

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 Plenety 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 Schillinger. 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 Buist, 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 Buists, 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.

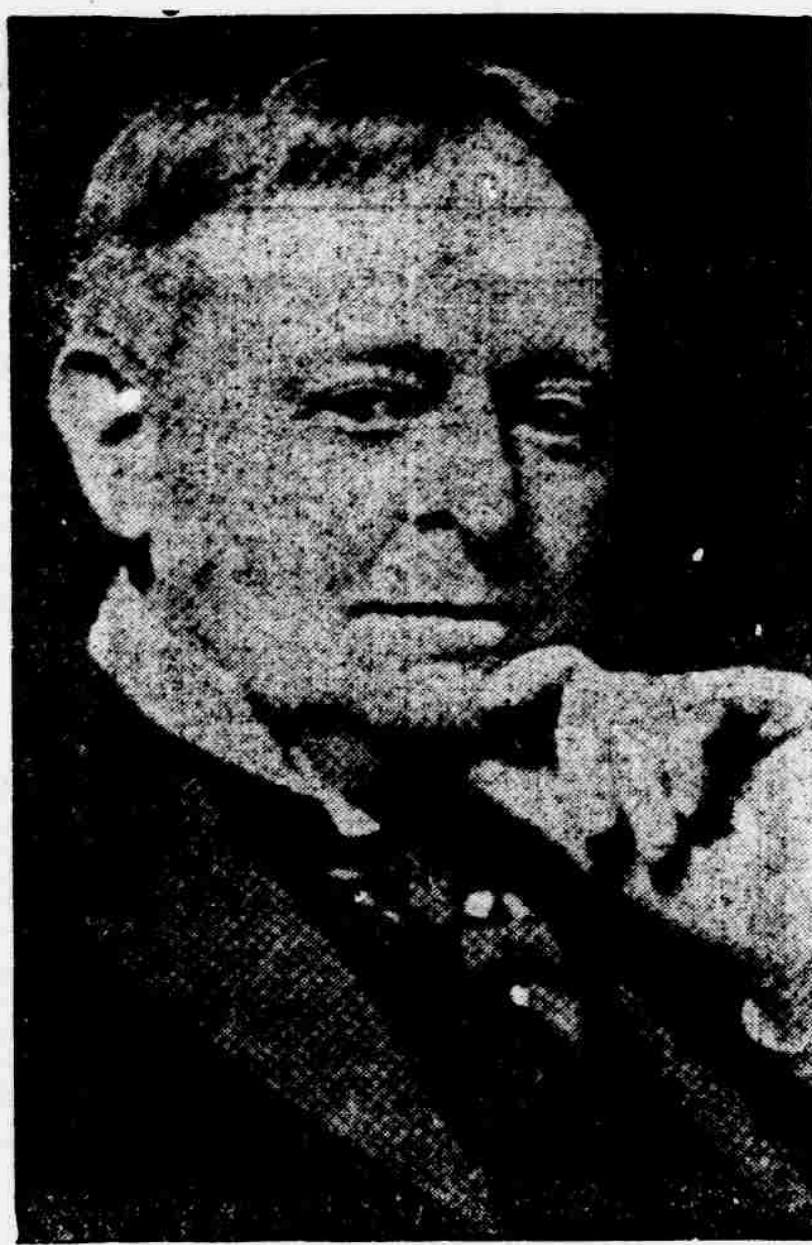
Deaths and Funerals.

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 Lutheran. 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 Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at any time.

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 Earlham 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 Economical 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. The best evidence of the efficiency and power of the student volunteer movement is the number of sailed volunteers. At the Toronto convention in 1902 it was reported that 780 volunteers had sailed during the preceding four years. In the quadrennium following the Toronto convention and ending with the Nashville convention in 1906, one thousand volunteers sailed. During the four years which have since elapsed, ending with the Rochester convention, 1,283 volunteers have sailed, or nearly three hundred more than for the quadrennium ending with the Nashville convention. The total number of volunteers who have sailed since the beginning of the movement in 1886 is 4,346.

