

THE STUMP IN BRITAIN.

The German Scare Worked Up by Lord Denbigh.

Willing to Test Labor Conditions in Germany.

Duchess of Buccleuch Talks—George's Speech.

London, Dec. 28.—The British campaign goes merrily on. "You cannot ignore the steady increase of a strong naval force across the North Sea," said Lord Denbigh at Finsbury. "It is designed for no other purpose but of tackling the British navy if occasion arises." (A voice: "Rot.")

"I wish it was not with all my heart. (Loud cheers.) We have no quarrel with the German people, and the German people have no quarrel with us; but the German people and the German Government are two very different things, and the German Government with regard to its foreign policy is not responsible to the people in the same way that the British Government is. You have a great country with most powerful engines of war on land, which has grown tremendously in spite of its system of protection."

"I have a great regard for Germany, and the spirit of the German people, and I think that if we had a little less self-conceit and a little more self-control and a little more self-discipline we should probably stand better in the eyes of foreign countries than we do at this moment."

TARIFF REFORM TEST.

At Ambleside, near Scarborough, Mr. Stavley Hill, M. P., addressed an enthusiastic meeting, which was remarkable for offers made by the chairman, Mr. H. S. Pitt, who is a coal master and firebrick manufacturer, employing 2,000 laborers.

The chairman said that he and his brother, Mr. G. P. Pitt, were prepared at their own expense to send two Liberals and two Conservatives to be selected by the party in the division, to study the conditions of living in Germany under a tariff. Those chosen would report to a public meeting, which would be held after the general election. Mr. Stavley Hill was asked if any manufacturer friend of his would be prepared to guarantee to his employees full work, more wages and no increase in the cost of living under tariff reform. Mr. Stavley Hill replied that he knew no business man who would give such a guarantee.

The chairman said he was prepared absolutely to guarantee to any of his employees that if their food should cost them more under tariff reform, he would raise their wages.

"TAIL HAS WAGGED THE DOG."

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Dunbar, said: The wild men have got possession of the Conservative party and forced it in the interests of tariff reform. The tail has wagged the dog. I am opposed to Socialism, and believe that the good sense of the people will lead them against Socialism. The one thing, however, that would lead the people to Socialism would be the taxation of the necessities of life, and that is why I am against tariff reform. I am strongly in favor of a reformed second chamber.

THE PARTY LEADERS.

The Duchess of Buccleuch at Edinburgh said: We must all realize with pride and admiration the courageous and self-sacrificing manner in which our two great leaders, one in the Lords and the other in the Commons, led their party to the fight. We must all consider ourselves as belonging to the great army and like all really good soldiers be ready to carry out the orders of our commanding officers.

"COUNTRY GETTING SANER."

Lord Denbigh, speaking at Rugby, said he believed that the country was coming to its senses and getting saner than it was a few weeks ago, because they saw a great fleet of army being silently and relentlessly accumulated, and the Prime Minister saying nothing about it in his speech.

GEORGE'S "MAD MULLAH" SPEECH.

I come here to-day not to preach a funeral oration. I am neither here to bury nor to praise the Budget. If it is buried it is in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

At last the cause between the Peers and the people has been set down for trial in the great assize of the people and the verdict will come soon. The Assembly which has delayed, denied, and mutilated justice for so long has at last been brought to justice.

Is this nation to be a free nation and to become a freer one, or is it for all time to be shackled and tethered by tariffs and trusts and monopolies and privileges? That is the issue, and no Liberal will shrink it.

The Budget was thrown out not by the wise men, not by the reflecting men of the Unionist Party, but by its Mad Mullahs.

The rights of the Commons of England to grant supplies and to make the redress of grievances a condition of that grant drenched England with blood. That right is the proud possession of Englishmen.

I will not believe that at the call of an effete oligarchy, without striking a single blow, Englishmen of to-day mean to surrender one of the finest and fairest provinces of freedom won by their ancestors.

Pigeons, Pigeons.

About one hundred pair plump pigeons at thirty cents the pair. Wild ducks from Long Point, blacks and pin tails, rabbits, nice large ones, turkeys, a few choice plump hen turkeys. Mince meat, the home-made kind. Cider, choice, clarified, made from pure apple juice. An endless variety of English biscuits. Tom Smith's crackers, some pretty ones at very reasonable prices. Bain & Adams.

—Rev. Dr. Lyle is in Toronto, attending the meeting of the Augmentation Fund Committee of the Presbyterian Church.



PRINCESS CHOTEK, WHO PLANS TO BE AUSTRIA'S EMPRESS.

NOMINATIONS IN OLD WENTWORTH.

Lively Contests in Many Townships—Lawson in Dundas by Acclamation.

Dundas, Dec. 28.—The nomination meeting in the Town Hall last evening was the largest attended for many years. This was probably to some extent the result of the local option contest now under way, as groups of both parties were noticeable. At promptly 7:30 proceedings began, the result of which follows: For Mayor—J. W. Lawson, re-elected by acclamation. For Reeve—Wm. Lawson, re-elected by acclamation. For Deputy Reeve—Nominated, L. P. Spittal, W. G. Mallett and J. W. Kerr, with a likelihood that the contest will be between the first two mentioned. Council nominations—Wm. Lunn, David Reynolds, John Ford, James Mason, W. J. Kerr, Jas. B. Bertram, John W. Newitt, Chas. Collins, W. A. Davidson, C. M. Jarvis, J. D. Pennington, W. H. Moss, Henry Bertram, W. H. Mount, David Towns, jun., S. J. Lemard, Remond Hanks, W. F. Moore, F. J. Collins, Ernest Baileer, John R. Murray, swithin King. School trustees: Mountain ward—W. H. Knowles and F. J. Collins. Canal ward—Charles E. Dickson, re-elected. Foundry ward—Henry Tyson, re-elected. Valley ward—W. J. Kerr and Robt. C. Clark. The nominations being over, Clerk Fry

explained that any candidates nominated for the council must put in their qualifications by 10 p. m. to-day, or their names would not appear on the ballots. Any person nominated for school trustee not declining before the same time, their names would appear on the ballot. Addresses then began, Clerk Fry in the chair. Mayor-elect Lawson returned thanks for being elected unopposed for the second term, and then proceeded with an account of the past year's work of the council. He claimed that the 1908 council had been absolutely clean. No charge of graft could be laid at its door. He denounced anonymous scribbles to the press for their attacks on the council, which he characterized as cowardly and base. He proceeded to mention many matters dealt with during the year or to be dealt with in the near future, including the Hydro-Electric contract, the isolation hospital, cleaning the canal, etc. The citizens were urged to vote for the Hydro-Electric by-law, and the library by-law. The local option by-law he left to each voter to deal with as he or she saw fit. Reeve Lawson thanked the electors for returning him for the fourth time by acclamation. W. J. Kerr, in a humorous manner, reminded the Mayor that he had strongly advised the electors concerning their duty in the matter of the Hydro-Electric and library by-laws, but was silent as to the local option by-law. He then devoted some time to an explanation of school matters, he having been a member. (Continued on Page 9)

TONG WAR. Chinese Gun Men in New York From Boston. Police Searching For Weapons to Stop More Murders.

New York, Dec. 28.—Scores of detectives and uniformed patrolmen were sent into Chinatown to-day to check, if possible the outbreak of the Tong war, in which one Chinese has been killed within a few hours and another mortally wounded. Police Captain Galvin states that the new assassins, known in the Tong as "gun men," were sent here from Boston following the recent legal execution there of five Hip Song Tong members, who were convicted of killing several on Leong Tong men, and that their mission was revenge. Low Jung, the 75-year-old Celestial, whose withered body was riddled with bullets late last night, was the treasurer of the Four Brothers Society, a Western Tong which has taken a part in the war, making it three-sided. The Four Brothers are supposed to have brought a large sum of money to this city for the purpose of employing "gun men" to kill enemies. Low Jung was the custodian and reputed dispenser of the fund, and for that reason had been especially marked for slaughter. Lu Yo Fong, the younger Chinese, who was shot three times, was Low Jung's assistant and companion. He said that four men suddenly broke into the room and commenced firing. The police found Low Jung's police money safe and removed it to a police station.

Feeling Fairly Good, But! There is always that "but." Now the only way to get rid of that and feel good and be good and lasting good have a box of Dr. Good's Health Tablets always on hand. Will tone you up and make you healthy. Parke & Parke.

THREE DIE. While Mother Talked Children Burned to Death.

Pratt, Kan., Dec. 28.—While Mrs. Henry Blanton was across the street talking to a neighbor yesterday she looked at her home to see it a mass of fire, with her three children inside burning to death. It was impossible to save the children after the flames were discovered.

KERNEY INQUEST. After viewing the body the jury appointed to inquire into how William Kearney came to his death visited the Bridge Works yesterday afternoon. After the visit they adjourned till Thursday night, to meet in No. 3 Police Station, at 8:15 o'clock.

Shot Mother.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Entrenched at the home of a friend, desperate in the belief that he had killed his mother, James F. Roach, scarcely more than a youth, held a small posse at bay on the outskirts of Memphis for some hours early to-day. At daylight Roach still held forth in the little dwelling house, well armed, it is believed, and a lone deputy sheriff with a number of citizens on guard awaiting the arrival of reinforcements. Besides Roach, it is stated an elderly man, his wife and daughter, are in the house. The shooting of the mother, Mrs. Sallie E. Miller, occurred at her suburban store yesterday, following an argument as to money matters. Mrs. Miller probably will recover.

The Man In Overalls

Acclaim Mayor McLaren. Stewart is a slick duck. But he may get a ducking. Ald. Hopkins knew enough to go in out of the rain. Draw up your resolutions. Thirteen Controller candidates. Ominous for some of them. Here's to Angus Sutherland and his bonnie bride. May they long be spared to each other. If that story of Dr. Hopkins' fighting ancestry is correct there must have been a sad decline in the race. With the School Trustees it's as you were. The next move, I suppose, will be to make Dr. Carr a Controller Trustee. The Greater Hamilton movement got a nasty slap from Mr. Stewart. He is laying up lots of trouble for himself. That was a fine Christmas gift Rev. Mr. Howitt received. We are all glad to see him thus re-animated. Trustee Booker's skating rink at the Collegiate is now open for business. A band of music would add to the hilarity of the scene. The unsuccessful Controller candidates may find consolation on some of the independent boards. What are the temperance people going to do about those "wholesale" licenses? Pass a vote of thanks to Whitney. Next comes Hogmanay—a grand night for pair auld Scotland. This long-to-be-remembered greeting has come to hand: "To the year that has gone, hail and farewell. To the year which shall come, happy greetings." All good wishes to you and yours. The Long Lumber Co. How is it that we always think of teams when we see Mr. S. Howard's name in the papers? There's a movement around the hotels to get up a banquet and testimonial to Santa Claus for his good work on Friday night and Saturday morning. Out of the municipal whirl the doctor will have time to cultivate his Marshville whiskers again, and prune the genealogical tree. If Ald. Crerar has any more Jolley Cut improvements up his sleeve he better show them before election day. If he were to do the decent thing Ald. Hopkins would reimburse Mayor McLaren the \$1,000 or more expense he has been put to in preparing to contest the Mayorality with him. There will be no contest for a seat at the School Board, and I thought Stoopie George Allan would have stepped aside in favor of some lady candidate. The Herald makes me laugh.

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HYDRO CLIQUE IS IN SORE STRAITS.

Even Controllers' Nominee Desert It—Stewart Made a Sad Blunder.

The consensus of opinion in the City Hall to-day is that the power question will cut no figure in the election and that the license reduction movement will be a clear-cut issue. The Hydro slate for Controllers is a joke. In fact, it is doubtful if there will be any slate by election day. As an illustration of how little weight the small clique behind this movement carries, Ald. Cooper and ex-Ald. Bailey, according to report in the City Hall to-day, have withdrawn from it. This leaves only Alf. Wright and Frank Quinn as endorsed candidates of that august body, the Hydro-Electric Campaign Committee. It also makes room for Jim Miller and Dan Mahoney. Even this pair are apparently not anxious to be mixed up with the slate row.

The death of the poor old power horse is a sad blow to a clique of politicians and aldermanic candidates who found it a very trustworthy steed to carry them into office during the last three years. As light has gradually flickered through the mist of misrepresentation that surrounded the power issue it has been growing weaker, and the elections next Monday will likely see the weeding out of some aspirants for municipal honors who have depended upon the power city to elect them. Politicians are of the opinion that T. J. Stewart, M. P., made a bad tactical blunder when he "batted in" at the nominations yesterday and that he used a boomerang that will prove disastrous at the next election in West Hamilton. Mayor McLaren outmanoeuvred him at every point, and the ex-Mayor's attempt to discredit the good record of this year's Council proved a miserable failure.

Some difficulty will be experienced finding places in the Council chamber for the Controllers. It is likely a table will be placed in front of the Mayor's desk for them. This will be only a temporary arrangement, as it is expected that the people will vote in January to reduce the number of aldermen to two from each ward. (Continued on Page 10.)

RING FRAUD FORTY ARE BEING USED IN THE FIELD

Supposed Toronto Fellow Makes Victims of Young Men.

For some days past a man, claiming to be from Toronto, has been pulling off a slick game in which credulous youths have been the victims. The man's depredations have been carried on along James street north, and more than one youth is bemoaning the loss of \$1 from his Christmas money. This stranger has approached the youths and asked them if they would like a bargain in a gold ring. Then on the request that the ring be shown, he has produced a bright gold colored ring which he represented to be the real stuff, and assigned lack of funds as his reason for selling it at \$1, saying he needed the money to get back to Toronto. One youth who bought one took the trouble to go to a jeweller, after his purchase, to get the ring valued, and was told it was brass. The youth in question felt a prey to the scheme on Christmas night, and last night was approached by the same man with a similar ring. The police have been notified and the alleged Torontonian sought after.

CALL CAME. Rev. Mr. VanWyck Will Discuss It With Officials.

Rev. J. Roy VanWyck, under whose able direction Westminster Church has made such splendid progress, was called up over the long distance line last night and officially notified that St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, had met that night and had extended a unanimous call to him; also that his was the only name mentioned. Rev. Mr. VanWyck at once sent out notices for a meeting of the officials of his church, to be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at which the matter will be discussed and he will announce to them his decision. In the meantime he is not in a position to say what he will do.

GOOD PLACE. Liberal Club Rooms Fine Place For Young Men.

Entries for the Liberal Club New Year pool tournament are now being received by club secretary Joe Arnold, at the rooms, Arcade building. This promises to be the best tournament yet given there. Valuable prizes are being offered and it is expected that a large number of players will compete. The event will begin next week. There is no better conducted place than the Liberal Club rooms. They afford opportunities for reading, checkers and chess, cards and pool, all under the best conditions. The rooms are open every afternoon and evening, and the membership fee is only \$1 a year.

IN WINNIPEG. Wood Vallance Company Organize Million Dollar Company.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Wood-Vallance Company has been incorporated here with a capital of one million dollars, to take over the wholesale hardware business of G. D. Wood & Co. The directors are William A. Wood, of Hamilton, David Wood and Helen Marie Wood, of Winnipeg. Eric Bower, secretary of the Citizens' Campaign Committee, was in the City Hall to-day to see that all the candidates endorsed by that body qualified. Mr. Bower says the temperance people will sweep the city on Monday, and that this opinion is held by old campaigners, who size public opinion up pretty accurately in advance. The city has been thoroughly canvassed, he says, and has shown surprising results. He declares that in many of the wards the temperance candidates have not as hard men to beat as they did last year. The hotel people do not concede the lone reduction candidate in ward 5, James Harrison, a chance. Mr. Bower says that Mr. Harrison is the surest thing on the reduction ticket. "There are over 300 lady voters in that ward," said Mr. Bower, "and we will poll them almost solid for our candidate."

HERE'S A CHANCE. Good Briar Pipes in Cases.

Some fine briar pipes, with sterling silver ferrules and genuine amber mouthpieces in handsome cases, are offered at peace's pipe store. Make a selection now at the headquarters, 107 King street east.

FOR HIS WIFE AND BAIRNS.

Bedell Given a Chance to be Better Man.

But Mulholland and McShane Go to Stone Pile.

Bunch of Vagrants Before the Magistrate Again To-day.

The chicken stealers, George Bedell, Sam Mulholland and Joseph McShane, were arraigned for sentence before Magistrate Jelis this morning.

Over in the witness' chairs sat little Mrs. Bedell, weeping. She is the mother of several helpless children; though she looks a mere girl yet, Uneducated she may be, like her husband, yet within her little bosom burns the unquenchable fire of love for him and her offspring. She proved it yesterday for she took the stand on his behalf and tried to build up a wall of evidence that would establish her husband's innocence. All the time tears rolled down her thin cheeks. When the three stood up for sentence Bedell begged leave to say a few words. His Worship granted the request and he asked for leniency on account of his wife and bairns. Then the king of the court cast a glance at the prisoner, then at the wife, then leaned back and what were the inner workings of the Magistrate's mind? To Bedell he said: "You can go on deferred sentence; Mulholland and McShane will go to jail for six months." Outside the court there was a reunion that was touching to see. The Detroit young man who heard he was wanted on a charge of theft when he arrived at the parental home for Christmas, and who gave himself up, was acquitted. He was accused of stealing an overcoat belonging to W. L. Robb. It was shown that Robb's had left the coat at his companion's mother's house 18 months ago and months later had telegraphed for it. As he was then far away and the express charges were high she did not send it as she was asked to guarantee payment. She gave the coat to her son to give to its owner when he should be in Detroit, but they never met. Geo. S. Kerr, K.C., decried.

John Thompson walked from Hespeler a few days ago and since he arrived here has slept on a bench or any old place. He was a pitiable sight when Constables Cameron and Barrett found him last night. He had scarcely any boots to his feet and had been frost bitten about the legs and feet. He was fortunate the police picked him up, as he would probably have died from exposure. He was fined \$5 or three months. He took the latter and wept. It was a hard Christmas for him.

