

## MAYOR'S REPORT ON FINANCES OF CITY

Shows Council How Much Money the City Has and What She Has to Pay.

### NOT VERY FLATTERING

THAT GOING OUT IS BIGGER AND THAN THAT COMING IN—A SUMMARY OF DEBTS THE CITY MUST MEET.

Mayor Schillinger last night made his report as to the condition of the city's finances to council. He said on January 1, 1906, the city had a bonded debt of \$195,500 of which \$2,500 was paid during the year, making the present bonded indebtedness \$183,000. In November last bonds were issued to the amount of \$29,000 making the city's present debt \$213,000. On January 1, 1906, the city owed a \$20,000 temporary loan while on January 1, 1907, the city owed no temporary loan. On January 1, 1907, there was \$3,973.65 in the general fund of the city.

Speaking of the closing of the North Fourteenth street Dr. Schillinger said \$12,400.01 was assessed against the interested party, the Hoosier Drill company for benefits to those given damages. Of this amount \$4,000 was given at once while \$600.01 still remains due to the city. \$4,800 is due to John Evans and \$3,000 to Wm. N. Gartside which stands as debts against the city.

In regard to the Emma Lincoln case, the report showed the money the city owed her, counting the interest and costs amounted to \$5,800. The principal of this amount is still drawing interest.

The judgment against the city in the Clifford case amounts to \$600, and must be paid unless appealed.

#### A Table of Honest Debts.

The question the city has to solve is how to pay the following: Damages in Lincoln case ... \$ 5,800 Judgment Clifford case ... 800 Evans and Gartside ... 7,800 Required to finish light plant ... 23,000 Expenses of year ... 181,620

Total ... \$218,800 In addition to these the subway under the Pennsylvania railroad was taken into account the proposed sewer on the west side and the probable cost of establishing of Riverside park.

The 1906 revenues showed that the taxes, real personal and pole amounted to about \$23,500. The receipts from the Municipal light plant amounted to \$62,000. Liquor licenses \$12,000, court fines, \$1,000 and from sundries \$3,500, making a total of \$202,000 received. Dr. Schillinger said he had reason to expect other funds for the year.

### TRACED BY HORSE'S SHOE

Jonas Mercer Accused of Burning His Father-in-Law's Barn at Connerville.

Connerville, Ind., January 7.—A large barn on the farm of Joseph Mays, in Orange township, burned Saturday night, together with five head of horses, two cows, and much other property, entailing a loss of \$2,500, with \$275 insurance. The fire is attributed to incendiarism, and Jonas Mercer, a son-in-law, has been arrested.

He lives in Posey township, fifteen miles distant, but he is said to have made the trip to his father-in-law's home, driving a horse peculiarly slow, and the animal was tracked almost to Mercer's home. A family feud has existed for some time, growing out of the opposition of Mr. Mays to the marriage of his daughter to Mercer, and Mercer is said to have threatened to burn the barn. He is thirty-five years old, and the father of six children.

### HOPE TO MEET THIS WEEK

As Yet the Board of Works and School Board Have Not Discussed River Play Ground.

President Merrill last night informed the members of the city council that the board of public works and the school board had been unable to get together and discuss the feasibility of opening a public play ground in conjunction with Riverside park, as the members of the West Side Improvement Association recommended at the last meeting of council. He said that he hoped to get the members of the school board together some time this week and present to them the scheme as proposed.

### THEY KNOW EVERYTHING

Joseph Wood and J. J. Turner of the Pennsylvania Have Enviable Reputations.

Joseph Wood and J. J. Turner, vice presidents of the Pennsylvania lines, are said to be two men who never forget anything. It is claimed they know the exact equipment of every train west of Pittsburgh as well as the pulling power of every engine on the system.

### Mormons Working Here.

Mormon missionaries are at work in Richmond, making a house to house canvass.

Artificial gas, the 20th Century fuel. 10¢-ft

## MAKE PLEA FOR APPEALS

### COUNCIL GRANTS RIGHT

City Attorney Study to Use Own Judgement in Matter of Appealing The Clifford Case and the Peddler's Cases.

In a short speech last night, City Attorney Study told the members of council that he was of the opinion that the recent ruling against the Clifford case, was full of flaws and that he thought there was ground for an appeal. It was his opinion that the city should take advantage of her opportunity during the present term of court.

He also advocated an appeal in the case of the city against Henry Zettermeier, Harry Partridge and Ford Curry on the charge of peddling without a license.

The council, on a motion presented by Councilman Deuker, voted Mr. Study the right to use his own judgment in the matter of appeals in both cases, and he will begin preparations at once to carry on his fight in both cases.

### TO SELL UNMARKED PACER

George Schwegman Consigns His Horse "Complex" to the Lackey Sale at Cambridge.

(Western Horseman.)

