

NEW MAYOR FINDS OFFICIAL THRONE IS STILL A FIT

Whereupon He Is Pleased and Then He Smiles and the New Council Illuminates Its Countenances.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF CITY TAKES HOLD

Last Evening and Sails Into Routine Business, Carefully Dodging the Rocks of Big Propositions.

Although it had been four years since he had occupied it, Mayor Zimmerman, last evening, when he climbed into the municipal throne in the council chambers, found that it still fitted him, whereupon he was pleased, and returned a smile in reply to the broadside of facial illuminations fired at him by the brand new council, some old "war horses" and several "freshmen."

Not much time was wasted in the getaway—which included the swearing in of the city dads—and the legislative branch of the city government, with the old master of ceremonials at the helm again, sailed right into a bunch of routine business. None of the important questions now confronting council were taken up last evening, the mayor stating that this could be done two weeks hence, and in the meantime the new council members could get their bearings and he (the mayor) would have the opportunity of making more thorough investigations into the propositions up for consideration.

Urge a Plant Fund.

In connection with the financial report of the city, by former City Controller Webster Parry, the mayor referred to the fact that the Municipal Light plant was now out of debt, so far as borrowed money from the city was concerned, and that during the last month, \$1,050.29 had been placed in the general fund of the city—this amount having been received from the net receipts of the plant after all debts had been paid. He suggested that there would have to be some special fund created whereby these monthly profits of the plant could be placed. He proposed a special light plant fund.

There is some agitation among council members for the city borrowing this money, but as no one was familiar as to whether this could be done, the matter was referred to City Attorney A. M. Gardner, who will inspect the laws and report at the next council meeting.

To Receive Guests.

Arrangements for the reception of the Indiana Municipal League convention, June 21-22-23, in this city, were made last evening, by Mayor Zimmerman appointing a committee on reception, including Fred H. Lemon and Matt Von Pein, as citizens; H. H. Englebert, William H. Bartel and Oscar Williams, representing the council. The program committee has selected a program, at least a tentative one, and this committee will visit Richmond in the next week or so, at that time completing the arrangements.

Although no action was taken at last evening's meeting, the city street car system will be thoroughly dusted. The cause for the agitation for a better city street car system and service was a communication, presented by Councilman Bartel in behalf of A. J. Erk, a resident of South Eighth street. Mr. Erk complained of a flat wheeled car which was operating on the Eighth street lines and Oscar Williams, councilman, who has been a passenger on this car, concurred in the complaint. Mayor Zimmerman announced that this would be placed before the proper department and a probe made.

New Snow Ordinance.

Attention was directed towards the nuisance of property owners not cleaning off their sidewalks following heavy snows. There are a number of ordinances touching upon this matter, but they have not been enforced. The police department will be notified of the complaint. It is probable that a new snow ordinance will be drawn up. However, those on the books at the present are effective and will be enforced.

The report of the city's financial condition for December by former Controller Webster Parry, was approved and placed on file. It is in part as follows: General Fund—Cash on hand December 1, 1909, \$23,350.01; receipts since then, \$26,302.81; grand total, \$49,652.82. Disbursements, \$27,615.40; balance on hand, January 1, 1910, \$22,037.42; total in sinking fund at date of report, \$8,662.08; balance in special fund at time of report, \$3,923.42; balance in street improvement fund, \$9,470.88; balance in chautauqua fund, \$2,353.55; this fund having been increased by the receipt of \$225 on account from the 1909 chautauqua.

In the items of disbursements for the general fund, are included several which are not usual. One is the quarterly payment of \$1,000 to Reid Memorial Hospital; \$1,472.39 for the payment of Daubney H. Maury for service rendered as expert hydraulic engineer; \$250 to school board for rent of public grounds, which included the site for public buildings, \$105.25.

What Tommy Said.

Mamma (to a friend who is taking tea with her)—I don't know why it is, but I always eat more when we have company than when we're alone.

Tommy (helping himself to a third piece of cake)—It is 'cause we have better things to eat.

AT THE THEATRES

At the Murray.

Sunny South, presented by ten colored players headed by Johnson and Wells will evidently be a popular number this week at the Murray theater. They know how to dance and sing and were well received in their initial performance in this city. The other acts were likewise very well rendered and consist of a dancing, singing and talking act by Brooks and Jeanette, a neat singing and dancing act by the favorites of the vaudeville—DePuy and Estes. Major O'Laughlin presented an original act with muskets and baton and with the motion pictures close a big program which will be continued this entire week.