Like the prodigal son of old, Walter Eggar spent his money as he pleased living and faint would eat anything he could beg. He called at No. 3 Police Station last night tired, hungry, remorseful and penniless. He said he had spent \$80 in three weeks. Almost every cent of that nice fat little sum had swayed the coffers of local booze depot. His visit to the station was to seek shelter from the cold for the night. That's how he came to be charged with vagrancy, and pleaded guilty. Three months or \$5, was the sentence.

Old John Jackson, a redskin from the reserve near Caledonia, sat in the pen looking the most dejected piece of red stuff possible. Acting Sergeant Campbell gathered John in last night on Stuart street where the old fellow was wandering aimlessly. He desired the court to give him one month down where the gladioli grow in summer. He got it.

Thomas Hawkins, Roseland avenue, will appear to-morrow to answer a charge of assault laid by Emma Slack, of Crown Point. An army of children will be subpoenaed as witnesses.

Harry Kuart came to court with a bandaged foot, and under that roof settled a lot of indignation against Gerald Vallean, 351 James street north, who stood, charged with assaulting and threatening.

Complainant said defendant offered gratuitously to furnish an undertaker with his lifeless corpse. Kuart said he went to his work at Adam Clark's, 7 Main street west. They started quarrelling and exchanged a very undignified brand of language and Kuart said Gerald hammered a nail by brick wall with his sense depot and accompanied that performance with a threat to take away his life. Vallean was fined \$5 and bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace.

George Jarvis, 199 Hunter street east, brought a diagram to court. He was summoned by P. C. Hill for a breach of the cab by-law. The officer said the follower of Jarvis drove the wrong side of the street at the corner of King and James streets. P. C. Hill had a diagram also which was evidently more effective than the one Mr. Jarvis had, for defendant paid a \$1 fine.

GIVES THE TIMES THE CREDIT.

"Your early shopping campaign made this the best Christmas season we have ever had." Thus spoke a prominent King street merchant this morning, when referring to the Christmas trade. He unhesitatingly gave the Times credit for instituting the early shopping educational campaign, which has given such excellent results to citizens and storekeepers alike.

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.

AT R. MCKAY & CO'S. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 1909. RELIABLE HOMEFURNISHINGS REDUCED TO-MORROW. Extraordinary Values in Winter Merchandise

THE FOLLOWING FOR WEDNESDAY

Careful buyers and lovers of pretty and durable homefurnishings should read the following values contained in this splendid list. Note the savings to be reaped in our Carpet and Homefurnishing Sections, selected with care from our splendid stock and priced for quick selling. Come and share in the value-giving.

Three Days' Sale of Rugs and Mats

- \$7 Wool Rugs \$5.25. Art Wool Rugs, size 3 x 4 yards, splendid patterns, serviceable quality, worth \$7, special sale price \$5.25. \$9.50 Tapestry Rugs \$7.50. Tapestry Room Rugs, size 3 x 3 1/2 yards, bright, saleable pattern, worth \$9.50, special sale price \$7.50. \$13.50 Tapestry Rugs \$9.75. Tapestry Room Rugs, size 3 x 4 yards, rich colorings, worth \$13.50, special price \$9.75. \$35 Axminster Rugs \$25. Axminster Room Rugs, size 3 x 4 yards, heavy pile, handsome patterns, extra value, worth \$35, special sale price \$25.00.

Housefurnishing Reductions for Wednesday

- Lace Curtains Reduced. Regular \$1.25, sale \$1.18. Regular \$1.75, sale \$1.68. Regular \$2.25, sale \$2.18. Regular \$2.50, sale \$2.42. Regular \$3.00, sale \$2.85. Regular \$3.50, sale \$3.38. Regular \$4.00, sale \$3.82. Regular \$4.50, sale \$4.35. Regular \$5.00, sale \$4.78. Regular \$5.50, sale \$5.21. Regular \$6.00, sale \$5.64. Regular \$6.50, sale \$6.07. Regular \$7.00, sale \$6.50. Regular \$7.50, sale \$6.93. Regular \$8.00, sale \$7.36. Regular \$8.50, sale \$7.79. Regular \$9.00, sale \$8.22. Regular \$9.50, sale \$8.65. Regular \$10.00, sale \$9.08. Regular \$10.50, sale \$9.51. Regular \$11.00, sale \$9.94. Regular \$11.50, sale \$10.37. Regular \$12.00, sale \$10.80. Regular \$12.50, sale \$11.23. Regular \$13.00, sale \$11.66. Regular \$13.50, sale \$12.09. Regular \$14.00, sale \$12.52. Regular \$14.50, sale \$12.95. Regular \$15.00, sale \$13.38. Regular \$15.50, sale \$13.81. Regular \$16.00, sale \$14.24. Regular \$16.50, sale \$14.67. 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READ THE TIMES IF YOU WANT THE NEWS TELEPHONE 368 WITH DICKENS. E. S. Williamson, of Toronto, Here Last Evening.

There was a large attendance at the regular December meeting of the Dickens Fellowship held in the recital hall of the Conservatory of Music last evening. Members of the Toronto branch of the Fellowship were present, including Mr. E. S. Williamson, who, with the aid of lantern views, gave an enjoyable lecture on the "Pickwick Papers." In an intensely interesting manner he described the different characters, including the agile Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Winkle, and the many and varied adventures of the Pickwickians.

FIRE AT FREEPORT. Freeport, Dec. 28.—Clarke's Hotel, formerly the Harrackett House, the Freeport branch of the Lewiston State Deposit and Trust Company, and seven stores in the block on the northeastern side of Main street, between Bow and Mechanic streets, were burned early today. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

ZELAYA IN MEXICO. Santa Lucrécia, Mexico, Dec. 28.—The private car on which former President Zelaya is proceeding to Mexico City passed through here today. Zelaya is accompanied by a number of his political associates, including his former Secretary of War.

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Winona. Mr. Creelock is home for the holidays. Miss Mabel VanDuzer, teacher in Aurora high school, is spending her vacation with her parents. The closing exercises of the public school were held on Friday. The Women's Institute awarded prizes to the girls in each room for sewing. This is one of the first schools to teach sewing and it has proved a success, as was manifested by the grand display in the assembly room.

Harrisburg. The annual Christmas tree and entertainment under the auspices of the Methodist Sabbath school was held in the church on Monday evening last, and was a grand success. The church was packed to the doors, and the programme was one of the best ever given here, and a great deal of credit is due to the school teacher, Miss Severin, for the capable manner in which every number was carried out. Rev. Mr. Daniels occupied the chair, and performed the duties in his usual able manner. The programme included dialogues, drills, and recitations, which were immensely enjoyed by all present, after which the presents were distributed amongst the children.

PEACE POLICY. France Wants Peace While Straightening Her Defences. Mr. Pichon's Statement in Chamber of Deputies. Paris, Dec. 28.—Replying in the Chamber of Deputies to M. De Pressensy, who urged a more active foreign policy, M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared that the situation in Europe, thanks to the policy of ententes, was better than for years past. He said that France was forced to face stern realities, not ideas. Her object was, while strengthening her defences, to preserve peace by all means in her power.

OBITUARY. Former Resident of Smithville Dead at Age of 83. Thomas Adams, for many years a resident of Beamsville, and formerly of Smithville, passed away at the City Hospital yesterday afternoon after an illness of one week. He was 83 years of age. The remains will be sent to-morrow morning to Smithville, where the interment will be.

Winslow. Mr. Adam Beamer has purchased the property known as the Reuben News' farm, near here. Mr. and Mrs. S. Hanson and daughter, of North Dakota, are visiting old friends here. Mr. L. Better will make a good Revue for Gainborough for the year 1910.

Kelvin. The Methodist Sabbath school entertainment was held here on Christmas Eve. A large number were in attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A few relatives spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Almas. The annual reunion of the Almas family was held at the home of Mrs. Christopher Almas on Christmas Day.

Corea Road. Tokio, Dec. 4.—The first real road in Corea, except that connecting Seoul and Chenzulpo, was opened a few days ago and connects the towns of Kusan and Chonji. This policy of building highways is being pursued all over the country.

Anglo-Jap Fair. Tokio, Dec. 4.—The work of preparation for the Anglo-Japanese Exposition is now approaching the final point and Mr. Bopp, the chief commander, left for London a few days ago to complete arrangements there.

Stoney Creek. Mrs. Abraham Swayze, daughter of the late Jeremiah Lee, of this vicinity, passed away at her home on Earl street, Hamilton, on Thursday morning, December 23rd. She leaves a very large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Gen. Meade and family, of Bay City, Mich., are visiting at Jubilee Hall during the holidays. Jack and Elbert Gorman and Frank Walker are home for the holidays.

CHUN STABBED. Emperor's Father, Chinese Regent, Slightly Wounded. Shanghai, Dec. 28.—Prince Chun, the regent and father of Emperor Pu, was stabbed and slightly wounded while leaving his carriage near the palace at Peking today. His assailant, who was arrested, is a Manchou, who was formerly a cook in the imperial household.

PRINCE CHUN. Emperor, but brother of the late Emperor, who spent a number of years in the custody of the Dowager Empress Tz'u An, and also nephew of the monarch Hien Fung, who presided Tz'u An's practical domination of China. The Chun clan may be called the royal family of China. The present prince assumed his father's title in January, 1891. His rapid rise is due to the fact that he remained in her good graces in spite of the fact that he has shown himself a consistent ally of the head of Western innovations and the banishment of Eastern superstitions.

SUSPECTED HER. Mother Arrested Following Finding of Bodies of Boys. Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Charged with the murder of her two little boys and with having set fire to her home to conceal the crimes, Mrs. Paul Somecalf was arrested this afternoon in an apparently demented condition. The bodies of the boys, one aged six years, the other three, were found in their home after the fire had been extinguished. The head of each had been crushed by some blunt instrument.

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It will pay you to use the Want Column of the TIMES. Business Telephone 368. "But do you think," asked the visitor in the local option town, "that prohibition really prevents?" "Well," replied the native, "it prevents a fellow from getting the best of whiskey, but it doesn't prevent whiskey from getting the best of him."—Catho Standard and Times.

The Times readers are the buyers of Hamilton. Advertisers, do you see the point?

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 1909.

THE MAYOR'S PLAIN WORDS.

"It is a lie!" In these simple, forceful easily understood, homely English words Mayor McLaren yesterday repelled a false and malicious assertion made by T. J. Stewart at the nomination for the Mayoralty in the City Hall.

But the Mayor did not forget his position. The forgetting was done by the man who made the false accusation with the evident purpose of injuring him. The Mayor's words were apropos.

It is by such statements that the gang which put forth great efforts to induce Stewart to carry the Hydro-Electric banner against Mayor McLaren hope to deceive too trustful ratepayers to vote for its candidates on Monday next.

They have dealt in lies and half truths, which are the worst kind of lies, until truth and candor do not seem to come easy to their tongues, and Stewart's attack on the Mayor was but a part of the conspiracy to betray the ratepayers. The attack was met promptly:

"It is a lie!" And the slanderer, halted in his malicious assault, unable to substantiate his assertion, and smarting under the disapproving glances of the honest citizens before him, could only whine at the direct and vigorous manner of the denial.

And this is but one block which goes to make up the great fabric of lies and deception of which the Hydro Electric structure is built. Watch the gang! Turn on the light! Expose the rascally deceivers!

THE HERALD'S SNARL.

The local organ of the Hydro-Electric conspirators, having failed to secure a mayoralty candidate who would stand by his guns and permit the hungry ones to get at his pockets, is exceedingly sore, and has turned its batteries of abuse upon Ald. Hopkins, whom it had counted on playing the role of deluded victim. Last evening it indulged in a long editorial snarl in which it insinuated, with many "it is understood," that Ald. Hopkins had yielded to influences of a certain kind and proved untrue to the Hydromanic clique.

The field crops of Canada have increased in value \$100,000,000 for a single year. This is surely the "growing time" of the Dominion.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has affirmed the right of the city of Chicago to fix the weight of a load of coal, and to see that the customer gets full weight. Will somebody please carry the news to Mr. McNaught, M. P.?

Hon. A. B. Morine is doubtful of the Government's naval policy. That is because he isn't the Marine Minister, Canadian Consul.

It is a "boon" that accounts fully for a good many faulty findings of juries, these days.

The Government of Japan is considering the revision of its tariff and a general readjustment of its treaties of commerce. Japanese statesmen say that they will not adopt high protection, but will frame a tariff with the object of producing revenue.

The City Council is arranging for a banquet to mark the retirement of Engineer McLarlane from the waterworks, and to testify to the popular appreciation of his long and valuable services. The decision to thus honor Mr. McLarlane is one that will meet with unanimous approval.

The total trade of Great Britain for November was over \$50,000,000. The exports of British products, chiefly manufactures, were \$20,000,000 greater than in November, 1908. The exports of the eleven months were over \$50,000,000 ahead of the corresponding period of last year.

The New York Medical Journal affirms that it would be injudicious to attempt to substitute spinal anaesthesia with stovaine as practised by Janneseo for general anaesthesia in the majority of cases. It finds the local anaesthetic useful in special cases, but condemns it as a routine procedure.

Taking the figures of the "Tariff Reform" advocates the British Liberals very effectively point out that to put about \$8,000,000 into the treasury by taxes on foodstuffs more than \$10,000,000 taxes would be levied on the British consumers on their grain, meats and dairy produce.

Ald. Jutten said very truly in his nomination speech that it would have been folly for the Council to have committed the city to the Hydro monopoly, when it had a chance to test the scheme with a 1,000 h.p. contract for a year before doing so. And no sane, honest man will gainsay it.

"It is a lie!" said Mayor McLaren, interrupting T. J. Stewart, Hydro-Electric Boss, in one of his personal attacks. Some of the clique resent the Mayor's plain words. But no other words so fitly describe not only the statement then referred to but a lot of other Hydromanic assertions as well.

The Herald insinuates that Doc Hopkins was "called off," and closes a long editorial with some remarks about "open enemies and false friends" of the Hydro scheme. Jab it with a hypodermic, Doc;

PICK YOUR MEN.

With thirteen candidates for the Board of Control in the field, and aldermanic contests in every ward, and a number of by-laws to be voted upon, next Monday's work will not be light for the election officials. As the aldermen are elected on the ward system, however, there is less danger of congestion than if the at-large system prevailed. Every elector will be entitled to vote for four members of the Board of Control and for his ward aldermen. He may vote for fewer than four controllers if he choose to do so, but he must not vote for more than four, or he will spoil his ballot.

Candidates have until this evening to take the oath of qualification, which will entitle them to a place on the ballot; and it will not be possible to know with certainty how many candidates will be in the field until the expiry of the time allowed by law for qualification. There is ample material offering from which to select a good Council. Last year the city was happy in getting rid of party machine rule. Various cliques have been selected to pledge candidates to the promotion of their ends. Let the ratepayer beware of being misled in this matter. The man who acts upon principle and has given faithful service to the public, deserves consideration beyond that of any candidate who stands ready to give any pledge that may be asked in order to secure votes. As a general rule, the ratepayer stands to gain by rewarding faithful public service with a renewal of confidence. The Council of 1909 has many good works to its credit; let us hope that the people will be equally fortunate in their selections for 1910. Let us have a Council of business men devoted to the city's interests, not a Council of politicians, faddists and extremists.

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it may enable it to endure with greater patience the "barrenness" of a campaign where there is no "bar" to be tapped.

The inequality of the British system of taxation is hinted at by the statement that Cardiff Castle and grounds, owned by the Marquis of Bute, is rated for taxes at \$5,000. The Marquis' tailor's shop near by is rated at the same amount. The Lloyd-George budget revaluations will doubtless make a decided difference.

In New York in 1908 over 1,000 persons were treated for hydrophobia. The number of deaths was 20, and these in these cases no treatment was given, or there was too much delay in beginning it. The total number of deaths of hydrophobia in the United States in 1908 was 82; in the years 1901-5 the average was 42.

The lack of public interest manifested in the Board of Education elections is to be regretted. Probably such matters are overshadowed by the aldermanic and controller elections, but it is a pity that they should be. A considerable part of the revenue of the city is disbursed by the trustees, and important interests are entrusted to their care.

An enquirer about the Stratheona fund for the encouragement of military training in connection with the Public Schools, is informed that no schools can share in the Trust Fund until the Province takes action to comply with the conditions under which the gift is made, and which were published in the Times recently. Everything is at a standstill now in that regard, awaiting Whitney's pleasure.

There are people in Canada upholding the House of Lords, who would be in a furious rage if its Canadian counterpart, the Senate, would do as it has done, Victoria Colonist (Can.).

That is a very true statement. Few intelligent Canadians, no matter what their party allegiance, would submit to have their affairs managed by the Senate in defiance of the will of the people's representatives.

Stewart yesterday sneered that not one new industry had been secured by the city this year. Well, isn't that what he and the Hydro gang were working for? What else did they expect to accomplish by libelling the city, playing into the hands of rivals, knocking the local power concern and striving to injure it, and advertising abroad the falsehood that we were in the grasp of a tyrannous power monopoly?

Stewart looked very foolish yesterday, when, after attacking the Mayor and Council of 1909 for reducing the water charge for closets, and striking a stage attitude, illustrating by asserting that the hotels and not the average ratepayer would profit by it, the Mayor mildly explained that the measure did not apply to hotels at all. T. J. actually had the grace to admit that the Mayor knew more than he did about that matter. My, what an admission!

The British tariff advocates who have heretofore presented their policy as a means of "preserving the Empire" that is, paying, with a preference to the colonies to remain loyal—some now beginning to see the insidious character of the proposition. The Morning Post frankly abandons the theory that protection in Great Britain is intended to be pleasing to Canada and the other British countries. Frankness would lead to the tariff admission that it is designed to add to the burdens of the masses that the classes might escape taxation.

Mrs. that the Hydro cause should have received no benefit at all from its medical treatment.

What's the amount of your doctor's bill, Mr. Mayor—Herald.

