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NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced to City Legislature With Due Form and Ceremony.

MAYOR TAYLOR'S MESSAGE

A Concise and Instructive Document—Recommends Economy and Business Methods.

At the special adjourned meeting of the city council yesterday, being the annual meeting of that body, little business was transacted save the introduction of the new members and the reading of reports and the mayor's message. Amongst the old members Bergman and Young were absent. Mr. Scherneck being present, was invited within the bar.

Messrs. Thompson, McGregor and Welch were appointed a committee to escort the new members, Messrs. Briz, Trullinger and Clinton, to their seats. After all had made their bows, Mayor Taylor read his annual message, which follows:

To the Common Council of the City of Astoria—

We are upon the threshold of a new year, and it is my duty to communicate to you a general statement of the condition of the affairs of the city, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as in my judgment may be deemed proper. My purpose is, however, to confine this paper almost exclusively to giving a brief, condensed statement of the city's financial condition, leaving other subjects to be dealt with from time to time as occasion requires.

In entering upon your labors of the coming year you are met by a financial condition which will require your careful consideration, and your united efforts to improve.

The city is at present authorized to incur indebtedness as follows, to-wit: For water purposes, \$500,000; for general municipal purposes, \$200,000; making a total of limited indebtedness of \$700,000; and in addition to this the city is authorized to issue street bonds, or warrants upon the general fund, for street improvements to an unlimited amount.

The present indebtedness of the city is as follows: water bonds outstanding, \$300,000; general bonded indebtedness of city, \$190,000; floating indebtedness of city, \$93,991.64; street bonds outstanding, \$16,915.89; making a present total indebtedness of \$510,907.53.

The above indebtedness bears interest as follows: \$100,000 water bonds at 6 per cent, \$6,000; \$200,000 water bonds at 8 per cent, \$16,000; \$100,000 general municipal bonds at 6 per cent, \$6,000; \$93,991.64 floating indebtedness at 8 per cent, \$7,519.33; \$16,915.89 street bonds outstanding at 6 per cent, \$1,014.95; total interest, \$36,539.60.

A portion of the above bonded indebtedness (about \$6,000) falls due this year, and arrangements will have to be made to either raise sufficient money by taxation, to pay the bonds and retire them, or to issue other bonds in their stead. One ninth of the street bond indebtedness will also come due the present year, and will have to be met by the city in the first instance. I therefore recommend that, in making a tax levy for the year, these items be taken into consideration.

The total receipts of the city from all sources, including a 4-mill tax levy, the past year were \$39,749.02; the amount of cash on hand at beginning of last year was \$10,699.58; making a total of \$50,448.60. Total expenditures for the year were \$64,064.45; leaving a balance of cash on hand of \$13,992.17.

Receipts and expenditures of the water commission are not included in the above statement. Of the above expenditure \$13,846.25 was paid out for interest distributed as follows: On general municipal bonds, \$6,100; on warrants, \$7,678.94; on street bonds, \$48.21; total, \$13,846.25.

During the past year much needed repairs have been made to some of the principal streets of the city, so that the streets in the improved portion of the city are in much better condition, generally, than they were a year ago. Notwithstanding the general depression in business throughout the whole country, and the tightness of money, the work of constructing the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad has gone steadily on. The Seaside road has been almost rebuilt; a branch line has been built to Flavel, and the road extended into the city, so that trains have been running regularly between this city and Seaside since some time in August last. A depot has been built by the railroad company upon its site east of the O. R. and N. Co.'s wharf, but the track has not yet been completed to it, on account of there being no improved street leading to the depot grounds. Steps have been taken by your street committee looking to the immediate extension and improvement of Commercial street, so that access may be obtained, thereby, to and from the depot. This is a matter of importance to the city, as well as to the railroad, and should be expedited as much as possible.

In addition to the work above mentioned, the railroad company are at

work on the entire grade between this city and Goble, and have advertised for bids for the trestle work through the city, and to Knappa, a point about ten miles outside the city, and it is expected that the entire road will be completed to Goble the present year.

Many other valuable and permanent improvements have been made throughout the city by private parties during the past year, indicating their faith in the future prosperity of our city.

The locks at the Cascades of the Columbia have been opened to navigation within the last sixty days, and the government is pushing its suits in the United States courts for the appropriation of a right of way for a boat railway around the dikes of the Columbia.

With these improvements going on, and the prospect of their near completion, the future outlook for our city seems good.

It is not my purpose in this communication to make recommendations, other than of a very general character, believing that recommendations of special character may be made to better advantage from time to time, as occasion requires. I do, however, recommend to you:

CASHIER DIES IN A DUCK POND

Cornelius Short in His Accounts With a Baltimore National Bank.

HE SERVED FORTY-TWO YEARS

And then Fell by the Wayside—Was a Prominent Methodist and Local Preacher.

