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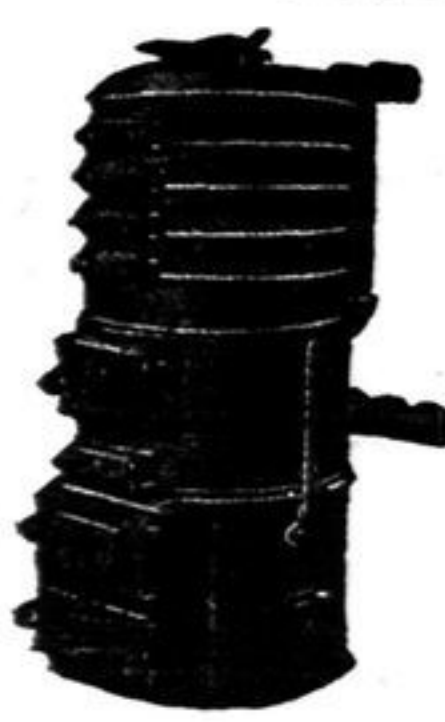
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JANETVILLE.

(Correspondence Free Press.) Janetville, Jan. 11.—The interest in skating is still kept up and the pond is nightly patronized by large numbers. Mr. John Bradburn is the proud father of a young daughter. Mrs. John McGill went to Toronto some time ago with her baby, Clarence, who required hospital treatment. We are glad to learn that the baby is as well as could be expected. Mr. Jas. Howe has rented the farm of Mr. Hilliard McGill, just across the road from his own, and next season intends going into farming on an extensive scale. We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. McGill still retain the house and will remain among us. The Presbyterian congregation does not intend to have an oyster supper this year as usual. Miss Edith Anderson has again returned to Toronto. Miss Peters, of Baltimore, is now teaching the junior department of the Public school here. Miss Peters, we learn is of a literary turn and writes for various periodicals. Mr. J. J. Thornton again intends to go into the lumbering business. We understand that Mr. E. Richardson has purchased Mrs. McGee's residence

Maud Keswick Lowers Track Record at Races

GREAT PERFORMANCE AT LINDSAY'S WINTER EVENT—INTERESTING RACES AND BIG CROWDS BOTH DAYS.

Wednesday, the second and closing day of Lindsay's winter races was marked by an even bigger crowd than on the opening day. The track was in good condition, the crowds big and well pleased, and the races interesting and keen, so that the Lindsay winter races may be again set down as a big success.

The event that created perhaps the most interest was that in which Maud Keswick, with a turf record of 2.03 1-4, owned by Hugh Wigle, of Windsor, and driven by D. Peters, of Blenheim, gave an exhibition race against time in an effort to lower the record of 2.20 for the local track. This she succeeded in doing, covering the mile in 2.17 3-4. The half mile was covered in 1.07 1-2. The purse was \$50.

The following are the results for Wednesday:
2.22 trot or pace, purse \$175—Ideal, J. Rumbough, Wingham 1 1 1
King Bryson, S. McBride, Toronto 2 2 2
Sweetheart, H. Laidley, of Cokstown 3 3 4
Patterson, Jones, Peterboro 4 4 3
Dr. Mac, Dr. Broad, Lindsay 5 5 5
Time, 2.24 1-4, 2.24, 2.25.
Named race, half mile, purse \$75—Kirkland, Nicholls, Lakefield 2 1 1
Mollie K., Murray, Downeyville 5 2 2
Sam Hal, S. Hallett, Sunderland 1 3 3
Lapadist, Snider, G. Barry, Minden 3 5 5
BlackMaude, J. Hutchi-

son, Lindsay 4 4 4
Time, 1.20, 1.17 1-2, 1.19, 1.20.
Consolation race, purse, \$100.—
Wawa, H. Laidley, Cookstown 3 2 1
Prince Medium, G. Clark, Brighton 1 1 2
Brown Hal, S. Hallett, Sunderland 2 3 3
Lou Keswick, A. Ashmore, Lindsay 4 dr
Time, 2.32 1-2, 2.39 1-2, 2.31, 2.33 2.33.

