

## SHANK TO GIVE RECEPTION AT INAUGURATION

**Mayor-Elect Sends Word of Plans for Party at Marion Club.**

### TO TRIM CITY BUDGET

Dispatches received today from Mayor-Elect Sam L. Shank, who is in Marionton at Hot Springs, Ark., said that he probably will hold a reception at the Marion Club on Jan. 2, the day of his inauguration, and will call a meeting of the men and women he has appointed as department heads in the city council Thursday, Dec. 15.

The mayor-elect wired that he intends, if possible, to have a small reception to receive the public at the Marion Club, but it was thought by municipal leaders that he finally will adhere to the established custom of holding the inaugural ceremonies at the city hall. The plan for a reception afterwards at the Marion Club met with no opposition.

Taylor Groninger, appointee of Mr. Shank, who is in Marionton, Ark., who is informally representing the mayor-elect during his absence, said that a preliminary discussion of problems facing the new administration will take place at the Dec. 15 conference. The discussion likely will center around plans for an immediate reduction of the expenses of the municipal government, Mr. Groninger believes.

He said that he has been studying the city budget for 1922, which was adopted by the present administration in September, the time fixed by law for such action, and believes he can point out a number of places where economy can be effected. He said he mentioned this in no spirit of criticism of the present administration, however.

One of the items which Mr. Groninger believes can be reduced is the help on the public playgrounds. He said he had discovered in the budget that provision had been made for paying next summer as many as 100 men to look after two playgrounds and a custodian for each playground.

"I think that expense can be cut in two without injuring the efficiency of the playground organization," he said.

"Every department head will be instructed to take an invoice of the personnel and materials in his department with a view to seeing how much can be dispensed with," said the corporation counsel. "I think that a great many people can be cut off from the city payroll and put into pursuits where there is real work to be done. As the Daily Times said editorially the other day, 'loafing on the job is an economic crime.'

In order that the incoming administration may be justified in its claim for a complete revision of materials and equipment on hand will be asked of the present administration just before the government changes hands, Mr. Groninger said. The new department heads will be instructed to carefully check these invoices, he said.

Mr. Groninger also said that he is writing to Mr. Shank the suggestion that City Councilmen Russell Wilson, Gustav Schmidt and Jesse E. Miller be added to the street car reouting committee, which is studying the downtown street railway traffic problem under Chairman Frederic M. Ayres. The councilmen have given much study to the problem and their knowledge would be valuable to the committee, Mr. Groninger said.

### Brazil Petitions for Cut in Water Rate

The city of Brazil petitioned today for permission to reduce its rates for water supplied by municipal water works.

The La Porte County farm bureau asked the commission to investigate the rates charged by the La Porte Telephone Company. The farmers contend the rates are too high.

The Seymour Water Company asked permission to issue \$45,000 additional common stock.

**HAVAT ASKS NEW TRIAL.**  
Russell Hyatt, who was sentenced from one to fourteen years at the Indiana State reformatory on a charge of vehicle taking, today filed a motion for a new trial in the Criminal Court. Argument will be heard at a later date. The new trial is asked on the ground of alleged error at the time of trial.

### Marriage Licenses

Paul Kafur, 924 Sanders ..... 18  
Mildred Thornburgh, 73 N. Warman, 16  
Edgar Homer, 1314 Blaine ave. .... 45  
Jessie Lee, 525 North Euclid ave. .... 45  
Henry Ross, 525 Pennsylvania ..... 45  
Nellie Sibert, 906 S. Capitol ave. .... 31  
Jesus White, North Vernon, Ind. .... 48  
Anna Danielson, 225 Kenwood ave. .... 46  
**Births**  
William and Florence Fletcher, 5022 Orion, girl.  
Leslie and Mattie Browne, 615 West Thirty-Ninth, girl.  
James and Mary Murphy, 4149 Grace-land, boy.  
Henry and Delphine Couchman, 811 West Twenty-Eighth, girl.  
Mildred and Matilda Suttenfield, 1243 Naomi, girl.  
Joseph and Lucille Hawkins, 410 East Twenty-Third, boy.  
Kenneth and Loretta Geisendorff, 1380 North Euclid, girl.  
Arthur and Terese Davis, 1614 South Delaware, girl.  
William and Bernice Brasham, 812 South Tremont, girl.  
Lipscomb and Bertha Bingham, 735 Drake, girl.  
John and Mary Hendricks, 1816 North Alameda, girl.  
Raymond and Stella Means, 729 North Bosart, girl.  
Forest and Mildred Roberts, 1413 Lexington, boy.  
Clyde and Isabella Chaney, 619 Russell, girl.  
Howard and Gertrude Brennan, 1162 North Thirty-Sixth, girl.  
Mildred and Lavender Hayes, 2311 North Capitol, boy.  
Chester and Gladys Sease, Methodist Hospital, girl.  
Everett and Sallie McCoy, St. Vincent Hospital, girl.  
Perry and Elizabeth Runnion, St. Vincent Hospital, girl.  
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