

## SYNOPSIS OF MESSAGE

**Affairs in Nicaragua Given Much Attention.**

**POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS**

**Estimates on National Expenses Cut \$55,000,000—Ship Subsidy Bill Stated for Arizona and New Mexico.**

(Special to The Evening News) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft's first regular annual message to Congress was sent to that body today. It consists of about 29,000 words and at that leaves for subsequent discussion in special messages the important subjects on anti-trust and inter-state commerce legislation for further laws to promote the conservation of the natural resources. These questions are mostly referred to incidentally in the present message.

As to Nicaragua, President Taft refers to the "sad tale of the unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government," and to the fact that two Americans were recently put to death by order of Zelaya himself and says that this government is proceeding "with deliberate circumspection" to determine the exact truth and the course to be pursued "most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America." The message exonerates Japan from the charge of seeking a monopoly in Manchuria and says that our relations with that country continue cordial as usual. It points out the successful efforts that have been made to bring about economy in government expenses, the estimates for government expenses having been cut over \$55,000,000. The President recommends that the de-

ficit in the treasury shall be met by the issue of Panama bonds.

Legislation to produce expedition in legal procedure is asked for as well as a law to prevent the issuance of injunctions with notice. The President recommends the establishment of postal savings banks and the passage of a ship subsidy bill looking to the establishment of lines to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines. He urged the admission as separate states of New Mexico and Arizona and suggests the appointment of an executive council for Alaska, but strongly deprecates the idea of the election of a territorial legislature for that district.

Referring to the frauds discovered at the New York customs house of which the sugar trust was the beneficiary, the president says that the government has recovered from the trust all that it is shown to have been defrauded of from underweights and that the treasury department and department of justice are exerting every effort to discover the wrongdoers, "including the officers and employers" of the trust with a view to criminal prosecution. The President adds that it seems to him that a congressional investigation of the frauds at this time might, by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrassment in securing convictions of the guilty parties.

## CHEHALIS COUNTY GIVES FRANCHISE

(Special to The Evening News) HOQUAIM, Wash., Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the county commissioners, yesterday, a franchise was granted to Eldredge Wheeler and associates for an electric line over every public road in the county. Backers of this enterprise are thought to be eastern capitalists. All protests to the action were ignored by the Board which made the concessions at a secret session, but the facts were not made public until today.

What does your mother, sister, brother or sweetheart want for Xmas, a Photo made by Clark's Studio, Roseburg National Bank building?

## TIME IS NO OBJECT

**City Books to be Experted in Near Future**

**SALARY \$15.00 PER DAY**

**City Proposes to Purchase Team and Steel Dump Wagon—Numerous Other Matters are Disposed of During Session**

WANTED—Man to expert the city books. \$12.50 per day and expenses. Time required in completing task no object.

Regardless of the strenuous protest of Councilmen Bounds and Mullen, the members of the city council, at their regular semi-monthly meeting held last evening, decided to employ Ben Oleott, of Salem, to expert the city books. Mr. Oleott will receive compensation at the rate of \$12.50 per day and expenses, aggregating at the least calculation \$15.00 per day. Not only will the expert receive this substantial compensation—but far more—he will be allowed his own time in completing the task.

The matter of experting the city books has been agitated by certain members of the council for some time past, and accordingly a committee was appointed at a previous meeting to investigate and ascertain the cost of such undertaking. The members of this committee were on hand last evening and reported that they had completed their investigation, submitting the following bids for consideration: E. H. Collice, of Eugene, \$30 per day including assistant; E. H. Mosher, of Portland, \$25 per day including assistant; Ben Oleott, of Salem, \$12.50, expenses and assistant.

Hardly had City Recorder Oreutt finished reading the bids when Councilman Bounds advanced a motion advocating that the experting of the city books be indefinitely postponed, and that the money necessary in such an undertaking be expended in the improvement of the streets. Mr. Bounds argued that the experting of the city books was unnecessary at this time, and further, the city needed every available cent in the improvement of the streets.

Councilman Micelli then spoke briefly, stating that he believed the books should be experted inasmuch as such was only fair to the incoming as well as the outgoing officers. "I also believe," said Councilman Micelli, "that the citizens demand an accounting, inasmuch as expressions of graft have been heard on every hand during the past few months."

Councilman Mullen coincided with Bounds, and in a brief address expressed himself as opposed to experting the city books at this time. "There are always a few persons in every town," said Mr. Mullen, "who yell 'graft.' I think we are foolish to even think of experting the city books inasmuch as we need the money to meet our current expenses."

Councilman Josephson said that there were several heavy taxpayers who demanded that the books be experted, intimating that there were persons in the city who believed that graft was prevalent during the so-called old administration. Councilman Josephson failed to divulge the names of these disgruntled individuals, however, preferring to leave the matter in the hands of his constituents.

Councilman McClallen declared himself in favor of experting the books—not because he thought anything was wrong, but simply to satisfy a few persons who had accused the old administration of graft. McClallen also explained that as long as the books were to be experted it would be well to have the expert recommend a system for keeping the city books intimating that the present books were of little account.

Without further argument Bound's motion was placed to a vote and lost by a vote of 3 to 2.