The results of the races for the opening day are as follows:
2.35 Class—
Oliver B., C. T. McKay, Kingston 6 8 5
Pansy, J. Rumbough, Wingham 1 1 3
Togo, Geo. Powell, Belleville 8 4 1
Lou Keswick, A. Ashmore, Lindsay 4 3 2
Minnie G., Geo. Dettman, Kinmount 7 5 7
Prince Medium, G. Clarke, Brighton 2 2 6
Wawa, H. Laidley, Cookstown 3 6 3
Sunderland 5 7 4
Time, 2.27 1-2, 2.27 1-4, 2.26 3-4, 2.27, 2.16 Class—
May Max, W. H. Carson, Kingston 3 4 4
Gracie Pointer, P. Burke, North Bay 1 1 1
"Otto K.," Del Peters, Blenheim 2 3 3
"J. B. Wilkes," More Bros., Sarnia 4 2 2
Time by heats—2.23 1/2, 2.26, 2.27 1/2.

Conditions Under Which Town May Get Natural Gas

EXPLAINED AT THE MEETING LAST WEEK — GAS FOR POWER, LIGHT AND FUEL—LOOKS LIKE GOOD PROPOSITION—WHAT THE COMPANY WILL GIVE, AND WHAT THEY ARE ASKING.

A goodly number of citizens turned out recently to hear the question of natural gas discussed. Mayor Begg occupied the chair, and nearly all of the members of the Town Council and many of the members of the Board of Trade were present.

Mr. R. H. Leary, of Peterboro, was present on behalf of a firm of capitalists of Waynesburg, Pa. This company, headed by C. E. Dettman, was formed some time ago to exploit a big find of natural gas discovered in North Monaghan, near Peterboro. Mr. Dettman, who is an experienced man in the matter of natural gas, has been all through the district, and believes there is lots of the commodity in this section. Mr. Dettman has met with a very large measure of success in the natural gas business in Waynesburg, Pa., where he is connected with the Home Gas Company that promoted the big natural gas business there and now operates the same with much profit and advantage to both consumer and company.

Mr. Leary last night made a short address full of facts and figures, in which he ably outlined the proposition of giving Lindsay natural gas service. Mr. Leary pointed out that the Company would not ask for anything except a franchise to lay mains on the streets of the town. No stock would be asked subscribed for, or anything like that. All the Company would ask of the town would be the exclusive franchise for laying natural gas mains. Even in this, the town would be protected in several ways, including a statement in the agreement as to the highest price that could be charged by them for gas. The price would be not more than 50 cents per thousand cubic feet for domestic purposes and not more than 25 cents per thousand cubic feet for manufacturing purposes. In Peterboro the consumers pay \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet to the gas company there at present. Mr. Leary quoted the cases of Hamilton, Welland and other places to show the cheapness and utility of natural gas. Power, light and heat would be supplied and all would prove cheaper than the existing methods.

The Company was prepared to spend \$50,000 in looking for natural gas in this vicinity. If they found gas in paying quantities, the town and the farmers would benefit. If they did not strike gas, they would pay all damages and all costs, and the Company alone would lose. The Company had such faith in the enterprise that they were prepared to expend \$50,000 in the experiment. Peterboro had accepted the proposition and given a franchise to the Company. Difficulty had arisen in getting options on all the required land desired, but it was hoped to adjust this. In any case, Lindsay would be given the service, if the people here required it.

The second requirement desired by

the Company related to the option in farm lands. It was desired to secure an option on about 8,000 acres. The land would be held under option, as a protection to the Company. For a start four wells would likely be put down at different points to make the test.