Having failed to induce Dr. Hopkins to stay in as spite candidate for the Hydro clique that had looked forward to a jolly time "pulling his leg," the organ is now ready to turn and rend him. What a pretty exhibition of malice it gives! Perhaps in view of the organ's unmasking thus far the doctor may be very glad that he did not give himself (and his purse) into the hands of the gang.

Now that the British Columbia elections are over, the Dominion Government will proceed to select from among the defeated candidates of the Reform party some judges and a Lieutenant Governor for the Province. Its trouble now will be that there are too many defeated candidates. The men who are not pleased will be sure to have a grudge—Hamilton Spectator.

And among the appointments there was not a single defeated candidate—Vancouver Sunset.

It would seem that something in the way of amend would be due from our local Tory contemporary, which, of course, is not to be regarded as seeking to malign the Liberal Dominion Government. But will it be forthcoming?

Chancellor Boyd has dismissed the action brought by a Chatham restaurateur to quash a Chatham by-law which requires every victualling house, etc., and all other places of like entertainment, to be closed every Sunday from 2 p. m. till 5 p. m., and also from 7 p. m. Sunday till 5 a. m. the following Monday. The judgment is one which may have far-reaching effects, and which, in local option localities, would deprive the public of any facilities for obtaining meals except at the particular times permitted in the by-law. It approves of an enormous stretch of municipal powers and in that respect is vicious to the last degree. It will probably be further heard of in the courts.

The trouble with a pull is that it doesn't always pull the right way.

Our Exchanges

PRINTER'S ERROR. (Toronto Star).

The printer erred sometimes almost beyond forgiveness, but it remained for the Stratford Herald to speak of a local clergyman as "a monster of God."

ADMIRATION REVIVED. "Do you like my new hat?" asked Mrs. Brooke.

"Yes, indeed," replied Mrs. Lynn. "I had one—just like it when they were in style."

ALL A MISTAKE. (Niagara Falls, N. Y., Journal.) Since he did not reach the pole, they say, Nor climb McKinley, steep and tall, They may prove, at some distant day, There was no Dr. Cook at all.

ALL READY FOR PUSS. (Exchange.) Mr. Youngbird (on the train)—Did you leave anything for the cat, dearest? Mrs. Youngbird (O.K.)—How can you ask? You know I wouldn't forget him. I left a whole tin of salmon, with a can-opener right beside it.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. (Rochester Herald.) It has been discovered that Mrs. Harriman is worth \$221,000,000 instead of \$149,000,000, with which she was credited. Quite a discrepancy in somebody's bookkeeping.

WILL RUN THE CITY. (Kingston Whig.) Montreal and Hamilton will next year experiment with city controllers. The Council will supervise their work, but cannot refer it back except by a two-thirds majority. Three or four good men will, therefore, practically run the city.

THE DAY OF SWEAR-OFF. (Detroit Free Press.) The Day of Judgment comes once, if we may trust the premises from which the theologians argue their conclusions. The Day of Swear-Off is annually recurrent. Soon we shall again be face to face with it. How are we going to meet it?

WRONG ADVERTISING. (Montreal Gazette.) In Berlin an advertiser has been punished by the courts for trying to draw attention to his wares by sending forth announcements on black-bordered paper with the appearance of being notifications of death. There are those who are slow to learn that the best advertisement of honest goods is that which on its face pretends to be just what it is.

A MODEST DOCTOR. (Pittsburg Gazette.) While on his vacation, a city doctor attended the Sunday morning services at a little country church. When the congregation was dismissed several of the members shook hands with him, and one, wishing to learn if he was a Methodist, inquired, "Are you a professor, brother?"

"Oh, no, indeed," answered the physician, modestly; "just an ordinary doctor."

HIS VOICE. (Exchange.) It was at a summer hotel, and the baby, being warm and fretful, cried, "Tut! Tut! We can't disturb our neighbors this way," the fond father said, taking the child in his arms, "Let me sing to him, if he won't go to sleep." He sang, and straightway "come to know at the door and these words: "There's a sick baby next door, and it's all the same to you, would you mind letting the baby cry instead of singing to it?"

CAESAR'S TIME. (Pittsburg Times.) When the weeping relict of Caesar was packing up to move out of the palace she came upon the toga worn by the deceased statesman on the day of the assassination.

"I don't know whether to darn this thing or to throw it away," she said.

"I'd keep it as a curiosity, California," said her mother. "Some collector might pay you a good round sum for that garment."

"How absurd!" retorted California. "What kind of a collector would want a thing like that?"

"Oh, you never know," said the old lady. "Some rent collector may come along some time, and it is just full of 'em."

BENNETT'S THEATRE. "A Woman of Few Words" a very funny sketch, is the largest individual laugh on a merry bill at Bennett's this week. Immense audiences filled every seat at both performances yesterday, and judging by the applause the show proved pleasing to the majority of those present. Rae and Brosche get off some lively dialogue and the sketch is full of amusing complications. The headline on the programme is Adelaide, America's foremost dancer, with Johnny Hughes and girls in "The Poster's Dream." Adelaide is one of the most graceful dancers ever seen here, and the supporting company of six clever people make one of the most entertaining numbers offered this season. Radford and Winchester, in a comedy juggling and pantomime act, provide twenty minutes of fast fun. They perform some remarkable juggling feats and some of their stunts are exceedingly funny. Another good comedy act is White and Simmons in "On the Ban Wagon." They are a clever pair of comedians, and have some new jokes. Lillian Terry sings several Irish songs with a delightful brogue. Clark and Bergman and Perry, the frog-man, complete a very good bill.

BETHEL MISSION. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent at the Bethel Mission on Christmas night, the Vice-President, Mr. Fellers, being in the chair.

A good programme was given by the workers of the mission, assisted by the Ferguson Avenue Baptist Quartette, and friends; closing with a good, hearty vote of thanks to the friends who had so loyally subscribed for a good substantial dinner, for upwards of forty men.

Salesman—Shirt sir. Will you have a negligee or a stiff bosom? Customer—Negligee, I guess. The doctor said I must avoid starched things.—Boston Transcript.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 1909

SHEA'S May Manton Patterns all 10 Cents

Every department of the Shea store will have special bargains all this last week of the old year--Bargains that will be money-saving investments for those thrifty people who know.

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Bargains in Underwear
Bargains in Gloves
Bargains in Neckwear
Bargains in Belts
Our Cut Price Mantle Sale at its Best

CELEBRATED THE JUBILEE.

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie.

It was indeed a brilliant scene that the home of Andrew McKenzie, 129 Fairleigh avenue, presented last evening, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Kenneth and Mrs. McKenzie, 81 Catharine street north, Kenneth McKenzie, born in Garroch, and Margaret McCulloch, born in Rossshire, were married in County, Scotland, on December 27th, 1859, by Rev. M. McEldon, and in 1861 came to this country with their children, four sons and three daughters, three of whom have died since their arrival here. The remaining ones are Andrew, of this city; Donald, of Detroit; and Miss Beth, at home.

Immediately on their arrival here they became members of MacNab street Presbyterian church, in which they have been ardent workers ever since. Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie received their many friends and relatives, and in the evening a family reunion was held. There were over one hundred guests present from Toronto, Niagara Falls and many other parts of the province. An appropriate program was rendered, and a dinner of 750-800 persons served by Mrs. David Hugh McPherson, of Toronto, and Mrs. Donald A. McKenzie, of Detroit, during the afternoon, and by Mrs. Alex. Murray, of Costa Rica, and Mrs. R. Small during the evening. Among the guests present were Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Toronto; Rev. J. B. Patton and Rev. M. Patton, Waukegan, Ill.; the extensive woman Mr. and Mrs. A. McKenzie are held in esteem by the large number of congratulations and presents that were received from their many friends, not only in Canada, but the United States. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are enjoying an unusual degree of good health for their years. Mr. McKenzie being 50 years of age, and his wife 74 years. It is the hope of their many friends that they may be spared for many years to enjoy the golden sunset of life together.

WAS ANGRY.

Man Said to be Married Shoots Young Girl When Repulsed.

Toronto, O., Dec. 27. Carol Hunt, aged eighteen, was instantly killed tonight, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hunt, were wept by Joseph MacEly, aged 33, who is charged with having shot them in the police.

The shooting occurred at the Hunt home in Howard street. According to the police, MacEly, a gambler, who is said to have a wife and child in Mansfield, O., attempted to pay attention to the girl, and was engaged when repulsed. He entered the Hunt home tonight and declaring his intention of killing the family, drew a revolver and began shooting.

The girl was shot in the head and

Dr. and Mrs. McCormack, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. McCormack's mother, Mrs. Joseph Taylor, East Hamilton.

Mr. Ben Foster, wife and son, of Somerset, Man., are in the city to spend three months with Mrs. Foster's sister, Mrs. Geo. Potter, 128 Burlington street east. It is 26 years since Mr. Foster left Hamilton. He is now a well-to-do retired farmer.

Mr. Figg Glasser says he kept perfectly cool last night when that burglar got into his house.

Mrs. Figg So his wife told me. She found him trying to hide in the refrigerator.

FIRST PICTURE OF MME. STEINHEIL SINCE HER ACQUITTAL.



MME. STEINHEIL IN HER RETREAT.

BARTON AND GLANFORD.

Rev. Matthew Wilson Honored by His Parishioners.

On Christmas eve at the Glanford Township Hall the rector of St. Paul's, Glanford, was in the chair at the annual Christmas gathering, and at the close of the entertainment, while Santa Claus was distributing gifts from the Christmas tree, a valuable bearskin carriage rug was handed up to the gentleman in scarlet, who comforts so many hearts at this most festive of all seasons, and he in turn, handed it to the rev. gentleman in the chair, Mr. Wilson, quite unconscious of any such luck in store for him, was naturally taken by surprise and very warmly thanked his Glanford flock for their evident thoughtfulness. It was something so very good and substantial—it would easily last him for the rest of his life, and his gratitude would be fresh every time he used it.

At Holy Trinity, Barton, Rev. Matthew Wilson, the rector, has received rich white altar frontal and pulpit hanging, from the Woman's Auxiliary at Ancaster, per Miss Jernyn, of Ancaster, and Miss M. Bull, of Hamilton. They were used on Christmas Day for the first time at Holy Trinity, Barton.

GIRL'S CRIME.

Stole \$97,000 to be Sure of Getting a Husband.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—An unusual story was outlined today at the opening of the trial of eight Italians, accused of conspiring with crippled seventeen-year-old Angelina Schiavone to rob her father, a widely known Italian banker. Assistant State's Attorney Fleming told the jury that Francesco Schiavone, uncle of Angelina, three years ago, told the girl to get all the money she could from her father's bank, bring it to him and he would save it for her, and when she had a sum amount she could marry his son, Michael.

The girl was employed in her father's bank, and it is alleged that her thefts aggregated \$97,000 before she was detected. She testified that, being crippled, she feared that she would be unable to marry and so had tried to win Michael Schiavone for a husband with her father's money.

All of the different sums which she abstracted from time to time she said she entered in a little memorandum book after she had given them to her uncle.

New Publications.

The salient article of the January Century is easily Mr. Walter Camp's chatty discussion of "Personality in Football" in which he asks and answers the pertinent question, "Are our boys trained to set up a false standard of hero-worship?" Entirely different in theme, yet also an important question of current interest, is the "Study of the New Plan of Chicago," with remarks on city-planning in general, by Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, which is given added vividness by reproductions of drawings by Julius Guerin, maps, diagrams and plans.—John Kimberly Mumford's authoritative article on "The Passing of the Antique Rug" is notable for its illustrations. For music lovers there is Daniel Gregory Mason's record of "A Conversation on Music with Frank Kniesel." There are two notable names of writers of fiction in the January Century—May Sinclair and Edith Wharton. Miss Sinclair's "The Creators; a Comedy," a novel of London life, will run through the magazine year. Mrs. Wharton's psychic story, "Afterward," which is made the leading feature of the number, is altogether different from anything she has done hitherto.

The January Strand is full of interesting and unique articles attractively interspersed with short stories and serials by popular writers. An article that should interest both sexes is by the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart, entitled "Plain Men." The author declares that plain men have an extraordinary fascination for beautiful women which will be of comfort to those of us who are not rest in an Adonis world. Mr. A. E. W. Mason continues his exciting "The Murder at the Villa Rose," and a number of famous black and white artists each contributes what he considers his funniest Christmas picture. The color section is devoted to portraits of beautiful women made by eminent photographers, Lewis Walker, who, with Richard Mansfield, brought "Monsieur Beaucaire" to success, writes his "Reminiscences."

REPUTATION ASSASSINS.

Mayor McLaren Applies Those Words to The Herald.

Aldermen Compliment His Worship on His Fairness.

Poll Clerks Appointed For Next Monday's Elections.

The insinuation made by the Hydro organ editorially yesterday that the mayorality fight was declared off as the result of an arrangement entered into at a conference on Sunday afternoon at ex-Mayor Biggar's residence, drew a warm retort from his worship at the final session of this year's Council last night. The dying minutes of the 1909 aldermanic board were marked by a spirit of good feeling. All the little differences of the year were forgotten, and Mayor McLaren was the recipient of a congratulatory resolution, moved by Ald. Peregrine, and seconded by Ald. Lees, thanking him for the manner in which he had filled the office of Chief Magistrate this year, and complimenting him upon his re-election by acclamation for 1910.

After expressing his appreciation of the kind remarks addressed to him and complimenting the council on its splendid work, his worship said: "In reference to an article in tonight's Herald referring to the meeting between Dr. Hopkins and myself in Mr. Biggar's house, in justice to the doctor, I wish to say that on occasions of this kind there are always some friends who are anxious to interest themselves on behalf of either one or both candidates. Personally I have only a slight acquaintance with Mr. Biggar, but, as it was the third time I was asked to meet the doctor, I did not feel that I should refuse so reasonable a request. There was no thought then or at any time before or since, on my part, of making any deal of any kind. I want to say I do not claim to be a mind reader, but if there was any thought of anything of the kind it was soon dissolved, and the meeting lasted only a few minutes. As far as I know when we parted the fight was on as hard as ever.

"People will understand the rage of a band of journalistic reputation assassins when decent men refuse to carry out their work.

"That is all I have to say in reply to that sort of stuff."

The Council decided to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Eugene McFarlane's service for the city by tendering a banquet this week and making a presentation.

The following poll clerks were appointed for the municipal elections on January 11:

Ward 1—Div. 1 Thos. Robertson, Div. 2 John Peables, Div. 3 Hardy Burkholder, Div. 4 Harry Kent, Div. 5 Harry Graham, Div. 6 Harry Hill, Div. 7 Lewis Carter.

Ward 2—Div. 1 Wm. Peckham, Div. 2 H. Little, Div. 3 John O'Neil, Div. 4 Wm. Donnan, Div. 5 Donald Stewart, Div. 6 R. W. Bamfylde, Div. 7 Wm. Horspool.

Ward 3—Div. 1 David Munro, Div. 2 John Henderson, Div. 3 H. J. Healey, Div. 4 Wm. Fry, Div. 5 Fred Dodman, Div. 6 D. W. McLaughlin, Div. 7 Wm. Childhouse, Div. 8 James Gaden, Div. 9 F. G. Seigant, Div. 10 LeRoy Awrey.

Ward 4—Div. 1 Harry Callowhill, Div. 2 W. P. Gay, Div. 3 Francis Tibbett, Div. 4 Geo. Baby, Div. 5 Fred Hazel, Div. 6 J. Honeycombe, Div. 7 Geo. F. Connell, Div. 8 Harvey Croshawe, Div. 9 Arthur Armstrong.

Ward 5—Div. 1 H. M. Stoneman, Div. 2 Byron Richardson, Div. 3 P. Carle, Div. 4 M. Mathison, Div. 5 G. W. Cully, Div. 6 Robert Askew, Div. 7 W. A. Smith.

Ward 6—Div. 1 Gordon Hickey, Div. 2 Alfred Vibert, Div. 3 Arthur Weir, Div. 4 Sidney Wallington, Div. 5 Geo. Stevens, Div. 6 Wm. Crawford, Div. 7 Wm. Stevenson, Div. 8 Frank Kane, Div. 9 Thos. O'Dowd, Div. 10 G. T. Buckingham.

Ward 7—Div. 1 James Dodson, Div. 2 W. J. Robins, Div. 3 Wm. Locke, Div. 4 R. L. Robins, Div. 5 Norman Randall, Div. 6 W. H. Potter, Div. 7 Clas. Wild, Div. 8 J. C. Bale, Div. 9 Samuel Angold, Div. 10 Robert Bell, Div. 11 Fred Livingston, Div. 12 J. Colville, Div. 13 Fred Truscott, Div. 14 J. H. Thomson, Div. 15 Robert Holmes, Div. 16 Arthur Dodson, Div. 17 Wm. Stupe, Div. 18 Howard Brillingler, Div. 19 D. R. McWilliams.

EBENEZER.

First Christmas Tree at the New East End Hall.

Last evening was one long to be remembered by the children of Ebenezer Sunday School. They, with their parents and friends, gathered in sufficient numbers to fill the hall, and that one and all enjoyed themselves most heartily. Promptly at 5 o'clock the bell was rung that summoned the little tots to supper in the basement, and the way they piled into the good things waiting there can better be imagined than described.

After supper they went upstairs and had a pleasant time together while the older people, who were then coming in from work, had their supper.

When all had gathered in the body of the hall a splendid programme was given, consisting of recitations, songs and musical selections. The programme, though short, was very good and much enjoyed, as was evidenced by the hearty applause.

Then there was the tree! Such a big tree and covered so thickly with good things that the tree itself was almost hidden. How the little ones feasted their eyes on that tree! And when the lights were turned out and the electric sparklers which covered the tree were lit it presented a scene which made the hearts of the oldest feel young again, and carried the little ones into a rapt state of delight. Then came the time for prizes, and presents, and these were quickly given out, not one child in the school failing to receive a present.

