

TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S ADVENT

High Cost of Living Has Put Time Limit on Ancient Custom.

MANY WATCH PARTIES

Reception Committee of 100,000 Salt Lakers to Welcome 1914.

Tonight all Salt Lake will celebrate the four thousand, nine hundred and fourteenth anniversary of New Year's eve.

Some 3000 years before the Christian era a young man who ran a restaurant in Babylon conceived the idea of having a cabaret show and a watch party on New Year's eve.

In Babylon the celebration was called Zakmuk—probably because that was easier to say at the height of the celebration than New Year's day.

Ye Olden Days.

To celebrate New Year's day became so popular that the Jews soon adopted it and called it the Purim Feast.

Then the Greeks and the Roman cafe proprietors saw the possibilities of the public, and in Athens they called it Cronos, and in Rome Saturnalia, while the dry goods clerks of the ancient orbed wined till the pay envelope looked sick.

For many centuries it was the custom to give presents on New Year's eve, but after Christmas became well established the public shopped earlier and gave their presents a week sooner.

The Chinese for many centuries have celebrated New Year's eve mostly for two or three weeks at a stretch, and some orientalists contend that the Chinese New Year's celebration is older than the Babylonian.

Ye Ancient Precedent.

There is always more or less excitement on New Year's eve, caused, no doubt, by a wondering whether or not the new year will really come.

ROTARY CLUB FAVORS BRIGADE POST PLAN

Will Support Committee in Presenting Project to Proper Washington Officials.

Members of the Rotary club unanimously endorsed the movement to have Fort Douglas enlarged to a brigade post at their weekly luncheon yesterday.

ROOMMATE FINDS HIS FRIEND DEAD

Body of Philip Iden Is Discovered in Room on West Temple Street.

Philip Iden, better known as "Phil Dugan," a hotel room maker by trade, was found dead in his room, 323 South West Temple street, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

SALT LAKE GIRL IS MARRIED ON COAST

Miss Myrtle Browne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Browne, 828 South Eighth East, was married in Los Angeles yesterday to Albert Le Fournet of Alexandria, La.

Coal Tonnage Increases

The coal tonnage of Utah for 1913 will exceed that of 1912, according to J. E. Pettit, state coal mine inspector, who completed his annual report.

E. A. BOCK, who will succeed C. B. Stevens as chief deputy to City Auditor Herman H. Green.



TO SUCCEED STEVENS AS DEPUTY AUDITOR

Herman H. Green Announces That E. A. Bock Will Succeed to Chief Deputy.

E. A. Bock, now of the auditor's office, is scheduled to succeed C. B. Stevens as chief deputy auditor after the first of the year.

This change was announced by Herman H. Green, auditor-elect, yesterday.

Mr. Bock will assume his new duties beginning next Monday.

This will be the only change in the auditor's office for the present, though it is announced that at least one other change probably will be made within the next month or two, when it is expected the force will be reduced by one man.

The removal of Mr. Stevens was not unexpected by those acquainted with the situation in the auditor's office. He has stood in opposition to certain measures and changes advocated by the incoming auditor, and was generally out of sympathy with the new administration in the auditor's office.

Work Held Monument.

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CITY DEPARTMENTS PREPARE ESTIMATES

Budget of Street Department Being Completed; Will Probably Total About \$200,000.

All city departments are now engaged in preparing their estimates for the 1914 budget, which, under the law, must be completed and filed not later than December 31 with the city auditor.

MANY WILL ATTEND JACKSON DAY BANQUET

Chairman T. F. Thomas Announces Committee Which Will Have Charge of All Details.

Chairman T. F. Thomas of the Jackson day banquet committee declared last night that tickets for the banquet were selling very rapidly, and that he was indicating points to a record-breaking crowd at the Democratic celebration.

CONIFERS MAKE TROUBLE

Various tree diseases classed as blight are working havoc with the species of conifers, according to a federal bulletin received yesterday at the office of the state horticultural commission.

MULTITUDE MOURNS FOR A. C. NELSON FOR TERMINAL SITE

Funeral Services for Late State Superintendent of Schools.