George Schwegman, Richmond, Ind., has consigned to the Lackey March sale the unmarked pacer, Complex, one of the fastest four-year-old pacers in Indiana. Complex is just the kind of a pacer scores of gentlemen are looking for and, best of all, Mr. Schwegman is a man whose word can be relied on, even when telling of the good qualities of his own horse.

### HENRY KROMA WEAKENED

Upon Reaching the Indiana Reformatory he Promised to be a Model Man for Ever After.

Henry Kroma, who was recently taken to the Indiana Reformatory by Sheriff Meredith, broke down completely on arrival there. He assured Mr. Meredith that he will be a model prisoner and that when he is released will return to Richmond and conduct himself properly.

### IDENTITY OF HORSETHIEF

Man Who Has Been Traveling Under Name of Harry Foster is Said to Be Harry Sifrit.

Reports from Muncie indicate that the identity of Harry Foster, noted horse thief now in the Indiana prison, and who operated in this section, has been fully established. It is stated that Foster's real name is Harry L. Sifrit and that he is a member of a prominent family at Lincoln, O. Foster's wife is seeking a divorce. He has made a number of important confessions since being sent to prison.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR THE COMING YEAR

Richmond Lodge, No. 254, I. O. O. F. installed the following officers at its meeting last night:

N. G.—Jos. Combes.  
G.—Harry Walls.  
See—Jno. H. Pierce.  
Treas.—Chas. Y. Miller.  
Warden—Geo. W. Culbertson.  
I. G.—W. E. Brenizer.  
O. G.—E. Jenks.  
S. N. G.—W. L. Hungeford.  
L. S. N. G.—J. T. Burdsall.  
R. S. V. G.—F. H. Knight.

### Watson's Pension Bills.

Among the special pension bills that Representative Watson will present are the following: For Sarah E. Ball, Henry H. Moore, Hugh L. Muller, Thomas Shepherd, Elizabeth Finnian, Addison W. Wilson, Benjamin M. Ricketts, John Colby, Margaret O'Tool, Mary D. Farrar, Mary J. Martin, Christian B. Shelley, Catharine Frank, Joseph B. Israel, John W. Shoemaker, Daniel W. Mason, William Coo, Maria E. Walcutt, George Atchison, Winfield S. Conde, Margaret A. Reed, James E. Taylor and Thomas B. Foutty.

### Sunday School Election.

The United Brethren Sunday School was reorganized and the following officers elected:

Supt. D. B. McLean; assistant Supt. Marion Slick; secretary, Castle Hobson; treasurer, J. A. Taylor; pianist, Opal Lovin; assistant pianist, Clarine Weaver; chorister, Marion Slick; librarian, Irene Scott; assistant librarian, Hazel Johns.

### Consignments to Sale.

For the annual horse sale of John S. Lackey, at Cambridge City, March 12 to 16: Complex, trial 2:10, Sophia W., 2:18½; Miss Edith, trial 2:18; Woodland Belle, 2:18½; Billy Redfield, 2:18½, and Gilt Edge, 2:14½, have been consigned.

### Myrick at Duties Again.

County Treasurer Myrick is again able to be about his duties at the court house, after being confined at his home for the past several days with a very sore foot.

### Mormons Working Here.

Mormon missionaries are at work in Richmond, making a house to house canvass.

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## FACTS IN FEW LINES

The fashionable age now for marriage is from twenty-seven to thirty-two for women, from thirty to forty-five for men.

The reduction works at Canso, Nova Scotia, handled 1,300 tons of dogfish last year and produced therefrom 9,000 gallons of fish oil, besides 200 tons of fish scrap, which makes a good fertilizer.

Mr. Beville Stanier of Pепlow Hall, Shropshire, England, who bought the Hawkins collection of British birds recently, sold the Sheffield specimen of the great auk which it contained for \$2,000.

The colonial secretary of the Bahamas states in his report of the Islands for 1905-06 that no complaint of error or delay has been received by the telegraph department for fourteen years.

The cultivation of rubber is now being taught in the schools of West Africa. Every village is obliged to plant a certain number of acres in rubber trees. In the Kongo state 12,500,000 rubber trees have been planted.

A farmer at Winburg, Orange River Colony, alleges that in his district alone 24,000 sheep are stolen annually by the natives. On this basis he calculates that 300,000 sheep are stolen throughout the colony every year.

The first secretary of the Chinese legation in St. Petersburg remarked the other day that the Chinese government has a stronger hold on its people than the Russian has on its own and that the Chinese people are less cultivated and more oppressed.

The oldest Christian structure in Ireland is a remarkable building, evidently very ancient, but wonderfully well preserved, at Dingle, in County Kerry. It is known as "the oratory of Galerns" and has stood practically uninjured for more than 1,000 years.

