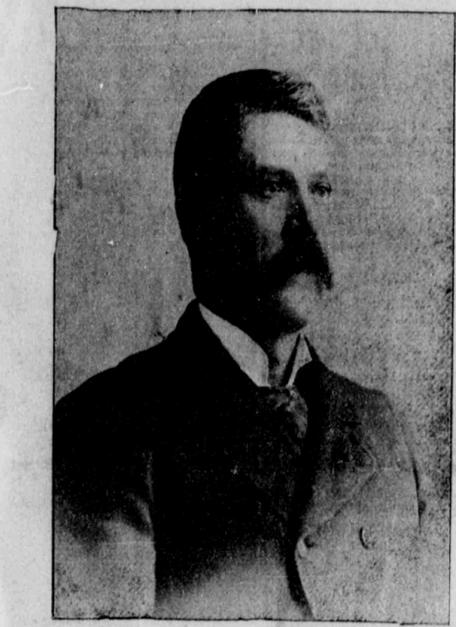


RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

Change in the City Administration at High Noon Today, When the New Council Promptly Proceeded to Business.

The Old Council Clears the Table, and After Hearty Expressions of Good Will from the Members, Terminated its Official Existence—Presentation to Retiring President Barnes—George Buckle Chosen as President of the New Body—Councilmen Choose Their Seats and Adopt Rules—A Large Audience Witnessed the Ceremonies—Meeting Tomorrow Night—Mayor Thompson, Ex-Mayor Clark and a Number of City Officials in Attendance.

In the presence of a large audience of prominent citizens, the Council that has served the city during the past two years wound up its business and closed its official career.



EZRA THOMPSON.

Salt Lake's new executive who today succeeded Mayor John Clark as head of the city government.

A due regard to the amenities of the occasion, and the hearty and eloquent expressions of good will ought to have entirely obliterated any trace of friction that may have arisen between members of opposing political faith during the time they have served together.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when the Council assembled, the members taking their usual seats, Mr. Romney being the only absentee.

Mayor Clark and Mayor-elect Thompson occupied seats at the north end of the chamber, and were the central figures in a group composed of ex-Chief of Police Arthur Pratt, D. E. Eichner, Councilman-elect Whittemore, Councilman-elect Hartenstein, Councilman-elect Beatty, and Fred Loubourou.

Near them were grouped Councilman-elect Thomas, Councilman-elect Gemmill and Councilman-elect Canning. The other new members were scattered through the lobby.

At the south end of the chamber Superintendent Caine, of the waterworks department, was the center of a group of department heads and employes, and all listened to the proceedings with great interest.

It did not take a great while to dispose of routine matters, although there was no disposition to hurry affairs. When the table was cleared a pretty incident occurred. Councilman Callister, in a brief speech that expressed the feelings of every member, presented President Barnes with a handsome gavel, and the response was equally appropriate.

Nor did the evidences of good will end there. Councilman Sidway requested that Councilman Fernstrom express the feelings of the majority, and the gentleman from the Third surprised all by the genuine eloquence of his effort.

Then Councilman Wallace took the floor and in a very happy manner, reflected the hearty good will prevailing among all members.

The minutes were read, Recorder Backman performing that duty for the last time, and the Council then ceased to exist.

For the next quarter of an hour the old and the new administrations mingled on the floor, Mayor Thompson shaking hands cordially with ex-Mayor Clark, whose positions had just been reversed, while the ex-members congratulated their successors and wished them "good luck."

While this was going on, Recorder Naylor took his place and called on the Council to come to order. The next moment the new administration was in the saddle and the machinery of the city administration was at once in motion again.

lication in which he stated that since his last report there had been destroyed by William M. Beynon, dog tag collector, 43 dogs, for which \$21.50 should be appropriated to Mr. Beynon. Adopted.

BONDS FILED. Recorder Backman reported that the members of the City Council, elected at the late municipal election, had all taken the oath of office and their official bonds in his office, as required by law. Filed.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL. Callister rose to a question of personal privilege and said that having given a pleasant task had been imposed upon him. He had been chosen the mouthpiece of his fellow councilmen to say a few words to the outgoing president of the Council. He desired to say the president had at all times proved himself an efficient and capable officer. As a token of the esteem in which the members held their presiding officer, Councilman Callister presented President Barnes with a beautiful gavel.

President Barnes responded and said he accepted of the token with feelings of pleasure. Since called to preside he had endeavored to be strictly fair with both the minority and majority. Whatever differences there had been in the past they should now be buried. In separating he bade all the members God speed in their journey through life. Sidway suggested that Fernstrom express the feelings of the majority of the Council. The motion was given by the member from the Third he arose and said that he had enjoyed his labors and believed all had done the best they knew how. Mistakes had, of course, been made, but he believed they were of the best and not of the heart.

