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COUNCIL MET LAST EVENING

Elected F. C. Reed as Successor to Superintendent of Streets Linville.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Shows Liabilities and Resources of the City—Heikmann Wants Back the Surveyor's Office.

Last night's meeting of the council was very interesting. The annual message of Mayor Bergman was presented, although the mayor says his statement was not as complete as it might have been, as some of the reports of officers were slow in coming in. Then a successor was elected to Street Superintendent Linville. Another interesting matter was a communication from P. E. Heikmann, former city surveyor, alleging the illegality of his removal. All the councilmen were present.

Heikmann's communication came up early in the meeting. He set forth that his removal was illegal, as no written charges were filed against him by the street committee, or served upon him within the time before the trial specified by law; nor was he notified in the proper manner that he was to be tried. Goddard moved that the communication be referred to the street committee, which will consult with City Attorney Allen and report on the merits of Heikmann's contention at the next meeting.

For the office of street superintendent, made vacant by the resignation of Thomas Linville, applications were received from the following persons: C. Gramms, William Beasley, C. E. Foster, F. Sherman, and J. K. Wirt. On motion of Clinton, the council went into committee of the whole, near the end of the session, and caucused for choice. Adolph Johnson and F. C. Reed, neither of whom had made written application for the place, developed considerable strength, Foster getting one vote. Finally, after several ballots, Reed received a majority, and council went back into regular session to formally elect him. There were but two candidates, Johnson and Reed, the latter receiving five votes and the former four. The vote was as follows: For Reed—Agren, Brix, Clinton, Goddard and Utzinger; for Johnson—Hansen, Parker, Scherneckau and Welch.

The salary ordinance, increasing the remuneration of the auditor and city attorney, came up for third reading. On motion of Utzinger, it went over for another two weeks.

The Astor street improvement caused a great deal of discussion when it came up for third reading and final passage. It appears that the Parker house is five feet on the street, and the specifications call for a 10-foot sidewalk on each side of the thoroughfare. Councilman Parker explained that it was the intention of the owners of the hotel to cut off the building five feet next summer, but that it was impossible to do so at the present season of the year. Still, he wanted to see the ordinance go through, suggesting that the property in front of the Parker house be not included in the improvement district at present.

Mr. Scherneckau suggested that the property owners be consulted, as was done in the Duane street improvement, where several of the residences were on the street. This improvement was made and the property owners agreed not to refuse payment on the ground that the specifications were not followed out. Scherneckau's suggestion took the form of a motion and the measure went over. The property owners will be consulted, and doubtless will agree to the improvement.

A resolution was passed making it possible for property owners to pay assessments for the Adair drain up to February 15, as was also a resolution providing for the publication in all the daily papers of a notice that warrants for the collection of assessments on the Young's bay improvement are in the hands of Chief Hallock.

J. H. Mansell and Max Young were elected by the council as the board of assessors. Mr. Mansell was highly spoken of by the city officials, who said his familiarity with the work was of great assistance to them in making assessments.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Mayor Bergman's message, which was presented to the council last night, follows:

ASTORIA, Jan. 5.—Gentlemen of the Common Council: It becomes my pleasant duty to submit to you a brief review of the work done by the various officials of the city, as well as a general statement of the financial condition of Astoria.

In the first place, I desire to thank the retiring councilmen, who have labored faithfully and who watchfully guarded the city's interests with the same diligence characteristic of all the other councilmen, who have given their best efforts during the first year of my administration.

The appropriations made at the beginning of the year would have proven insufficient were it not for the fines and forfeitures (amounting to about $1000) collected by the police department; the city's portion for crossings on the new Eighth-street and Commercial-street extensions alone amounting to about $600.

While the city's indebtedness, as shown by the auditor's statement, seems large, it should be borne in mind that $25,366.09 of the same is in municipal street bonds, and $17,155.89 in street warrants due from property owners who availed themselves of the 10-year installment plan, and whose property is amply sufficient to cover the amounts expended in the improvement of streets adjacent to their property; yet I would counsel you to practice extraordinary economy, campatible with progress, so that capital may be induced to look favorably upon Astoria investments.

The fire department is in splendid condition, every man, from chief to extraman, being alert and efficient, and sharing, with our able police department, in the respect of our citizens.

