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MAYOR WANTS CITY TO OWN WATER AND TO OPERATE LIGHTING PLANT

RECOMMENDS PURCHASE OF LADD WATER POWER--THINKS WATER PLANT PRICE HIGH

Mayor Lachmund Regrets He Could Not Sign the Ordinance to Buy the Water Plant Last Year, But Considered the Price Out of All Reason and So Vetoes It--Would Reopen Negotiations With Company and Either Purchase or Condemn--Points Out Easy Way for City to Own Its Own Lighting Plant.

Mayor Lachmund announces progressive policies for securing for the Capital City a municipal water supply and at the same time undertaking to acquire a power plant and make the electric lights needed for the city.

The people of Salem voted in 1910 to amend the city charter to acquire public ownership of a water system, in conjunction with the state, and there is authority for expending \$450,000 of bonds for a water system adequate for the state capital. At the time the state officials and heads of state institutions were ready to join the city in any forward movement for mountain water. Since then the state has expended a great deal of money on improving its water supply, and is spending \$10,000 at present for a well for drinking water at the asylum. As a matter of cold hard fact not a state institution has an adequate supply today. The state fair board must dig another well, and the same is probably true in a greater or less degree of all the state institutions. Hence the mayor's message on this subject is of the greatest importance, in so far as it aims at any practical solution of the water problem. On that subject the message is as follows:

Favors Water Supply.

I regret that I could not bring myself about to approve the ordinance relative to the purchase of the present water system by the city, but the price asked was, in my judgment, entirely out of proportion to its true value, hence I did not hesitate to affix my veto to the bill, but I am and have been in favor of reopening negotiations with the company, looking to its acquisition by the city, and then, if it is impossible to arrive at a satisfactory basis of settlement, institute condemnation proceedings for its possession.

The question of water in its application to quality, volume and rates is of the greatest importance to the community, and I deem it both urgent and necessary that proper legislation be inaugurated and enacted to bring this about. The installation of a satisfactory filtration plant should be our first thought as it assures us of a grade of water to which every citizen is justly entitled for the protection of life and preservation of happiness. The extension of mains in every direction and more particularly in our outlying districts is of such importance that any failure on our part to bring this about would be little short of criminal. The citizens living in the outskirts of the city have been subjected

NEW MEN IN CHARGE OF THE CITY

SEVEN NEW COUNCILMEN TAKE THEIR SEATS--MAYOR NAMES THE NEW COMMITTEES--SOME ORATORICAL BOUQUETS PRESENTED.

Mayor. Louis Lachmund.

Aldermen. G. G. Brown, C. O. Constable, W. W. Hill, J. F. Jones, F. J. Lafky, J. E. Pemberton, J. S. Pennybaker, W. T. Rigdon, E. J. Sauter, J. C. Siegmund, J. N. Skaffe, O. L. Townsend, J. D. Waring, H. O. White.

Before an audience which taxed the capacity of the council chamber to the extent that standing room was even at a premium, the old members of the council last evening bowed themselves gracefully off the stage, and the new councilmen assumed their places and picked up the reins of government.

Before the new members assumed their seats the council and the spectators listened to a few swan songs.

Ex-Councilman Huckestein sang a very pretty swan song--one that won for him considerable applause. He reviewed the work of the administration of which he had been a member, and declared that, while the councilmen had been much criticised, that those criticisms had been directed against them because they were progressive; and that in after years the people, as a whole, would see the value of their services, and appreciate them. He paid a glowing tribute

La Follette Will Stay.

Chicago, Jan. 3.--Reports that Senator Robert La Follette would retire from the presidential race were set at rest here today in an official statement from Walter Houser, the Wisconsin man's manager, from La Follette headquarters. Houser said:

"One for all I wish to set at rest rumors that La Follette will withdraw or his friends will withdraw his name as a candidate for the presidency. The campaign will continue until the gavel falls in convention declaring who is the Republican nominee for president. There need be no speculation indulged in regarding this fight."

MESSAGE OF MAYOR LACHMUND

MAYOR REVIEWS THE YEAR, POINTS OUT THE VAST AMOUNT OF WORK DONE, AND MAKES SOME PERTINENT SUGGESTIONS.

Following is the annual address of Mayor Lachmund, delivered at the council meeting last night:

Pursuant to the charter it is incumbent upon me to submit an annual message to this body.

The year just ended has been a memorable one, in fact the greatest in the history of our city. It has been a year of achievements and our efforts should be directed towards making the year of 1912 still more successful.

