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CUBA.

Those were pleasant and promising ceremonies that took place in Havana New Year's day. Everybody manifested the liveliest interest in the occasion and what it signified. The Cubans saw in it matter of great importance to themselves, the official representatives of other countries offered congratulations to both Cuba and America, while the Americans felt satisfaction in what their country had been able to do for a struggling neighbor. Good feeling—the best of feeling—marked the day.

Contrary to many predictions made at the time both here and abroad, and to no little private opinion probably that did not indulge in prediction, we are on the eve of quitting Cuba in the interest of a second trial by the people of the island in self-government. When the Palma government succumbed and American troops again appeared on the scene, we were told that they would remain permanently. Here was another case of Great Britain and Egypt. Uncle Sam would never let go. All promises that he would were for temporary purposes. The Cubans would be soothed by them until such a time as it would be both convenient and necessary to break the truth to them.

But we are packing up, and sailing. Having done, and according to the Cubans themselves done well what we came to do and promised to do, we are through. Cuba's day approaches, and she appears to be ready for it. The officials to take charge in her name have been properly chosen, the people are satisfied with the result, and in a few weeks the wheels will begin to revolve. A Cuban will occupy the presidency, and a Cuban congress to co-operate with him will be in session.

The new order will have the best wishes of the controlling influences in this country. Judge Taft has shown his friendship for Cuba, and there is every reason to believe that he will use his great power as president in all that pertains to the island for the island's good. The relations between Cuba and America must remain intimate, and for the benefit of both countries should be cordial.

Gov. Magoun is coming home crowned with conspicuous success. When he took charge of Cuban affairs they were in a tangle. Distrust of everybody was the dominant feeling in the island. Failure had set the people against each other, and all factions seemed set against the United States. It was a situation that called for firmness tempered with patience and diplomacy. Fortunately Gov. Magoun possessed the necessary qualities, and he soon had matters in hand. He has acquitted himself of his task so as to receive the praise of all sides. There is an impression that he is to be rewarded with a high office under the new administration. It should be a high one. Judge Taft will need men of that stamp to assist him.

NEW BUILDINGS OPEN.

School was reopened at the new buildings for No. 9 and Greenbriar schools yesterday. The Greenbriar building has been rebuilt following a fire. The No. 9 building is entirely new and one of the finest in the state. It was built at a cost of almost \$8,500. The old building was sold to George McLean for \$550. It will be used as a residence.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 5.—Richmond Lodge, No. 196, F. & A. M. Stated meeting.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 6.—Webb Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M. Entered Apprentice Degree.

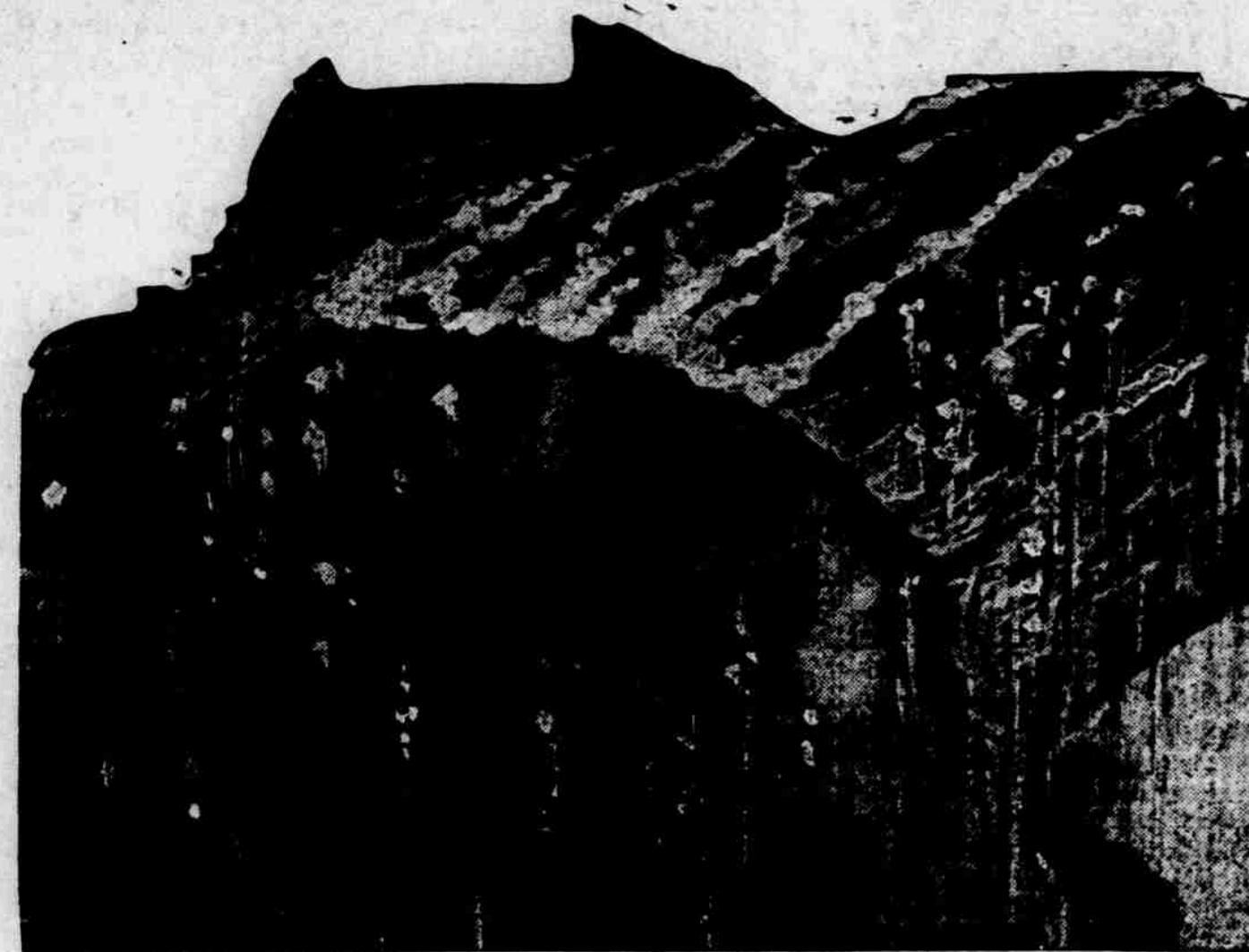
Thursday Evening, Jan. 7.—Wayne Council, No. 10, R. & S. M. Stated Assembly.