Another motion was then advanced authorizing the Mayor to appoint a committee of three members of the council to employ Mr. Oleott at his price of \$12.50 per day, expenses and assistant. This motion was carried and Councilmen Josephson, Strong and Micelli were appointed as such committee. These gentlemen are clothed with full power to act, and it is needless to assert that the books will be experted at once. It is intended to expert the books from the time Horace Marsters acted as city recorder until the present day.

A letter, received from Mr. Oleott, the successful bidder, and read by City Recorder Oreutt is to the effect that he is unable to determine how much time will be required in completing the task. He says, however, that from past experience he does not think the work can be completed in less than a month.

Should Mr. Oleott be correct in his opinion the experting of the books will cost the taxpayers of Roseburg at the least calculation \$500. Of this amount Mr. Oleott will receive approximately \$400, and his assistant, who is to be furnished by the city, \$100. Should the work require more than 26 days the expenses will be even greater. As the matter stands at present Oleott will be given his own time in completing the job, therefore the expense of the "luxury" is a conjecture.

Recommend a Team. In a written report submitted by

the street cleaning department the members recommend the purchase of a new steel dump wagon and a team. Councilman Micelli explained that the city would be able to save considerable money by purchasing a team at the present time as it is almost impossible to keep the paved streets in a presentable condition under the present system.

McClallen also expressed himself in favor of purchasing a team. He argued that the present expense of cleaning the streets was something enormous and that considerable money could be saved if the city owned its own team.

After much discussion a committee consisting of Councilmen Strong, McClallen and Mullen were appointed to investigate and ascertain the cost of a dump wagon and team. They will report at a future meeting of the council.

## The Light System.

The matter of entering into a contract with the local water and light company to furnish electricity for the new decorative lighting system was again taken up at last evening's session of the council. The committee to whom the proposition of securing a rate was referred reported that Kendall Brothers had agreed to furnish the necessary current for the sum of \$120 per month, such rate to include 59 posts, each of which will contain five lights. In accordance with the agreement, however, four lights on each post are to be turned off at midnight.

Councilman Micelli said he was ready to enter into a contract with the company at any time when the citizens shall guarantee the renewals. Until that time, however, he stated he would "stand pat," intimating that he would not enter into a blinding contract without first knowing the citizens would do their part.

It was finally decided to defer definite action until such time as the business men can be interviewed with a view to ascertaining their feeling on the matter. It is quite likely that the proposition will be brought to a focus at an adjourned meeting of the council to be held Friday evening.

## Minor Matters.

Winnie Gaudin, the local plumber asked permission to install a decorative lighting post at the corner of Lane and Pine streets. Such was referred to the committee on city improvements.

A petition was read requesting a crosswalk at the foot of West First street in North Roseburg. Such was referred to the city improvement committee.

A communication was received from Kendall Brothers to the effect that the electric light company had withdrawn its proposition to furnish water for hydrants exceeding the limit of 50, for the sum of \$25 annually.

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## COLD WAVE EAST

**St. Louis Experiences Heavy Snow Fall**

**BLIZZARD AT CHICAGO**

**Denver is Feeling the Extreme Cold Weather—Cattle on the Range Will Suffer—Chicago has Blizzard**

(Special to The Evening News.) DENVER, Col., Dec. 7.—A record breaking cold wave is sweeping west and south today. Six inches of snow has fallen at St. Louis the storm shows no indications of abating. Chicago is also in the grip of the fiercest blizzard of the winter and street car traffic is badly crippled. From all part of the country reports are coming of most severe and unusual storms, and on the ranges the cattle are bound to suffer from the extreme cold that is prevailing.

## 200 KILLED IN BATTLE

(Special to The Evening News.) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Dispatches from Managua via wireless to Port Limon today says General Vasquez, heading Pardo Zelaya forces has won a decided victory in an engagement north of Rama. Two hundred were killed in the engagement, and the fighting is said to have been hard to hand.

## SICK AND SHUT IN A BOX CAR

(Special to The Evening News.) TACOMA, Dec. 7.—After lying 6 days in a box car without food, Alfred Webb, a gas fitter, is slowly recovering at the county hospital. Webb was discovered in a car on the siding in the Northern Pacific railroad yards at South Tacoma at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by two boys who had opened the car in search for coal. He was huddled up on a blanket in

one corner of the car, and was to all appearances dead. The boys who found him immediately notified the police, and when the officers went to investigate the matter Webb was discovered to be alive, but in a very critical condition from exposure and lack of food during the extreme severe weather of the past week. When taken to the hospital Webb said he crawled in the car last Tuesday because he was ill and had no money or any place to go. He gave his age as 35, and said he came from England two years ago.

## ROBBERY NOT THE MOTIVE

(Special to The Evening News.) NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—William Astor Draton, grandson of John Jacob Astor, was black-jacked and left unconscious on the sidewalk in West Fifty-second street last night. He was not fatally hurt, but is unable to give any description of his assailant. Robbery was apparently not the motive for the crime, since Draton's purse and watch were not taken.

## BOILER WORKERS OUT ON STRIKE

(Special to The Evening News.) SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Six hundred blacksmiths and boiler makers working in a local branch of the American Locomotive Co. shops went on a strike today.

## BORN

HINDMAN—In Roseburg, Tuesday, December 7, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hindman, a 9-pound boy.

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