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WHALEY LIKES SALT LAKE ALMOST EQUAL TO HELENA

WILLIAM C. WHALEY, United States internal revenue collector, caught by the camera man in his office yesterday.



Sees Need of More Democrats; Office May Remain Here.

THOUGH he would prefer to have his office located at Helena, William C. Whaley, United States collector of internal revenue for Utah, Idaho and Montana, is becoming quite at home at his office in Salt Lake.

Mr. Whaley was appointed to the position of internal revenue collector from Montana and one of his first acts was to recommend that the headquarters of the internal revenue department be transferred from Salt Lake to Helena.

The treasury department has not indicated that it will act on the recommendation.

Since coming to Salt Lake Mr. Whaley has reluctantly come to the belief that Salt Lake is almost as good as Helena, and he says that Utah would be almost as good as Montana, if it had a few more Democrats.

Though Mr. Whaley has been in office several weeks he has made only one appointment of a subordinate. The law passed by congress recently takes the number of Republican deputies out of the civil service list and gives to the collector the power to appoint those of his subordinates who are included in the provisions of the act.

This law permits Mr. Whaley to remove a number of Republican deputies from their places with Democrats. However, he has not decided on what candidates to name for these positions and is therefore permitting the Republican deputies to retain their positions temporarily. The cashier of the Montana office resigned recently and this is the only place Mr. Whaley has filled.

SAYS IDAHO SHEEP BUSINESS IS GOOD

B. G. Dill, United States Veterinary Inspector, Takes Vacation in Salt Lake.

B. G. Dill, United States veterinary inspector of sheep, who has been stationed in Idaho Falls for several months, and whose headquarters are in this city, being attached to the Salt Lake office, says that there is no fault to be found with the Idaho sheep in his district. He is taking a brief holiday now.

There are in the neighborhood of 40,000 lambs feeding for the market within a range of a few miles of Idaho Falls, said he, "and there are approximately 100,000 in the Snake river valley, with an equal number in the vicinity of Twin Falls, so that you can see that the sheep industry of Idaho amounts to something—in fact, I consider it a long way ahead of the potato industry, which many are prone to think is the leading industry of southeastern Idaho."

From other sources it was ascertained that several solid trains of sheep have been shipped to the Los Angeles markets recently, and that the southern California section of the country takes much more of the woolly product at this time of year than do the eastern markets. Prices in the latter section are regarded by sheepmen as unstable during the winter, and the California markets are vastly more desirable because of their steadier prices.

BUILDING INSPECTOR COMPILES REPORT

Total Cost of Permits Decreases During 1913, but Number and Quality of Structures Improves.

During the year closing today permits were issued by the city building inspector, Emil S. Lund, calling for building construction costing \$2,940,985. A total of 786 permits were issued.

While the number is considerably less than in 1912 the number of permits issued is greater, and according to the building inspector, the class of buildings erected shows a steady growth throughout the city despite the falling off in total cost.

In 1912 the permit for the state capitol building, amounting to \$2,000,000, was issued and several other large permits entered into the total. Taking this into consideration, the showing made this year is entirely satisfactory, the building inspector thinks.

The vast majority of the 786 permits issued were for residences costing from \$2000 to \$5000. Very few large permits enter into the total this year.

New Licenses Out. Ten thousand new 1914 hunting licenses were yesterday mailed by Fred W. Chambers, state fish and game commissioner, to the 500 agents of the state who will attend to granting them.

WOULD CHANGE PLAN OF TAXING PROPERTY

County Commissioners Consider Suggestions of State Board of Equalization.

At the ultimate inauguration of full valuations in making assessments on taxable property, the state board of equalization has sent out letters to the county commissioners of all counties in the state calling for a concerted effort in that direction.

The Salt Lake county commissioners received such a letter yesterday and spent some time studying the suggestions contained in it. The letter will be referred to the county assessor.

The state board suggests that the various county assessors by acting together, can gradually bring about the full valuation system, and the various county commissioners can, at the same time, gradually reduce the levy so that no additional tax will be placed upon the people as a whole.