Never in the history of Salem has prosperity been so widespread and far-reaching. Kind Providence has smiled upon us from every angle and we would be remiss in our duty if our efforts and energies were not directed towards making the year to come one of still greater deeds. When the present administration went into office, a policy of extended municipal improvements for a Greater Salem had already been inaugurated which was fostered and carried to a most successful conclusion, thanks to the splendid and unselfish efforts of the different members of this honorable body. Each and every member is entitled to the thanks and the appreciation of a critical public and it is therefore unnecessary to single out any particular committee as there is enough praise for everyone.

In my first message to this body, I recommended a number of important matters for adoption, many of which have been enacted, but in a growing and thriving city, new subjects require our consideration and I take this opportunity of directing your attention to a number which I deem essential to the welfare of the whole community.

Streets.

One hundred eighty-five thousand, seven hundred sixty-seven square yards of hard surface pavement, involving the expenditure of \$407,579 have been laid throughout the city during 1911 and 39 miles of sewers have been constructed at a cost of \$329,408, making in all a grand total of \$737,087. Who can gainsay that this enormous amount of money has not been judiciously and honestly expended? Nothing has done more to lift Salem from the mire in which it has dwelt for so many years, nothing has done more to make Salem what it is today, and nothing can do more to make Salem what it is and always will be, the second city in the state, than hard surface pavements and improved sanitary conditions. There was a time when municipal improvements of this character were difficult of accomplishment, but that our charter creating competition in

Dickens' Son Dead.

New York Jan. 3.--A sudden attack of acute indigestion is the cause given today for the death of Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of the celebrated novelist, who body lies in the Hotel Astor, where he was stopping. Dickens was on a lecture tour of the United States. His home was in Melbourne, Australia, and the funeral arrangements are being delayed until word is received today from his children there. He was a widower.

CITY'S NEW OFFICERS IN CHARGE

ROLAND K. PAGE CITY ATTORNEY, S. P. MCCRACKEN SANITARY INSPECTOR THE ONLY CHANGES MADE FROM LAST FORCE, OUTSIDE OF COUNCILMEN.

- City attorney--Roland K. Page
- Fire chief--Mark Savage
- Sanitary inspector--S. P. McCracken
- City engineer--Walter Skelton
- Health officer--Dr. O. B. Miles
- Street commissioner--Wm. Zwicker
- Day officer--S. O. Burkhardt
- Patrolmen--Jack Whitlatch, W. F. Thompson, F. H. Shedeck, W. W. Gaines
- Desk Sergeant--C. V. Nelson
- Poundmaster--E. Erwin

Without a tremor, without a momentary halt, the proceedings being like clockwork, the new council last night ratified the appointments made by the members in caucus just before the first of the year. Councilman Lafky ground out the nominations, and they were hardly put by the mayor before Recorder Elgin declared them elected.

The retiring officers are Grant Corby, city attorney, and Amos Long, sanitary inspector. The rest of the list are re-elections.

City Attorney Talks.

After the election of the officers Mayor Lachmund called upon the new city attorney for a talk. Mr. Page was formerly manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and he availed himself of the opportunity, after thanking the members for conferring the office upon him, to declare that he was in no way connected with the corporation. After entering the law business, he stated, he did some work for the corporation, but it was matters which were pending when he resigned, and he received no additional compensation for it. He was free, he declared to give his whole service as faithfully and loyally to the city as he had given them to the corporation.

Sanitary Inspector McCracken also made a short talk, saying he was grateful for the honor of being made sanitary inspector, and asserting that he would discharge all the duties pertaining to the office faithfully and impartially, and to the best of his ability.

Firemen Appointed.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Savage, the following were appointed members of the fire department: Drivers, A. H. Phillips, Peter Graber, Everett Fisher and Andrew McFarland. Engineers, Blake Berk and Fred Anderson. Chemical engineers, Wm. Iwan and Walter Churchill. Relief man, J. K. Gulick. Hosemen, Frank Fribert, Robert Mathis, Percy Pio, E. C. Churchill, George Winslow, Ralph Schindler, Carl Jepson, Walter Hatch, C. C. Burpee, Iwan Woods, Stokers, C. W. Jorgenson and Ray Lougnot.

Big Fire in Ontario.

London, Ont., Jan. 3.--Fire, which broke out at the London asylum late last night, endangered the lives of patients in one wing and destroyed the entertainment hall, just after a concert, at which there were 1400 patients, had concluded. Soldiers guarded the patients after they were taken from the burning building. The loss was \$50,000.

The farm is a half-brother to the chemical laboratory.--Prison Mirror.

