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GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Rome had its Caesar, great and brave; but stain was on his wreath; He lived the heartless conqueror, and died the tyrant's death.

These hero-gods, whose mighty sway would fain have chained the waves, Who flashed their blades with tiger zeal, to make a world of slaves—

He fought, but not with love of strife he struck but to defend; And ere he turned a people foe, he thought to be a friend.

He stood, the firm, the calm, the wise, the patriot, and sage; He showed no deep avenging hate—no burst of despot rage.

He saved his land, but did not lay his soldier's trappings down To change them from a regal vest, and don a kingly crown.

—Eliza Cook.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR CLOSED.

Bradstreet's review of the business of 1907 shows that, in spite of the monetary crisis toward the close of the year, there was an average of substantial prosperity. IN THE VALUES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THE YIELDS EXCEEDED THE AGGREGATE OF THE YIELDS OF THE HIGHEST RECORD IN EACH BRANCH OF PRODUCTION ACHIEVED IN ANY PREVIOUS YEAR.

It is history that financial conditions have their ups and downs. Whether such devious courses are inevitable or preventable is something which men may speculate over, but the fact is that they never have been prevented. We slowly reach a pinnacle of prosperity and then swiftly and ingloriously tumble to the very bottom.

IF SO, WHY?

A leading lawyer of New York who has investigated the subject says it is appalling to learn the number of college graduates of long standing who are today filling clerical positions at \$10 or \$12 a week. For many years, he says, it has been possible in New York city to employ at \$10 to \$12 a week large numbers of lawyers of over ten years' standing who were graduates of both college and law school.

GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTH AMERICA

The New York Sun remarks editorially that "many persons have very erroneous notions as to geographical sizes and lengths in South America. They have not the slightest idea that Brazil is nearly as large as the whole of Europe; that the distance between the north and south ends of Chile is as great as that between the North Cape of Europe and Gibraltar, and that steamers ply almost straight north and south on the Paraná and its Paraguay affluents for a distance about equal to that between New York and Omaha.

very much in comparison with North America and Europe; so while they were turning out map after map of different parts of North America and Europe on large scales, they would finally glance at South America and decide to crowd the whole continent into a single atlas sheet.

OUR NEW LOT OF FATHERS

CITY HAS NEW DADS

MAYOR RODGERS HAS A FEW REMARKS TO MAKE CONCERNING THE NORTH COMMERCIAL STREET CONCRETE BRIDGE AND OTHER THINGS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rodgers and the following aldermen answered to the roll call: Bayne, Greenbaum, Jacobs, Goode, Lowe, Fraser, Gesner, Stoltz, Stockton, Haas, Waldo and Downing.

Alderman Radcliffe, for the committee on current expenses, reported favorable on the following bills, which were ordered paid:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including Capital Journal, Election Board, and various contractors.

DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS DEPARTMENT of the Capital National Bank. Are requested to present their pass books for the purpose of having credited the semi-annual interest due January 1st. Jos. H. Albert, Cashier

Begin Right

For all forms of nervous diseases take Dr. Miles' Nerve, whether it be simple nervousness, or those nerve destroying fits and convulsions. It is a tonic for weak nerves—it will restore nervous energy, and give strength to the entire system.

"In 1898 my little daughter was stricken with paralysis of the brain. For seven long weeks she lay like one dead. At times she would rally, and spasms would follow. I had the services of two of our best doctors and they could do nothing for her. At times it would take two persons to hold her in bed, and for seven days and nights we had to keep her little head packed in ice, the pain she suffered was so severe."

Dr. Miles' Nerve is sold by your druggist who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails, he will refund your money.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind

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The committee on licenses reported the application of W. R. Anderson for a liquor license, which was granted.

Street Commissioner Martin reported that 47 citizens of the city had failed, neglected and refused to pay the road poll tax.

Health Board Report. W. Carlton Smith, in the report for the city health board, reported that during the year just closed there had been reported in the city 118 births—male 62, female 56.

Number of deaths, 109. Number of cases of typhoid reported during December, 14, which, the doctor suggested, was caused by an unsanitary condition. He recommended a general cleaning up. North Salem and South Salem should be better drained and a rigid inspection be made of all sewers, says the doctor.

Assessment O. K. City Attorney A. O. Condit, in reporting on the petition of Wade, Pearce & Co. regarding the assessment of a tract of land in Lot No. 5, Block 32, said that it was his opinion that the land in question had been properly assessed.

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The New Council.

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HEADACHE

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The recorder should be required to report monthly to the council the status of each fund.

Revenues. That the city should derive a greater share of its revenues from source other than general taxation now seems generally accepted.

Now that we are entering an era of street improvement, there should be a vehicle license tax. The supreme court has sustained the city in the road poll tax and dog license tax cases. The council should see that every effort is made to secure these full revenues. I see no reason why the city should not require interest on the deposit of its funds, certainly ample security should be exacted for their safe keeping.

One of the principal reasons for the present shortage of funds is the fact that over one-third of the city revenues from general taxation was used to pay for the construction of one bridge.

I don't think expensive bridge construction such as the one recently completed should be built out of one year's ordinary revenues. Taxes are presumed to be levied to care for the current needs of the city, and concrete bridges or other permanent works are built, either the property directly benefited should share large percentage of the cost or the city should bond itself for the purpose, taking care to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the issue.

I favor limited reinforced concrete bridge construction where it can be done under either of the foregoing plans. I do not, however, think Salem is prepared to enter extensively into concrete or steel bridge construction work. Piling and round lumber are cheap here, and will doubtless be our most acceptable bridge materials for some years to come.

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