"Mary's Lamb."

"I have had many chauffeurs," declares Richard Carle, "but the best was one I engaged last spring when we were playing 'Mary's Lamb' in San Francisco. This one could cut a corner with more precision than any man that ever drove an auto, and he had absolutely no regard for the speed law. He had my heart in my mouth every minute I spent in his machine."

One day we were going through Golden Gate park at about an 80-mile an hour gait. The chauffeur had just been telling me about chickens he had killed and pigs he had run down on country roads, when directly ahead he spied a flock of half a dozen pigeons. He made for the birds, the machine swerving from side to side until I was sure my last moment had come. He managed by skilful maneuvering to get within two feet of one of the pigeons, but every one of the flyers was lucky enough to escape him.

"Without even so much as looking at me the chauffeur, in the most matter-of-fact way, observed: 'You know, it's almost impossible to hit a pigeon.'"

Seats are now on sale for the performances of "Mary's Lamb" at the Gennett, tomorrow afternoon and night.

"The Chorus Lady."

Frank V. Bruner of New York arrived in Richmond last evening to arrange with Manager Parks of the Gennett theater for the appearance at that playhouse of Rose Stahl in "The Chorus Lady," the remarkable play of life on the modern musical comedy stage that has been the sensation for the past two years in the east. Miss Stahl will appear at the Gennett on Wednesday, January 12. "The Chorus Lady" which is the work of James Forbes, is perhaps the only play to realistically reproduce the life of the real chorus girl and to show the creature of the Merry-merry in her haunts and as she really is. The play does not show the type of chorus girl that spends her leisure time in cafes and drinking places and spends her small salary on phoney diamonds, but rather the struggling, whole souled girl who is honestly trying to earn a living on the stage and at the same time help those dependent upon her.

"Jolly Widow."

Patrons of the Phillips theater this week are finding the "Jolly Widow" satisfying as a mirth provoke and a comedy full of good music. The entire show is well worth the price of admission. There is a little plot which serves to give it a continuity and a vehicle for introducing the comedy and several of the latest songs hits.

"The Girl From Rector's."

Renold Wolf, the well known dramatic authority of the New York Morning Telegraph, declared "The Girl from Rector's" the most entertaining production he had ever witnessed. In his review of the piece the morning following its premiere at Weber's Music Hall, in New York, he said: "I have seen it once—only once—naturally—but I shall see it many times before it quits New York. It should have a record run. Mr. Wolf's prophecy came true for "The Girl from Rector's" remained at Weber's for exactly seven months. It is announced for production at the Gennett on next Monday, January 10.

"The Clansman."

One of the most sensational stories of the South at a time just following the Civil war is "The Clansman," which has been dramatized from the novel of the same name and the Leopard's Spots written by Thomas B. Dixon, Jr. The play which will be presented at the Gennett on Tuesday, January 11 is most thrilling in its scenes depicting the raids of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Daniel Boone."

A play ripe with dramatic incidents in the life of one of our most famous hunters, is that of "Daniel Boone on the trail," which will be presented at the Gennett theater tonight. The company carries a pack of Siberian wolves and several real Indians, to help materially in making the scenes as realistic as possible.

"Three Twins."

"Three Twins" is the name of the musical farce which will appear at the Gennett on Thursday, Jan. 13. The book is a child of the brain of Mr. Charles Dickson, once the possessor of an urban reputation as a tar in "Incog." and the play is, in fact, a revision of that successful enterprise, with lyrics by Otto Housenbach and tunes by Karl Hosenbach. Among those who will be present in the cast are Miss Florine Sweetman who figured in the songs and dances of some of Broadway's best musical offerings. Mr. Thomas Whiffen also an incident with

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WILL MEET TONIGHT

The South Side Improvement Association will hold a meeting this evening in the old engine house on South Sixth street. The installation of officers will take place and the president will read his report. The remainder of the evening will be spent in a social manner.

Giants Nearly Twenty Feet Tall.

The giant Ferragus, who was slain by Orlando, the nephew of Charlemagne, was, it is alleged, eighteen feet high. He always accompanied the army on foot, there being no horse tall and strong enough to carry him. Pictures in his published writings tell of a giant whom he examined at Lucerne whose body measured nineteen feet four inches and three lines.

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Finance—H. H. Englebert, Oscar Williams and John Burdsall.

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