ADJOURNS SINE DIE. Remarks of a similar nature were made by Councilmen Sidway and Wallace, when the minutes of last Tuesday evening's Council were read and approved. Councilman Diehl, President Barnes, with himself associated, appointed Diehl and Allen a special committee to approve of today's minutes. There being no other business President Barnes announced "this Council adjourns sine die."

NEW COUNCIL CONVENES. Called to Order at 12:07 by Recorder Naylor—Buckle President.

It was seven minutes after the noon hour when Recorder Naylor called the members of the new Council to order. On motion of Whittemore, Canning was elected temporary chairman. Recorder Naylor then called the roll and the members responding to the call of their names.

Whittemore moved that the Council proceed with the election of a permanent chairman. Carried. Robertson, in a eulogistic speech, nominated Buckle.

Fernstrom took pleasure in presenting the name of Edgar Howe, who he said was the best man in the room to be selected to preside over the deliberations of the Council. (Applause from the Democratic side.)

Whittemore seconded the nomination of Buckle and urged the members, regardless of their political belief, to cast their vote for him.

Tuddenham seconded the nomination of Howe and Hewlett raised his voice in behalf of Buckle. A roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows: Buckle—Beatty, Canning, Cottrill, Gemmill, Hewlett, Robertson, Thomas, Whittemore—8.

Howe, C. R., Reid, Tuddenham—5. Excused from voting—Buckle and Howe, Edgar.

MADE IT UNANIMOUS. As soon as Recorder Naylor had announced the result, Robertson moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort the newly elected officer to the chair.

Howe, C. R. said before the motion was put he would like to move that the election of Buckle to the presidency of the Council be made unanimous.

The new incumbent was greeted with a hearty round of applause, as Temporary Chairman Canning introduced him to the members. President Buckle addressed the Council. He said the fact of having to sit and listen to the nice things said about him by his colleagues had embarrassed him, somewhat; but he would have been more so had he not trained with Robertson, and had he not known "Dick" Whittemore. (Laughter.)

Continuing, he said the majority of the people of Salt Lake had decided by their votes that it was their wish to be governed for the next two years by members representing the great Republican party. For one he sensed the grave responsibility resting upon him and his colleagues. He hoped that success would attend them. He wanted to be fair as president and asked for the support of all the members. He desired to see an administration that the citizens of Salt Lake City would be proud to have.

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GERMAN PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT.

But the Government Shows No Excitement Over British Seizure.

WAR NEWS FROM THE FRONT

British at Ladysmith Preparing for a Sortie—Conflicting Statements of Conditions.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—It is announced that the German protected cruisers Condor and Schwaibe are now on the way to Delagoa Bay.

Regarding the seizure by the British cruiser Magicienne of the Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath of the German East African line, a high official of the German foreign office, who was interviewed by the correspondent of the Associated Press, says:

"Silence must be preserved at present concerning the actual status of the negotiations which have been begun with Great Britain about the matter. Appropriate steps have been taken, which Germany must await the result. The matter is regarded by Germany as of the utmost importance, because seriously involving the rights of neutrals."

This afternoon the foreign secretary, Count Von Buelow, conferred at the foreign office with his official advisers, and then reported to the emperor. A cabinet meeting will consider the seizure.

It is also asserted in government circles that the British right to search is questioned, and that in any event the British right to stop passengers, whether they intend to fight for the Boers or not, is strenuously disputed, as the vessel upon which they were is neutral, and the territory to which they were proceeding, namely, Delagoa Bay, is neutral. Besides, it is asserted, will be insisted upon by Germany.

The German press today unanimously condemns the British action in the Bundesrath seizure, which is characterized as "an instance of gross insolence" and as "calculated again to illustrate the need of a powerful German navy to render such overbearing on the part of England impossible in the future."

The National Zeitung strongly argues that England had no right to interfere with the Bundesrath, and expresses the hope that she has not adopted a flexible theory regarding contraband.

The Lokal Anzeiger surmises that there must have been a serious quarrel between the commanders of the Bundesrath and the Magicienne, and that the latter officer "overstepped his prerogative in carrying off the steamer." It expressed the hope that Germany will "speedily enforce the release of the vessel."

Even the moderate Vossische Zeitung calls the proceeding "characteristic English insolence," and adds that "the whole attitude of the English before Delagoa Bay provokes a general protest."

