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City Administration Passes Into Other Hands.

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MAYOR WILLIAMS' PROBABLE APPOINTMENTS.

For member of the Board of Police Commissioners, to succeed D. S. Cobb—William M. Ladd.
For member of the Board of Fire Commissioners—Richard E. Eversing, the retiring Commissioner.
For City Physician—Dr. James C. Zan, the incumbent.
For Harbormaster, to succeed James Laid—John J. Byrne, or Ben Higgin, or James Laid.
For Superintendent of the Street-Cleaning Department, to succeed Eugene Ferguson—J. E. Courtney, or Alex. Donaldson, or Eugene Ferguson.
For Health Commissioner, to succeed Joseph Mendenhall—No name mentioned.
For Plumbing Inspector, to succeed T. J. Hulme—C. M. Brigham.
For Poundmaster, to succeed W. M. Patterson—Fred Reed.

The foregoing list comprises the names of the men who are prominently mentioned for the various offices within the gift of Mayor Williams, and which will be filled by the executive today. The appointments will be announced to the new Council at its initial meeting this afternoon. The Mayor took possession of his office yesterday morning, but he positively declined to make his selections public before the gathering of the Council, and it is understood that the appointments will be made from the list given.

When seen yesterday the Mayor said the first order of business at the meeting today will be the election of a president of the Council; second, the announcement of committees for the year; and, third, the announcement of appointments. Further than that he refused to speak about the meeting.

Excepting City Engineer Elliott and City Attorney McNary, the other officers who entered upon their duties yesterday made no changes in their staffs.

Devlin appointed two deputies—Harry Rowe and Sam Lotan—some time ago. City Treasurer Werlein reappointed O. P. Miller. City Attorney McNary, who succeeded J. M. Long, appointed J. P. Karsaugh and J. J. Fitzgerald to fill the places vacated by R. R. Dunaway and W. M. Davis. Municipal Judge Hogue did not announce the appointment of his clerk, and T. B. McDevitt, Jr., presided at the desk as usual. It is said that Fred L. Olsen will be appointed clerk, but that McDevitt will serve some time yet.

In the City Engineer's office the 11 employees were removed. George Scoggins, Mr. Elliott's business partner, was appointed chief deputy to succeed E. W. Paged. Only a few of the places were filled, as Mr. Elliott said that he did not intend to make any more appointments until he became fully acquainted with the needs of his office. The men removed, besides Mr. Paged, were: J. T. Morgan, W. J. Clark, R. E. Reed, transit man; C. A. Dreman, chairman; W. J. Monahan, rodman; vice W. F. Niedermark; A. J. Marshall, street inspector; R. L. Lewis, sidewalk inspector; R. Frison, sewers; R. Hobbick, sewers; James Moon, Frank Zeller, James Baruch and Fred Thompson, laborers; Archie Turnbull, Thomas Dege, and the City repair men; J. P. Barton, foreman of bridge gang; T. Birchard, J. H. Dakin and A. Couture, carpenters; Calvin Brown, steam roller; F. Allen, sewers; James Cope and J. Stevens, repair men.

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The new county officers will take their seats on Monday next, and those who retire, together with their deputies, are already packing up, preparatory to getting out. There is much gossip about the new deputies who will be, and many names are mentioned in connection with positions in different offices. It is commonly reported that E. Otto Burkhardt will be appointed chief deputy in the County Auditor's office, by Auditor Carl Brandes. This position is now filled by L. D. Cole. It was reported some time ago that Burkhardt was to be chief deputy in the Sheriff's office, but it is said that this place is to be given to another, some say to James Stott. Deputies under Sheriff Storey will be Charles R. Frazier, Fred Matthews, Penumbra Kelly, Ed. Snyder, D. D. Jackson is mentioned for the position of county jailer.

County Clerk Frank Fields will appoint Arthur C. Hancock as chief deputy in the County Clerk's office, James McCord as chief deputy in the Recorder's office and Herbert C. Smith chief deputy in the Circuit Court. In the Circuit Court Clerk's department, Mrs. E. H. Allen and Miss Minnie Phillips, who have held positions for a long time, may be retained, and in the recording department Miss R. Joseph and Miss M. A. Benson may be kept. Other deputies will be James Dunlap, Wilbur G. Kerns, Miss J. Slocum and Halvor Haach.