Friday Evening, Jan. 8.—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Stated Convocation.

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**ALFRED ELOQUENT,
STUBY SARCASTIC**

Underhill Wanted Right to Obstruct Street Corner Because Y. M. C. A. Did.

COUNCIL WAS FAVORABLE

THEN CITY ATTORNEY AROSE AND QUESTIONED, "DO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO COMPARE UNDERHILL TO A Y. M. C. A.?"

Never before in many years has council been so dull as it was last evening. Its session lasted but one half hour, being protracted at least half this time in argument over the granting of a petition to Alfred G. Underhill for temporarily obstructing Sixteenth and North E streets that he might get building material on his lot. It was a spicy argument which several councilmen, City Attorney Study and Mr. Underhill indulged in, resulting in council referring the matter to the board of works with the recommendation that the petition be granted. Mere routine characterized the remainder of the business before the city fathers. The franchise committee having in charge the matter of overhead wires on Main street and the milk ordinance did not report last evening. An extension of time was given the committee on the wire question because of the inability of John F. Robbins, attorney for the Traction company to meet with the committee. Report on the milk ordinance was delayed because council could not arrange a meeting during the holidays.

City Attorney Study was very sarcastic in regard to granting a permit to Mr. Underhill, declaring that the North 16th and E street corner had been a persistent source of annoyance and that if the obstruction was not cleared away in a few days he would prosecute Underhill.

Underhill is Eloquent.

Mr. Underhill addressed council and stated that the right to obstruct

Eighth and A streets had been given the Young Men's Christian association for several months and that if the city extended this privilege to others he felt that he should be granted a similar opportunity to improve his property. His argument was interspersed with oratory and a waving of arms. No doubt it would have lasted longer but for the fact that councilmen interrupted and refused to allow him to continue. Councilman Bartel was of the opinion that as the Y. M. C. A. had been given the privilege that other citizens, including Underhill should be treated in the same manner, a remark which called forth an exclamation from City Attorney Study. "I hope you do not compare Alfred Underhill to a Y. M. C. A." he said.

Council Routine.

The poorly lighted condition of Eighth and Main street was brought up by Councilman Englebert. The matter was referred to the board of works. It is probable that an agreement will be made with a merchant on this corner whereby he will keep his gas light burning at a cost to the city.

The poor condition of a fountain at First and Richmond avenue was called to the attention of the board of works by Councilman McMahan.

The extremely bad condition of West Second street which prevents coal and ice dealers and other heavy haulers using it extensively in muddy weather was brought up by Councilman Burdassal. He stated to the board that the street could be fixed in two days time so it was fairly passable by the application of gravel or crushed stone.

The petition of Frank Hillman, owning property in southwest Richmond has been denied by the board of works. He wanted his property excluded as a part of the city. The matter was referred to by Councilman Brown. It is probable that further action will follow in this matter.

**ASKS ANNULMENT
CASE DISMISSED**

Third Chapter in Keen Matrimonial Tangle Filled in the Circuit Court.

AIR ED IN THE CITY COURT

WHEN KEEN WAS ARRESTED FOR SLAPPING COLORED GIRL THE PROSECUTOR CLAIMED HE WAS A NEGRO.

Surprise was manifested in the Wayne circuit court today, when a motion was introduced to dismiss the case of Ethel F. Keen vs. Asa L. Keen to annul the marriage of the two. The Keen's troubles began when a group of boys in the court house yard yelled "nigger" at the young bride, who is a white woman. It was currently reported the husband had negro blood in his veins. It was but a short time after that episode that the husband slapped a little colored girl near Main and Sixth street. He claimed the girl had made insulting and insinuating remarks about his wife. It was in the trial of this case in city court that the prosecuting attorney openly avowed the Keen woman had married a negro. The Keens appeared highly indignant and threatened to sue the prosecutor, but no action of that nature was attempted. The third chapter of the story was written when suit was brought to annul the marriage. It was alleged in the complaint the defendant is a negro. As to the future action in the case, there is nothing but conjecture.

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WILL INSPECT BRIDGE.

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