There were many little girls and boys present from other Sunday schools, and these, too, were made glad with a gift from Ebenezer. In fact, no child went away empty handed, and as candies and oranges were in abundance, there were many beaming faces all over the hall, testifying to a happiness within the little hearts of the children.

Music and the Drama



THE THREE CLAUDIAS. Seen in 'The Prince and the Pauper' at the Grand next Friday and Saturday.

Dainty and diminutive Margaret Clark, well remembered as leading lady for De Wolf Hopper, and now a star on her own account, danced and sang her winsome way through 'The King of Cadonia' at the Grand Opera House last night before an immense audience, and a large cast of clever principals, backed up by a big and noisy chorus, made the piece a pleasing entertainment.

The production is lavishly staged, and the two sets of scenery were so fine that the audience applauded even the painted boards and properties. The Shuberts made 'The King of Cadonia' a succession of gorgeous stage pictures, and the final tableau is almost dazzling in its splendor of gold and glitter, beautiful gowns, brilliant uniforms, fair women and brave men.

One of the hits of the piece is made by Marguerite Clark in her 'Coco' song, when she comes out with three little doves sitting serenely on her arm and shoulder.

William Norris is a clever comedian and brought out every line for all it is worth. William Danforth got the audience chuckling by his lighthearted and his broad comedy work. Melville Stewart made a manly Capt. Lauski and received several recalls for his song, 'Every Girl I Meet.' Robert Dempster was a romantically heroic king and his duets with Miss Clark proved pleasing. Clara Palmer's dancing was also pleasing.

HONORED MANAGER APPLETON. The boys in front of the house at the Bennett Theatre showed their appreciation of a good fellow in tangible form on Christmas eve when they presented Manager John C. Appleton with a valuable suit case and an address testifying to the esteem in which he is held by the employees. The presentation was made by Peter Kenny. The address was as follows:

"It is at this season of the year when the spirit of giving surrounds us, that we are all desirous of showing in some degree our appreciation of the friendship and good will that exists among those assembled here tonight. We are gathered to do honor to one of our number, whom we all respect and hold as one of the most efficient managers of the Bennett Theatrical Enterprise Co., namely our worthy manager, Mr. Jack Appleton. Not only is this gentleman held in high esteem by those under his management, but he is also a man who speaks of his as a good fellow and a good man."

"We take great pleasure in presenting to you, Mr. Appleton, this suit case, and trust when using it that it may bring back pleasant memories of those assembled here tonight. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year."

Jack warmly thanked the boys for their kind expressions and referred to the pleasant relations that exist between the management and its employees.

THE LOST TRAIL. 'The Lost Trail,' which is said to be an

ingeniously contrived drama, is being presented at the Grand next Friday and Saturday. The play is a story of a young man who is taken to a remote spot in the mountains of the West, and who is held there by a band of desperadoes. The play is a story of a young man who is taken to a remote spot in the mountains of the West, and who is held there by a band of desperadoes.

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BROKAW IS BACKING UP.

Not Crazy About His Wife, is Merely Fond of Her Now.

But His Gallery on Account of Storm is Limited to Small Boys.

Tone of Them Indicates Defendant Was in Awe of Mrs. Brokaw.

New York, Dec. 27.—Four small boys, preferring the story of matrimonial troubles of the defendant, Brokaw, to the thrills of sledding, were the only outsiders who braved the snowdrifts on Long Island today to attend the court session at Mineola. Mrs. Brokaw did not get over to the court until the afternoon, appearing heavily clad in white furs. She and her father, Mr. Brokaw, Miss Elizabeth Blair, made the trip from Westbury in a bobbed, and listened to the cross-examination of her husband, who denied to-day that the tone of his testimony on Friday meant that he was eager for a reconciliation. "You say you are fond of her," you have been questioned Arthur J. Baldwin, counsel for Mrs. Brokaw. "Well, I'm fond of her." "Do you love her?" insisted the lawyer. "Not so much as I did," answered the witness.

Then how about all these reconciliation statements? "I never talked at all to the newspapermen. I haven't said anything except in court."

"Then what did you say in court?" "I said," continued Brokaw, "that if Mrs. Brokaw would differ from me and I could not have her, I might take her back under certain conditions."

"Do you or do you not want to take her back?" asked Mr. Baldwin. "Not since I found out certain things which I have learned since Friday," said the witness.

But haven't you changed your mind a good many times? "She has," said Brokaw. The witness said that the present decision was final.

During the greater part of the afternoon, Brokaw, with his tortoise shell spectacles, scrutinized telegrams which have figured so conspicuously in the trial. He said that his many telegraphic queries concerning his wife's doings were prompted only by solicitude for her health, and not by suspicion.

The witness was asked if he had ever employed a detective to shadow Mrs. Brokaw. "What?" asked Brokaw. "Yes, you."

"I never did. I haven't paid any bills for detectives since before my marriage."

Counsel for Mrs. Brokaw inquired at length what certain persons had been known to Brokaw, and especially Brokaw's private secretary, Byford, for a long time Brokaw's confidential man. Brokaw replied that Byford had returned from Europe only last Friday.

"Did you ever know of Mr. Byford sending telegrams to Brokaw?" asked the witness. "I never saw any of Mrs. Brokaw's telegrams without your knowledge, or any secretary who did," asked Mr. Baldwin.

"He may have wired to ask about what was going on in the house," answered the witness. "Then you are understood that your secretary inquired of the servants and on that way found out Mrs. Brokaw's movements?"

"Well, it was not done with the purpose of spying on Mrs. Brokaw. It was to find out what was going on in the house."

"You may inquire about Mrs. Brokaw's health?" "Yes."

"He was very fond of Mrs. Brokaw."

"Yes, I think he was."

A great deal of Brokaw's letters to his wife were put in evidence, and an example of them all being in part as follows:

"My darling—I am writing you this letter hoping you may profit by it, my dear and see look at it in the wrong light and be angry again."

"Well, the whole thing is just this, my dear, I would not want to leave my home, but lately you have made me life unhappy carrying on a flirtation right before my eyes. Now, whether you are in earnest about it or not—if you are not, I certainly think you are doing a wrong thing."

"I am only saying what I mean, my dear, and I will certainly kill my love for you and in my opinion, I think that is what you are looking for."

"I cannot think that you are the same little darling I married less than a year ago, but I think you have made me life unhappy. Stop using foul language, saying 'damn.' My dear, don't think I am finding fault. I only say this so as to show you how you have changed. My heart, it may have been my fault, but I will put the blame on my shoulders."

"I will not say anything, if you would only let him write and tell me in the big cabin I would treat you the same way and unless you can I don't think I will come home so you can let me know over the telephone. I don't think I will go on the yacht, as Mr. Gould cannot go and it will be very necessary for me and the doctor. So I have decided to sail the first of the week unless things can be arranged as they should be."

"I am most blue tonight in this lonely place. I don't know a soul here and am spending the whole evening thinking of you. Good night, darling, with a thousand kisses, your loving husband."

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Like a Stove Choked With Ashes.

You have probably noticed how much more bristly the fire burns when freshly built or shaken. You doubtless remember, too, how much more briskly you used to get around when you were in your teens or twenties.

The cases are parallel. You are like the fire that is choked with ashes. The cells which compose the body are constantly dying and being renewed. There is in the indigestible part of the food to be removed. This cleansing of the body is the duty of the bowels, kidneys and skin. When any of these organs fail to do their work properly, the system becomes clogged and the fire of life burns low.

There is an increasing tendency towards constipation, kidney trouble and poisoned blood as one grows older. In most cases, the need is felt of something to regulate these vital organs.

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INSTALLED OFFICERS.

Three Masonic Lodges Had Joint Ceremony Last Night.

Three of the Masonic lodges of the city installed their newly elected officers in the Masonic Hall last night. There was a very large attendance of the members and the beautiful and impressive installation ceremony was very much enjoyed. W. Bro. W. W. Barlow acted as installing Master and he was assisted by W. Bro. Kenneth Bethune, J. A. Zimmerman, W. W. Fearman, Lyman Lee, F. J. McMichael, W. E. Goring, Thos. Pedlar, W. W. Morton, W. H. Wardrope, Thos. Epps and others.

The following are the officers installed:

LODGE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE. W. Bro. Llewellyn E. Stephens, W. M. W. Bro. A. W. Paine, L. P. M. Bro. Charles A. Herald, S. W. Bro. William J. Elliott, J. W. W. Bro. William T. Morton, Secretary, R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Lester, Treasurer, E. Bro. Egerton Healey, Chaplain, Bro. Wm. Field, S. D. Bro. H. E. Malcolmson, J. D. Bro. H. W. Linton, E. G. Bro. J. A. Henderson, E. J. Loth, C. C. Sany, William C. Herald, Stewards, Bro. Percy Donville, D. of C. Bro. William Towler, W. Bro. W. J. Freeman, W. Bro. G. A. Lloyd, Auditors, Hospital Committee—V. W. Bro. J. H. Herring (Chairman), E. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn and W. Bro. F. E. Dalley. Committee on Care of Sick—W. Bro. W. J. McMichael (Chairman), W. Bro. W. J. Fearman, V. W. Bro. J. H. Herring, Bro. T. M. Guthrie and Bro. Chas. All.

Posting Committee—G. A. Willis (Chairman). Music Committee—Chas. C. Snye (Chairman), Geo. J. Clark, W. C. Herald, H. W. Linton, J. Wilson Browne, John Snye.

Representative on United Masonic Board, W. Bro. Wm. C. Morton. Representative on Hamilton Sanatorium Board, W. Bro. W. E. McGivern.

ACACIA LODGE. W. Bro. George W. Wilson, W. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, L. P. M. Bro. W. William Obley, S. W. Bro. M. S. M. Long, J. W. Bro. C. P. Eason, Chaplain, R. W. Bro. George C. Holden, Treasurer.

W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Secretary, Bro. H. E. Tallman, S. D. Bro. W. H. Ginder, J. D. Bro. George T. Goddard, Organist, Bro. Alex. H. Marrs, I. G. Bro. J. Morrison, Bro. H. Temple, Stewards.

W. Towler Tyler, V. W. Bro. Thos. Epps, Trustee, R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, and W. Bro. Fred B. Yapp, Auditors.

Treasurer for Acacia Lodge Benevolent Fund—R. W. Bro. George C. Holden, E. W. Bro. Lyman Lee and W. Bro. George W. Wilson.

Committee on Visitation of the Sick—W. Bro. Wm. Obley (Chairman) Bro. S. W. Parmenter, A. Davis, F. S. DeLong, C. O. McKelvey, George Brittain.

Posting Committee—V. W. Bro. Thos. Epps (Chairman), Bro. T. Morrison, S. Holland, W. Bro. B. Linger and B. Griffin.

Representatives—R. W. Bro. George C. Holden, E. M. B. Fund, W. Bro. W. Brodwin, Sanatorium Board.

TEMPLE LODGE. W. Bro. T. M. Wright, W. M. W. Bro. R. W. Cowan, L. P. M. Bro. F. H. Nairn, S. W. Bro. Geo. W. Pondexter, J. W. Bro. Rev. A. E. Miller, Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Chas. Lemon, Treasurer, V. W. Bro. Thos. Pedlar, Secretary, Bro. Geo. Skerrett, S. E. Bro. Hanson Robinson, J. D. Bro. A. H. Dawson, Organist, Bro. E. C. Perry, I. G. Bro. Geo. S. Dellinger, D. of C. Bro. F. L. Grace, Bro. R. H. Foster, Bro. R. A. Gilmore, Bro. Ed. McCann, Stewards.

W. Bro. Wm. Towler, Tyler, W. Bro. T. H. Hayhurst, and W. Bro. J. A. Zimmerman, Auditors, W. Bro. R. H. Cowan, representative to Sanatorium Board.

W. Bro. T. H. Hayhurst, representative to E. M. B. B. E. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, Trustee.

Committee on Visiting Sick—F. H. Nairn (Chairman), G. S. Dellinger, John Wilson, R. H. Foster.

Musical Committee—Geo. R. Pendleton (Chairman), Dr. J. H. Mullin, Geo. Skerrett, A. H. Stone.

Posting Committee—F. H. Nairn (Chairman), E. C. Perry, Hanson Robinson, Ed. McCann, R. A. Gilmore.

Silicious—I wouldn't live in this apartment of you. Why, you haven't room to turn around. Lazius—Well, who wants to turn around?

"What's Miss Tinkley puffed up about?" "About six inches above her head."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Tuesday, December 28th, 1909

Special Flannelette Gowns Special

We are now well past the strain and bustle of Christmas and naturally our thoughts turn to the more practical things that may be needed. To-night you will be interested in a sale of Flannelette Gowns that will take place to-morrow. The prices are all special and you need have no fear of the quality of these gowns—they are good.

At 49c—Women's Gowns, good quality flannelette, in plain colors of white or neat stripes, made with square yoke and finished with self frills, on sale special for Wednesday.

At 69c—50 only Women's Flannelette Gowns in white, blue or pink, daintily trimmed, embroidered or self frills, length of gowns run 56, 58 and 60 inches. This is extra special.

At 98c—Gowns of extra good flannelette in plain colors of white, pink or blue, in several good styles. One style has square yoke of four rows of embroidery insertion in all sizes.

At \$1.19—Flannelette Gowns in plain colors of pink or white. There are many dainty styles to choose from. Some have square yoke of embroidery insertion, three rows of heading and ribbon, long sleeves with cuff, sizes 56, 58 and 60.

At \$1.39—Gowns of extra heavy flannelette in plain colors of white or pink, made with round yoke of embroidery insertion, three rows of heading and ribbon run through; sleeves and neck finished with frill of dainty embroidery, all sizes including out sizes.

At \$1.69—Gowns in plain white only, made with V shaped yoke of embroidery insertion and pin tucks, long sleeves, finished with frill of embroidery.

A special sale of a reasonable and useful commodity—Tumblers and Wine Glasses. A large shipment is just to hand of those dainty, thin-stemmed Wine Glasses, so much used on New Year's. These glasses sell at 60c dozen. We have the same style in fancy etched or cut pattern at \$1.00 dozen. Then there are the finest quality of French Etched Wine Glasses which sell at \$2.25 dozen. Champagne Glasses can be had from \$1.20 to \$3.00 dozen.

A full range of sizes in the bell shaped Tumblers, suitable for lemonade, ginger ale, etc., selling from 60c to \$1.00 dozen. A new special line in semi-crystal Tumblers with cut fluting at \$1.20 dozen. The whole Crystal Tumblers sell as high as \$4.00 dozen. The plain, thin blown Tumblers are worth 60c dozen; etched are from \$1.00 to \$2.50 dozen.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

Our Great Annual Sale of Dress Goods

Now that the holiday rush is over our thoughts again turn to winter wear, and when the question of Dress Goods comes up for consideration just remember we are clearing wanted lines now at decided reductions. We give mention to a few as an example.

Skirt Lengths On Sale at \$1.98 and \$2.49. Here's a chance to get a serviceable Skirt Length. Some oddments of best selling lines in lengths of 4 to 4 1/2 yards, in fancy heavy cloths, Panamas, Serges and Cheviots, in a large variety of colors and styles.

At \$1.98, regular value at \$3.00. At \$2.49, regular value \$4.00.

15 Inch Panamas and Serges, 75c Value 59c. Stylish for present and spring wear, plain wool Panamas and Serges in navy, green, brown or cream; 54 inches wide. Value at 75c, special sale at 59c.

\$1.75 and \$2 Pretty Cloth Suitings at \$1.19. Stylish Cloth Suitings in rich dark colors in fancy stripes, 43 inches wide, high class, all wool, stylish materials; also the remainder of our plain French Broadcloths in plain and self stripes, assorted fashionable shades, 50 to 34 inches wide. Former prices \$1.50 to \$2.00 yard. Special sale at \$1.19.

Black Cheviots Reduced to 69c and 98c. All wool Black French Cheviot Suitings, the popular weave for stylish tailored suits. Fine and heavy twill makes, with the shrunken and un-potable finish, wide widths.

60c, formerly \$1.00 quality. 98c, formerly \$1.25 quality.

Shepherd Check Dress Goods 50c Special. A new shipment of stylish Shepherd Check Dress Goods, in all size checks, very popular for children's dresses, 44 inch width, special value at 50c.

A Purchase of Canadian Flannelette Blankets at \$1.19 and \$1.39. 2 cases, lots of these Blankets arrived, and go on sale less than mill prices. Women will want them now for extra coverings, or winter sheets, standard perfect qualities in white or grey, clean, lofty finish, double bed and extra sizes. In view of the great advance in these Blankets women should renew their supply during this timely sale event.

12-4 Size \$1.39, Value \$1.75 11-4 Size \$1.19, Value \$1.50. See our Scotch All-Wool Blankets, special values at \$4.25, \$5.00, \$6.00 up to \$9.00.

FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King Street West

MONEY HERE.

Remarkable Increase in Field Crops of Canada.

Final Estimate by Census Department for Present Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The final estimates of production and value of the field crops in Canada were given out today by the Census and Statistics Office. An area of 30,985,556 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at local market prices, has a value of \$532,992,100 as compared with \$432,534,900 from 27,565,663 acres last year.

The principal grain crops of the country are wheat, oats and barley, which this year aggregate in area 18,617,000 acres and in value \$283,710,000, as against 16,297,100 acres and \$209,070,000 in 1908. Hay and clover from 8,210,200 acres have a value of \$132,287,700, against 8,210,900 acres, and \$121,884,000 in 1908. Rye, peas, buckwheat, mixed grains and flax, grown on 1,487,311 acres, have a value of \$23,707,000, as compared with 1,525,700 acres and \$23,044,000 in 1908.

The hood and cultivated crops of beans, potatoes, turnips and other roots, corn and sugar beets, grown on 1,449,745 acres, have a value of \$81,852,500, as compared with 1,471,915 acres and \$78,535,000 last year. Fall wheat, with a yield of 21.31 bushels per acre, as against 24.40 bushels and \$21.10 in 1908. The averages for both crops are 21.51 bushels and \$13.80 per acre in 1908. The total value of the wheat harvest in

the Northwest Provinces is \$121,560,000 and in the rest of the Dominion \$19,760,000, as compared with \$72,424,000 and \$18,804,000 last year.