Baltimore, January 4.—Richard Cornelius, cashier, and forty-two years connected with the National Farmers and Planters' Bank, of which Enoch Pratt was president up to the time of his death, was discovered to be short in his accounts about \$60,000, today. About 10 o'clock Mr. Cornelius was notified of the discovery and left the bank. At 1:15 this afternoon his dead body was found in a duck pond at Druid Hill park. He committed suicide by drowning.

On Saturday last the attention of the bank officers was called by the bank examiner to the irregularity in the accounts of the County Bank, for which the National Farmers and Planters' Bank was correspondent, and the officers began an investigation of the cashier's accounts. When Mr. Cornelius arrived at the bank this morning he was summoned before the directors. Cornelius, it is understood, claimed he could make a satisfactory statement and he was allowed to go into another part of the bank to get a certain paper. He did not return and the directors ascertained he had left the building. Detectives were summoned and they traced Cornelius to Druid Hill park. In a short time the body was found in the pond. His hat was first found above the surface of the water in which Cornelius had sat and deliberately drowned himself.

For many years Cornelius had been a prominent Methodist in this city. He was local preacher of the Baltimore conference, president of the City Missionary and Church Extension Society, president of the Emory Grove Association, member of the trustees of the Baltimore annual conference and a member of the official board of the Madison Avenue Church. He began his career with the National Farmers and Planters' Bank forty-two years ago as messenger boy and worked his way up to the position of cashier.

"IT IS FASHION,"

Say the Tobacco Men Before the Congressional Committee.

Washington, January 4.—The tobacco schedule of the tariff was threshed over by the representatives of the various tobacco interests today before the ways and means committee with great minuteness. Several branches of the business were represented, native growers, importers, manufacturers using native goods, using Havana, and those handling Sumatra products. Between these classes there was much discord, no two of them being agreed on any schedule of rates and contradicting one another on questions and statements as to the effects of the present law.

"How do you account for the fact," asked Mr. McMillan, "that Sumatra tobacco, which costs from eighty-three cents to \$1.25 at the port of export, displaces American tobacco, which costs twelve cents to produce?"

"It is due," replied VanDusser, "to the foolish idea of American people that everything foreign is better than anything domestic."

"Is that all?"

"It is; it is fashion."

SEVERE SNOW STORM.

Omaha, January 4.—Up to midnight there has been little abatement in the fury of the storm that has raged in this section for sixty hours. Snow has ceased falling, but the wind still blows a gale and the temperature is very low. Reports from the state indicate only a partial blockade. Trains on the Union Pacific, Burlington, Elkhorn and Rock Island roads west are moving slowly but within one or two hours of schedule time. The Omaha line is completely tied up, drifts in the northern part of the state being such that the road could not be opened while the storm raged. Branch lines suffered greatly, nearly all being blocked. So far there has been no loss of life.

DEMOCRATS WIN.

Dover, Del., January 4.—The decision today of the court of errors and appeals in the Kent county mandamus proceedings reversed the action of the superior court, which latter body has rendered an opinion that the Kent county board of canvassers should reconvene and recount the votes in Kent county, several hundreds of which the Republicans claimed were unlawfully thrown out by the board. This is a victory for the Democrats and gives them a majority in the legislature.

HIGH PRICED ROSE.

Santa Rosa, Cal., January 4.—Charles H. Perkins, the famous seedman of Newark, N. J., while here today, com-

THREE BANKS HAVE CLOSED

In St. Paul as a Result of Failure of the Bank of Minnesota.

THE FRIGHTENED DEPOSITORS

Make a Lively Run for Their Money and Cause a Panic—Fight Each Other in the Lines.

St. Paul, January 4.—As a direct result of the closing of the Bank of Minnesota two weeks ago, which created new distrust among depositors and started runs on a number of city banks that were reputed not to be as strong as depositors wished, three St. Paul banks, the Germania, the Allemania and the West Side, one of them national institutions, all closely associated, closed their doors today, one being in the hands of the state bank examiner and the others making assignments.

During the time that has intervened since the closing of the Bank of Minnesota, the Germania paid out \$225,000 to frightened depositors and early today the directors concluded they would stop the drain and make an assignment to the cashier, Peter M. Kerst.

The Allemania Bank, which like the Germania, had a large clientele among the Germans, and whose vice-president had formerly been president of the Germania, then became a target for a lively run. People crowded about the doors and fairly fought for a place in the line before the paying teller's window. The bank officials realized fully what such a run meant and promptly called on the bank examiner to take possession of the bank, and that official is now in charge.

The West Side Bank, a small but possibly stronger bank, closed through the Allemania and today its clearings were returned by the latter institution. Following this there was a decided run inaugurated on the bank and at 2 o'clock this afternoon the bank officials closed the doors and called a meeting of the directors to decide what action to take. Their decision was apparent late in the afternoon when they filed a deed of assignment to Cashier Staples, president of the bank. Considerable public money is tied up in the three institutions.