It is significant that today the German Plotterverein distributed in Berlin 200,000 copies of a strongly worded pamphlet, pointing out the need of a strong German navy.

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The following heliograph message has been received by Weenan from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 27th: "The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire tent, killing Capt. Daisel and wounding seven lieutenants, Deert, Twiss, Tringham, Calfyn, Byrne, Seatz and Kane."

A later dispatch from Ladysmith by way of Weenan, dated Friday, December 29th, says: "All well. The Boers have been firing plugged shells containing plum pudding and the compliments of the season. They are still fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand."

The war office publishes the following dispatch yesterday from the general officer commanding at Capetown: "Mochout's position is unchanged. French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications could be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Coleburg. Hear unofficially from Sterkstroom that a British reconnaissance seven miles north of Dordrecht, engaged superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht."

The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Capetown: "Ninety-five per cent of the Bechuanaland farmers in the Vryburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of Orange river. They also undertook to invest Mafeking while Gen. Cronje's army went south to meet Lord Methuen. The government in Bechuanaland is being administered as if the Dutch had been in possession for ages."

worth, and water is plentiful and excellent. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marques, dated December 25th says: "It is reported from Ladysmith by way of Pretoria that the British are destroying their heavy cannon, prior to a final sortie."

"The Transvaal agents here have bought up all the available milk, sugar and coffee. They have managed to get large orders sent for shipment here by French and German steamers. Prices have advanced 1 per cent in consequence and the stocks are very short. Something like a famine is threatened as the British government is stopping all goods consigned here from the coast ports."

"Several members of the Volksraad meet every steamer, doubtless to give further orders. Portugal is doing her best to maintain neutrality but foreign opinion in Lourenzo Marques is generally in favor of actively assisting the Boers to obtain food supplies."

"Herr Pott, the Transvaal consul-general here, is losing Lloyd's agency and the agencies for the Castle, Union and Buckland steamship lines in consequence of the Boers being held. In the absence of confirmation of the reported sortie from Ladysmith that story is discredited. No such hopeful view can be taken as the Boer account of the Mafeking sortie seems designed to give the Boers a morale."

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All the correspondents are beginning to hint of a forward movement on the part of Gen. Buller, and it is reported which is indicated in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere, recording the unfortunate failure of two reconnoissances. In one case the Boer lines at Colenso were to have been bombarded by night, and the other by day. The Boer fire and it was intended that the naval guns should bombard. This however, the latter failed to do, owing to some misunderstanding, and the reconnoitering party was compelled to founder in the river. At the point the wet and stormy night, marching in mud and water and with the greatest discomfort."

According to the same correspondent a similar fate awaited another reconnoissance in the morning. It is reported that two detachments, says the dispatch, "lost their way in the darkness. They were unable to effect a junction for attack; they stumbled into water holes and were out all night, only to return drenched and disappointed in the morning."

It is roughly estimated that there are 25,000 Boers between Ladysmith and Colenso, some 400 being on the south side of the Tugela river. At this point the enemy shows ceaseless activity.

A large number of Americans are said to be finding their way into the various volunteer regiments being raised in Cape Colony. It is also reported that many Africans are arriving at Delagoa bay, having been expelled from the Rand because they had refused to work the Johannesburg mines for the government.

Tobacco Prospect Bright. New York, Jan. 1.—Isaac S. Ellison, editor of the Tobacco Journal, writing for the Times of the prospects of the cigar industry in this country says: "The prospects of the tobacco trade and industries for 1900 are brighter than they have been for many years past."

To judge from the increase in the production of our cigar industry since the close of our last fiscal year, on June 30, 1898, the output of cigars will advance at least \$5,000,000, bringing the total at the close of the fiscal year of 1899 up to the figure of \$39,000,000, the largest figure ever reported."

English Drama in California. San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The English melodrama "With Flying Colors," was produced by the English company for the first time in America at the California Theater last night. It is a good, strong story, calling for a very large cast of speaking characters and its five acts are full of interest. The scenes. It was well produced and the acting was fully equal to the demands of the play. Some of the scenes were very effective and were applauded by an audience which filled the house.

About the Hemp Ports. Washington, Jan. 1.—Assistant Secretary of War McKeljohn, in a letter to Representative Loop of Kansas, regarding the opening of the hemp ports in the Philippine Islands, says: "The estimated exports of hemp from the Philippine Islands for one year of American occupation will approximate 100,000 tons, of which amount 29,000 tons should be credited to the United States."