Shows the Rising Tide. Another test of the rising tide of practical missionary interest among students is the increase in their missionary giving. At Nashville it was reported that the students of North America were contributing \$80,000 a year to missionary objects. They are now giving \$127,000 a year toward such objects, or an increase in four years of nearly 60 percent. There are literally scores of colleges and schools each supporting entirely or in large part its own representative on the foreign field. The students of Yale head the list at present with their contribution last year of fully \$10,000 to missionary objects. Among women's colleges the students of Vassar made the largest contribution, having given last year \$3,355. The last four years have been a record-breaking period in the promotion of mission study among students. 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. An attempt will be made to double the number of well-equipped volunteers who can in the immediate or near future press out to the mission fields. Today throughout the far east, such as Turkey and Russia, in southern Asia, in the East Indies, throughout the larger part of the American continent, and even in parts of Latin America, says the report, the Christian church faces nothing less than an acute and momentous crisis. This crisis can be met only by the sending out of more workers than are now forthcoming of thoroughly capable and well furnished missionaries. On the home side is the growing pressure of the expanding ability of the church to send forth an army of workers, primarily as a result of the uprising of Christian laymen in the laymen's mission movement, not to speak of the various forward movements in some of the Christian communities and of the very effective work of the young people's missionary movement in the Sunday schools and among the large numbers of other young people.

SOFT COAL FAMINE WILL VISIT DAYTON

Shortage in Central Illinois Reached a Very Acute Stage Today.

SUPPLY IS NEARLY GONE

(American News Service)

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 31.—The soft coal famine in Central Illinois reached its most acute stage today and the situation has become alarming. Bloomington coal dealers were deluged with telephone calls from contiguous towns asking for cars of fuel, the outside dealers declaring that their supply had become entirely exhausted owing to the inability of the railroads to fill their orders.

In numerous instances dealers advanced prices, following the example of Bloomington dealers and disposing of their final stock at an advance of 50 cents to \$1 a ton.

Soft coal is now selling uniformly at \$3.50 a ton in most of the cities of central Illinois, and those possessing mines are supplying patrons in one ton lots in order to make the distribution cover as many households as possible.

NAMED COMMANDER

(American News Service)

Boston, Dec. 31.—Capt. John C. Fie-mont, U. S. N., recently in command of the battleship Mississippi, and son of "The Pathfinder of the Rockies," took command of the Charlestown navy yard today, filling the post made vacant by Rear Admiral William Swift, who goes to Washington as aid on the staff of Secretary Meyer.

SWEAR-OFF COSTLY TO UNCLE SAMUEL

"Good" Resolutions Decrease The Use of Tobacco And Liquors.

GOVERNMENT NEEDS COIN

TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE HOPING, HOWEVER, THAT THE CUSTOMARY VOWS WILL BE BROKEN IN SHORT TIME.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—With the treasury balance hanging dangerously close to where it was in 1893, when it was necessary for the United States to borrow \$262,000,000 to keep things in good shape, your Uncle Samuel is looking with some misgivings to the annual "swear-off" on New Year's day.

New Year's day "good resolutions" generally cause a big slump in the internal revenue receipts. The months of January, February, March and April invariably show the greatest slump. The receipts for January are always considerably less than the receipts for February despite the fact that the latter is the shorter month.

Resolutions Go to Smash.

This internal revenue experts point to as an infallible indication that good resolutions begin to go to smithereens after the first month of the year has passed, if not before.

March receipts are generally greatly above those for February, but it is the big receipts for April that seem to prove the truth of the saying that good resolutions made on New Year's day are made to be broken. These receipts apply to whiskey, beer, wine and tobacco.

Consolation for "Drys."

