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FUSION SLATE IS CRUMPLING

Looks as Though Gentlemen Named for Utilities Commission Wil Now Drop Out-Some New Blood for Aldermen Next Year.

The fusion slate shows more signs of crumpling to pieces, and it was rumored today that further attempts the council may run, without a slate man wanted to head the ticket.

With the withdrawal of Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., efforts were made to get Hon. Adam Beck to run. It was stated today on the best authority, however, that Mr. Beck would not be a candidate, but would confine his efforts to the power question. That was the last blow to the hopes

of the men behind the fusion ticket, and it will collapse for the utilities board, but will wait board, until some future occasion, in all Ther

Some May Run. Some of the candidates named for

rumored today that further attempts Mr. R. J. Young, it was stated, would at slate-building would be abandoned. enter the contest, and several more It has been impossible to get the will take a chance with the electors. The Municipal League have com-menced canvassing for their candidates and from what can be learned, wil carry on a vigorous campaign.

The present councilmen will seek some sort of office the coming year, with the exception of Ald. Parsons

who will retire. Eight aldermen, Ald. Garratt, Moorhead, Fitzgerald, Beattle and Ald. Ferguson will run for Mr. Phil Pocock, Mr. A. T. McMahen the mayoralty. Mayor Stevely and Ald. and Mr. Wyatt will not likely run Stewart will run for the utilitie There should be quite a field fo

COAL MAN SMILES BROADLY ORDERS ARE PILING IN NOW

Wintry Blasts Force People of London to Invest in Fuel-Mercury Dropped to About 13 Degrees Above Zero—Business Conditions Are Improving.

It looks as though winter is here at sidewalks and pavements are like last. The one thing needful now is a glass. Blacksmiths have done a roaring foot or two of snow, and the change from fall to proper winter weather lt, was quite a common thing down storm yesterday afternoon and this ping and falling as they tried to get morning that would do credit to March started with loads, or tried to keep and the mercury went down to 13.5 their balance while going around the

That was the coldest point of the season so far, and according to the probs it will be a good deal colder, as cold wave has set in in the west and temperatures are going away down. A Regular Gale.

for a while yesterday afternoon its for fuel, velocity was about 50 miles an hour. Busine a result of the rain in the morning the ment in trade.

will be complete. There was a wind-town this morning to see horses slipcorners. Quite a number of pedestrian had heavy falls. The Hat Question.

The wind had a merry time whisking people's hats off, and sending them scurrying down the streets. All day yesterday and today At times yesterday and this morn-coal dealers have had the smile that ing the wind blew a regular gale, and won't rub off as they pile up orders

Businessmen welcome the cold wea Everything began to freeze up, and as ther as it means a decided improve-

HIGH WIND WRECKS HOUSE AT TORONTO

A Two-Story Building Collapses Centralization of Examinations During Great Gale of Yesterday.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Toronto, Dec. 8.—There is a piece of wreckage on Shaw street that yesready for the roof, the second story members thought would infringe on being almost completed. At 4 o'clock the prerogatives of the provincial the walls collapsed inward, the whole councils. framework going down with them,

GRAND JURORS FOR THE COUNTY COURT

Names of Those Who Have Been Selected to Act on Dec. 14. The list of grand jurors for the com-

day as follows: John A. Anderson, gardener, Strath-Biddulph; John Colville, farmer, Westsecure greater accuracy. T. Coursey, drover, Lucan; W. F. Guest, yeoman, West Nissouri; Thomas H. Haskett, merchant, London; Hugh Lamont, farmer, Lobo;

J. A. TAYLOR APPOINTED

Selected as Joint School Inspector for the County of Elgin.

St. Thomas, Dec. 7. — Mr. J. A. Taylor, of Wingham, has been appointed joint school inspector, and will act in Elgin No. 1 and St. Thomas districts

LOSES ANOTHER POINT

Power Case Dismissed.

appeal from the order of the master in it never was before." chambers on Friday last, striking out "I think the alliance is doing a great paragraphs 7 to 11 of her reply to the work," said Mr. D. A. McDermid, "As Niagara and Ontario Construction Company, and Mr. R. H. Parmenter, for the F. H. McGuigan Construction Children's Aid Society. Company.