County Surveyor John M. Hurlbut will have for his deputy Captain R. S. Greenleaf, ex-County Surveyor and ex-Assessor. Assessor McDonald has retained his old force, as follows: Chief deputy, L. H. Maxwell; deputies, A. L. Morris, Martin Pratt, Jesse E. Samuels, Ella J. Budde, W. C. North, A. U. Welch, R. H. Quinlan, F. J. Webster.

County Judge J. C. Riley will retain A. Bullock as bailiff.

For County Physician, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Harry P. McKay, there are numerous candidates. Dr. Andrew C. Smith and Dr. George Strowbridge are prominently mentioned for the place.

A. Cawell is said to have the inside track for the position of deputy Commissioner of the West Side Justice Court, in place of Lou Wagner, and J. Kiter will be clerk under Justice William Reid.

China Declines to Pay.
PEKIN, July 1.—The Taoist of Shanghai has notified the Bankers' Commission that China refuses to pay the July installment of the indemnity except at the rate of exchange prevailing April 1, 1902. The foreign ministers consider that the Taoist's declaration is the result of the announcement of the United States Minister, Mr. Conger, to the Chinese, that the United States sustains China's contention and is willing to accept payment on

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A number of property-owners in the Montavilla school district are looking into the legality of the vote of the School Board of Directors in voting \$300 to the teachers of that district—\$100 each—at the close of the last year, in addition to their regular salaries. The directors who made the appropriation are J. L. Small (now retired), Arthur Sisley and W. Blackburn. It is further alleged that at the annual election the law was not followed, for the reason, under suspicion of the rules governing school elections, the clerk cast the ballot for the successor to Mr. Small, and the chairman for the clerk, A. Eilers, who succeeded himself.

There is some question, so it is stated, as to the legality of the appropriation of this \$300—this gift to the teachers, as it has been termed—but whether anything can be done is considered doubtful, unless the old directors can be made to refund the money. As the teachers received it through the legal channels, they are safe enough, and such has probably been the case where it would do the most good by this time. It is simply a question whether any one would want to commence suit to recover the money from the board or not, and whether any real gain would result from a suit if it were commenced, granted there were grounds for it. The district had this surplus money, as it is said, from the public funds, and can only be used for teachers, and not for pay improvements. A portion might have been used for the purchase of books for the library. According to the school law, the public money not used reverts to the public fund, and it would seem that the public fund, and not the district, is out this money. It is probable that the directors acted adversely in the course of their work, and in their judgment, for the best interest of the district.

At the annual meeting in June there was no reference whatever to this transaction. The clerk read his report, showing a healthy surplus in the treasury, and this report was adopted without objection from any source. There was the utmost harmony at this meeting. The officers were instructed to cast the ballot of the meeting for W. B. Bly, as successor to J. L. Small. There was no other nomination made, although there was opportunity of doing so. The chairman of the meeting cast the vote for the re-election of Clerk Eilers. There were no other nominations.

SOUNDING RIVER BOTTOM.
Bull Run Submerged Pipe-Lines May Be Lowered to Permit Dredging.

Soundings are being made in the bottom of the Willamette River from the east to the west side banks along the submerged Bull Run pipe-line, to ascertain the character of the material. This work has been under way for two weeks. A small barge is used, on which are mounted two levels. The barge is taken up at short intervals for a considerable depth in the bottom of the river. The crew has been slowly working from the east side, carefully examining the river bottom.

The ostensible object of this examination is to ascertain what the material is at the bottom of the river, so that an incision could be made for lowering the two submerged pipes that carry Bull Run water to the west side, so that a channel may be excavated to the dock of Lumbermen Co.'s sawmill, and large ships may go to the dock without lighterage at some point down the river.

The two pipe-lines are about 100 feet apart, and are down 2 feet below zero, and a member of the water committee. They are of the ball and socket make and may be lowered without damage by putting in new joints at both ends. Until it is known what the material is, it will have to be removed, a bid for the excavating cannot be made.

THE LUMBER SHORTAGE.
Contractors Complain They Cannot Get Lumber for New Buildings.

Shortage of lumber still prevents progress on many buildings that otherwise would go forward. The East Side Lumber Company, which has been cutting the dwellings under construction on the East Side. Some of the contractors, since the fire, have been compelled to reduce the force for the material, and the lumber placed with other mills that have made a specialty of shipping, and not the local trade, are being filled slowly.

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