

Administration was evident at city hall.

Factional politicians were declaring: "I've got my desk cleaned out, ready to go."

Employees were undecided as to whether to go ahead or "wait for a shake-up."

Slack was reading a newspaper in his office when first informed by The Times he had been named the city's executive Tuesday afternoon.

Given News Over Phone

Slack had returned from Morgantown, where he attended a bank-rupt sale. First word that he was being considered was received when a friend called over the phone and told him council had nominated him and that he had four votes on one ballot.

Mayor Slack's first act after he received the official notice from City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., was to call his wife by telephone.

The word flashed over the city and scores of friends called by phone to extend congratulations to the new mayor, according to Miss Anne Cunningham, secretary to Slack. Frederick Van Nuy and William L. Elder were the first visitors.

"I've been awfully busy, but I am tickled, anyway I haven't had time to powder my nose for three hours," she said.

Sworn in by Boyce

After being snapped at his desk, Slack went to city council chamber, accompanied by Howard Robertson, an insurance man, and Harmon Snook of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. There he was sworn in by p. m.

At 4:24 p. m. Tuesday Slack became mayor of Indianapolis, succeeding Council President Claude E. Negley, mayor pro tem, in the presence of a small group of councilmen, spectators, and newspaper reporters and photographers.

Slack was greeted warmly by Negley when he entered the council chamber.

"We'll get along all right," Slack told Negley.

"I'm still president of the council and will be glad to cooperate with you," Negley said.

Keys Turned Over

Slack, Negley, Boyce and a few spectators, including some city officials, went to the mayor's office at 4:30 p. m., when Negley turned over the keys to the office. Claude C. McCoy, council sergeant-at-arms, went with Slack to the executive's office.

"You probably remember that I

Cars Show Fund Progress



Pedestrians along Washington St. might have rubbed dust from their eyes as the Community Fund "racing cars" sped along the "500-mile track" erected on the north side of the street from Illinois to Meridian.

The picture shows firemen from engine house No. 13, moving the "Employees Divisions" racer a little nearer its goal.

changed the locks on all the doors," Negley commented.

"Well, I did hear something of that kind," Slack said.

Slack looked over the office, answered several phone calls, greeted visitors for fifteen minutes, and returned to his private office, 521 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Several Early Callers

Clifford L. Harrod, A. Kiefer Mayor, and William H. Book of the Chamber of Commerce were early callers at the Mayor's office.

"Bob, what do you know about this? It came out of a clear sky," Slack said to Councilman Robert E. Springsteen, Democrat.

"Several city officials 'dropped in' to shake hands with their new boss," Chief Claude M. Worley called and I told him to sit tight. I may say something later," Slack said.

Slack held a brief conference with Councilmen Edward E. Raub and Springsteen, and greeted several friends at his law office.

"We were talking over the general program of his administration. It is going to be a good one, too," commented Springsteen.

Slack went to his home shortly before 7 p. m. and he and Mrs. Slack went out to dinner. When

Slack entered a north side restaurant someone recognized him and started applause.

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SLACK IS 25TH MAYOR OF CITY

7 Republicans, 5 Democrats Preceded Him.

L. Ert Slack is the twenty-fifth mayor of Indianapolis. Since 1886, including Slack, there have been seven Republican and five Democratic mayors, but three of the Republican mayors served more than one term.

The mayors: Samuel Henderson, 1847-49. Horatio C. Newcomb, 1849-51. Caleb Scudder, 1851-54. James McCreary, 1854-56. Henry F. West, 1856. Charles Cook, 1856. William John Wallace, 1856-58. Samuel D. Maxwell, 1858-63. John Caven, 1863-67, 1875-81. Daniel Macauley, 1867-73. James L. Mitchell, 1873-75. Daniel W. Grubbs, 1881-84. John L. McMaster, 1884-86. Caleb S. Denny, 1886-90, 1893-95 (Rep.).

Thomas L. Sullivan, 1890-93 (Dem.).

Thomas Taggart, 1895-1901 (Dem.).

Charles A. Bookwalter, 1901-03, 1905-10 (Rep.).

John W. Holtzman, 1903-05 (Dem.).

Samuel Lewis Shank, 1910-13, 1922-26 (Rep.).

Harry Wallace, 1913-14 (Rep.).

Joseph E. Bell, 1914-18 (Dem.).

Charles W. Jewett, 1918-22 (Rep.).

John L. Duvall, 1926-Oct. 28, 1927 (Rep.).

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SET PHONE HEARING

Service Commission to Reopen Case at Valparaiso.

Hearing of a case in which two former Indiana Governors appeared before the public service commission will be taken up again by Commissioner Howell Ellis, he announced today. This time the matter is scheduled for Valparaiso, Nov. 17.

It is on petition of the Winona and Crown Point telephone companies to purchase the Valparaiso plant of the Northwestern Indiana Company.

Former Governor Goodrich is interested in the purchase, owning the Winona company. He employed former Governor Branch to represent him.

BAR LOSES VETERAN

Orville Peckham, 81, Will Be Buried Today.

Funeral services for Orville Peckham, 81, attorney, of 1320 N. New Jersey St., were set for 3 p. m. today, at the home, with the Rev. Frank S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls Unitarian Church officiating. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Peckham was born in Newport, R. I., Oct. 30, 1846. He attended Brown University, graduating in 1877. He formed a law partnership with the late Judge E. O. Brown at Providence. The firm moved to Chicago as Peckham & Brown. Mr. Peckham continued in the firm until he retired in 1912 and came to Indianapolis two years later. He was general counsel for the First National Bank of Chicago from 1875 to 1912.

In 1876, Mr. Peckham married Miss Anne M. Jameson. Surviving are Mrs. Peckham; a son, John J. Peckham, a Chicago attorney; a sister, Miss Ella Peckham, Providence, R. I., and a nephew, George Peckham, a Chicago attorney.

Mr. Peckham was a member of the University Club and Woodstock Country Club of Indianapolis.

LOCAL MAN RE-ELECTED

Dr. C. M. Wilder Again Heads Indiana Podiatrists.

By United Press. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—The three-day annual convention of the Indiana Association of Podiatrists closed here Tuesday with re