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H. M. Beadle Gives the Council His Ideas on the Financial Situation of the Capital.

IS OPPOSED TO FUNDING THE DEBT.

But Very Much in Favor of the City of Helena Owning Its Own Water Supply.

The city's financial affairs formed the principal topic of discussion at last night's meeting of the city council. At a previous meeting H. M. Beadle, a member of the committee of one hundred, said that the council should reduce expenses. When asked in what way, he replied that it would take too long to tell, but if the council would at some future time give him the opportunity he would gladly furnish his views concerning the matter.

After devoting some time to a general discussion of government, Mr. Beadle entered upon the more serious problems that now confront the city. "The city debt," said he, "less the money in the sinking fund, and the amount that will be collected for taxes before Jan. 1 next, is about \$641,500. The school debt is \$250,000, and that part of the county debt which will fall upon the people of Helena to pay, about \$150,000; a total of \$1,041,500, or over \$25 to each inhabitant. Before the taxes are paid next year the amount will be swelled to at least \$100,000 more. The burden of interest upon these sums amounts to nearly \$70,000 a year. If we assume that the population of the city is 16,000, the interest charge for each person each year is \$4.37 1/2. There is less property to show for the city's part of the debt than that possessed pro rata by any municipal corporation in the country.

The valuation of property for taxation in our state is put at its full cash value. This is a different rule from that which prevails in most states. The taxation seems to be slow, when it really is from two to three times as high as the same rate would yield in other states. A one mill tax here is equal to a three mill tax in Illinois or Missouri. In looking to meet the city's expenditures by increased taxation, these facts should be remembered.

Mr. Beadle here discussed at length the matter of the limit of the city's debt. He quoted the constitution upon the matter and told how the limit increased the difficulties of the financial situation. "Continuing," Mr. Beadle said, "it appears that the revenues of the city for the present fiscal year will be about \$125,000. The expenditures for the same time will probably reach \$200,000, leaving a deficit of some \$75,000. In 1891 outstanding city warrants were bonded to the amount of \$100,000, leaving the floating indebtedness \$45,000 to be provided for. That indebtedness will be increased to some \$350,000 by Jan. 1, and when the money received from this year's taxes has been applied to the indebtedness, some \$250,000 of warrants will be outstanding, and it will be safe to say that before next year's taxes are paid the amount of warrants will be increased to \$250,000. For the last three years the expenditures of the city have exceeded the revenues on an average of \$50,000 each year. The limit of the city debt under the last assessment is \$100,000. Taken from this \$291,500 of sewer bonds and the debt would be \$352,500. This would permit the issue of \$42,500 more warrants until the limit of indebtedness, with the sewer bonds out, would be reached, which would be about the end of the fiscal year."

The only remedy, Mr. Beadle said, was by reducing expenses rather than by increasing taxation. As the interest charges cannot be lessened the city's expenses must be materially cut down. To begin with, Mr. Beadle said the expenses for water and light could be reduced. The contract for water expires Jan. 29, and the contract for light ends July 1. His could be and should be thought expenses rather than a burden upon the city. He introduced a table giving the expenses for the year ending Apr. 30, 1894, as \$169,940; the estimated amount for the present year as \$195,801, and another what he thought they should be reduced to, \$116,147.

Mr. Beadle did not think it necessary to bond the floating debt by bringing warrants to par. To place bonds at 5 per cent, he said, they must run twenty years. The amount of the issue would have to be about \$42,500. If paid off in twenty years the city would pay \$44,000 principal and interest; if the bonds ran ten years the amount would be \$48,500. If the city did not bond its debt, but paid \$50,000 a year on the warrants, they would be paid off in eight years at a cost of \$258,718, thereby saving over the cost of funding \$25,000. The saving over ten year bonds would be \$94,272.

The speaker believed that the city ought to own its water system and that it would be advisable, if possible, to extend the city's debt for the purpose of gaining control of a system of its own, he said. Under the constitution the limit of city indebtedness is extended for the purpose of procuring a water system, the city must own and control such system, and the revenues derived therefrom must be applied to paying off the debt created to procure it. Such a debt would not be a burden upon the city, to be provided for by taxation or license, but a burden upon the consumers of water, and the people when paying their water bills would not be giving their money to a corporation but to themselves, and when the debt is paid, or even lessened, the charges against the consumers of water will be lessened also.

"There is no doubt that the water used by the citizens at present prices will pay all expenses of conducting a water system by the city, the interest on the debt for procuring it, and create a sinking fund for the payment of it. It would be a property of the present water company is purchased or a new supply put in. The purchasing or putting in of a new water system does not add any burden to the people they are not already carrying. A municipal corporation is neglecting its duty when it fails to supply its citizens with plenty of good, wholesome water, at the lowest possible cost.

"If the council should not incline to the view I have taken on the water question, it would call attention to another plan of solving it. In section 16 of the water ordinance it is provided that where 4,000 or more gallons of water are used daily by one firm or person the charge shall be 2 cents for each hundred gallons. At that rate the city is paying for about 125,000,000 gallons a year, or 212,400 gallons a day. This is about twenty miner's inches a day, and the price is about \$3.42 per miner's inch. "But even a this enormous price, if the city paid only for the water it uses, the cost would be far less than it is now. There are seventy-six flush tanks connected with the city sewers, each holding 200 gallons of water that empty twice a day. This makes the amount of water used for flushing sewers per day 30,400 gallons. At the price named this would cost \$2,219.29 a year.

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In response to an order made by the council at the first regular meeting in the month of March, Mr. Beadle made a report in regard to certain bills for goods furnished his department. One of these bills was for two mackinawshoes and the other was for an awning bought for the city marshal's office. They were expenses unauthorized by the council, and at its last regular meeting they were disallowed. The council had ordered the marshal to explain his position in the matter and also in relation to Mitt Witten's salary for patrolman for July. Marshal Davis, in his report, said that the two officers for whom the mackinawshoes had been bought would probably pay for the garments, and further than that he could not assume liability for their payment. He had ordered the awning for his office at a cost of \$8, and if the council refused to pay for it, as they already had, he became by that action personally responsible for the payment of the bill. In response to Mr. Witten's salary as patrolman, he said it had long ago been paid by the city.

Alderman Lissner here moved that the council pay for the awning. As the matter had been disposed of at a previous meeting, the motion, on a point raised by Alderman Edwards, was declared out of order. Next occurred a very lively discussion of the company, it was done with the marshal's report. It was finally received and placed on file. The committee on ways and means recommended that the city hall be wired for electric lighting. The matter of substituting electricity for gas was left with the committee on public buildings with power to act.

The committee on police reported that the party who had the contract for providing meals to city prisoners had been ordered to provide better food. The committee, to whom the matter of removing the dog house had been referred, recommended that it be left where it is. Alderman Post moved that the building inspector be instructed to examine the meters in the city building and report each month. Notwithstanding Alderman Lissner opposed this upon the ground that such an examination would be an insult to the company, the motion was carried with much seeming enthusiasm.

The city attorney asked for instructions upon certain matters pertaining to the bill proposed to be introduced for an amendment to the charter allowing the issuance of bonds. The city marshal was ordered to enforce the city and state ordinance prohibiting minors from frequenting saloons and gambling houses.

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