Car Caught Fire.

MEDICAL MEN DISCUSS ALL CANADIAN COUNCIL

the Theme of College of Physicians.

Toronto, Chi., Dec. 8. — The proposed bill for the establishment of a wreckage on Shaw street that yes-terday was a brick house. It came down with a crash in the high wind discussed in detail by the council of vesterday afternoon and lay a moment the Ontario College of Physicians and later a sprawl of timbers and a jumble of bricks. The place was owned Surgeons at their meeting yesterday. by Mr. Alex. Henderson, and it was being built on the front of a frame clause relating to the appointment of a house where his family lived at 873 board of examiners, which some of the

> Dr. Ryan expressed the hope that the work of medical education would eventually become centralized in the these petitions, when hundreds of Plans From Five to Seven Per larger universities, the smaller schools disappearing. The Canadian council would include one representative from each of the universities, and three chosen from the homeopathic practi-

The unsuccessful issue of recent ing county court which opens on prosecutions was blamed by Dr. Mc-Dec. 14, was given out to- Coll on ambiguity in the definition of duced by the Rev. J. G. Inkster. such terms as "medicine," "medical practice," "medical schools," and in roy: Hugh Brooks, farmer, Caradoc; consequence the section of the new bill said, "but I want to say that from my James Brodie, farmer, North Dorches- on definitions was referred back to the own church there were at least 100 James Brodie, farmer, North Dorches- on definitions was referred back to the Joseph R. Collinson, farmer, committee on legislation in order to names, from Mr. Mitchell's church an-Questions of discipline will still be

John Love, farmer, West Williams; Archibald McKellar, farmer, Lobo; Albert E. Smith, Parkhill; James Tait, farmer, Ekfrid. LOCAL AUTHORITIES DENV THE ALLECTION OF THE ALLECTIO DENY THE ALLEGATION

dealt with by the provincial medical

Say That Statements of Licensed Wictuallers' Association Are Unfounded.

Local authorities take strong excep tion to a statement made at a recent meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Montreal, that the campaign being waged by the Dominion An Appeal of Mrs. Jane Felker in Alliance is one of despotism and an-

Toronto, Dec. 8. — At Osgoode Hall resterday Mrs. Louise Jane Felker lost a point again in her action against the "Practically everything that the alliance is one or improvement in every way," said a polite officer to The Advertiser today. "Practically everything that the alliance is one or improvement in every way," said a polite officer to The Advertiser today. "The work of the alliance is one of F. H. McGuigan Construction Com-ance has taken up they have improved pany, C. L. Demuralt & Co., and the and although in some cases they have Niagara and Ontario Construction not yet been able to make all the im-Company, Limited, for trespass on her provements they would like, there is M. P., calling attention to the statement lands by those who are erecting the no question about it that all over the hydro-electric transmission line. Her country the law is being lived up to as

"I think the alliance is doing a great statement of defence, was dismissed for it being despotism and anarchy by Chief Justice Meredith, Mr. J. H. nothing is done that is not sanctione Moss, K. C., represented the plaintiff. by a majority of the people. A great Mr. A. W. Ballantyne appeared for the many improvements have been made. Construction and will be made in the future."

The annual meeting of the Chil iren's Aid Society will be held in the lecture room of the First Methodist A Wellington car in charge of Mot-forman McFadden caught fire this Gilmour, warden of Central Prison, morning about 11 o'clock, from an will be the speaker of the occasion. He overheated chimney. It was blazing is an authority on work in connection merrily when the car reached York with societies, and his address should and Richmond streets. It was stopped be of particular interest. The public able to go to their homes in a few nd the blaze extinguished with snow, are invited to be present.