Mr. Leary proceeded to read a portion of the agreement, which the farmer was asked to sign. Extracts are as follows:
No wells to be drilled within three hundred feet of main buildings without lessor's consent.
The lessee to deliver to the lessor on the premises, free of all cost, the one tenth part of all petroleum and other minerals produced and saved from the premises, and to pay \$50 per annum for each gas well from which the gas is marketed.
If the lessor shall request it, the lessee shall bury all oil or gas lines below plow depth.
Lessee to pay any actual damage to crops caused by operation of keep all gates closed and fences as found, and to pay all taxes rated on any property or effects he may place thereon.

This lease to be null and void and no longer binding on either party if a well is not commenced on the premises within one year from this date, unless the lessee shall thereafter pay yearly to lessor 20c. per acre for royalty.
Part or all of said money to be paid at any time within said term of agreement.
All money falling due under the terms of this lease may be paid to lessor or to his credit at the bank.
It is further agreed by the parties of the first part that the parties of the second part to comply with the conditions or to pay the cash considerations herein mentioned in the time and manner agreed, then and in that event this lease is to be null and void and not binding on either party, the lessor to give one month's notice to the lessee, pointing the default. If gas is found on premises, lessor to have free use of gas for one dwelling house situated on same premises used by economical appliances and during said term.
The feeling of the meeting was highly favorable to the plan, which seemed to offer no risk to either the town or the farmers and promised on the other hand much benefit to the town.

On motion of I. E. Weldon, seconded by Ald. A. Howkins, the meeting of citizens endorsed the proposition as outlined by Mr. Leary and recommended that it be taken up and on motion of Mr. Sparling, seconded by Reeve Geo. A. Jordan, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Leary, of Peterboro, for the able and concise manner in which he had fully considered by town Council, given the details of the proposition and for his trouble in coming to Lindsay.

FAIRBAIRN.
Fairbairn, Jan. 12.—Mr. Harry Connell, of Stanley, Alberta, is home visiting his father, Mr. Alex. Connell. Henry has been in the West over 20 years and can see a great many changes in Fairbairn.
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The Real Rogues are not Touched Yet in Pittsburg

WEALTHY "PHILANTHROPISTS" WHO HAVE ROBBED BIG CITIES RIGHT AND LEFT—MARSHALL FIELD AND HIS TAXES—THE "BABY WOLVES" AND THEIR SNARLING—THE REAL WOLVES YET TO CATCH.

"What you hear now from Pittsburg is the noise of the baby wolves quarrelling over the bones." In this graphic sentence in the Brooklyn Citizen Marlen E. Pew concludes an article about the graft scandals in the Smoky City. He pointed out that the real wealth of Pittsburg was looted long ago; and that something equal to a revolution or an earthquake must occur if the big grafters, the millionaires in high places, are to disgorge. The tools of these men, the aldermen and petty officials, may be indicted, and perhaps the weakest member of the band of robber financiers may be offered as a scapegoat, but Mr. Pew says that, in the absence of another Heney, the worst sinners will escape.

Punishing the Tools.
The announcement of an indictment against a president of a Pittsburg railway company, made in yesterday's papers, is a cheering indication that the view expressed in the Citizen may be unduly pessimistic. Once an American community becomes thoroughly aroused, it is hard to say that any given man will escape its wrath. It is true that the courts are usually fire escapes down which an execrated boodler may climb to safety; and it remains a remarkable fact that, in all the muck-raking and graft prosecutions of the past five years, no "malefactor of great wealth" has been actually jailed, and made to serve a prison sentence. But if the constitution of the United States makes a law court instead of a parliament the supreme authority on every question, and thus protects men against whom the whole nation may be howling, a thoroughgoing graft prosecution will punish the tools of the great grafters so severely that applicants for their dishonorable positions will be few. In a dearth of cats, monkeys go without roasted chestnuts.