The condition of the new crop of fall wheat this year was 73.33 of a standard, as compared with 95 per cent. last year. In Alberta there is an increase of 21 per cent. of fall wheat seeding and in Ontario an increase of 9 per cent. over the area sown last year.

10,000 MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

British Campaign a Big Fight—Balfour Better—Prospects Ahead—Polling Day Jan. 15.

Dukes in the Fight—Labor and Liberals—Old Age Pensions—Two-Power Standard.

London, Dec. 27.—The short Christmas truce in the British elections will be broken to-morrow and the campaign renewed with the greatest vigor. There will be 10,000 meetings this week alone, 4,500 whereof are Unionist. The Unionists are short of canvassers, and want 100,000 of them. It is a great poster campaign, and scores of millions of leaflets have been issued. Mr. Balfour is convalescent, but Lord Miller is unwell.

In a modest article the Morning Post expresses the view that London and the home counties are safe. It estimates that the following will be the result of the elections:

Unionists	278
Liberals	260
Nationalists	83
Labor	49

The Morning Post editorially thinks that the raising of the constitutional issues has been a failure, and urges the Unionists to bring tariff reform to the front vigorously on every occasion. Then victory will be assured. The News thinks the Liberal prospects in London are much brighter than a month back.

The Liberal has withdrawn his candidature in East Manchester, and the Socialist from South Bristol, thus leaving a straight party fight.

As a result of issuing the writs on Jan. 10, a great many borough pollings will take place on Saturday, Jan. 15. The Conservatives had hoped that the first elections would take place on the 14th, but excepting in a few cases, when the writ is received before sunset on the 10th, an election on the 14th will be impossible. After the results of the polling on the 15th are announced a fair guess can be made as to how the elections are going. The Liberals recognize that London is uncertain. The leaders will address meetings next week.

Gerald Balfour is not yet a candidate. There is a rumor that the Unionist Whip is unable to find a safe seat. Efforts to induce two Tory candidates in East Marylebone to retire in favor of Gerald Balfour are unsuccessful.

The Unionists claim good chances in North London, the southeast and parts of the East-end untouched by the influence of Labor members. The split between the Liberals and Labor members in Bow, Bromley, Shore-ditch, North, and Central Hackney give the Tories hope of success. Mile End, the Tories also claim.

The squabbling of the two Conservative candidates in Marylebone, the Unionists fear, will lead to disaster. The Standard gives the positions of the Unionist candidates as follows:

All the constituencies in England, Scotland and Wales are now provided with a Unionist candidate, with the exception of the following: Durham (Mid.), Durham (Houghton-le-Spring), Leicestershire (Bosworth), Cardiganshire, Kirkcaldy.

It is to be feared that among the Unionists of Cardiganshire no candidate will be forthcoming, much to the disgust of all enthusiastic Unionists, who are strongly of opinion that the seat ought to be fought.

No Radical candidates had, down to last night, been adopted for the following constituencies: City of London (2 seats), Holborn, Kensington (South), St. George's, Hanover Square, Birmingham (West), Wigan, Bury St. Edmunds, Durham City, Grantham, Sussex (Horsham), Staffordshire (Handsworth), Oxford University, Cambridge University, Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities, Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities.

There are eight constituencies in which three-cornered contests are likely to ensue, which would otherwise be safe Unionist seats. The constituencies are: Deptford, Marylebone (East), Bristol (North), Canterbury, Lincoln, Reading, Oxford University (2 seats), Holderness (York).

In Southampton, a two-member constituency, there are three Unionist candidates, and only one Radical. Despite the exertions of the Liberal party chiefs to avert three-cornered contests by the adoption of both Liberal and Labor candidates—they have been successful in more than a dozen cases, such a division of forces is threatened in 78 constituencies—six in London, 52 in the Provinces, three in Wales and 15 in Scotland.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE.
The Nonconformists of the midland counties, of Wales and of Yorkshire, did so much toward piling up the huge Liberal majority in the House.

Some of their (the Nonconformists') disabilities have been removed, but enough remain to make it certain that there can be no religious peace, in Wales at all events, and in England also, until the church gives up the right to tax non-members for its support.

The peers represent the caste spirit, and for two and a half centuries the Nonconformists have been under the barrow of privilege and caste. Why should the free churches not cheer for Lloyd George—the David of dissent, who has gone up against Goliath?

It must not be supposed that the clergy of the Church of England generally sympathize with the intolerant minority, or that the national church is losing hold on the mass of the people. That is very far from being true.

The church in London, at all events, is battling against drink, gambling and preventable poverty. It is throwing open the doors of the sanctuaries to the people at all times.

The above extracts are from a letter by Mr. Stewart Lyon, the Globe's news editor, now in Britain, published in today's issue.

manufacturing region, where it is undoubtedly making some headway.

THE MORNING POST IS FRANK.
The Morning Post to-day abandons the theory that tariff reform is intended to be pleasing to the overseas dominions. It says it is simply folly to suggest that the United Kingdom should make any sacrifice in order to buy the support of the other members of the Empire.

THE DUCAL CAMPAIGN.
London, Dec. 28.—Mr. A. J. Hobson's hand is clearly seen in the visit of Lord Cromer on Friday to talk to business men on the budget. Whatever Lord Cromer may have to say about the budget, his visit will be a serious embarrassment to the Tory party. For the two chief points in his view of the political situation are: (1) That the throwing out of the budget was a piece of revolutionary madness, and (2) That an alternative budget with food taxes would be perilous to the Unionist prospects—and perilous to the nation. Doubtless this is why Mr. Hobson is bringing him. He is evidently not so ready to eat his Free Trade convictions as Colonel Hughes.

Lord Cawdor, who comes to the Corn Exchange on Jan. 5, will suit the party game somewhat better. He is the swash-buckling partisan who thought the budget might be thrown out, but who in the street will not rise to the Constitutional issue. Therein he differs from the Archbishop of York, who said that the working man was not such a fool as the reckless peers credit him with being. As this meeting will be held before the issue of the writs, it will be in time to save the Duke of Norfolk, who takes the chair, from another "My dear Profumo" breach of privilege.

The bringing of these dukes into the field should help the Liberal campaign. It shows us, without the need of argument, whose battle the Sheffield Tories are fighting. There is no difficulty in finding a banner for them:

The Country for the Landlords.
England for the Idle Rich.
More Taxes for the Working Man.
Untaxed Monopolies for Ourselves.
God Save the Peers.

Some Conservative election agents think, however, that it might be advisable to substitute "help" for "save" in the last line.

PEACE WILL COME.
Right Hon. Mr. Ure, speaking at Briton Ferry on Wednesday, said the Lords had deprived the people of their ancient rights and there would be no peace in the land until the people had recovered their rights. As regards Tariff Reform, the youngest man would not live to see the day when the revenue of this country would be raised by Tariff Reform. They could not tax men into prosperity. Did they know of a single, sound, healthy enterprise of this country that could not get as much capital as it wanted in five minutes? Defeat of the budget, he declared, was impossible. A glorious victory was assured.

LABOR AND TAXES.
London, Dec. 28.—There are many gratifying signs of increased and increasing prosperity among the working classes since the introduction of the budget. In point of fact, recovery from an almost unprecedented slack time dates from the commencement of the budget year, and the improvement has continued in a marked way up to this moment. The signs at present confirm the prognostications of the best authorities that a revival has set in which bids fair to eclipse the boom year 1907.

It has often lamented the tokens of hardship supplied by heavy withdrawals from our saving banks. These institutions are a most reliable indication of prosperity. The returns show that already our people have saved £1,000,000 more this year than last. As a matter of fact, 1908 figures prove it to have been a case of excessive withdrawals. This year is the reverse. Our export trade doubtless accounts for much of the improvement, the actual statistics for November alone giving us a net gain of £4,250,000 sterling over the same month in 1908.

Labor generally is threatened with the most terrible reprisals should tariff reform not be conceded at the polls on this occasion. The various forms of capital have indicated that ugly depletions in the workers' ranks will follow. The unhappy mental is to be disposed with "Poor morsels! What a blighting existence 'gentlemen's' service must be! What with constant snob-worship and denial of the right to think, added to the awful contemplation of dismissal should the men of Britain should turn out not to be, as Mr. Lloyd-George surmises, either fools or children, the mental must be exceedingly unhappy.

There is a great deal more rivalry, though not more reason, about the employ tactics of those who promise to corrupt men of tariff reform succeeds. Mr. Chamberlain began this game when he launched his corroding scheme on our political life. He promised to return in wages what was added to the cost of the workers' food. Fortunately for the workers, they indignantly refused to give that intrepid plotter a blank cheque. They asked for material evidence of sincerity in the shape of something on account.

Mr. Chamberlain tried to wince the workers into believing that the transaction involved nothing more picturesque than transferring means from one pocket to another. The expert contentions failed to conceal the writhing agonies of his nimble game. It is a perfectly simple and apparently harmless manoeuvre, changing the contents of one pocket into another, but there was one element in the trick which almost all working-men detected. It was the question of how much stuck to the palm of the hand? That amount would represent the capital-owner's share of the spoils. Tariffs would soon recoup both employer and landlord handsomely; but the money

could only come from one source—that of labor's earnings.
Members of the co-operative societies in particular may well be horrified at the prospect of "protection" being adopted as part of our fiscal system. They comprise scarcely more than manual workers, and number over 2,500,000 persons. The profits are not far short of £12,000,000 annually, which form the nucleus of a fund upon which the labor world draws in times of depression and misfortune. All this money is simply the accumulations of hard-earned pounds and its value depends entirely upon the cheapness of commodities whenever it is used for combating the ravages of "the rainy day." Co-operative societies have no advantages to gain from the imposition of taxes. They would have their funds depleted correlatively with the extent of any imposition on consumable articles. If 10 per cent. is the all round "tariff" it follows that members' savings would be depleted to that extent. There is no institution in the country so jealously suspected as these co-operative societies, and the landlords in particular fume against their progress.

AHEAD OF TWO POWER STANDARD.
London, Dec. 28.—It is interesting with the end of the year to look at the relative strength of the three most important sea powers as it stands now in completed Dreadnoughts and as it should stand in two years' time, when all the vessels now in hand may be completed. At this moment Great Britain has four Dreadnought battle ships and three Dreadnought cruisers completed and in commission, three battle ships under trial, one battle ship and one cruiser completing afloat, which will give her by the end of 1910 the spring of 1911 a complete fleet of twelve battle ships and cruisers of the Dreadnought type.

Germany has now two Dreadnought battle ships in commission but still undergoing trials. She has also five battle ships and one cruiser completing afloat. This should give her by the spring of 1911 eight ships of the Dreadnought type altogether. The United States at the same date should have completed four Dreadnoughts, the North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Utah. One year later, if all the ships now in hand or ordered are completed, the number will stand: Great Britain, 22; Germany, 13, and the United States, 6.

It will be seen that the two Dreadnoughts offered by the British colonies will have put this country three Dreadnoughts ahead of the two power standard instead of one, as would otherwise have been the case. In this calculation the British Lord Nelson and Agamemnon and the American Michigan and South Carolina are omitted, although many people include these vessels among the Dreadnoughts.

AN OLD AGE PENSIONS DIARY.
4 April, 1894.—Mr. Chamberlain supports the "sacred principle" of Old Age Pensions in the House of Commons.

4 July, 1895.—Mr. Chamberlain (at Hanley) says he has a plan "so simple that anyone can understand it."

26 June, 1896.—Mr. Chamberlain says the subject is "most complicated, and denies that he ever promised Old Age Pensions."

July, 1898.—Mr. Chamberlain says the subject must "necessarily await" the report of his Expert Commission.

30 Jan., 1897.—Mr. Chamberlain denies to a Rotherham elector that he ever promised Old Age Pensions.

July, 1898.—Mr. Chamberlain says the "resources of civilization" are not exhausted.

15 Nov., 1898.—Mr. Chamberlain denies (at Manchester) that he ever promised Old Age Pensions.

February, 1899.—Mr. Chamberlain declares he is "too much occupied" to talk about Old Age Pensions.

22 March, 1899.—Mr. Chamberlain proposes to appoint a Select Committee on Old Age Pensions.

29 Sept., 1900.—Mr. Chamberlain says (at Birmingham) that he "is not dead yet," and "has not done with Old Age Pensions."

27 May, 1901.—Mr. Chamberlain regrets (at Birmingham) that Old Age Pensions has been made a party question.

25 October, 1901.—Mr. Chamberlain denies that he ever promised Old Age Pensions.

6 January, 1902.—Mr. Chamberlain (at Birmingham) says nothing can be done till a "practical scheme" of Old Age Pensions has been produced.

22 May, 1903.—Mr. Chamberlain (in the House of Commons) says the question is not "dead," and that the money can be obtained from "a review of our fiscal system."

3 June, 1903.—Mr. Chamberlain says that he "would not look" at "Tariff Reform" unless he "felt able to promise" Old Age Pensions.

26 June, 1903.—Mr. Chamberlain says Old Age Pensions are "no part whatsoever" of his fiscal scheme.

February, 1905.—Mr. Chamberlain denies (to Sir F. Milner) that he ever promised Old Age Pensions.

November, 1905.—Mr. Chamberlain tells a trade unionist that he "does not propose to make the question of Old Age Pensions a part of the programme of 'Tariff Reform.'"

July, 1908.—Liberal Government grants Old Age Pensions.
Thus we see Chamberlain promised, but Asquith performed.

Useful Gifts For Men.
Razor strops and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest stock in Ontario of these lines is kept at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor strops, varying in price from 25c to \$2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to \$3 each, are available. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

An innovation in church music was offered at a special service in the Central Presbyterian Church, Joliet, Ill. A large phonograph played eight sacred selections and took the place of the choir. The machine, however, will not permanently replace the choir. It was adopted merely as a novel feature and seemed to please the audience.

Ha! Ha! He! He!
That's the way to feel—EVERY ONE does that takes a CASCARET night BEFORE, when he looks at the fellow who didn't. FOR OVER-EATING and DRINKING nothing on Earth cleans you out as a CASCARET, naturally—easily, without that upset sick feeling. Don't neglect—at bed time—9 P. M. or 4 A. M.—no difference—you'll need it.

CASCARETS are a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

News in Brief

Allan C. Mackenzie, a former Toronto-Montreal mail clerk, is dead.
Gov. Eberhart's attempt to settle the workmen's strike in the Northwest States has failed.

The Metropolitan Bank has purchased the northwest corner of Bay and Adelaide streets, Toronto.
The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Church has purchased a fine church site in Cobalt for \$5,000.

It is stated at Lisbon that 700 vessels were lost in the recent great storms. The total damage is placed at \$20,000,000.

The New York Life building, on Place D'Armes Square, Montreal, has been sold for \$375,000. The purchasers are Americans.
A rock slide at Barcelona, in the Province of Orense, Spain, crushed a church and several houses. Twenty-six persons were killed.

Dr. Sarah R. A. Dolley, aged 81 years, the second woman to take a medical degree from a United States college, died at Rochester, N. Y.

The Bibby liner Derbyshire and the oil steamer Saranac were in collision in the Mersey on Monday. Both vessels were badly damaged.

Miss Margaret Ewing, aged 24, a stenographer, at Winnipeg, took carbonic acid and died on Monday evening. No cause has been assigned.

Despatches received at Madrid say that twenty-eight persons perished in a landslide caused by the floods in a village near Vienna, Navarre.

Miss Maggie Henderson, who was taken to the Toronto General Hospital on Saturday from Port Hope suffering from severe burns, died on Monday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received an invitation to accompany the Prince of Wales and be present at the opening of the first Parliament of United South Africa.

Five trainmen were killed and two were fatally hurt in a head-on collision between freights on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway near Fort Ritner, Ind.

Andrew Carnegie slipped on an icy spot on the sidewalk around the reservoir in Central Park, New York, on Monday, and suffered a painful injury to his left knee.

Mrs. H. B. Ames received word by cable that her husband, Mr. H. B. Ames, M. P. for Antioche division, Montreal, though seriously ill at Port Said, is progressing favorably.

Walter Doskeres, car inspector in the employ of the Canadian Northern Railway, was crushed to death under the wheels of a freight car in the Canadian Northern yards, Winnipeg.

Thomas Johnson, 38 years of age, of Kingston, Ont., slashed his throat with a razor at a rooming house on St. Paul street, Rochester, and bled to death. Despondency was the probable cause.

John Gordon was killed at Saut Ste. Marie by falling into the canal lock, and was struck by some timbers that were being lowered and very badly hurt.

George Lewis, a G. T. R. brakeman, was instantly killed at Belleville station. He stepped out from between two freight cars right in front of the express. His body was : at to his home in Havelock for burial.

The health of Count Leo Tolstoy, the Russian novelist, is again causing anxiety. The Count has had a high fever since last night. Physicians were summoned from Moscow and Tula to attend him.

Prince Hans of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluecksburg, a brother of the late King Christian of Denmark, and generally known as the "Uncle of Europe," is critically ill at Copenhagen. The Prince was born in 1825.

Timothy Riordan was before Judge Lanctot at Montreal and formally charged with the murder of Mrs. Laelles. He pleaded not guilty, and was remanded until January 4th. His wife was detained as a material witness.

The farm house of Ben Schultz, four miles from Dundurn, Sask., was destroyed by fire on Sunday. A man, whose name is unknown, who was acting as caretaker during the absence of the owner, lost his life in the fire.

Mr. Arthur C. Hardy, Brockville, has presented to Grace Anglican Church, Brantford, a brass lectern in memory of his sister, the late Mrs. Starr, died recently of Hon. A. S. Hardy. She died, having formerly attended the church.