It is not the desire of the board to increase the taxes, the letter says, "except to fulfill the law, but it does believe in a full valuation, gradually attained, and the application of the law of 1913, as compared to 1912, whereas the average increase made by the various county assessors was but 4.5 per cent."

Attention is called to the necessity of more accurate assessments on livestock, as a spur land and water rights, sheep to be assessed at \$2 and the average cattle at \$20 a head, with variations, of course, to meet the differences in grades. The board strongly urges that all livestock be assessed at the full number and that personal inspection be made whenever possible to ascertain the full number of every herd.

Closer check of all improvements and machinery of mining companies is urged, as this year are of better varieties than have existed in the past between the valuations fixed by the assessors, the owners and the state.

Many other suggestions, intended to improve the system of taxation as much as possible under the present taxation laws, are contained in the letter from the state board.

NEW COMMISSION TO CALL BOND ELECTION

People Will Be Asked to Authorize New Set to Redeem \$797,000 Outstanding Issue.

One of the first duties of the new city commission after the first of the year will be to call a special bond election at which the people will be asked to authorize an issue of \$797,000 to redeem an issue of twenty years ago which falls due May 1, 1914. It is probable that the election will be called some time in January.

The outstanding bonds are drawing five per cent interest, but it is hoped that the new issue can be sold at a slightly less rate. The original amount of the issue to be redeemed was \$800,000, but \$3000 worth was redeemed in the city treasury last summer.

Members of the commission are considering the advisability of putting before the people at the same time the question of an additional bond issue to provide funds for carrying on the city's water and sewer improvements. For more than a year this matter has been under consideration and the commission may choose this opportunity of deciding it.

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Vacation Is Extended. The leave of absence given Nellie S. Montgomery, stenographer in the office of the city attorney, several weeks ago was extended yesterday to April 1, 1914. Mrs. Montgomery is now in California and on advice of her physician will resume her position until April 1.

CLEARING HOUSE TO URGE RESERVE BANK

Committee Is Appointed to Co-operate With the Commercial Club.

COULD GET CAPITAL

Six Intermountain States Included in Territory Suggested by Bankers.

The Salt Lake Clearing House association yesterday named a committee consisting of President T. W. Boyer and Secretary Frank Knox to cooperate with a similar committee from the Salt Lake Commercial club in effort to secure for Salt Lake one of the regional reserve banks which will be established under the new currency act.

This committee will urge the co-operation of banks and business men all parts of the intermountain country in aiding Salt Lake to secure a regional reserve bank. The primary competitor for a regional reserve bank in this section of the country is Denver. The bankers are agreed that there are 200 national banks with Salt Lake has an even chance of getting to get the bank, the only danger being that no bank will be established in the intermountain district all that Salt Lake will be joined a coast district and Denver to a Missouri river district.

At the meeting of the Salt Lake Clearing House association it was declared that the six intermountain states, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, should be joined a district of which Salt Lake would be the natural center, and the natural point at which a regional bank should be established.

One of the difficulties that the bankers found they would have to meet was the dearth of banking capital in this district. In these six states there are 200 national banks with approximate capital and surplus of \$50,000,000. The new law requires that all national banks invest 6 per cent of their capital and surplus in stock of a regional reserve bank, a minimum capitalization of which would be \$400,000,000. The total capital and surplus of the national banks in these six states is \$2,000,000, leaving the capitalization of the federal reserve bank still \$1,900,000 short.

Six States Named.

Capital Possible. The new law gives banks other than national banks the privilege of investing 6 per cent of their capital and surplus in the federal reserve bank, provided that they be subject to the same examinations and penalties as national banks. In this territory there are 40 banks which are privileged under the new law to make such investments. The combined capital and surplus of the banks is \$37,000,000. Six per cent of this would be more than \$2,200,000. If half of these banks agree to invest in the proposed reserve bank for their district its capitalization will be secured.

In the event that with the investments of all the national banks and such other banks as choose to invest does not bring the capitalization to the required amount, individuals, partnerships and corporations are permitted to take such investments. Should the capitalization still fall short \$4,000,000, the government may take the remainder of the stock.

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