SNOW BOUND.

Yankton, S. D., January 4.—The blizzard which began Sunday night rages with unabated fury. Only one railroad is reported to have moved a train in South Dakota. All trains were abandoned last night. The legislature, which was to convene at Pierre tomorrow, will of necessity be postponed, as about eighty of the 126 members are snowbound and some of them will not reach the capital for several days.

THE MARKETS.

London, January 4.—Hops—Pacific coast, 12, 5s.

Portland, January 4.—Wheat—Walla Walla, \$2.04; Valley, \$2.06.

Liverpool, January 4.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 7s 1d; No. 1 California, 7s 1d.

Futures—January, 6s 11 1/2d; May, 7s 1 1/2d.

KIECKHOFFER INDICTED.

Washington, January 4.—The grand jury today filed three indictments for embezzlement against Francis J. Kieckhofer, formerly chief of the bureau of accounts in the state department. Kieckhofer was dismissed October 26, 1895, when irregularities in his accounts were discovered. The shortage will aggregate \$130,000.

C. H. LEWIS DYING.

Portland, January 4.—A report was circulated today that C. H. Lewis, head of the well known firm of Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers, was dead, but the report proved to be untrue. At a late hour tonight Mr. Lewis was still alive, but not expected to live through the night.

MINE EXPLOSION.

South McAllister, Ill., January 4.—Five miners were instantly killed in a mine explosion at Alderson this morning. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the fire boss unscrewing his safety lamp, which ignited the gas.

THE BLIZZARD.

St. Paul, January 4.—A blizzard has been raging throughout the northwest yesterday and today and as a result train service is considerably crippled. In a number of towns business was about suspended.

TERRIBLE OUTRAGE.

Newport, Ind., January 4.—A band of masked regulators went to the house of C. W. Hedrick, a few miles west of here, and called him to the door. They seized him and dragged him outside where they gave him a terrible beating with horsewhips and switches. His condition is critical. The alleged offense on the part of Hedrick was improper attentions to a married woman in the neighborhood. Hedrick's friends say the outrage was really prompted by a desire to pay off old grudges of another character.

FITZSIMMONS AND CORBETT.

New York, January 4.—At Jersey City today Bob Fitzsimmons signed Dan Stuart's articles for the fight with Corbett. He agreed to everything in the articles, but objected to Stuart's having the money for the picture of the fight offered by the kinetoscope people. Stuart agreed if the money was received for the picture that it would be equally divided between Fitzsimmons, Corbett and himself. The fight will take place March 17 for a purse and a side bet of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 4.

Warrants outstanding January 1, 1896, \$31,060 00
Warrants drawn during the year (except street warrants) on—
General Fund, \$32,238 71
Police Fund, 4,541 40
Cemetery Fund, 67 00
Street Fund, 290 16
Bond Int. Fund, 6,100 00
Road and Crossing Fund, 3,647 03—\$42,784 50
\$103,844 56

Contra—
Warrants paid during the year, except street warrants, as per disbursements acct., \$28,639 11
Warrants cancelled, 150 00
Warrants outstanding Dec. 31, 1896, 77,064 25—103,844 56
Street warrants—
Warrants outstanding Jan. 1, 1896, \$ 38,833 88
Warrants drawn during the year—
Bond street fund, \$ 84
Irving ave. fund, 23 00
Franklin ave. fund, 73 05
Grand ave. fund, 309 74
Drainage fund, 3,028 06
14th st. sewer fund, 34
Dunne st. fund (McClure's), 3 74
14th st. fund, 3 06
15th st. fund, 68
18th st. fund, 206 65
19th st. fund, 63 21
Exchange st. fund, 448 80
Second st. sewer fund, 2 00—4,276 28
\$43,130 24

Contra—
Warrants paid during the year, \$28,202 85
Warrants outstanding Dec. 31, 1896, 16,927 39—\$43,130 24

Bonds—
Municipal bonded indebtedness Jan. 1, 1896 (same December 31, 1896), \$100,000 00
Street bonds issued during the year—
Improvement 18th street, \$ 1,710 00
Improvement 10th street, 1,530 00
Improvement of Exchange street, 3,202 67
Improvement Grand avenue, 11,980 29
Improvement Franklin avenue, 2,070 15—\$20,793 11

Contra—
Street bonds paid during year as disbursements acct., \$ 3,877 22
Street bonds outstanding Dec. 31, 1896, \$16,915 89—\$20,793 11

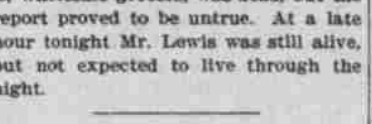
Summary—
Warrants outstanding (except street) Dec. 31, 1896, \$ 77,064 25

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