"This places the estimated exports to the United States for one year of American occupation at about 17,000 tons less than the exports of 1897. This is accounted for by the fact that there have been opened for shipment only three ports of the Philippine Islands. "Every effort will be made in the war department in the past and will be in the future to comply with requests to open all the so-called hemp ports of the islands."

Annual Trust Competition. Chicago, Jan. 1.—Ferdinand Schumacher and F. A. Schumacher will be at the head of a new million dollar cereal company. It will be located in Chicago and will be an active competitor of the "Oat Meal Trust."

He is a Year Off. Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William at the New Year's parade today addressed the officers of the garrison as follows: "The first day of the new century sees our army, in other words our people, in arms, gathered around their standards, kneeling before the Lord of Hosts, and verily if any one has an especial reason this day for bowing down before God, it is our army. A glance at our standards suffices as an explanation, for they are the embodiment of our history."

Steamer Ran Ashore. New York, Jan. 1.—The steamer Tordenskjold (Nor) Thomassen from Progress, with hemp, ran ashore at Jones Inlet, near Rockaway, Long Island, at 4 o'clock this morning during a thick snowstorm, and came off without assistance at 9 o'clock apparently without damage. She then proceeded to this city.

Kaiser Confers Titles. Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William has conferred the title of Prince on Count Von Eulenborg, the German ambassador at Vienna.

BRITISH VICTORY AT COLENSO.

Announcement that Gen. French has Completely Defeated the Boers and Has Occupied Their Position.

Heroic Fighting Near Dordrecht—Twenty-eight British Soldiers Hold 800 Boers at Bay All Night—Gallant Sortie by 125 British Troops—They Rescued the Beleaguered Party and Inflicted Severe Loss on the Enemy—Situations at Modder River and Frere Unchanged—No Advance by Gen. Buller—Waiting for the Arrival of Gen. Roberts—Boers at Pretoria Get News Freely—British Censorship to be More Strict—Alleged Enlistment of Spies.

London, Jan. 1.—A special dispatch received here this evening says Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and has occupied Colenso.

Reinsberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colenso. The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The infantry and field batteries immediately made a feint attack upon the Boer front. While this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank, as arranged. The program worked without a hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and finding their retreat threatened fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colenso in Gen. French's hands.

London, Jan. 1.—Owing to lack of news from important points, interest in the war today centers on the comparatively unimportant skirmishing near Dordrecht. Capt. Montmorency's sortie with a patrol of 120 men of the twenty-first lancers and his retreat Dec. 30 were followed the next day by a successful British engagement and the rescue of a small party supposed to be men Capt. Montmorency left behind him. Under Capt. Goldworthy, a force with 125 men with four guns, accompanied by Capt. Montmorency's scouts, sallied out of Dordrecht during the morning of Dec. 31, to relieve Lieut. Turner and twenty-seven men left over night at Labushagne.

The Boers were driven back and Lieut. Turner's party were rescued. Eight Boers and thirteen horses are known to have been killed. The Times in its second edition publishes a dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated Dec. 31, which says: "Capt. Montmorency's scouts were cut off, owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieut. Warren, of Brabant's Horse. These men under Lieut. Milford and Turner of the frontier mounted rifles, defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some 300 Boers. The enemy resorted to sniping during the night, but were repulsed with loss."

At 5:15 this morning Capt. Goldworthy with the Cape mounted rifles, rived, and the change in the hills. Turner's party, whose horses had nearly all been killed, were rescued. They displayed splendid pluck, and the brilliant manner in which Capt. Goldworthy effected their relief on his own responsibility, is deserving of the highest praise. Our loss was two men wounded.

"The Boers lost about thirty men, including eight men killed." "Another account says: "The success of this little party will arrest the progress of the enemy's re-entrancing in that vicinity." A dispatch from the Modder river says: "December 31, the naval guns planted a few excellent shells without rapid. The enemy's position on the left is apparently considerably weakened."

"But neither Modder river nor the Frere side any news tending to show essential to the change in the impression created by yesterday's dispatches that Gen. Buller meditated an immediate forward movement.

Count Gleichen of the grenadier guards and a distant relative of Queen Victoria, who was wounded at the battle of Modder river, has recovered from his wound and has left Capetown for his front.

A Capetown dispatch, dated Sunday, December 31st, published in the second edition of the Times, says: "For the moment there is a general lull in active military operations pending the arrival of Gen. Roberts. It is generally hoped that he will, for some time at least, direct the operations from here. The absence of Gen. Buller, however unavoidable, has left the colony without that central organization and vigorous control at headquarters essential to the conduct of a campaign along so vast a frontier."