BEEF TRUST SECRETARY VEEDER TELLS OF WORKINGS OF THE TRUST

ARMOURS AND SWIFTS HELD OTHERS UNDER THEIR THUMBS AND DOMINATED THE TRUST

He Insists, However, That the Trust Never Undertook to Fix the Prices of Any of Their Products--May Have Curtailed Output and Influenced Prices That Way, But Never Dictated the Price the Retailers Should Charge--Swifts and Armours Owned 82 Per Cent of the Combine's Stock.

BIG STRIKE OF MINERS EXPECTED

Pennsylvania Coal Barons, Anticipating a Strike of 150,000 Miners Next Spring, Start a Campaign of Publicity.

PRESS AGENT IS SECURED

His First Assertion is That the Companies Now Have Between Seven and Eight Million Tons on Hand, and Are Steadily Storing More for an Emergency--This Indicates Companies Will Resist Strikers' Demands.

New York, Jan. 3.--In fear of, or in preparation for another gigantic strike of 150,000 miners of coal in the anthracite region, the coal barons, through familiar channels, have started a campaign of publicity.

A statement is being sent broadcast over Pennsylvania that the operators are prepared for a strike in the spring, indicating that they will resist any effort by the United Mine Workers of America to gain any changed conditions for the miners.

A well-known press agent, employed by the operators, is giving publicity here to the statement that the mining companies are now storing coal for emergency use, having between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 tons on hand at present.

There is talk that the union will demand an increase of 20 per cent in wages January 5. They may also ask for an eight-hour day, abolition of the board of conciliation and payment for coal mined by weight, instead of by the car.

MOVE TO PLACE ROOSEVELT ON THE BALLOT

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott is preparing petitions and as soon as they are printed they will be circulated by The Capital Journal for voluntary signatures to make Roosevelt a candidate for the presidency under the Oregon preferential primary.

The straw vote being taken by The Capital Journal has only one fault. The people are not expressing themselves very fast. There is no doubt but that the insurgent sentiment is very strong in Oregon. The Roosevelt has only begun to come in the past few days and only yesterday were Democratic candidates printed on the straw ballot.

The result up to date stands as follows:

La Follette, 466.
Roosevelt, 233.
Taft 101.
Bourne, 1.

Chicago, Jan. 3.--Secretary Veeder, who was active for years in the conferences which the government

resulted in the beef trust, finished his direct testimony today in the hearing of the cases against the Chicago packers charged with conspiracy under the Sherman law.

Veeder admitted that, despite the injunction of the United States courts in 1903, the packers continued secret meetings for eight months after the National Packing company was formed in March of that year.

He testified that of the business handled through the statistical bureau, the Armour company got 29 per cent, the Armour Packing company, 21 per cent, the Swifts, 32 per cent, and that the remainder was divided among the other firms in the combine.

Veeder declared that representatives of the Armour and Swifts dominated their conferences and that the

Chamberlain, 1. The following letter was received this morning from an old soldier at Portland:

From Veteran Republican.
"Portland, Dec. 30.
"Col. E. Hofer,
"Salem, Oreg.
"Dear Sir:

"I desire to express my pleasure in reading your letter of Dec. 29th, published in the 'Morning Oregonian' of even date, relative to placing the name of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt as a candidate for president on the primary nominating ballot in Oregon.

"I cast my first vote for the lamented Abraham Lincoln and I have never seen the time since, and I have voted every year since, when I felt it necessary to go outside of the Republican party to find a candidate good enough.

"I have voted twice for Ex-president Roosevelt and I would only be too glad to vote for him again.

"In conclusion I wish to say you have expressed my views exactly in your letter.

"If you so desire, you may make us of this letter.

"Thanking you for your attention, I am Very truly yours,
"GEO. W. BILLINGS,
"539 E. 22nd St. North,
"Portland, Oregon.

"Late of Co. M 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Cav."

Madame Curie Has It.
Paris, Jan. 3.--Madame Curie, noted scientist and joint discoverer of radium, is in a hospital here today with a serious attack of appendicitis. She will be operated upon as soon as preparations can be completed. Madame Curie received the Noble prize for chemistry last year.

A vice-president is a politician already dead, waiting for a live one to die.

The woman who counts her turkeys before she has raised them is foolish indeed.

Perhaps you made many good resolutions for the New Year--most everyone does, and yet neglected the resolution which will benefit most of all, to be always well dressed.

Our Clearance Sale
offers you a grand opportunity to make and keep this resolution.
Bishop's Ready Tailored Suits and O'coats Reduced 20 per cent.
from the regular modest price.
"Roberts" Regular \$3.00 Winter Hats for \$2.40
Boy's Suits and Overcoats Reduced 20 to 33 1-3 per cent
50c Bradley Mufflers for . 25c
and many other reductions that are money savers.

Salem Woolem Mill Store
"Just Wright" Shoes. Cleaning and Pressing.