WELL-KNOWN SARNIA LADY DROPS DEAD IN THE STREET

Mrs. H. B. Helferman, Wife of the Well-Known Merchant, Seized E. F. B. Johnston and J. M. Mc-With a Fatal Illness While on the Way to Church.

terrible suddenness to Mrs. H. B. Hefferman, wife of Mr. H. B. Hefferman, one of the best-known merchants of this place. Mrs. Mrs. Hefferman was 55 years of are and of this place. Mrs. Hefferman left her home early this morning to attend

[Special to The Advertiser.] tance when she was seized with ill-Sarnia, Dec. 8. - Death came with ness and sank to the sidewalk. When home early this morning to attend came to Sarnia with her husba d from mass, and had gone but a short dis-

Cooper, Saunders and Gerry, will seek re-election for the council, while Ald. Eight or Ten Ladies Services Are Likely To Be Dispensed With London wanted cement for municipal —The Work of Reorganization Is To Be Begun at Once—A Meeting Today.

> An informal meeting of No. 1 com-1 ceived Miss Laidlaw will be offered mittee of the board of education will her old position, and it is said that electricity for Hull. e held this afternoon to take up the atter of reorganization of the kinderwards will work out a schedule. It is understood that the services of from eight to ten teachers will be order. dispensed with under the new ar-

she will accept. Trustee Graham was authority for the statement that in all probability gartens on the double session basis. ten teachers could be dispensed with. Miss Jean R. Laidlaw, supervisor, It is not considered likely that the will attend, and with Inspector Ed- larger number will be left off, but rather 7 or 8, until such time as the Legislature knows better than the citi-

rangement. From information re- at

MAJOR BEATTIE AND RACING PETITIONS

Presbytery of London Says They Were Sent to Him By Dr. Shearer.

DENIES RECEIVING THEM

His Recent Speech in the House on the Gambling Question Caused a Lively Discussion

"Thousands of petitions have been presented to the House upon this subject, and I examined many of them, and these petitions were signed by young girls, who knew nothing about the subject, and had never been on a race track. I am proud to say that I am perhaps the only member of this House who lives in a thoroughly respectable non-gambling community. have not received one petition from the city of London on this

This extract from a speech delivduring the discussion of the antigambling bill was the subject of some warm discussion at yesterday afternoon's session of the London Presbytery, and there was a good deal of questioning as to why Major Beattle had been so remarkably free from them had been duly sent.

This Seems Peculiar.

The discussion arose out of the report of the social and moral reform committee, which was presented by Dr. Pidgeon. The matter was intro-"I am not going to say that Major Beattle received these petitions," other 100, and from Mr. Stuart's church 100 names. One member of my church alone got 200 names on a petition. Dr. Shearer tells me that these petitions were put into an envelat Ottawa. Of course, it is quite possible that the envelope never reached

him. "Of course," continued the speaker the trainmen. He is expected to re-Major Beattle does not represent the turn today. presbytery, but he represents the city, where a number of the presbyters live and work, and it is for the presbytery to say whether they are interested enough in the matter to rectify the mistake Of course, you will understand that there is nothing political in this."

Not a Criticism A good deal of discussion followed, | colder. n which it was made abundantly evident that the presbytery did not wish its action to be considered as a critiism of Major Beattie or as in any way reflecting upon his good faith. At the conclusion of the discussion the following resolution was moved Rev. James Rollins, and seconded by Rev. Dr. McDonald, was passed: "That the clerk of the presbytery be instructed to write Major Beattie, appearing in Hansard, namely: 'I have Continued on Page Nine

NO NEW CASES ARE REPORTED Prince Albert.....

Medical Men Are Hoping That Scar let Fever Has Been Overcome. There have been no new cases

carlet fever develop in the city in Fair, continued cold; west winds, diminthe last few days, and medical-men are hoping that the epidemic is now effectually checked. Last week there were 28 scarlet fever patients in the ontagious wards at Victoria Hospital, but eight have during the week been

The Liberal Club

There will be a progressive cuchre tournament at the Liberal Club rooms, Hyman Hall this evening. It is the intention of the executive to hold these meetings regularly during the winter, and this is the inaugural meeting. A large number of garding the evening's entertainment, and there will no doubt be a very large attendance this evening. Every Liberal is urged to bring a friend with him to the

MAJOR BEATTIE ADMITS RECEIVING A PETITION

Valuable prizes will be given.