The same correspondent says: "In view of the fact that Dr. Leyds and other Boer agents seem able to cable freely to Pretoria, British censorship will be even stricter henceforth."

A De Aar dispatch dated December 31st says a mounted patrol has gone from there and that other arrangements have been made to prevent looting in that neighborhood by small Boer forces.

Alleged Boer spies, it has been discovered, have enlisted in the yeomanry. A report of Lord Chesham, who is in command of the yeomanry forces, says that the officials of this arm of the service are being alerted by agents of Dr. Leyds, the European plenipotentiary of the South African government. He adds that two of them were actually accepted, but that they were afterwards discovered. He declares that the same thing occurred in Thornycroft's horse guard. Seven spies being discovered in that body. He says: "We have given word to all our commanding officers to keep a sharp lookout for traitors."

No steps have been taken thus far to punish the alleged spies.

not want to be understood as advancing any such charges. "If, in the absence of such an agreement by the companies," concluded Mr. Wood, "these solicitors should engage in the beautiful spectacle of cutting each other's throats, it would be a most unfortunate thing for the companies and policy holders, as well as for the foolish agents. But nothing of the kind will occur."

NO LIFE INSURANCE WAR.

The Committee Will Get Together in New York City Tomorrow.

C. M. Wood, Agency Director for the New York Life, Corrects Some Erroneous Impressions.

There is nothing new in the life insurance situation, which is an indication that the intimations of war conveyed in the Associated Press dispatches from New York will not be fulfilled. The committee will meet in New York city tomorrow, and the belief now is, locally at least, that the compact recently abrogated, and which caused all the trouble, will be removed.

C. M. Wood, the energetic agency director for Utah for the New York Life, points out some inaccuracies in the dispatches and makes some corrections of printed reports. He states that in his judgment there has not been, from the commencement, any probability of a rate war. At the time he was interviewed recently, he gave it as his belief that the differences would all be adjusted within twenty-four hours.

"The only thing resembling a 'rate war,'" said Mr. Wood today, "that could occur would be the rebating by agents, on their own responsibility, of all or a portion of their commissions. Even this is contrary to law and invalidates the policy. For these reasons, as well as through a strict adherence to the principle involved, the New York Life would not engage in cutting rates nor permit its agents to do so. Evidently what misled many was the statement that the two companies particularly mentioned in the dispatches would doubtless very soon renew their agreements in reference to the employment of each other's agents and the anti-rebate compact. This opinion was ventured by me merely upon the knowledge that the different companies had appointed a committee to prepare a new agreement. In conclusion, that if it should not be renewed, a 'rate war,' so-called, would follow, is by no means a necessary one, and I should

AGED PAUPER DEAD. William Thomas Dies at the County Infirmary—Widow's Great Grief.

William Thomas, an aged pauper, died at the county infirmary this forenoon. The deceased, with his wife, became an inmate of the institution about a month ago, the old couple being conveyed there from Fort Henry, where they formerly resided. It was the grief of the widow over the loss of her life's partner was most pitiful to behold. The attendants did everything in their power to console her but she refused to be comforted and prayed that she might be permitted to join him in the great beyond. She said she had a friend named Davis who lived some where in the city, whom she was very anxious to see. Both Mr. Thomas and his wife are natives of Wales.

MRS. JEFFS DEAD. Came to Utah With the Hand Cart Company in 1856.

A venerable Utah woman died at her home in this city this morning in the person of Mrs. Mary Ann Jeffs, wife of William V. Jeffs. The deceased was a native of England, 76 years of age and her demise the result of general debility.

Mrs. Jeffs was well and widely known and came to Utah with the handcart company of 1856, and shared in the incidents and privations of that memorable expedition.

Her funeral will take place from the sixteenth ward meeting house on Wednesday at 2 p. m.

HOLIDAY COMPLIMENT. The Deseret News today received a box of choicest confectionery from Kallitz, the famous candy manufacturer. It came as a New Year's compliment and was disposed of with best wishes for the maker and with the hope that he may live to turn out such sweet meats by the train load.

MEET FOR LAST TIME.

Old Council Transacts Pending Business and Adjourns Sine Die.

At 11:30 President Barnes rapped for order and after Recorder Backman had called the roll, all the members reporting except Romney, asked the pleasure of the Council. Fernstrom moved the reconsideration of the Council's action with respect to the Eastmond tax mat-

ter. The motion carried and the following communication from Mayor Clark was read: "VETO FROM MAYOR CLARK. "I return herewith without my signature the blank deed of block 46, plat "C," petitioned for by Elizabeth Brown

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A HANDSOME TOKEN.

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