Credit is also due Superintendent Linville for his efforts to keep the public thoroughfares in a clean condition.

The offices of auditor, treasurer and attorney are in capable, honorable hands.

I mention these facts because it is well to recognize meritorious conduct on the part of the people's servants, regardless of political opinions.

A summary of the city's financial condition is herewith affixed.

Hoping to deserve your impartial, undivided support during the year, which promises so much for our city, I beg to assure you that I will gladly co-operate with you in every effort for the public welfare. ISAAC BERGMAN, Mayor.

CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The summary of the indebtedness and resources of the city attached to Mayor Bergman's message follows:

INDEBTEDNESS.

Municipal bonds (excepting street)	$179,050.00
Municipal street bonds	25,366.09
Warrants (excepting street)	25,877.42
Street warrants	17,155.89
Total indebtedness	$248,069.40

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand, as per treasurer's report	$18,389.14
Taxes due	4,450.96
Street assessments outstanding	22,543.17
Total resources	$55,383.27

A MURDERER'S RELICS.

Among the effects of the Seaside murderer which have come into the possession of his administrator, J. C. Fulton, is a scrap book, containing a collection of newspaper clippings, with cuts and other embellishments, exploiting the deeds of various ruffains and criminals who have come under the public eye in recent years. Among other choice selections preserved in the murderer's book is a picture and account of the heroic deeds of one Sontag, a California bandit who carried on a long series of rascally and criminal misdeeds in that state, and successfully evaded capture by submitting his carcass to the perforation of innumerable Winchester bullets as a finale to his career. Another elegant and edifying clipping is a report of a sermon purporting to be delivered from the pulpit extolling the virtues of outlaws and anarchists, and defending their misdeeds. It is needless to say the cleric is not noted in any off the registers in good standing issued by leading American denominations. There are many other newspaper stories of sensational murders and criminal annals of like sort. They constitute a searchlight on the character and tendencies of the brute who preserved them which would be of interest to students of psychology and exponents of the doctrine of total depravity in mankind.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John H. Smith to Jane K. Smith, south half of lot 18, lock 2, Hinman tract	$ 300
John H. Smith to Jane K. Smith, north half of lot 18, block 2, Hinman tract	5
E. C. Lewis et al to E. O. Norton, northeast quarter, and east half of southeast quarter, southwest quarter, section 36, township 5 north, range 10 west, 320 acres	1200

GATLING'S NEWEST GUN BURST DURING THE TEST

Exploded When the Last Charge Was Fired, but No One Was Injured—Applicants Reticent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The Herald says: One of Dr. Gatling's new steel guns, which General Miles regarded as likely to revolutionize coast defense artillery, burst last night at the Sandy Hook proving grounds. It was an eight-inch gun, constructed in accordance with the inventor's latest theories. It was loaded with a charge of 110 pounds of powder and a 300-pound projectile.

Government officials are exceedingly cautious in testing new ordinance, and all interested in the test were concealed in a bomb proof shelter. The gun was discharged by means of an electric button. Pieces of the gun flew in all directions and about the walls of the shelter, but no one was injured.

Major Phipps, the superintendent of the Sandy Hook proving grounds, and chief ordinance officer, declined to give any opinion last night when asked if the test demonstrated that the Gatling gun was not superior to the ones now in use.

"I am not permitted," he said, "to discuss the matter. You may draw your own conclusions."

Advices from Washington say that the gun was being tested with the regular service charges, and that it burst at the firing of the last charge.

It will be remembered that the cast steel Gatling gun was tested several weeks ago in the presence of General Miles. The general expressed himself as much pleased with the results obtained from the test of the gun.

Dr. Gatling, the inventor, was to have been present. He telegraphed yesterday, however, that, owing to business engagements, he could not attend.

Smoking sets of silver on carved oak tables are shown. By pressing a button a music box attachment is set in motion.

ANTI-SEMETIC PERSECUTIONS

Shameful Treatment of Jewish People in the Larger American Cities.

LEOPOLD COHN'S PROTEST

Has Acquainted President McKinley With the Conditions and Will Write Other Noted Men.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The alleged anti-Semetic prejudice existing in this country and displayed in steadily increasing acts of violence toward the Jews in the poorer quarters of Manhattan and Brooklyn, was made the subject of a lengthy letter sent on New Year's day to President McKinley by Leopold Cohn, of Brooklyn.