But while good resolutions may go to bits, and thus help swell Uncle Sam's cash balance, there is consolation for those who would prohibit the manufacture and consumption of liquors. The saloon man is becoming fewer. The decrease in him is plainly indicated by the decrease in the special tax imposed by Uncle Sam on every place where liquor is sold over a bar.

The first five months of the current fiscal year shows a decrease of \$282,779 in the special saloon tax as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. The revenue department officials say this is due to the wave of prohibition which has swept over various portions of the United States.

Swear-Off Is Feared.

The general receipts for the last five months of this year—July, August, September, October and November—show a big increase over the corresponding period last year. For the last two months this increase has helped to keep the treasury balance from slumping toward a point where it might become necessary to attack the gold reserve or issue bonds.

It is for this reason that government officials are looking with apprehension on the annual swear-off which will begin on Saturday.

PREPARES DIARY AS LIFE PASSES

As He Heard Footsteps of Death, Attorney Prepared for End.

WRITES TO LAST MINUTE

COURT BAILIFF FINDS THE BODY GOING TO MAN'S ROOM BECAUSE HE DID NOT APPEAR TO TRY A CASE.

(American News Service)

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 31.—Hearing the footsteps of death, Attorney William A. Luby, alone in his office, kept an hourly schedule of his approaching end, while he fought for his life during thirteen hours.

When Luby failed to appear in court to try a case, a bailiff went to his office and found the body on the floor with the vest and shirt torn open and the hands clutching at the heart. On the desk were these notes:

Dying Man's Diary.

"I am not feeling well. The doctor has told me that the next attack will finish me. The attack has begun. I am taking the medicine prescribed. It is one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. I am taking medicine every two hours. At 4:20 my condition does not improve. Am still taking my medicine. I must have been asleep the last two hours. I do not remember," wrote Luby shortly after 7 o'clock. At 9 o'clock he wrote: "I am not feeling as easy."

There was no other notation until 2 o'clock this morning, when he wrote: "Cold. I know my condition is serious. It is hard to breathe. I am—"

Mr. Luby was widely known as an attorney and a writer.

Anyway, He Wasn't.

"Own up, now. Who's the head of your family?" "My wife used to be," admitted Mr. Enpeck, "but since my daughters are grown up we have a commission form of government."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

27 MILLIONS PAID TO UNCLE SAMUEL

Relief Department of Pennsylvania Gives That Sum In 23 Years.

REPORT WAS MADE TODAY

(Palladium Special)

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—Reports compiled by the Relief Departments of the Pennsylvania Railroad System show that since their establishment, some twenty-three years ago, there have been paid in benefits the sum of \$27,308,152.81. This is brought out in a report for the month of November, issued today, which also shows that the number of employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad System who were members of the Relief Funds on December 1, 1909, was 163,911, as compared to 152,248 on the same date in 1908. The total amount of benefits paid in 1909 up to the end of November amounted to \$1,089,748.57.

The relief department of the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie in the month of November, paid to its members the sum of \$115,000.85, representing \$47,108.00 paid to the families of members who died and \$67,892.85 to members who were incapacitated for work. The total payments on the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie since the relief fund was established in 1886, have amounted to \$19,916,537.80.

In November, the relief department of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg and Erie paid out a total of \$42,477.00, of which \$15,550.00 were for the families of members who died, and \$26,927.00 for members who were unable to work. The sum of \$7,391,615.01 represents the total payments of the relief fund of the lines west since it was established in 1880.

HEART DISEASE MOST NOTICEABLE

Most of Cases Investigated by Coroner in 1909 From That Cause.

WERE FOUR MURDER CASES

THERE WERE FIVE RAILROAD AND ONE AUTOMOBILE FATALITIES AND THREE MET DEATH BY DROWNING.

(Palladium Special)

Organic heart trouble was the chief cause of deaths which required an investigation by Coroner A. L. Bramkamp, during the year 1909, according to the verdicts filed with county clerk Harry E. Penny, by the former official. The report shows that Coroner Bramkamp was called to investigate forty-six deaths and that eighteen of this number were due to heart disease.

