened so quickly that his fellow-workmen did not notice him until the injury was done. He was found in a huddled condition upon the floor, and was quickly removed to the Emergency Hospital in having come here only a short while ago, and lives at 57 St. Clair-avenue. Annie Lee, who works at the Dominion Paper Box Company, had two fingers of her right hand badly crushed Saturday in a train running between Rome and Naples. She also went to the Emergency Hospital. R. J. Bedy had his right foot crushed Saturday in Kilgour Bros' factory by standing too close to the edge of a hoist platform when the elevator was in motion. The fingers were dressed at the Emergency Hospital. Daniel McCutcheon, 125 Sherbourne-street, while working on Saturday in the Toronto Ornamental Iron and Fancy Glass Co., over an emery wheel, had a piece of the emery lodged in his eye. He went to the Emergency Hospital and had the object removed. The horses attached to a farmer's wagon, owned by Mr. William Perry of York Mills, ran away on Saturday morning in Elizabeth-street. When they reached Queen-street, where there are several excavations, the wagon wheel went into one of the holes, and the wagon crashed into the window of Casson's grocery store at 99 Queen-street. The owner hurried after his horses and rescued them before any more damage was done. Little Alexander Haves, who fell from a tree in Floor-street last Saturday and broke his arm, besides receiving other injuries, and who was removed to the Sick Children's Hospital, is rapidly recovering under the care of Drs. Bingham and Featon.

MRS. SAUCIER IN NAPANEE

The Sister of George Pare Pays a Mysterious Visit to Her Brother at the Jail. Napanee Express: The monotony of George Pare's prison life was broken yesterday by the advent of a lady visitor. She was none other than his sister, the mysterious Mrs. Saucier, who has gained notoriety through her connection with the Dominion Bank robbery. The Express had considerable difficulty in learning the lady's identity, as the authorities were very reticent on the subject. On Thursday afternoon a mysterious lady, accompanied by a little girl, visited W. S. Herrington's office in company with High Constable Sills. After a brief consultation she re-entered the covered carriage which had conveyed her to the office of the acting County Crown Attorney and was driven rapidly to the jail. There she had an interview with Pare. The authorities seemed desirous of keeping Mrs. Saucier's visit a secret, and Governor Vanliven disclaimed all knowledge of the identity of Pare's lady visitor when questioned in reference to it. There is no doubt she was none other than the bank robber's sister, but whence she came or where she disappeared to after the interview is an unsolved mystery that the authorities would not assist us to unravel.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN ITALY

Body of an Italian Found on a Train Between Rome and Aquila—Another Passenger Attacked. Rome, Oct. 8.—Two crimes committed on railway trains near Rome during the present week have created widespread horror and consternation. The first of these was a ferocious murder, the victim being an Italian traveler on a night train running between Rome and Aquila. When his body was found last Monday it was lying alone in a compartment of the train and was almost cut to pieces. Forty-two knife wounds were found on it. The victim of the murder had evidently made a desperate resistance, as was shown by the condition of the car compartment, and some of his fingers had been severed from his hands, which had grasped the knife blade during the struggle. The assassin's weapon had been left sticking in the last wound, penetrating the head. To-night a man armed with a knife made a murderous attack on a fellow-passenger who was alone with him in a compartment of a train running between Rome and Naples. The shouts for help and the noise of the struggle attracted the attention of the train guard and his would-be assassin was overpowered and captured. The authorities are reticent about the affair and have not yet made public the names of the prisoner and his intended victim.

INVENTOR MAXIM IN THE TOILS

Arrested on a Warrant Charging Him With Bigamy and Abandonment—Inventor Says Blackmail. New York, Oct. 8.—Hiram S. Maxim, the inventor of rapid fire guns, was arrested last night in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., warrants for bigamy and abandonment, says the World. Maxim said that his brother-in-law, who was behind the present proceedings, "because he refused to assist Isaac some years ago in floating the stock of a motor engine on the Long-Island market." He was formally turned over to the Poughkeepsie detective.

Terrible Fire at Hankow, China

Shanghai, Oct. 8.—Details just received here from Hankow, the treaty port at the mouth of one of the tributaries of the Yangtze River, show that the fire which broke out there on Sunday last destroyed 10,000 houses, devastated about two miles of built-up ground, and did damage to the extent of from 5,000,000 to 8,000,000 taels.

YUKON'S GOLD COMMISSIONER

Mr. Fawcett Superseded by Mr. Gordon Hunter of Vancouver, an Old Torontonian. Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 8.—Hon. Charles D. Sifton this morning, when asked regarding the removal of Mr. Fawcett from the gold commissioner's office of the Yukon, referred your correspondent to Mr. James Smart, the Deputy Minister. Mr. Smart said: "The only thing that I can say is that Mr. Fawcett is being removed because he has been actually made against the gold commissioner. There has been a lot of talk and many suggestions that the murder had evidently made a desperate resistance, as was shown by the condition of the car compartment, and some of his fingers had been severed from his hands, which had grasped the knife blade during the struggle. The assassin's weapon had been left sticking in the last wound, penetrating the head. To-night a man armed with a knife made a murderous attack on a fellow-passenger who was alone with him in a compartment of a train running between Rome and Naples. The shouts for help and the noise of the struggle attracted the attention of the train guard and his would-be assassin was overpowered and captured. The authorities are reticent about the affair and have not yet made public the names of the prisoner and his intended victim."

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MINES AND MINING

Development in British Columbia.

A Rosland Editor, Who Rossland Boom in Lo the Transvaal Craze—ing on in East Kootenay Around Rat Portage Michipicton—Stocks.

"Get Ready" is the watchword of the Rosland Times that the Rosland boom is at its height at this moment, and that time to get in and prepare to take it. He calls to mind the fact that as soon as the railway is completed in the summer of the world.

IN EAST KOOTENAY Some Items Regarding Development in the New District.

The North Star company will up with a large force of men to work the new discovery. The lumber company for 100,000 feet to be used in timbering, a hoisting plant has been ordered and it is expected that the mine will be ready to start in a few days.

The tunnel on the Little Mag 220 feet, with a good boom of quartz. The lead is the full width, and the vein is about 12 feet, and carries copper, gold and silver. The vein is about 12 feet, and carries copper, gold and silver. The vein is about 12 feet, and carries copper, gold and silver.

Work is being carried on at Queen of the Hills at Moy and stroke of work done is improving the lower entrance of the mine, and within 500 feet of the C. S. Hallway, and about four miles from the mine.

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