

## CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE OFFICE IN A QUIET WAY

No Time Will Be Wasted in Pomp and Ceremony at the City Building by the New Administration.

### PRESENT OFFICIALS NOT TO BE PRESENT

Council Will Meet Monday Evening and the New Officers Will Find Plenty of Work Awaiting Them.

Monday noon, the officials of the new administration, including those who were elected to office last November and those appointed by mayor-elect Dr. W. W. Zimmerman, will be given the oath of office and sworn into duty by A. M. Gardner, who will act in the capacity of a notary public.

The event will not be attended by the members of the present administration. They will simply surrender their offices as though it was an every day occurrence. However, the friends of the new administration will celebrate the event in an appropriate manner.

The inaugural will be short and sweet. All the law requires is that the officials be sworn in office by a notary public and that they file their bonds. However, it is probable that some of the officials will make short responses in which they will announce their plans. The program of Dr. W. W. Zimmerman is well known and those of the other officials will be in accord with the chief executive's ideas.

It is a Surprise.

It perhaps will be a surprise to some that the inaugural is not held tomorrow. However, the law clearly states that city officers shall not be sworn into office until the Monday after January 1.

After all the officers have been sworn in, Dr. W. W. Zimmerman will take his position at the mayor's table and order the new council to meet at the council chambers that evening.

Important business will be undertaken by the new administration right from the start. The franchise desired by the Richmond Natural Gas company, permitting it to enter the artificial field, will be up for consideration. Other matters of almost equal importance are expected to be presented.

No little confusion has been encountered by members of the present administration in the tendering of their resignations. Some have sent them to Dr. W. W. Zimmerman, believing him to be the proper official to receive them, while others have tendered them to Mayor Schilling. However, no matter who receives the resignations, they will be accepted.

## HUNT FOR HEIRESS

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 31.—Search was made in New York today for Miss Roberta B. Dejanon, the pretty sixteen-year-old daughter of Ferdinand Dejanon of New Jersey, and grand daughter and sole heiress of Robert Bust, a millionaire seed merchant of Philadelphia, who has been missing since Wednesday from the Bellevue Stratford hotel in Philadelphia, where she made her home with her grandfather.

Whether she eloped with Frederick Cohen, a waiter at the hotel, who had been serving meals in the apartment of the Busts, or committed suicide, as she said she would do in notes found after she disappeared, is in doubt, but a charge of abduction has been made against Cohen and he is said to have been seen with the girl at the Broad street railway station.

## City Statistics

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Igelman, South Fourth street, boy; third child.

### Deaths and Funerals.

SIECK.—The funeral of William Sieck will take place Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, 127 South Sixth street. Further services will be conducted from the St. John's Lutheran church at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Feeger officiating. The burial will be in Lutherania. Friends may call any time.

FISH.—Thomas C. Fish, aged 46, years, died last evening at his home, 27 North Eleventh street. Death was due to a complication of diseases although the deceased had been afflicted with tuberculosis for some time. Only for the past week, however, had he been seriously ill. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. The Rev. Nelson will officiate. The burial will be in Earlimar cemetery. Friends may call this evening.

MENDENHALL.—The remains of William Mendenhall, who died early Christmas morning at Medford, Oregon, arrived this morning and were taken to the home of relatives on North West Seventh street, where the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The burial will be in Earlimar cemetery. Friends may call at any time.

Choate, the Presiding Officer



Joseph H. Choate, the distinguished lawyer who presided at the meetings of the American Historical Association and the American Economic Association which recently held a convention in New York.

## Missionaries to Foreign Field

### Report Shows the Steady Growth of the Student Movements and Splendid Work of the Colleges.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The report of the executive committee of the student volunteer movement of foreign missions, at present in session in this city, sets forth that the primary and permanent function of the movement is that of a recruiting agency seeking to enroll a sufficient number of well-qualified volunteers to meet the requirements of the mission boards of North America. In the year preceding the Nashville convention there were 1,049 mission study classes in institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada. Last year there were 2,084. In the year before the Nashville convention the total number engaged in mission study was 12,629. During the last year it was 25,208. The number has doubled in four years.

### Hope to Double the Number.

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