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## COUNCIL GIVEN NEW AUTHORITY

### AN ORDINANCE PASSED UNDER NEW CHARTER.

Next Month the City Will Have Authority to Punish Violators of the Local Option Law—Same Punishment Identical with the State Law—Petition Asking for Ordinance to Prohibit Near-Beer Referred to Committee.

The new charter gives the city the power to fine and punish violators of the local option law and in order to be in a position to secure the fines and punish the violators an ordinance was passed last night fixing the punishment identical with the state law, which makes the fines for the first violation anywhere from \$50 to \$300, and imprisonment from 25 to 150 days. A fine and imprisonment being the punishment for a second offense. This ordinance will go into effect 30 days hence.

### To Prohibit Near-Beer.

A petition was presented asking that the council pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of near-beer. The petition was referred to a committee, which will make a report at the next meeting. The object of the petitioners in asking that such an ordinance be passed was in common with similar action that is being taken in several cities in the state. The prohibition of the sale of near-beer makes it much easier to enforce the general local option law.

### Fatal Fall Over Precipice.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 3.—Word has been received here today that Alexander Macauley, a prominent business man and former legislator of Montana fell over a precipice in Teton county, in a remote section of Montana, Tuesday, while hunting, and was instantly killed.

## COSGROVE WORSE

### WIFE OF FAILING MAN GIVES OUT INTERVIEW.

Openly Admitted That Governor-Elect is a Very Sick Man—Wife is Still Hopeful.

Paso Robles, Dec. 3.—Reports on the condition of Governor-elect Cosgrove is unfavorable today. Dr. Everhart of Berkeley, was called in consultation and there is a strong belief that the turn in his condition is serious. Mrs. Cosgrove said: "Cosgrove is a very sick man. He had an attack of indigestion, which has passed. I am hopeful, but do not wish to give a false impression. I hope the next few weeks will work a change for the better. I have no idea when we return to Washington."

### Ankeny Goes to Washington.

Walla Walla, Dec. 2.—Senator Ankeny left over the O. R. & N. train yesterday afternoon for the national capital to be in attendance on the closing session of the 60th congress, which will convene December 8. Before leaving Senator Ankeny expressed the opinion that little work other than routine business will be transacted at the coming session, the more weighty matters being postponed until the special session after the inauguration of President-elect William H. Taft, on March 4. The senator will make the trip to Washington alone, his family remaining in Walla Walla during the winter.

### BAKER SELLS OUT.

Relinquished His Interest in the Lyric Theater Today.

This afternoon Charles Baker sold his interest in the Lyric theater to Dr. Manns, the chiropodist and foot specialist. The proprietors are now, Parsons & Manns. The latter has been in the city a short time and has decided to locate here.

Grand ball Friday evening at Elks' hall.

## CONGRESS MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

### FEW LAWS AND MUCH TALK SEEMS THE SLATE.

Some of the Matters for Action by Last Session of 60th Congress Are Tariff and New Banking Laws—Expansion Policy Fought Expected—Temperance Folks Will Be Active—Economy to Be Kept—Appropriations \$1,000,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Plenty of talk and few laws are likely to be the record of the final session of the 60th congress, beginning Tuesday. Appropriation bills will probably be the most important but economy is to be the watchword. It is said appropriations for the next year will not run over \$1,000,000,000. Outside of the regular budget, river and harbor bills will be the biggest expenditure.

The American Federation of Labor will make a fight to separate the unions from the provisions of the Sherman law. The new tariff bill will cause much oratory.

### Temperance People Active.

The temperance people are urging a measure authorizing the "dry" states to prohibit shipping liquor into their territory. Sharp discussion of the banking laws is certain and amendments are possible. The naval appropriations bill will likely result in a hot contest over the question of expansion. The postal savings banks and rural parcel delivery are probably to be discussed at length. The child labor law will probably come up before the holidays and criminal laws in a revised form will be ready for early discussion. The senate has in the calendar of unfinished business a bill suspending operation of the commodity clause of the railroad rate bill, which was recently declared unconstitutional by the United States circuit court at Philadelphia, and is now before the supreme court.