Distinguished Grafters.
F. J. Heney, the famous prosecutor of the Ruef Schmitz gang, said publicly the other day that the real power behind these grafters, the most dangerous of San Francisco's enemies, was Harriman the railroad man. The Mail and Empire gave the appraisers' report on the value of the Marshall Field estate. It was about \$85,000,000. Marshall Field was a great merchant and philanthropist, yet he did more to debauch the municipal politics of Chicago than any other man who ever lived there. When he died he owed the city several million dollars in back taxes, according to newspaper report, and his executors had to hustle up with a million or two to prevent a suit. It was Marshall Field who brought into Chicago public life

"Bath-house John" and others of the tribe. He had them elected year after year, and their business was to see that Marshall Field was not annoyed by attempts to enforce the municipal ordinances he was violating every day of the year.

The Genial Magee.
So the man behind the graft in the city of Pittsburg was the late Chris. Magee, the notorious boss, who looted the city right and left for twenty years and died a multi-millionaire—and the most popular man in Pittsburg. He was a typical Irish political buccaner. He stole franchises—but he never forgot a friend. He looted millions—but gave away thousands. He was never overthrown, because he never got what is vulgarly called the "swelled head." He was as genial to the crossing-sweeper as to the Senator. The foe to all the city, he was the private benefactor of hundreds. Now his nephew is in training as the Republican party's candidate for mayor of Pittsburg. The man who is to conduct the graft prosecutions is an appointee of the dominant party's machine. The present mayor is a fine, timid, old "silk stocking," whose chief desire is to get outside papers to cease discussing the rottenness revealed in Pittsburg.

A Looted City.
Some of old Chris. Magee's chickens are coming home to roost. It was he who grabbed for some wealthy corporations the three great franchises which every city has to dispose of at some time or other. A Philadelphia concern owns the Pittsburg electric light plant and charges exorbitantly for its service. It enjoys a perpetual franchise, for which it pays the not one cent. The gas company has also a perpetual franchise, for which it paid nothing. The street car franchises are owned by people who, as the mayor admits, has no interest in Pittsburg except to take profits out of it. There are several of these companies, and the city gets no percentage of earnings and nothing for the perpetual franchises. Transfers are not issued and a straight five-cent fare is charged. When this outrageous franchise grab was put through, it was argued that competition between companies would result in a good, cheap service. As a matter of fact, the companies appear to be separate in name only. Pat Calhoun owns them all, and he is the absolute master of the traction system in Pittsburg, responsible to nobody. But worse despots than Magee or Calhoun, or the local chiefs of the Republican party, have been overthrown, and so there is hope for Pittsburg.—Mail and Empire.

SOMERVILLE COUNCIL.

Council met pursuant to statute January 11th, 1909. The members all being present and having taken the declaration of office and of qualification to office, the Reeve took his seat and addressed the Council. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Carew moved, seconded by Mr. Fell that the usual grant of ten dollars be given the Hospital for Sick Children, and also that the subscription of the Municipal World be renewed.
Hoskins, Byrne.—That no bonus be given for wire fences during this year.
Hoskins, Fell.—That By-law No. —, a by-law to appoint a member of the local Board of Health be now read and passed.
Hoskins, Fell.—That by-law No. —, a by-law to appoint an assessor be now read and passed.—By-law read and passed.
Carew, Fell.—That By-law No. —, a by-law to appoint an auditor, be now read and passed.—By-law read and passed.
Carew, Fell.—That the following accounts be paid:
Hopkins Bros and Mark, for spikes for bridge \$ 2 07
Geo. W. Beall, for stationery 5 65
Ed. Hand, for printing 14 45
H. P. Chessel, D.R.O. 3 00
A. B. Townsend, D.R.O., \$3.00; hall for polling \$2.00 5 00
John Suggett, D.R.O., \$3.00; hall for polling \$2.00 5 00
Carew, Fell.—That J. J. Finney be given a contract of putting ten cords of stone in the river at the new bridge near G. Cavanagh's at a price of two dollars and 50 cents per cord, stone to be put in according to Mr. Byrne's instructions.
Hoskins, Byrne.—That the Council adjourn, to meet again on Saturday, March 6th, prox.

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