The writer was once a Jewish rabbi, but was converted to Christian belief seven years ago in this city and joined the Baptist church. He is now conducting missionary work among the people of his race, and has charge of three missions.

Mr. Cohn, in his communication to the president, states that in the prosecution of his missionary work he has continually thrust upon his notice the ever-increasing hatred displayed in this city toward the Jew, until he has found it his imperative duty to sound a note of warning. The letter continues:

"Peaceful Jews walking the streets of this city are habitually called by opprobrious epithets, or are loudly hooted and insulted, as though they were mountebanks or criminals, and when the threatening shout will not attract response, then the throwing of mud and stones is resorted to, and I repeat, not in an isolated instance, but constantly as the weeks pass, and as a result of which many have been injured, sometimes seriously.

"When a street car passes through the Jewish quarter, hooting, hissing and calling of names from its platforms are customary incidents, and within these public cars I have seen Jews pulled by the beards and pushed from one man to another and back again like a football, in which horse play the conductors themselves have participated, and in some cases, which I am ready to prove, have crippled their victims for life. A Jew with a push cart is everywhere esteemed as a legitimate object to be mobbed and robbed.

"On one occasion, I saw a Jewish peddler with horse and wagon set upon by a mob of large boys with stones, the man trying to protect himself by drawing his coat up over his head. On running to his defense, I was myself attacked; on appealing to a group of citicens, and admitting, upon their questioning, that the victim was a Jew, they laughed boisterously, adding, with evident sneer, that I was myself of the same race; and upon appealing to a policeman, he coolly replied, after great deliberation, that the affair was not on his beat. In the meantime, with head bleeding, the peddler was driven from his wagon, which was looted and overturned.

"Another case, similar except that the wares were scattered about the street, though not stolen, occurred in front of a boys' hight school, where young gentlemen were prepared for college at the public expense, largely paid from Jewish taxes. The aggressors were the students, and the teachers viewed the scene from the windows.

"These incidents—a few selected from many coming unsought under my personal observation—must not be esteemed merely as occasional disorders liable to occur under the best procurable condition, but rather as manifestations of a widespread, prevalent, deepening and expanding public opinion, fraught with the gravest public consequences to the well being of the nation."

Copies of the letter to the president were sent to the board of education and to Mayor Van Wyck by Mr. Cohn, with the suggestion that the growing taint of anti-Semitism be made the subject of a series of lectures in the schools.

Mr. Cohn stated that he did not expect replies to either of the letters, but that he intends to address communications from time to time to the leading men of the city, state and nation, calling attention to the threatening growth of anti-Semitism.

PECULIAR DROWNING ACCIDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 5.—Wm. Whirlan, second mate of the ship Spartan, which has arrived from Chalian bay, drowned on December 27 under peculiar circumstances. The vessel was in tow of the tug Wanderer, was well out in the straits of Fuca, when Whirlan accidentally fell from the forecastle head. The man at the wheel threw a rope, which was grasped by Whirlan, who was then dragged along with the vessel at a rapid rate. It was dark and every effort to signal the tug or cut loose the steel hawser failed. Finally the unfortunate man lost his grasp on the rope and was seen no more.

TO PROTECT FRUIT INDUSTRY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—At a conference of the regents of the state university and members of several commercial bodies, it was decided that the protection of the California fruit industry should be entrusted to the federal government. The immediate cause of the meeting was the rejection of a consignment of fruit from this state by the German government. The bill introduced by Congressman Barlow, providing for the regulation of the importation of nursery stock and fruit was strongly indorsed.

LUMBER SCHOONERS OVERDUE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The ship Washusetts, bound from Port Blakeley to Sydney, with a cargo of lumber, has put into this port in a leaky condition. She may have to go on the dry docks.

The steamer Ruth, bound from Coos Bay for San Francisco should have arrived here on Monday last but no word has been heard from her since she sailed. The steam schooners Coquillo and Grace Dollar, from Tillamook and Gray's harbor respectively, are also several days overdue.

NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—A special from Houghton, Mich., says: The Wyandotte Mining Company has been organized to work the Wyandotte, Escanaba & Valley mines with a combined area of 1,040 acres. The new company is composed mainly of local capital with a capitalization of $2,500,000. The property adjoins the Winona mine.

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