But Says He Did Not Get Any From Citizens of London.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 8. — Major Beattie states that he received no petition against racetrack gambling from any lation.

ered by Major Beattie in the House tion from Rev. Dr. Chown, he says, and presentd it to Parliamnt. THE PERE MARQUETTE TO INCREASE WAGES

Cent Increase After January 1.

Detroit. Dec. 8 .- At the general su perintendent's offices of the Pere Marquette Railroad yesterday afternoon is was stated that the telegraphers re ceived a 5 per cent increase Sept. 1 that the firemen have closed negotiations for a 5 to 7 per cent increase, effeetive Dec. 15, and that the trainmen, switchmen, boilermakers, machinists, and enginemen have almost completed an increase on Jan. 1. ope and addressed to Major Beattie Trump, of the Pere Marquette, is out of the city this morning, presumably lect from Ald. in conference with other officials of eer Graydon.

the road in regard to the claims of THE WEATHER. TOMORROW-COLDER FORECASTS.
Torento, Dec. \$-\$ a.m.
Today-High westerly winds; partly fair
and cold, with snow flurries.
Thursday-Fresh westerly winds and

TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High. ... 14 ... 13 39 ondon Calgary Winnipeg by Parry Sound Montreal Dawson Victoria Vancouver Kamloops Edmonton Battleford Minus (-) means below zero.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair; much colder tonight; cold wave in certral and southeast portions. Thursdayishing tonight.
Western New York-Snow flurries and colder tonight; cold wave in interior.
Thursday—Generally fair and continued Lower Lakes-Brisk to high west winds,

diminishing by Thursday morning; part-ly cloudy, with snow flurries tonight on Cntario and Eastern Erie; colder tonight en Ontario; continued cold on Erie.

Mr. Justice Latchford-Let me put

purposes, and the citizens wanted cement for private purposes, could the Province give the exclusive right the recent merger to supply cement in London? Mr. Lefroy - In the Hull case the Provincial Government gave a com-

LONDON CASE IN

Evoy Put Forth

Arguments.

Says Mr. Johnston if Private Enter

prises Continue To Be Taken

Over.

The divisional court has reserved

judgment in the action by R. H. Smith,

a London ratepayer, to prevent the

tract with the hydro-electric commis-

Mr. Lefroy resumed his argument

'We will have to consider this."

sion, says the Toronto Telegram.

arked Chancellor Boyd.

when the court opened.

city of London entering into the con-

pany the exclusive right of supplying Chancellor Boyd-You concede that t's done, but say that the Province has the right to do so Mr. Lefroy - I don't want to con-

Knows Better Than Citizens. Chancellor Boyd - I suppose the ens what is good for them.

Mr. Johnston - I am very much struck by the suggestion of Mr. Justice Latchford. This comes very near to the criminal code. If the Province should should authorize a combine which would enhance prices, that would be in violation of the criminal law, and could it be said to be valid legislation? Mr. Lefroy argued that when the provinces were given control over local undertakings, "local" was not to be understood to refer to one spot, but to undertakings within the Prov-

"The whole key to the British North america act," he declared, "is in America act," the preamble." He read from the preamble to show that the parliaments of Canada were to have powers in all re spects like that of the United King

Look to the Ballot Box. "The British," said Mr. Lefrey, "do

net look to the courts to protect, with the from unjust or arbitrary legislation, afternoon. look to the hustings." Chancellor Boyd-"The constitution of Canada is a written constitution. 3 R. Cartwright, for the attorneygeneral, contended that the supply of
electric energy did not come within the

the exception of the demand of the
Byron residents for leater service to
the park in winter.

A neithful has also been prescribed

hoard will touch the power que electric energy did not come within the jurisdiction of the Dominion as tradiand commerce. A petition has also been present by the London (lea'th Association) Mr. Justice Latebford—'A municipal- along the same lines

ity requires boots and shoes for policemen and others. Could they say that the Eaton Company should have done. The company, it is understood, recommendation of the exclusive right to sell them in claim that the present traffic on the the hydro-electric liament can do anything that is not materially impossible." Mr. Justice Magee—"It all depends STRATFORD MAN on which parliament."