One of the most interesting parts of the report is that pertaining to deaths from violence. There were four murders during the year, Jeremiah and Raymond Meek being killed by Joel Ralsback, after he, his parents and brothers had been fired upon by the Meeks.

Two Austrians Slain.

The double tragedy took place about three miles west of the city on May 17. The other two murders were those of Austrians, who attempted to rob an Austrian camp, near Hieser's station, early in November.

There were five killed in railroad accidents, one in an automobile accident, three by drowning, one from hemorrhage resulting from cuts sustained by falling on a pitcher, two who committed suicide by gun shot, one died from suffocation while suffering an attack of epilepsy. Two died as the result of burns. There were two accidental deaths, one from a fall and the other from escaping gas.

The report also shows that Coroner Bramkamp was called to investigate deaths from the following causes: Undetermined, but natural causes, 1; premature birth, 1; cerebral embolism, 1; epilepsy, 1; acute enteritis, 1; overlying, 1; and consumption, 2.

VETERANS ARE MAD

(American News Service)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A movement to be started at the G. A. R.'s New Year's day campfire in memorial hall to have the Illinois department join others in protesting against the unveiling of the statue of Gen. Robt. E. Lee in the Hall of Fame at Washington. Joseph F. Darling, past commander of Columbus Post, will speak on the subject. Others who will make addresses are Gen. Philip Hayes, department commander of Illinois G. A. R.; Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Martin B. Madden, William Busse, Thomas H. Gault and John F. Scanlon.

WILL SUBMIT BIDS

The contract for the mail messenger service at the post office will be let January 5, at the post office, by a special agent from the department at Washington. There are a number of bids submitted already. These have been sent to Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart of Washington, by Postmaster J. A. Speckenhiser. James Brumley, who found that the job did not pay at the salary of \$1,040 a year, is again a bidder.

CIRCUIT COURT A VERY BUSY PLACE

During Past Year There Were 337 Cases of Civil Action Disposed Of.

BANNER TERM WAS APRIL

WERE MORE CASES ACTED UPON THAN FILED BECAUSE MANY CAME OVER FROM DOCKETS OF '07 AND '08.

Since yesterday when it was announced that there were 221 cases filed in the circuit court during 1909, of which number 85 were for divorce, the report has been completed by Miss Addison Steele, deputy county clerk. It shows that during the year there were 337 cases of civil action disposed of in the local court and of this number 78 were divorce suits.

In respect to divorce cases, the report throws additional light on the problem. Abandonment seemed to have been greatly overworked, for there were 43 divorces granted by Judge Fox on that grounds. Drunkenness, which is commonly averred in divorce actions, but which charge is seldom presented when the case comes up for trial, was responsible for three divorces being granted. Other charges on which such cases were successfully prosecuted include: Non-support, 5; adultery, 8; cruel and inhuman treatment, 18; criminal 1.

The reason why more cases were disposed of during the year than were filed is due to the fact that at the opening of the January term of court of the present year there were a large number of cases which had hung over from 1908 and 1907. The April term of court was the busiest of the year as during that period 169 cases were disposed of. In the January term, 83 cases were stricken from the docket as against 85 for the October or present term of court, which ended today.

EXPOSURE CAUSES DEATH OF VETERAN

Homeless Old Soldier Wandered Into Water Works Plant to Die.

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT

LETTER FOUND IN MAN'S CLOTHING FROM SON URGED HIS FATHER TO COME TO HIS HOME TO SPEND WINTER.

(Palladium Special)

Cambridge City, Ind., Dec. 31.—Silas Craig, an old soldier, died suddenly last evening about 8:30 o'clock at the water works plant, from pneumonia, due to exposure. The man was a wanderer and had been in this vicinity only a few days. His body was sent to Lima, Ohio, today to the home of C. C. Craig, a son, for burial.