The senate, by a special order on December 15th, will resume the consideration of a bill to fix the status of the negro soldiers discharged for alleged participation in the Brownsville riot.

The president's annual message will be sent to congress Tuesday afternoon.

## FRIENDLY LETTER BROUGHT POISON

### STOMACH POWDERS CAUSE DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

What Seems to Be Direct Attempt at Murder Discovered in San Francisco—Letter From Supposed Friend Contained Powders for Stomach Ailment—Death Followed After First Dose—No Physician Bearing Writer's Name, Can Be Located.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Authorities are investigating the death of Harry Boas, aged 31, who was found dead in his bed today after swallowing "stomach powders" sent through the mail by a person signing himself "Charles McHawer, M. D., San Jose." Boas formerly lived in San Jose and was the western representative of the Bannett Electric company. The powders are being analyzed.

In a letter accompanying the powders "McHawer" wrote he sent his powders to cure the indigestion of which Boas had complained.

Boas lived with his mother and sister. He received the following letter: "Having been requested by friends of yours and mine in San Jose to send you relief for stomach trouble, I take pleasure in doing so. I am told you are continuously bothered with indigestion. The two powders enclosed are not only the relief but a cure for the ailment, being composed of Catay, which is the greatest of all removers of albumin food which gathers on the alimentary canals leading to the stomach. It is advisable not to wait until you are bothered again, as it is that which makes it harder to remove the matter which has already gathered thereby retaining other matter. If you take the powders mixed together, followed by a glass of water or whisky, before retiring, I can assure you of a cure. This medicine has brought a cure in several cases. Kindly excuse haste in which they are put up, because I have forgotten them until the last moment. Hoping I have done you a service, I remain respectfully,  
"CHARLES M'HAWER."  
There is no Dr. McHawer known in San Jose or San Francisco.

Observer "Want" column for results.

## DETECTIVE TELLS INSIDE FACTS

### GRAFT PROSECUTION MAY BRANCH AGAIN.

Detective Employed by Burns Appears Before Grand Jury With Startling Story of Attempted Bribery—The "Higher Ups" in San Francisco May Suffer Soon.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—John Lawler, employed by Detective William Burns in the graft prosecution, appeared before the grand jury yesterday and divulged, according to the graft prosecution organ, the details of the trap laid by Burns and himself, to betray Detective Luther Brown, of the United Railroads staff, into an attempt to bribe Lawler into revealing carefully guarded secrets of the prosecution.

Lawler showed the grand jury a package of \$2000 marked bills, which he said represented the money offered him. An investigation may form a basis for an indictment of Brown and the "higher ups" who are accused of bribing him to do the deed.

Lawler is said to have involved William Abbott, assistant to Tiley L. Ford, chief counsel for the United Railroads.

## OVER ONE ROD OF PENNIES NOW

### SOLICITING COMMITTEES ARE MAKING FINE PROGRESS.

"Get Your Dollar Ready," Say Officers—One Incomplete District Has 55 Names Now—Bright Prospects for "Mile of Pennies" Plan—Silver Will Suffice.

More than a rod long is the string of pennies now sent in by children to attain the ideal in the "mile of pennies" scheme. The last donation came this afternoon in the way of 150 red coppers from the Misses Madeline and Ruth Jones, and Master Raynold Landrum.

### Recirculate Coppers.

There is a scarcity of pennies, but the banks are sending them back into circulation as rapidly as possible, and in the event that any child wishes to donate any amount of pennies, a silver piece will be accepted and the measurements counted as though the real pennies were there.

The campaign has just begun and the promoters are elated over the rod of pennies now at hand.