Conductor Thomas F. Palmer, when coupling cars in the Michigan Central Railway yards, Montrose, on Monday, was caught between the bumpers and fatally crushed. He was taken to the Niagara Hospital, where he expired a few hours afterwards.

Show windows of two downtown jewelry stores in Chicago were robbed of watches, silverware and jewels yesterday by a man, who broke the plate glass windows with paper-covered bricks. The victims and estimated amounts of losses are: Levy Bros., \$4,000; L. Manasse, \$1,000.

A white-bearded man of eighty winters crept appealingly into a lunch room on Seventh avenue, New York, on Monday, and asked for bread. A plate of hot soup was brought, but the stranger had barely picked up the spoon when he fell backward to the floor, dead from starvation.

King Albert of Belgium accepted the resignation of Count Outremont, the grand marshal of the court. This step is regarded as the precursor of the retirement of the late King's entire entourage. The King and Queen Elizabeth will take up their residence at Laeken Castle next week.

The sum paid by Canada to the British Admiralty for the cruiser Rainbow in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars. The Canadian Government has not yet been notified when the repairs on the vessel will be completed so that she may start for her Canadian station on the Pacific coast.

William Abner Eddy, a kite-flying expert, died at Bayonne, N. J. He was born in New Jersey in 1850. He was the first person in this country to take a photograph from a kite in midair, and he also made extensive experiments in taking upper air current temperatures and in atmospheric electricity.

The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Church announced two settlements of pastors. Rev. H. A. Ellis, late of England, will take charge of the Baptist Church at Quebec, Que., which was vacated by Rev. E. P. H. King, who has accepted the call to Pilot Mound, Man.,

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and Rev. William Westhill, late pastor of White Lake and McNah, in the Ottawa Valley, has accepted the call to Athens and Plum Hollow, in the vicinity of Brockville.

An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in Montreal, and every hospital is filled to the doors with patients. All the hospital authorities have written to the City Council condemning the water supply, and urging the establishment of a filtration plant. It is estimated that there are 2,000 cases in the city at present.

A most distressing accident occurred on Monday at the plant of the Cobalt Hydraulic Power Company on the Montreal River, whereby two men engaged on the works fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of three hundred feet, being instantly killed. Thomas Henderson, son of Martin Henderson, of Niagara Falls, was one of the men killed.

Charles Munson, in charge of a ranch owned by Pete Larson, Nineteenth street, North Vancouver, was gored to death by a mad bull on Sunday afternoon. The bull was afterwards shot. Munson's body was shockingly mutilated, a horn penetrating his side and piercing the heart. Munson was a Swede, 58 years old.

Frank Kendall, 28 years of age, of Plymouth, Mich., was crushed to death; Richard Roe, seven years old, of Detroit, had one hand cut off, and is in a critical condition, and a score of other passengers were less seriously hurt when an interurban car on the Detroit United Railway jumped the tracks and tipped over on a curve four miles north of the village of Wayne.

A pack of eight wolves attacked Henry Lund and his horses to-day while he was driving through the woods near Montgomery, Ill., according to a story he told on arriving home. Lunly fought them off with a heavy whip, and his horses, bleeding and exhausted by a long gallop over heavy roads, finally reached a clearing, where the wolves were frightened away.

Defense Minister Cook, of New South Wales, commenting on Canada's naval action said the whole position there was being patiently and thoroughly worked out. He was considering the advisability of asking for the privilege of having their permanent men for the new unit trained on vessels of the present squadron. There was no dearth of applications for positions in Australia's navy.

SAVED BY GIRL.
Toronto Woman Found Unconscious in Her Home.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Had it not been for the persistence of a little girl who for some time past has been doing errands for her, Mrs. Agnes E. Fisher, of 313 Rusholme road, might at the present time be dead. She is now in Grace Hospital, but it is not thought that her ailment is serious.

The little girl who caused Mrs. Fisher to be found had been in the habit of calling at the house every day, and when she could not get in yesterday after a number of attempts she notified the police. A constable went to the house with her and climbed in through a window. He found Mrs. Fisher unconscious in the kitchen and immediately sent for medical aid. Dr. Kerr responded and had the woman sent to Grace Hospital.

She had apparently started to cook a meal, for the constable found the gas stove going, and other things indicated that the woman was doing some work. It is thought that she is suffering from epilepsy, but the doctor have not yet completely diagnosed the case. Mrs. Fisher is about 65 years of age.

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ALBERT WALKER, a cabinet maker, of Columbus, Ohio, aged 29, shot dead Frieda Ludwig, his sweetheart, aged 29, and then killed himself. The tragedy was enacted in Walker's home in the presence of the family. Walker and Miss Ludwig were to have been married yesterday, but the wedding had been postponed.

The move of the Grand Trunk Railway to establish a freight station in the east end of Montreal is declared to be the first step of having a new station not only for the G. T. R. proper, but also a terminus for the G. T. P. transcontinental line in this city.

The more a girl can flirt with a man the more she can make him think he's doing it.—New York Press.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILS.

Names of Men Who Want to Run Municipal Affairs.

Many Mayors Elected Yesterday by Acclamation.

Trouble at Berlin—Police Had to Interfere.

MAYORS BY ACCLAMATION.

- Aurora—W. J. Baldwin. Belleville—L. W. Marsh. Bowmanville—John J. Mason. Guelph—George Hastings (re-elected). Hamilton—John I. McLaren (re-elected). Harrison—A. Spotton. Hespeler—J. D. Forbes. Kenora—Harding Ridout (re-elected). Kingston—Daniel Couper. Mattawa—George L. Lamotho. Mitchell—A. Campbell. Ottawa—Charles Hopewell (re-elected). Owen Sound—Fred W. Harrison. Oakville—George Hillmer. Renfrew—Arthur Gravelle. Rockland—Dr. Desrosier. Sault Ste. Marie—T. E. Simpson (re-elected). Welland—W. H. Crowther.

CITIES.

Ottawa—Mayor Charles H. Hopewell was re-elected by acclamation today for a second term as Mayor of Ottawa. All the members of the present Council are seeking re-election, with the exception of Controller Wilson and Ald. Rosenthal, who are retiring. There will be contests in every ward, and some 45 candidates are in the field. Interest centers largely in the contest for the four Controllerships.

The electors will be asked to express their opinions on by-laws to establish a civic public department, a civic incinerator, and to make alterations and improvements to the City Hall. Guelph—Mayor Hastings today received a unanimous nomination for a second term as Chief Magistrate of the city, and was elected by acclamation. Chairman S. Carter was re-elected by acclamation to the Light and Heat Commission, and R. L. Torrance as a member of the Water Commission.

Brantford—That municipal ownership and operation of the waterworks system is a paying investment for Brantford is shown by the annual report of the Water Commission, issued today. In round figures, the revenue for the year was \$51,000, and the operating expenses only \$14,000.

Mayor Wood, offering for a second term, is being opposed by J. W. Bowley, a former Mayor, who served two terms. Mr. Wood's election by a large majority is looked for. Chatham—Mayor—Theodore A. Smith, Chas. Austin. Fort William—Mayor—Mayor Pelletier, Ald. Rankin, Ald. O'Donald, H. Harkness, ex-Mayor Murphy, J. H. Berry and John King.

Niagara Falls—For Mayor—William Ward, R. P. Slatter, C. N. Cledenning, O. E. Dore, T. F. Vattie, J. P. Rothwell, J. L. Matthews and James Whalen were nominated for Mayor, but the latter is likely to retire, leaving Mr. Matthews to be elected by acclamation. W. C. Doble was elected trustee for the Mining School by acclamation.

Stratford—For Mayor—W. S. Dingman and Thomas Savage. Sault Ste. Marie—The unanimous choice for Mayor fell on Henry Simpson, and he was elected by acclamation. St. Catharines—Ald. James T. Petrie and James M. McBride will have a straight contest for the Mayor's chair. St. Thomas—Two aldermen, Dr. P. Guest and Gilbert Roche, were nominated for Mayor today and will stay in the fight.

Windsor—For Mayor—J. W. Hanna, Fitz Bridges and R. S. Foster.

TOWNS.

Barrie—Mayor—James Vair and Thomas Beccroft. Revere—A. C. Garden and J. F. Craig. First Deputy—S. Caldwell, A. E. Stapleton, R. A. Stephens. Second Deputy—W. C. Thompson, John Little.

Berlin—There was some excitement at the nomination meeting here this evening. Ex-Mayor Huber was proposed as a mayoralty candidate, although he is no longer an elector. In addressing the electors he made a vigorous attack on County Judge Chisholm, who recently dismissed Mr. Huber's appeal regarding his assessment. Mayor Hahn, in his official capacity, refused to allow the speaker to continue, and he was removed from the platform by police officers. A large number of candidates were placed in the field.

For Mayor—A. Huber, F. Snyder, C. C. Hahn, D. Gross, Jun., J. C. Breithaupt, A. L. Breithaupt, J. F. McKay, G. F. Gardiner. First Deputy—Reeve—N. Amussen, J. P. McKay, C. H. Mills. Second Deputy—Reeve—J. F. McKay, Dr. J. E. Honsberger, H. A. Dietrich, Third Deputy—Reeve—H. A. Dietrich, J. H. Schnarr, F. G. Gardiner. Brockville—Mayor—A. M. Patterson, W. H. Mowat, G. C. McClean. Cornwall—Dr. P. J. Moloney and Dr. W. D. Munro for Mayor, Archie Denny, J. E. Chevier and W. C. McGuire, D. V. S., were nominated for Reeve. William Pollock was elected Deputy Reeve by acclamation.

Collingwood—Mayor—John Birnie. Hugh A. Currie, Fred T. Hodgson, Donald C. Barr. Revere—M. H. Clark, W. A. Tom. Deputy Reeve—J. A. Brown, Wm. Carmichael. Cobourg—For Mayor—David Ewing, Frank M. Field, Harry Field, John L. Grosjean, Geo. Giszow, Chas. A. Munson. For Reeve—John H. Davidson, D. Ewing, Geo. Gummow, J. L. Grosjean, Wm. J. Maher.

For Deputy Reeve—F. M. Field, George George Gummow, J. L. Grosjean, J. D. Haig, C. A. Munson. Galt—Mayor—Thos. Patterson, Dr. Hawk, T. E. McEellan, F. S. Scott, J. H. Radford, J. P. Jaffray, Wm. Cowan. Reeves—E. S. Scott (acclamation). First Deputy—A. E. Buchanan (acclamation). Second Deputy—J. G. Turnbull, A. M. Edwards, Adam Thomson, James Webster.

Ingersoll—For Mayor—Dr. J. A. Neff, W. H. Jones, Walter Mills, Justus Miller, Dr. J. B. Coleridge, Joseph Gibson and Dr. A. McKay. For Reeve—S. M. Fleet, M. T. Buchanan and J. B. Coleridge. For Deputy Reeve—G. W. Walley, J. A. Buchanan and R. B. Harris. Listowel—For Mayor—Andrew Forch, J. N. Hay, A. W. Featherston, A. St.

Geo. Hawkins. For Reeve—John Watson, J. A. Hacking, Jos. Walker, A. W. Featherston. For Mayor—F. Cook, E. Letherby, H. J. Craig, M. Chew, D. L. White, J. H. Bennett, F. Wilson, E. W. Grant, W. Finlayson. For Reeve—H. S. Ruby, John White. For Deputy Reeve—A. Jackall.

For Mayor—W. C. Goffatt, J. I. Hart, W. Thompson. For Reeve—J. Legate, E. Prescott, J. Miller, R. J. Sanderson, W. S. Frost, Albert Kerr. For Deputy Reeve—Duncan McNabb, R. J. Sanderson, A. E. Mason. Owen Sound—Mayor, Fred W. Harrison (acclamation). For Deputy—John McQuaker (acclamation). Second Deputy—R. D. Little (acclamation). Third Deputy—J. H. Christie (acclamation).

Peterboro—At the municipal nominations here today for Mayor ex-Ald. W. G. Morrow, manager of Toronto Savings & Loan Co., and ex-Ald. E. F. Mason were nominated. Pairlane—Mayor—Ed. Pollard, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, G. S. Pitkin. For Reeve—W. F. Wilson, R. Stritt, Thomas Johnston. For Deputy Reeve—R. Stritt, James Berry, W. J. Clarke, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, A. G. Edwards. For Deputy Reeve—Mayor—J. C. Carruthers and F. S. Evanson.

Waterloo—Mayor—L. Graybill, A. Weidenhammer, C. Freehlich, Thomas Hilliard, J. B. Hughes. Reeve—George Suggitt, J. Kaufman. Deputy Reeve—C. N. Huehn (acclamation). Amherstburg—Mayor—A. Hough, J. W. Gibbs, D. H. Terry. Reeve—N. T. Wilkinson, J. A. Auld. Aurora—Mayor—W. J. Baldwin (acclamation). Reeve—W. J. Knowles (acclamation).

Almonte—Mayor—H. H. Cole, Dr. A. A. Metcalf. Reeve—J. Bryman, F. S. Horn, T. R. White. For Deputy Reeve—Blenheim—Mayor—L. H. Edmonds, W. R. Greenwood, Peter Labadie, George Morgan. Reeve—A. Denholm, Jas. Hemmeker. Bowmanville—Mayor—John J. Mason (accl.). Reeve—Levi A. W. Tole (accl.).

Mitchell—Mayor—F. A. Campbell (accl.). For Deputy Reeve—A. Bernhart (accl.). Kenora—Harding Ridout, who has been Mayor here for two years, was nominated by acclamation. Nominees for Council, 15: Board of Education, 12. Kincardine—Mayor—A. Malcolm, B. Wood, R. Patterson. Reeve—Wm. Hunter, W. J. Henry. Meaford—Mayor—Dr. Clarke, E. Y. Godfrey. Reeve—R. Agnew, A. Londry. Mattawa—The Mayor as well as the whole Council declared elected by acclamation, as follows: Mayor—Geo. L. Lamotho. Councillors: Robt. Small, J. P. Redmond, J. A. Floyd, F. A. Ridout, Alex. Ross, R. J. Gilligan, all merchants.

Mitchell—Mayor—F. A. Campbell (accl.). Reeve—John Avery (accl.). Niagara-on-the-Lake—Mayor—John D. W. Randall, John Ekersley, James Aikins, Fred J. Rowland, T. F. Best, Greene, Wm. H. Harrison, T. F. Best. Oakville—Mayor—George Hillmer (accl.). Reeve—J. C. Ford (accl.). Councillors—Ald. Kaskinder, W. E. Featherston, J. M. Macgregor, L. P. Snyder, P. A. Bath, W. S. Davis, S. Savage, C. D. Carson, R. B. Barclay, W. D. Gregory, L. P. Thornton, H. Robinson, Thomas Wilson, W. A. Dean.

Pembroke—Mayor—Ed. Behan, W. L. Hunter. Reeve—W. P. Bromley (accl.). Deputy Reeve—Wm. Leacy (accl.). Prescott—Mayor—Evanston, Carruthers. Preston—Mayor—M. Mullen, Dr. Scott Hogg. Reeve—C. H. Bell, Dr. Scott Hogg. Paris—Mayor—J. R. Layton, Geo. H. Armstrong. Reeve—W. T. Thompson. Deputy Reeve—John Brockbank.

St. Catharines—Mayor—Arthur Gravelle (accl.). Reeve—H. N. Moore (accl.). Rockland—Mayor—Dr. Desrosier (accl.). Reeve—A. S. Marion (accl.). Sarnia—Mayor—A. J. Johnston, F. C. Watson, J. B. Dagan, Reeve—D. Milne, First Deputy Reeve—Geo. D. Kirby, John Goodison. Second Deputy Reeve—Dr. W. A. Henderson, Frank T. Thomas, Third Deputy Reeve—Dr. J. A. Bell, John McGillibon.

Smith's Falls—Mayor—Dr. McCallum, M. K. Evertson, J. S. Gould, G. F. McKim, J. E. Montgomery. Thornbury—Mayor—S. McCallum, A. E. Cummings, M. Snetinger, E. Raymond, H. C. Parkinson, H. Pedwell, Reeve—H. Boyd, G. H. Bonne, Wm. Kerr, Alex. Smith. Trenton—Mayor—Jesse Funnell, Geo. A. White, A. E. Bywater. Uxbridge—Mayor—W. Foster, J. Gregg, N. R. Beal, Dr. Bascom, S. S. Sharpe, J. W. Gould, C. Kelly. Reeve—W. Foster, C. H. Nix, C. Kelly.

Warton—Mayor—S. J. Cameron, D. M. Jernyn, Wm. McEwan, B. B. Miller, James Hunter. Reeve—G. Kastner, S. J. Parke. Wingham—Mayor—Thos. Gregory, Wm. Holmes, Geo. Spotton, Dr. R. C. Redmond. Reeve—Dr. A. J. Irwin (accl.). Whitby—Mayor—J. H. Downey, Jas. Rutledge, Dr. E. Warren, Reeve—A. W. Jackall, Jas. E. Willis. Welland—Mayor—W. H. Crowther (accl.). Reeve—L. V. Garner, John Goodwin. Deputy Reeve—A. D. McKay, Jos. C. McMillan, Councillors—E. L. Garner, C. H. Reilly, W. E. Mann, H. L. Hall, Wm. Jackson, A. D. McKay, Geo. O. Minor, Chas. Grassie, Jos. C. McMillan, Thos. W. Sutherland, Robt. McQueen, John H. Cross, H. A. Rose, sen., Jos. R. McCollum. Water Commission—J. P. Grass, W. J. Best.

FOR GLADSTONE. New South African Governor-General First to Accept Title. London, Dec. 27.—It is understood in official circles here that, before leaving England for South Africa in April, Herbert Gladstone, the newly appointed governor-general, will receive a peerage in the high position to which the third son of the great founder of the family has been called, he regards a title as indispensable, and it is authoritative-ly stated that he will not refuse it.

If he finds the House of Lords still to the fore when his term of governorship begins, he will be able to resume his parliamentary connections without the disturbing incidents occasionally attendant upon the poll.

WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

Centenary of His Birth—Born December 29, 1809—Died May 19, 1893.

To-morrow British people the world over will commemorate in some form or other the birth of the great statesman, William Ewart Gladstone, who was born on December 29, one hundred years ago. It is worth relating a few facts about his life in that connection. Mr. Gladstone's life, spent almost from dawn to eve in strenuous labors, ran through not only the whole Victorian era, but the whole of the preceding two reigns and a piece of another. Born in the year of the coronation of George III, he lived to see the sixtieth year of Queen Victoria. His life covered the whole development of modern democracy, from the repression and corruption of the pre-reform days to the secret and extensive evolution and adaptation of a character and a constitution. In his gradual progress of thought and feeling, Mr. Gladstone was typical of England, and, above all, of England in the nineteenth century. But there was action and reaction. The rare English combination of democracy with purity, of the superior or progress with the reverence for the past, of hope with memory, and "cotton with culture"—this is the stamp that Mr. Gladstone has given to English Liberalism.

Mr. Gladstone was born in the "wonderful year" of 1809, when, "The sun, brown and bright as Darwin also first saw the light. It was on December 29, almost on the threshold of another year, that little William Ewart came into the world at 62 Rodney street, in Seaford, Liverpool.

GLADSTONE'S ORIGIN. Gladstone himself once described his origin with characteristic nicety and precision. "I am a man of Scotch blood only, half Highland and half Lowland, and the blood of the Highland came through his mother, the daughter of Mr. Andrew Robertson, of Stornoway, a former provost of Dingwall. According to Burke and other industrious antiquarians she had the blood of Henry III, and Robert Bruce in her veins. The Gladstones do not seem to have taken that story very seriously. She died early in Mr. Gladstone's career, and we hear little about her beyond the not very precise opinion of a near friend that she was "a lady of very great accomplishments, of fascinating manners, and one to grace any home and endear any heart." But his father, the Lowlander, had a far greater influence on his life. Mr. John Gladstone was a man of eminence in his own right, and well earned the baronetcy which Sir Robert Peel, perhaps not without a slight reason, conferred on him in 1845. The chief estate was settled in the parish of Liberton in Clydesdale; but Gladstone's father came of a branch that had migrated to Lanarkshire and become men of business. One of them, Thomas Gladstone, became a corn merchant in Leith, and was distinguished by having a family of six children.

John Gladstone was commonly regarded as a bit of a "sap." "When there were thrilling passages, of Volce or Homer, or difficult passages in the 'Scriptures' to translate," writes a contemporary, "he or Lord Arthur Hervey were generally called upon to translate." This is not a very high compliment, but it is clear that Mr. Gladstone was commonly regarded as a bit of a "sap." "When there were thrilling passages, of Volce or Homer, or difficult passages in the 'Scriptures' to translate," writes a contemporary, "he or Lord Arthur Hervey were generally called upon to translate." This is not a very high compliment, but it is clear that Mr. Gladstone was commonly regarded as a bit of a "sap." "When there were thrilling passages, of Volce or Homer, or difficult passages in the 'Scriptures' to translate," writes a contemporary, "he or Lord Arthur Hervey were generally called upon to translate." 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WHAT CAUSED SUSPENSION.

Copy of Petition Sent Out by Buffalo Athletes

Requested That Value of Prizes be Increased.

The following is a copy of the petition sent out by the Buffalo athletes, that caused their suspension:

To the 65th Regiment Athletic Association:

We, the undersigned, do hereby request that your association increase the value of awards in all events other than the bicycle events, as follows:

The one-mile run to have awards at actual valuations of \$25, \$15, \$10, \$8 and \$5. This event is the feature of the programme, it always well filled, and certainly merits the increase noted.

All other running events, excepting the novice races, none of which ever have small fields, to have actual valuations of awards at \$25, \$15 and \$10.

The novice races to have actual valuations of awards at \$15, \$10 and \$5.

All first-class relay races to have actual valuations of awards at not less than \$10 to each member of the winning team.

Another reason for our request that these valuations be revised is that it is a fact that your programme made up of bicycle events entirely, or if bicycle events predominated, the attendance would not come up to the usual standard; therefore, it is the fact that the greater attraction, and consideration should be given this fact in apportioning funds for prizes.

Further, it is our belief that if our requests are acceded to, it will serve as a magnet for the entry of additional and better talent in these contests. This will surely result in keener sport and an increased gate.

The matter of being guided by present conditions of customs need not be considered in this case.

This appeal is addressed to your body in the sense that we are only seeking what is just and fair.

The favor of your early attention to this, and receipt of advice of your action, will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

Gossip and Comment

Athletes intending to enter in the Martin road race and International Harvestor events will find an additional incentive to train in the fact that an indoor ten-mile amateur race will be pulled off at Britannia rink in a couple of weeks. Handsome prizes will be put up and a couple of Ontario's most famous ten-milers have already signified their willingness to compete.

The Ottawa football players say they won't accept \$34 gold watches as souvenirs of the season of 1909, but want something as nice as the \$150 diamond pins given at the end of the 1908 season. By so doing, the champions place themselves on the same level with the seventy Buffalo athletes who were suspended for asking for better prizes. Wouldn't it be funny if the A. A. U. of C. followed the American precedent?

The following Canadians have entered the Buffalo indoor meet, New Year's eve: Bobby Kerr and Morgan Hamilton; Geo. Lister, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Jack Tait, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Haliburn, Sobert, Chantler, Wright, University of Toronto; Smith, I. C. A. C.; Walt Andrews, R. C. B. C. Andrews has had a specially constructed bicycle made to enable him to take the high banks of the Buffalo track to top speed.

Bobby Kerr began his racing career seven years ago. During 1908 he won forty first prizes.

The dark horse won at Burlington. Saturday's race was Corkery's first real victory.

Battling Nelson is now in his element. He is carrying on a scandalous flirtation with four separate and distinct sets of fight promoters, with the usual fine chance of stalling them all until he gets good and ready.

Bobby Kerr holds the following records:

Table with 2 columns: Distance and Time. Rows include 50 yards indoors (5:35), 75 yards indoors (7:45), 100 yards (9:45), 100 metres (11), 200 metres (21:45), 250 yards (21:25).

If the squeamish authorities will not allow Jeffries to be served a la mitt, then the public will take him a la mat. The desire is to see him in the flesh, to gaze on his muscles.

Stanley Ketchel, who is making daily announcements as to his future ring plans, now says he will soon go to London prepared to meet Tommy Burns in a twenty-round bout at catch weights before the National Sporting Club, and that if he wins he will be ready to take on Sam Langford in a similar contest.

Ketchel declares that after he has whipped both Burns and Langford he will go to Australia to clean up Lang, Squires and Fitzsimmons, after which he will come back to America prepared to fight again for the heavyweight championship of the world. It will not be at all surprising if Ketchel announces entirely different plans in the near future.

EMSLIE, LYNCH AND HURST.

Thomas Lynch Will be a Good President.

Toronto Led the Eastern League in Batting.

Tim Hurst, the former National and American League umpire, says Thomas J. Lynch will be a good president of the National League and a president with a big P. In telling a story about the new official Hurst said:

"Years ago Lynch, Bob Emslie and I combined to strike for more money. 'Uncle Nick' Young, then boss of the National League, turned down all our requests. He would hand out the argument that he couldn't raise our salaries because this club had lost money and so had that one. Well, we threatened to hold out even after the season opened."

"One day Lynch received a letter from 'Uncle Nick' telling him that his salary would be raised \$150, but not to say anything to Emslie or me. Here's where Lynch's character came to the surface. Instead of putting the letter under his belt he promptly mailed it to me. In the course of a few days I got a similar letter from President Young, and before the season opened we all got our advance."

Toronto led the Eastern League in batting last season, and Grimshaw was the clutch hitter of the circuit.

Forty-five players achieved a batting average of .250 or better, according to the official records.

Toronto, although outranked in standing by three clubs at the close of the season, carried off the laurels in club batting, with an average of .246. The champion Rochester are tied with Providence and Baltimore for second place in the team list at .243.

Bills, the Baltimore pitcher, heads the individual list, with an average of .359. As he played in only sixteen games, however, one must look further for the real honors of the season with the ash or willow.

Grimshaw, the Toronto outfielder, who also played a few games at second base, has an average for the season of .309, and is followed by "War Horse" Ganzel, the Rochester first baseman, with .285.

As these men played in 124 and 119 games, respectively, the batting honors of the season in the Eastern League will be conceded to them. Simmons and Osborn, both of Rochester, "follow their leader," with .290 and .288, respectively.

Gardner, the Jersey City second baseman, heads the players in the teams in the southern district, having recorded an average with his bat of .291. Getman, the former Toronto outfielder, is close upon his heels with .289.

In home runs Jersey City leads, thirty-eight such drives being recorded to the credit of players of that team. Providence leads the team list in stolen bases, with 238.

Simmons, of Rochester, and Houser, of Toronto, were the individual players who knocked the most four-sackers, the former having eight and the latter six.

VARSITY AT NEW YORK.

Fast University Team Will Line Up Against New Yorkers.

New York, Dec. 28.—Canadian hockey-ites, representing the University of Toronto, will line up against the New York Athletic Club team to-night at the St. Nicholas rink in the first international game of the season.

It was the team of Canadian experts which last season played a tie game against the all-New York seven, composed of picked players from all the teams in the Amateur Hockey League. The contest was replete with incidents from start to finish, and gave the local followers of hockey an idea of the game as it is played in Canada.

The New York team which meets the Canadians won the championship of the Amateur Hockey League last season, and is conceded to be the strongest local team ever organized in this vicinity. The men have had plenty of practice, and in the only game played this season defeated the seven of Princeton University. The line-up will be as follows:

New York A. C.—Goal, Mills; point, Bradford; cover, Whyte; centre, Reimund; rover, Clark; castleman, left, Peabody; right, Coocan.

University of Toronto—Goal, Richardson; rover, Rankin; point, Gallie; cover, Code or Stockton; centre, Evans or Clark; rover, Frith; left, Davidson; right, Toms.

Rutt was liable to arrest for not performing military service here. The War Office, however, permitted him to compete after the Crown Prince had brought his influence to bear.

Tobacco for Sheep.

John A. Peeler, who has one of the best flocks of Cotswold sheep in Central Missouri, attributes much of his success in keeping his sheep in good health and thrifty to the use of tobacco. When he first began to feed it he pulverized it and mixed it with their salt.

They kept nibbling at it until now when Mr. Peeler approaches with a hand of tobacco leaves. They rush for it and devour it like they would fresh clover. The tobacco destroys the germs and parasites that infest sheep—Shelbina Democrat.

GREAT TROTTER PUT TO DEATH.

Famous Trotting Stallion, Nelson, Dead.

Nelson Four Times Lowered the World's Trotting Record.

The trotting stallion, Nelson, 2,09, that four times lowered the world's trotting record, and whose mile in 2:10.34 at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1891, is still the fastest ever trotted by a stallion to a high-wheeled sulky over a regulation track, was humanely put to death at Waterville, Me., recently after an accidental injury made it apparent that he could live only at the cost of a great deal of suffering.

Nelson was bred by Charles H. Nelson, of Waterville, Me., and died that gentleman's property. His breeder and owner raised him, broke him to harness, trained him and drove him to his record and refused to part with him, although several times he was offered a very large sum of money for him.

Nelson began racing as a two-year-old, and from that time until he made himself the champion trotting stallion he performed in public nearly every year.

In 1890, the year after the phenomenal Actell had set the stallion record at 2:12, Nelson went a wonderful series of exhibition miles, finally placing his record at 2:12 1/2, and a little later to 2:11 1/2, and a little later to 2:11 1/4.

The next year Allerton robbed him of the championship by trotting in 2:10.34 over the kite-shaped track at Independence, Ia., but shortly afterward Nelson duplicated the feat by trotting in 2:10.34 over the regulation shaped track at Grand Rapids, Mich., a performance that no other stallion ever equalled or duplicated. The turf has never known a more beautiful stallion than Nelson was nor a better gaited one. In his races he wore only quarter and shin boots, and his brush of speed was little short of phenomenal. The Maine bred stallion had not a fashionable inheritance, but a good one, his sire being Young Rolfe, 2:21 1/2, son of Tom Rolfe, while his dam was by Gideon, son of Hambletonian, his second dam being a daughter of Vermont Black Hawk.

In Maine Nelson never had much of a chance to make a reputation in the stud, and fifty-five standard performers represent his success in this direction. Could he have been taken to Kentucky, where he could have been mated with the highly bred mares which have assisted in making the reputations of many sires of less actual merit than Nelson, there is no doubt but that this son of Young Rolfe would have founded a family that would have been a factor in trotting horse history.

A Peers's Busy Day.

Never perhaps since the Hastings trial have happenings at Westminster attracted the perreuses as did the debates on the finance bill. The trial of Hastings of course was a society function. An attendance at the hall was quite in the day's work of the lady of fashion. The Duchess of Gordon's round of duties on a day of 1791 goes to the illustration.

For the duchess "sent to Handel," music in the Abbey; then she clambered over the benches and went to Hastings' trial in the hall; after dinner to the play, then to Lady Lucas' assembly, after that to Ranelagh, and returned to Miss Hobart's far table, gave a ball herself in the evening of that morning, into which she must have got a good way, and set out for Scotland the next day. The seamy and rush of society folk is not so modern a failing after all. Westminster Gazette.

Prison Advantages.

Rev. J. Powell, chaplain of the Suffolk county jail, who is about to retire, asserts that a prison is not so depressing a place as many imagine, and adds that he would rather serve six months in prison than be an inmate of a workhouse for a similar period. A prisoner has his own room and is not lashed with many others. Mr. Powell relates that a man awaiting trial said to him: "You might ask the judge to give me three years. When I'm outside I haven't a led to sleep on, but while I am here I have my own private sitting room, my butler to bring in my meals, my doctor to see after me, and even my private chaplain."

Lucky.

Little Johnny, who had been praying for some months for God to send him a lady brother, finally became discouraged. "I don't believe God has any more little lads to send," he told his mother, "and I'm going to quit it."

Early one morning not long after this he was taken into his mother's room to see two boys who had arrived in the night. Johnny regarded them thoughtfully for some minutes. "Gee!" he remarked, finally, "it's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."—Everybody's Magazine.

BILLIARDS AND GOLF ALIKE.

Comparison Between Billiards and Golfing.

Similar Positions in the Two Games Remarkd On.

A comparison between billiards and golfing that will be of interest to local followers of the two sports is furnished by an eastern exchange. The writer witnessed the Demarest match:

"To begin with, both—the billiard player and the golfer—are striking a stationary ball, and, although in billiards there is no rule similar to that in golf which says a 'ball shall not be pushed, scraped nor spooned.' I was struck with the fact that at least two experts in the billiard tournament neither 'pushed,' 'scraped,' nor 'spooned' their ball."

"These were Demarest and Cassinoff. Both, in golf parlance, took a graceful but firm stand, directly behind the line of play. Both swung their cue with the precision of a pendulum, their right forearms parallel to their right legs, pointing neither outward nor inward. Each in follow or draw shots allowed the cue to do the work and follow through after the moment of impact, giving the ball the full weight of the butt. Thus which emphasized the life and smoothness with which the balls ran when hand hit."

"To me Demarest was an especial delight, and as Harry Vardon plays golf he plays billiards. There was perfect harmony in his poise and execution; no hesitancy, no fiddling, no fussing, no over-handing, both Sutton and Slosson were a great disappointment to me. Sutton's handling of his cue and his stance reminded me of many golfers I have seen who crouch when addressing the ball, and after much wiggling with the club snap the ball away with a jerk, not with a clean, crisp, well-finished 'measured stroke.'"

"I am sure this accounts for Sutton's failures in round the table shots and open billiards generally. From the way that he jerks at a ball he would be a chronic 'slicer' if he played golf."

"Slosson, too, has a jerky, unconvincing stroke. Like many golfers on the putting green, he dwells so much over a shot that his eyesight must become dim with weariness. At least I know this is so with putting, for I saw a golfer who gazed long at the ball who was even a decent putter."

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FIGHT WILL GO TO FAR WEST.

Jeffries and Johnson Will Fight on Coast.

Partners Still Apart in Their Statements of Place.

The unqualified statement comes from John J. Gleason, one of the promoters of the proposed Jeffries-Johnson fight, that the pugilists will meet on California soil, and that Colma, where James W. Coffroth's arena is located, will not be the place. Gleason declares that the ring will be pitched either inside of the city limits of San Francisco or just over the line, so that the scene of action can be reached in a few minutes. California sporting men have been annoyed by the persistent statements of Tex Rickards, Gleason's partner, regarding Salt Lake City as the probable battle ground, and they have made things so unpleasant for Gleason that the latter has been compelled to declare himself.

"The fight will take place in or near Frisco," says Gleason, "and all this talk about Salt Lake City is not air. Utah and the Mormons will not stand for a big affair like this, and Rickard is wasting his time talking about his chances in that State. California can be utilized without fear of the slightest hint of interference, and that means everything to the fighters. Frisco wants the fight, and I am going to see that it comes to the coast at any cost. When I went in with Rickard I never had any idea that the big fellows would fight outside of California, and I'll say right now that they never will. Just to prove that Coffroth has no interest in the fight, we are going to cut Colma out of the calculations, though by leasing that ready-made arena we could save much money."

"Nevada is a poor place to pull off a fight of this kind, because there are poor hotel accommodations and there is a lack of money, which is not the case in California. If the fight is not pulled off in or near a big city like Frisco it will be run at a heavy loss. It's no cinch at that, mind you, that the gross receipts will cover the amount of the purse and expenses, which, including the construction of a new arena, may reach the \$125,000 mark. The most important point, however, is the chance to pull off the mill without trouble from the authorities, and in California these conditions are assured. I shall insist on a definite conclusion in this question of a battle ground at the earliest possible date."