The man was perhaps 65 years old, although he may have been younger. The presumption is that he is a wanderer and had come to Cambridge City to obtain work as a common laborer on the Pennsylvania construction work. However, as this work has been temporarily abandoned, he could not obtain a position and was in no physical shape to proceed to some other point.

He came to the water works plant last evening, and his pitiable condition prompted the employees to give him a chair near the stove. He was sitting there when of a sudden he fell from the chair, and died almost instantly. A physician was called who stated that the old man suffered from pneumonia, due to exposure.

His pockets were searched for the purpose of identification. A recent letter from his son, C. C. Craig, at Lima, was found. The tone of the letter was such that the impression was given that the son was in good circumstances, as the father was urged to come to Lima and spend the winter. The son was communicated with and he ordered the body sent to Lima.

DECREASE IN BEER

(American News Service)

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—In the last four months there has been a falling off of nearly 80,000 barrels in the output of Milwaukee beer, as shown by the tax receipt records. In the fiscal year ending July 1, 1909, there is shown a reduction of 321,255 barrels from the amount sold in the previous year.

Internal revenue collector Henry Flank attributes the decrease in business done by Milwaukee brewers to the effects of the prohibition wave which has swept over the country.

STEAMER IN DANGER

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 31.—Advices received today from Buford, N. C. by wireless, state that the steamer Excelsior of the Southern Pacific line, which sailed from this port last Wednesday for New Orleans, is drifting in heavy seas about forty miles north of the Diamonds.

FOR A CHAUTAUQUA

Guarantors Will Be Chosen at Once and a Meeting To Be Held.

WILL CHOOSE DIRECTORS

If possible, the guarantors for the 1910 chautauqua assembly will be selected in time for holding a meeting of that body before January 15, in order that the policy of next summer's assembly may be determined by those who will be in charge. At the guarantor's meeting, directors will be elected and these will elect officers.

The board of directors and officers for the 1909 assembly are still continuing in service and have already engaged much of the talent for the assembly next summer. Only this morning, the contract with W. C. "Bill" Bone, humorist and poet, was closed. He will deliver short sketches at the afternoon and evening meetings August 29 to September 1. Last year's assembly did not close with entire approval because there were so few humorous sketches interspersed throughout the program and the officials do not intend to repeat the mistake next summer.

A SCIENCE MARTYR

Government Food Inspector Leaves This Statement Before Suiciding.

APOLOGIZED TO CORONER

(American News Service)

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—Declaring in a letter he left that he was ending his life to benefit medical science, Gus A. Schell, government pure food inspector, shot and killed himself. He apologized to the coroner for the trouble he was causing and declared he had ten diseases. It is believed he became mentally deranged on the subject of disease when he found he had tuberculosis.

His letter said:

"Mr. Coroner, Dear Sir:—Excuse me for the trouble I may cause. This is a clear case of suicide with the best intention of assisting medical science. I herewith will my body to any good institution for the furthering of the profession. I have got at least ten diseases, including tuberculosis, Bright's disease, stomach and many others."

Schell was appointed inspector in Kansas City, Mo., where his divorced wife resides, and was inspector in a packinghouse until he got tuberculosis and asked for a transfer. He was sent to the El Paso Land Refinery.

He talked always of the diseases, thought were consuming him, failed to report at the factory, his landlord, investigating, found in his room ill.

While the landlord was telephoning for a doctor, Schell shot himself.

CAR MEN REWARDED

Boston, Dec. 31.—Seventy-five hundred dollars in gold was distributed by the Boston Elevated today among nearly 3,500 conductors and motormen whose records for the past year have been clean. The amount reached the largest sum of money ever paid by the company to its car service men in regard to satisfactory service.

SARAH ELIZABETH: Those muffins you liked so well were made from Gold Medal Flour. Liza.

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