Jerusalem now has a summer resort at Ramallah, which is situated several hundred feet higher and commands a view of the Mediterranean. A new hotel has been built there for Europeans by an Arab. Most of the work of construction was done by women, whose wages are 11 cents a day.

The public will be surprised to learn that the Englishman apparently hasn't absolute freedom in the choice of the name of his own child. An unfortunate father, registering his baby girl, told the registrar the name was Coraile, and he was astonished when he met a refusal on the ground that there is no such name as Coraile. He was compelled to choose another name.

The youngest lawyer that ever appeared before the supreme court of the United States the other day argued in favor of the constitutionality of the North Carolina statute prohibiting the running of "bucket shops" in that state. He was Walter Clark, Jr., son of Chief Justice Clark of the supreme court of North Carolina, and he has just passed his twenty-first birthday.

C. B. Bateman of Auburn, Me., has just come into possession of an extremely rare and valuable curio for his cabinet. It is an idol from the ruins of Copan, in Central America. It was presented to him by Charles Nason of Sabatia, the well known gunmaker. Mr. Nason for many years was located in Costa Rica and other points in Central America, purchasing coffee.

Franz Josef, the emperor of Austria, has a fad for collecting menu cards, and as his stock is contributed to by other monarchs it is a truly wonderful one. His choicest specimen is one used at the dinner given by the czar to President Faure. This "card" is a block of the rarest black marble beautifully painted by a famous French artist, the names of the various dishes being lettered in white ivory.

Although the population of the United Kingdom increased by 2,000,000 during the last six years, there has been a decline of nearly 2,500,000 barrels in the consumption of beer. There is also a steady decline in the use of spirits.

On the other hand, the 155,767,710 pounds of tea imported for home consumption during the first seven months of 1906 mark an increase of 10,000,000 pounds over the same period in 1905.

The Chinese minister of the board of education has memorialized the throne to send all governors of provinces to study law in Japan for eighteen months, and after the expiration of this term they shall be reinstated in their former offices. He has also advised their majesties to send all the present official academicians to Japan to study western learning, and on their return official positions shall be allotted to them.

It is proposed by a German engineer to use balloons for railway purposes. A stationary balloon is fixed to a slide running along a single steel rail. This rail is carried up the side of a steep mountain. The balloon is moored by a steel cable to the rail at a height of about thirty-five feet above the ground. The conductor can cause the balloon to ascend or descend at will. The lifting power is furnished by hydrogen gas, and the descent is caused by water pressure poured into a large tank at the upper end of the road.

H. G. Wells, the popular author, has had a varied career. His father was a professional bowler for Kent for many years and the only man who has ever bowled five wickets with successive balls in a first class match. This is a subject for justifiable boasting with his talented son. H. G. Wells works in a room that is fitted with electric apparatus for light and heat. Swift was his chief source of inspiration when a youth. Sterne is the most probable English master, in his opinion, for a novelist to study, and as a thinker Schopenhauer has impressed him more profoundly than any other.

Those Useless Questions.

How many of our words are absolutely superfluous, serving no end but the waste of time.

A man stood before a mirror, his face well lathered and his razor in hand.

In came his wife. She looked at him and inquired, "Are you shaving?"

"No," he replied fiercely; "I'm blacking the kitchen range. Where are you—out driving or at the matinee?"

Woman's Home Companion.

One Commercial Success.

"Dukes are so often in debt they must be poor business men."

"Except in the matter of selecting their wives."

Wrote Five Accessions.

Fountain City, Ind., Jan. 7.—Interest is growing in the revival at the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Rulley, pastor, is preaching interesting sermons. Sunday morning his subject was "Bringing Others to Jesus" and in the evening was "Naman, the Leper." At the morning service there were five accessions. The meetings will continue indefinitely.

Geo. Hipp to Speak.

George C. Hipp, of Indianapolis, will address the members of the Tuesday club and their friends in the lecture room of the Morrison-Reeves library tonight, on the subject "John Paul Jones." The public is cordially invited.

## HIS WAS A DYING COUNT

### HEARD THE FIRE ALARM

Anderson Man Passed Away Just as Alarm of Fire Was Being Turned In—His Ears Had Been Keenly Trained to Sound.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 7. (Spl.)—There's a firm alarm box 22; I hear the wagons going." These words were the last spoken by Chauncey Towell, assistant superintendent of the city water works. He had been very low for several weeks, suffering from an operation performed to relieve him of an intestinal injury received while lifting a water pipe. He was unconscious for two days prior to his death, but rallied about twenty minutes today just as the fire alarm from box 22 sounded. His ears, keenly trained to such alarms, the dying young man was the first one in the room to notice the alarm. He counted the strokes, then lapsed into unconsciousness and died fifteen minutes later. He was 34 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Towell, of this city, and a brother of Cortland Towell, of Indianapolis. He is survived by a wife and two children.

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