Mr. Cartwright-"Take liquor legis-The province has the right to citizen of London, He received a peti-limit the sale of liquor to any extent tion from Bey Dr Chown he says and and does." cellor Boyd, Mr. Cartwright declared that there was nothing to prevent

company starting up to supply power in opposition to the hydro-electric sysem in London.
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ENGINEER FEARS HORSE CONTRACTED SMALLPOX

List-Now for the Buckskin.

The city council will not have to pay for City Engineer Graydon's buck- one necessary. skin steed. The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith was obtained on the legality of negotiations that look promising for the transaction, and he declares that the council are not compelled to pay D. for the animal. Incidentally, he marked, that Mr. McCartney could collect from Ald. Gerry and City Engin-And it looks now as if Mr. Graydon

will have to take the horse.
"I will buy it," said Mr. Graydon. "If the council will pay me a rental or hire for the horse, I will take him. Old Delaware is about all in. He has been making trips to the smallpox hospital of late, and today he is sick. I do not know whether or not he has smallpox. Perhaps he is getting old, like some of the rest of us. He is now 23 years of age, and is ready for the norse cemetery. "I will need a new steed in a short

time, and the buckskin will fit in nicely. I will have to collect the rent,

EMPLOYEES BLAMELESS IN BEACHVILLE CASE Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

oner's jury in the case of Lela Draper, lege last evening, and was largely atthrough error of judgment or neglect and others. of duty can be charged against them, as conditions exist," adding a recommendation for gates or other protection at this crossing.

Literary Men Here.

They return on Friday to Chicago. I the worse for his experience,

TORONTO COURTS

Buildings For Different Purposes Will Soon Be Ready For Occur pation-London Will Shortly Be Able to Provide For Consumptives.

The buildisgs being erected for the London Health Association on their its of the farm, with the exception of one shack, which will be situated north completed. completed. Three of the shacks could be occupied new if necessary, and the other will be rushed to completion as rapid-

ly as possible. The roof would have been placed on the administration building had not this storm prevented the men working.

It is the intention of the committee It is ready for the roof now. The infirmary is well advanced. Two private shacks are finished, with the exception boating.

Will Be Imposing.

The institution is going to be quite stories in height. At this point, it is about 85 city of London.

feet high, giving the latients a fine view of the country roundahout, and affording them every opportunity of obtaining the fresh air.

The Main Entrance. will be near the Byron bridge on the days we would have been able to have tration building will be located there,

of the infirmary.

A walk will connect the buildings.
The exact location of the amusement room has not been selected, but it will probably be in the centre of the park

It is the intention of the committee in charge to build a stairway down to.

the river and furnish facilities for of the plumbing, and one public shack is also completed. There is a little Byron bridge, and the dam on the more to be done on the other public north side of the river. It will take shack, and it will be ready for oc- a brisk walk of five minutes from the street car loop to reach it. At a leisurely pace it can be done in seven minutes

Thus it is a safe distance from the an imposing one. The private shacks are 35 feet by 20 feet, and the public shacks are 40 by 34 feet. The infirmary is 65 feet by 24, and the adminis- best, owing to the apparent proximity tration building is 67 by 56, and two to the park, but it will be readily seen that it is a very great distance from They will be located along the river any source of water supply for the

Getting Along Well. "We are getting along nicely with the work," said Mr. Beck, "Mr. Purdom, the contractor, has nearly finished the buildings, and if we had had The main entrance to the grounds good weather the past two or three

The architect, Mr. W. G. Murray,

and a fine lawn, with a driveway, will awarded the contract for plumbing to be built. The buildings stretch along F. C. Hunt & Co. yesterday. SERVICE MATTER OF TRAFFIC PURELY BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Water Commissioners Are This Afternoon Considering the Application of the Byron People and the London Health Association-All Other Questions Have Been Satisfactorily Settled.