Gleason's friends in California say that if Rickard continues to hold out for Salt Lake City there may be a break between the promoters, in which event the arrangement of the fight will have to be turned over to somebody else. In the event of such a break it would not be a bit strange if Coffroth hopped up as the real promoter, after all.

Meanwhile sporting men who are usually well posted say that if certain conditions named by Eddie Graney, a disappointed bidder for the mill, are accepted, the fight will be held within the city limits of Frisco, Graney, so the story goes, is anxious to be declared in, and if he is considered it will be for the reason that he will guarantee the fight to the Board of Supervisors for a 45-round bout. Rickard has had numerous confabs with Graney since the articles of agreement were signed, and has publicly announced that he favored Eddie for referee. But Gleason and Graney have been on the outs for several years, so that it seems hard for some persons to believe that the latter will cut any figure in the big event.

The people who are sure something dreadful is going to happen are terribly disappointed when it doesn't.

MEADOWS TO RACE SHRUBB.

Entries For Martin Road Race at St. Kitts.

Bobby Kerr to Buffalo on New Year's Eve.

After much beating about the bush, Alfred Shrubb has at last signed up a hard and fast agreement to run Fred Meadows, of Guelph, or Rockwood, a ten-mile race in Toronto Wednesday night, January 5. The race will take place at Excelsior roller rink, upon a specially banked track.

It took Meadows just three weeks to nail Shrubb to a contract. The Rockwood flyer was so anxious for a crack at "Awil-fred" that he acceded to anything the Pride of Sussex wanted. Shrubb made a "winner-take-all" crack in the Winnipeg papers. Meadows saw it and acceded to the proposition. Then Shrubb objected to going to Winnipeg for the race. Meadows said: "Very well, I'll run you at Guelph or Toronto on the ice, or over a roller rink floor."

"Toronto," said Shrubb.

Then the difficulty was to find a place suitable. Finally, Butler Bros., of Excelsior rink, decided to prepare for a season of indoor sports on the off nights of roller skating. Then Shrubb refused to run on a smooth floor without banked corners, and the Butlers agreed to put in moveable banks.

Then arose trouble over a side bet. Shrubb wanted a \$400 side bet at events, but Meadows properly refused, pointing out that at the track side Shrubb would be a 2 to 1 favorite, and that he could get \$800 for his \$400 by waiting.

This brought the dispute over. Shrubb signed the "winner take all" contract, and they settle down to do the racing January 5.

Meadow's must be in grand form to tackle England's Pride on such a basis. Tom Flanagan says he will bet \$500 on Meadows if Shrubb is 2 to 1 or better.

St. Catharines, Dec. 28.—The following entries have been received for the race on New Year's Day: W. G. Howard, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Harry Johnson, Merritt; Arthur R. Holden, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Wallace Hewlett, Niagara Falls South; Isaac Snow, Oshweken, Ont.; Wm. A. Summers, Min to Club, Burlington; Wm. Allan, Park A. C., St. Catharines; Daniel Caverley, I. C. A. C., Stratford, Ont.; E. M. Watts, Toronto University Track Club, Toronto; Harry Tresidder, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto; N. C. MacFarland, unattached St. Catharines; M. J. Allen, St. Andrew's Club, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Fuller Boucek, Merritt; Nelson Boylen, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Informal entries were reported from Gus G. Gressel, Buffalo; Ernest Woods, Toronto, and Leo O'Sullivan, Toronto.

Unofficial notice of a Canadian suspension of Chittin, of Chatham, by the C. A. A. U., was given, and also a suspension of the informal entrant from Buffalo by James Sullivan, of New York, president of the board of registration for the American Amateur Athletic Union.

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TALES BY AN EX-PUGILIST.

Spike Hennessy was shadow boxing in the gymnasium when Tom Fogarty blew in, nor did he cease his skipping about, slashing at an imaginary foe until several minutes passed. Then he greeted his visitor with a brief "Hello!"

"Fer th' love of Mike," exclaimed Mr. Fogarty, his eyes apparently ready to take leave of their sockets, "where did you get them shins?"

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HYDRO CLIQUE IS IN SUKE STRAITS.

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If the people vote money for the new police stations the contractors who have offices occupied at present by the police in the City Hall. In the meantime they will meet in the Finance Committee room.

The Sewers Committee last night held a special meeting to consider the claim of E. A. Fearnside, who had the contract for extending the Catharine and Ferguson avenue sewers through the residential area. Mr. Fearnside wants over \$400 for extras. City Engineer Macalpin advised the committee not to pay the account. A sub-committee will take the matter up this afternoon.

Judge Snider yesterday afternoon heard the appeals of citizens desirous of having their names placed on the voters' lists for the next municipal election. About 130 appeals were filed, and the Judge added fifty names, rejecting the balance because most of the applicants failed to put in an appearance.

City Clerk Kent will instruct the deputy returning officers to count the ballots for the Controllers first. His staff is busy preparing for the elections.

The Assessment (Commissioner's) staff is busy this week mailing cards, with information about the ballots, to all the electors.

R. Spicer was granted a permit to-day for a brick house on Rosemount avenue, east of Sherman avenue, for Gage & Gallagher, to cost \$1,800.

Mayor McLaren was served with a notice to-day that the city would be held responsible for the death of Leo Barry, who was killed by the collapse of a portion of the city dock. The city claims that the lease protects it and that the Mutual Steamship Company will be the defendant.

H. J. Halford has his card in this issue. Mr. Halford is running in Ward 7 as candidate of the Independent Labor Party.

THE VETERANS

Wm. Kerney's Widow Receives a Small Death Claim.

H. M. Army and Navy Veterans held their regular monthly meeting last night. The following were proposed for membership: William Wright, late Sergeant-Major 1st Yorkshire Regiment, and John William Fleming, late Royal Navy. The society expressed regret at the death of Comrade William Kerney, whose widow receives the sum of \$80, death claim, from the Veterans, though a member only eighteen months. He will be buried in the soldiers' plot.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the widow, who loses with her husband, his pension of \$15.12 a month, which, according to the rules of the Imperial Government, dies with him.

FIRE ON CELTIC.

The Passengers Ignorant That the Cargo Was on Fire.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic last Wednesday, when the vessel was four days from New York. The liner arrived here safely yesterday. The fire was still burning, but its presence was known to none of the 400 passengers.

Immediately upon arrival the work of discharging the cargo in an effort to reach promptly the origin of the blaze was begun. The work continued to-day. The fire started amid the bales of cotton in hold No. 6.

FIFTY DAYS.

Toronto Woman Sentenced to Jail For Shoplifting.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Catherine North, charged with stealing handkerchiefs, purses, brooches, umbrellas, gloves and various other small articles from the counters of the Robert Simpson Company, was found guilty in the police court this morning and sent to jail for fifty days. The woman was sent to jail just a year ago on a similar charge.

TO SET ASIDE MORTGAGE.

H. D. Petrie has issued a writ in the County Court against W. Scott Waite, George C. Biggs and Laura C. Biggs to have a chattel mortgage set aside and declared fraudulent and void, as against the plaintiff. The mortgage is dated October 23, 1909, and is for \$400. The plaintiff is seeking to have the mortgage set aside in order to collect a debt which was owing previous to the time when the mortgage was made.

SANFORD SALESMEN.

From January 4 to 7 the W. E. Sanford Company will entertain their travellers and managers of their branch stores, about 50 in all, in this city. The meeting will be a combination of business with pleasure, and will conclude with a banquet in the large dining room at "Wesford" Jackson street west.

Fralick & Co. Clearing Lines.

\$15 line of men's overcoats, \$9.98; \$60 fur lined overcoats, \$47.50, outer collar and muskrat lining; fur lined gloves, \$3.50, for \$2.50; \$1 mocha gloves 75c; plishkin working mitts, 75c, for 50c; \$18 men's suits for \$12.99; 13 and 15 James street north.

A MERRY OUTING.

The members of "The King of Odessa" troupe had a sleighing party after last night's performance. They spent a delightful hour or two riding over the mountain, and then returned to the English Tea Room for lunch. They were a merry party.

ANYWAY, IT IS BETTER TO BORROW TROUBLE THAN IT IS TO MAKE IT.—Chicago News.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

The employees of the Pure Milk Co. wish to thank the firm for a Christmas gift of a turkey to each.

The Band of the Ninety-First Highlanders will have its annual progressive card party to-morrow night.

The employees of the Rogers Coal Co. wish to thank the firm for their usual generous Christmas remembrance.

F. J. Rutherford and Robert M. Garden will sail from New York to-morrow via the steamship Lusitania for Liverpool.

The Times has received a handsome holiday greeting card from Col. Bruce and the officers of the 91st Regiment. Thanks.

The employees of the Canadian Tungsten Lamp Co., Limited, desire to express their thanks to the management for their usual Christmas donations.

The Dovesell Manufacturing Company gave their employees a nice cash Christmas present, for which they thank the company and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

The employees of the Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works desire to thank the firm for their generous Christmas boxes and wish them a prosperous New Year.

Mr. E. O'Dell, of the T. H. & B. freight sheds, met with a painful accident yesterday, a sliver of wood running through his cheek in a fall. He is doing pretty well to-day.

The 9 o'clock radial car from Burlington last evening met with a mishap between Station 4 and Beach Road. An axle broke and disabled it. The passengers had to wait and transfer to the next car. The disabled car was removed and the track cleared during the night.

After a residence in this city of sixty years, Noah Pollington died this morning at his residence, 348 Jackson street west. Deceased had been ill for the past four months, and was about 70 years of age. He was an adherent of Herkimer Street Baptist Church, and a member of Maple Leaf Council No. 1, C. O. C. F. He leaves, besides a widow, six sons, Charles, Edward, James, Robert, Alex. and Arthur, and three daughters, Mrs. Chas. Gleadow and Misses Clara and Emily. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2.30 p. m. to Hamilton Cemetery.

ADVERTISING THAT PAYS.

Every Kitchen Set Sold as Result of Times Ad.

That judicious advertising in a paper like the Times, which goes into the homes and is read by the people with the money to spend was proven by the kitchen set ad. With a very large stock of these useful articles on hand, the Times ran a well-displayed ad. for a week. Result: Every set sold and daily orders and enquiries coming in.

In consequence, no more of these sets can be supplied.

IS MANAGER.

Former Hamilton Boy at Head of R. G. Dun Co.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—A. W. Ferguson, of Detroit, who has been appointed general manager of the entire R. G. Dun Commercial Agency, has been district manager in Detroit since 1893. He is 52 years old, and was born in Hamilton, Ont. He was educated in Galt collegiate Institute and Hellmuth college, and came to Detroit immediately after graduating. His first position here was as a reporter. His new position here is one of great responsibility, and carries with it a high salary.

PROMOTION FOR B. B. MITCHELL.

Announcement is made of the appointment of Barrett B. Mitchell, for several years general freight traffic manager of the New York Central lines at Chicago, as assistant to Vice-President C. F. Daily in New York, effective January 1. The office of general freight traffic manager is abolished and the jurisdiction of C. H. Ingalls, freight traffic manager of the lines west of Buffalo, is extended over the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie.

THIRTY-FIVE YEAR SUBSCRIBER.

Mr. J. Taylor, of Brantford, who is always a welcome visitor at the Times office, called to-day to pay his thirty-fifth annual subscription to the Times. Mr. Taylor is a constant reader, and he says he likes the paper better every day. "It is reliable," said Mr. Taylor, "and many of my neighbors read the Times when I am done with it." There are thousands who take the Times and agree with Mr. Taylor on the merits of this paper. Are you one of them? If not, why not?

HAD HIS LEG BROKEN.

Joseph Bond, Boylestone street, Kenwood, an employee of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, had his left leg badly burned last night at his work. Some hot metal was spilled and ran down his leg. He was taken to the City Hospital in the ambulance.

J. M. HARRIS HURT.

Mr. J. M. Harris, President of the Herald Printing Company, met with a painful accident last night. He slipped on the icy sidewalk near the Bank of Hamilton and fell, breaking a bone in his ankle. He is suffering considerable pain to-day.

A "Dead Sure" Thing.

Editor Times—A bet that Mayor John J. McLaren will be Mayor next year, who wins? Reader.

Ans.—He is already elected Mayor for next year, 1910.—Ed.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Light local snow falls and cold, followed to-night and during Wednesday by strong northerly winds and decidedly colder.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries:

Table with columns: Location, Temperature (8 a.m., Min., Weather), and Forecast (Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point).

WEATHER NOTES.

The Atlantic storm has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland. A distance which has developed since yesterday is now centered in Michigan and is likely to move eastward followed by a pronounced cold wave. The weather continues unseasonably mild in northern British Columbia and Yukon.

Toronto, Dec. 28. (11 a. m.)—Light local snow falls to-night; colder Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Unsettled weather with light local snows to-night or Wednesday in the interior; light to moderate winds, mostly west.

Western New York—Local snows to-night and Wednesday, moderate variable winds.

Following is the temperature for the past 24 hours, as registered by Parke & Parke:

9 a. m., 20; 11 a. m., 23; 1 p. m., 25; lowest in 24 hours, 13; highest in 24 hours, 25.

THE BIG STORM.

Philadelphia Busy Digging Itself Out of the Snow.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—With food products becoming scarcer and their price consequently higher, with street railway traffic uncertain and slow and with many railroad trains arriving late, Philadelphia is still busy raising the blockade caused by the great Christmas snow storm. With the opening of all transportation lines, business is rapidly reviving but the most serious problem to be met is the food supply.

Only 25 per cent. of the daily milk supply reached the city yesterday, and wholesale milk dealers estimated that to-day's supply will be 25 per cent. below normal.

Eggs, vegetables and other food products are scarce and prices have gone up all around. It is expected, however, that to-day will see the snow blockade sufficiently raised to enable farm products to be more easily transported.

ROCK ISLAND

To Investigate How the Stock Soared and Fell.

New York, Dec. 28.—Without delay the stock exchange committee of three began its investigation to-day into the hidden causes which sent Rock Island common stock soaring for an advance of thirty points yesterday on the exchange and then dropped the stock back again to its starting price, causing a "near" panic and a squeeze of the short sellers. The investigators have full power to act and will endeavor to trace the origin of the buying orders.

SKATERS NOT KICKERS.

Some single men and women write letters to the papers complaining about the cold commercialism of the present age, which often prevents marriage, but such people should learn to love the delightful sport of ice skating. The Thistle rink attracts the happy ones there every evening, and they intend to go just as long as Jack Frost gives them the proper encouragement. Band to-night.

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MORE NOMINATIONS.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Additional municipal candidates are reported to-day as follows: Seaford—Mayor—Duncan J. McCallum (acclamation). Springfield—Reeve—J. E. Lindsay (acclamation). Beaverton—Reeve—A. W. Talbot (acclamation). Fort Erie—Reeve—J. J. Foster and E. D. Plafie. Deseronto—Mayor—Dr. Newton (acclamation). Reeve—James Dryden (acclamation). Goderich—Mayor—Malcolm Graeme Cameron, John Elgin Tom, Dr. Clark, Dr. Macklin, Reeve—Chas. Reid, Robert Elliott, J. East Jordan.

In the Footsteps of the Fathers.

One has to be careful when attending a prison service, or even when singing before convicts, as the titles of the numbers of a recent jail recital suggest. Hymns too may need careful selection, as witness the story of Rev. F. R. Meyer.

He once attended a prison service at which one of the hymns was "We Are Marching on the Good Old Way, the Good Old Way Our Fathers Trod." Archdeacon Sinclair capped this with a story of a bishop who once on a prison service with the observation that he was delighted to see so many present.—London Globe.

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MARRIAGES.

SILVER WEDDING. BISHOP—ELEANOR—December 22nd, 1884, at the Congregational Church, Folkestone, Kent, England, by Rev. A. J. Palmer, James, eldest son of Thomas Bishop, to Anne, eldest daughter of George Eilen. Present address, 21 Ashly street, Hamilton, Ont.

FARTHING—PETTIT—On December 22nd, 1909, at Park Farm, Bismarck, by the Rev. John E. Pettit, Walter N. Farmington, Toronto, to Arty Evelyn Pettit.

DEATHS.

DWYER—In this city on the 28th December, 1909, at her late residence, 56 O'Reilly street, Mary Keilcher, relict of the late Michael Dwyer. Funeral notice later.

WILD BEASTS IN CITY PARK.

Mink, Marten and Rabbits Return to Their Former Haunts.

Park guards were surprised yesterday to learn of the presence of mink and marten in all the grove of their rich water fur ambience among the squirrels, rabbits and chipmunks. The latter animals abound among the creek and throughout the woods generally more plentifully than in a number of years. They are quite as wild as their brothers in the dryer forest, except that they are accustomed to the noises of carriages and other vehicles that pass along the drive.

Rabbits are also enjoying security from the gunner in the protected park and may frequently be seen, sleek and fat, springing among the bushes and undergrowth of the upper Wissashackon. The chipmunk, with his brown and gold and red striped back and cunning eyes, is there in as large numbers as the rabbit and seems more indifferent to danger. Between the new Walnut lambridge and the first wooden bridge above it crossing the creek the noise of the squirrels gnawing, with a tick, tick, tick, on a nutshell or their frequent calls of alarm to each other rings out through the woods, and the location of the animals can be traced by the noise they make.

Attention was attracted yesterday by a particularly loud crackling on the snow and dried leaves and two men stood in cover expecting to see a rabbit out foraging. To their surprise, however, a large purple head was thrust out of the undergrowth, then followed smoothly a long body of the richest brown which could hardly be distinguished from the purple, while a tail of beautiful black shiny fur completed the body of a full grown mink. He was fat and well fed and his coat looked as if it had been groomed by an expert barber. His seal-like head and small eyes gave the appearance of gross ignorance, but a motion toward him soon showed he was quite an intelligent creature. He dived quickly among the rocks and undergrowth that protruded from the rocks after being in view at a distance of twenty feet for about a minute. The body of a small red squirrel was found not far from the place, and it is supposed he was a martyr to the hunger of the mink.

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