### Get Dollar Ready.

The canvass for membership to the Riverside Park association has been

## HORRIBLE MURDER

### WOMAN CHOP'S COGNAC HEAD FROM HIS BODY.

Indignant Over Refusal to Pay 40-Cent Bill, Woman Commits Murder—Uses Ax.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 3.—After she had chopped off the head of John Manley, a negro miner, because he refused to pay a 40-cent laundry bill, Mrs. Tena Caby gave herself up to the police today. The murder was committed last night at Chafey.

When Manley refused to pay 40 cents, which he had owed three weeks, the woman seized an ax and felled him. She struck blow after blow. When she stopped from exhaustion, Manley's head was severed from the body. His body is terribly mangled.

### VIEWING ROAD WORK.

### County Court Up the River Today Looking Over the Work.

This afternoon the county court visited the work that is being done up the river between here and Perry, where the channel of the river is being changed with the result that two bridges will be eliminated altogether, thus making a great saving. The county refused to let this work by contract after receiving bids and County Bridge Superintendent Joe Campbell is superintending. The work is progressing nicely and a few more nice days will see it all completed.

Grand ball Friday evening at Elks' hall.

### CITY RETRENCHMENT.

### Street and Water Departments Curtailed—Further Consideration.

The problem of the curtailment of city expenses was one of the matters receiving consideration at the council meeting last night. The ways and means committee reported a recommendation that no additional expense could be added to the street and water departments unless authorized by the respective council committees.

In the matter of reducing the police force the council decided to give the matter additional consideration until the meeting to be held in the middle of the month. The committee suggested that it might be necessary to dispense with the services of one night man and the poundmaster, but would not recommend it, but referred it to the council as a whole, with the above result of deferring action until the next meeting.

launched. The city is divided into districts and the solicitors are making rapid progress. In one district an incomplete report brings in 55 new names. "Get your dollar ready," admonish the officers of the association, "for you will surely be called upon to aid in the work." The fund is swelling rapidly for this early time in the campaign and there is going to be an incessant attack along these lines until sufficient money is at hand to cover the expenses.

## MORE WORK FOR COUNTY JUDGE

### JUDGE HENRY TO HEAR MANY PRELIMINARY TRIALS.

### District Attorney Recommends That Criminal Cases Be Heard Before Judge Henry as Committing Magistrate—Reduces Duties of Judge Angus Stewart—Will Mean Less Justice and Constable Fees Than Herebefore—Civil Cases Unchanged.

A decision of the county court made today has three radical effects, to-wit: that the duties of the county judge increase without additional salary, that the field of the justice court be limited to civil cases and that the expense of preliminary hearings in criminal cases will reduce materially. County Judge Henry will be used as a committing magistrate to a greater degree hereafter, receiving no fees therefor, however. All papers in connection with the preliminary hearings must be served by the sheriff without fees, thus eliminating constable expense. Justice of the Peace Angus Stewart will hereafter hear criminal cases only when the county judge is not available. Civil suits will continue to originate in Stewart's court the same as before.

These changes were recommended by the district attorney.

### EXPERT'S REPORT.

### A Few Minor Errors Found Which Were Immediately Corrected.

J. B. Eaton, who several months ago was employed by the city to expert the books, made his final report, which showed that everything connected with the city was handled in a thorough-going manner. Barring a few minor items which, comprising a number of small clerical errors, resulted in a shortage of \$84 during the two years' administration of ex-Recorder Snook. When the finance committee and Mr. Snook went over the account several items which showed on the books as errors in reality were not and Mr. Snook handed the council his check for the balance. The report nor the facts placed any blame upon Mr. Snook. The statement in the Morning Star to the effect that the water superintendent was short \$84 was entirely a misunderstanding of the facts. The water superintendent does not handle any money whatever. The water rents are collected by the recorder.

### OFFICER TRIAL TOMORROW. Will Be Arraigned Before Judge Henry for Larceny.

J. B. Officer, who was brought back from Arkansas, will be arraigned tomorrow morning before Judge Henry to stand a preliminary hearing on the charge of stealing a watch. However, as the grand jury is now in session, they may act, by returning either a true or a not true bill, if so there will be no necessity of an examination.

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