The water commission will settle pay. They will take the position that net look to the courts to protect them from unjust or arbitrary legislation. With the London Street Railway this increase the number of their cars, but it would be unfair, they claim, to put The agreement with the company has been prepared and will be subthe exception of the demand of the

Matter of Traffic.

DROPS DEAD AT WORK

Ridgetown Meets Very Sudden Death.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Says Old "Delaware" Is on Sick 7 o'clock this morning. Death was due through at 11:30, did not leave until burial. No inquest will be held. Dr able snow, Deacon, who was called, did not deem

STRATFORD RAISES TEACHER SALARIES

Collegiate Board Last Night Decided on a Boost All Around.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Dec. 8.—The collegiate eachers as follows: Principal, \$2,000;

salaries are to be attained by annual

creases of \$50 and \$100.

A local assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held at Huron Col- official officials, very notices the Grand Trunk, and that no blame Rev. Prof. Jeakins, Mr. J. K. H. Pope,

-Russell Jenkins a young man who lives with relatives on concession 5, London Township, caused a good deal of anxiety some days ago by wandering away from home. norrow night at the annual banquet for him. He was found after a couple of Toronto. The ceremony was perof the Quebec Game and Fish Protective Association at the Windsor Hotel. away from home but apparently none

oronto". Alr. Cartwright.—"I think so. Parin fact, they assert that it does not port. ALL THROUGH TRAINS

The Power Question

ARE RUNNING LATE In answer to a question from Chan-Richard Morgan Formerly of Storm Is Raging Between Por Huron and Chicago—Terrific Windstorms.

Owing to the stormy conditions that Stratford, Dec. 8. - Richard Mor- prevail between Chicago and Port gan, aged 65, of 207 Brunswick street, ing through from the west are running dropped dead in the lavatory of Me- away late today. No. 4, the early morn-Clagan's factory, where he was emaing express from Chicago to New ployed as a wood machinist, just after York, due here at 2:20, did not arrica to heart disease. He I was a wife, two 1:30 this afternoon. The trainmen children, and five step-children. The report that in some places the windbody will be taken to Ridgetown for storm was terrific, and in many dis-The railroads here are fully prepared

RURAL MAIL ROUTES DEVELOP MAIL BUSINESS

to deal with a blizzard, as following

the last snowstorm everything was got

London Is Rapidly Becoming a Mail Order Center, Say the Authorities.

As a result of the large number of board met last night, and decided to rural free mail delivery routes in this increase the salaries of collegiate district, London is rapidly developing of the Dominion. The important part heads of departments, \$1,600; special- that the free delivery system plays in ists, \$1,300; non-graduate specialists, Christmas shopping \$1,300; other specialists, \$1,200. These evident just now, when thousands extra letters to London merchants are parcels of all kinds are being sent out. This is the first Christmas that a really large number of free delivery routes have been in operation in this district, and the effect is, according to post The postoffice is a very busy place the little daughter of Rev. Mr. Dra-tended. Rev. Principal Waller, of just now, and will be for some days, the little daughter of Rev. Mr. Dra-tended. Rev. Principal Waller, of just now, and will be for some days. Huron College, was in the chair, and To an outsider it would seem almost urday last, last night found "That the the programme included an address said Lela Draper came to her death by Rev. Canon Dyson Hague on "Per-letters and papers that come in could be handled. The system, however, account of the application o urday last, last night found "That the the programme included an address impossible that the tons and tons of complishes much, and the persistent work of a big staff of corters gradually reduces the big piles,

Smith-Hodgins.

A quiet wedding took Cv Warman and Sam E. Kiser, the at first when he had been away some afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Hodwell-known literary lights, were in time that some accident had befallen gins, 132 Simcoe street, when Miss, the city today en route to Montreal him, the police were notified and a Laura Emma Hodgins, of this city, from Chicago. They will speak to- party of friends started out to search was married to Mr. John Alfred Smith, formed by Very Rev. Dean Davis, of St. James' Episcopal Church, South

sent to their destinations only to be

replaced by other huge piles.