

TIME'S LATEST OFFSPRING.

FOUR 1898 BORN AT MIDNIGHT WITH A BRIGHT HOROSCOPE.

Thousands of People in This City Watch the Passing of the Old Year and the Coming of the New—At the Churches—Y. M. C. A. Today.

The New Year came with the passing of midnight. Young 1898, for whom the wise men cast a brilliant horoscope, is born, and the Old Year has faded into the past. During the darkness of the middle night, the going and the coming—the death and the birth—were watched by thousands of people in this city and millions in the country at large.

Not alone in the churches was watch kept, but in private homes and in social gatherings. In a number of residences the lights did not die out until early this morning and the usual number of dancing parties and social assemblies enlivened the night. It was in every respect a duplication of previous years, with the same of rosy music and dancing, and the same of the promise of prosperity held out in the present year.

Business in the stores for the last week has not been particularly brisk, the general inclination to give presents having apparently worn itself out in the celebration of Christmas. Sales were brisk for a while yesterday, the fine weather being the advantage of purchasers.

Services in the churches this morning were held in the usual manner. At the Y. M. C. A. a service was held at 10 o'clock a. m. One city delivery will be made by the carriers.

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structure of these vessels is specially adapted to have an adequate water supply for protection from fire, and for that reason wishes permission to lay a temporary fire main to connect with the city main. The matter will come up at the regular meeting of the council next Monday evening.

WILL MEET JANUARY 8. The Pacific Lumber Trade Journal has sent out the following notice to the shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest.

It has been decided to call a meeting of the shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest at the rooms of the Washington Lumber Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, corner of Second and James streets, Seattle, at 2 p. m., January 8, for the purpose of discussing prices.

CITY IS NOW ON A CASH BASIS.

Seattle Celebrates the New Year With the Best Financial Showing She Has Had for Years.

With a cash balance of \$130,000 to its credit; the interest on its bonded debt fully paid up; every dollar of the floating warrants retired that were handed down from a previous administration; and \$5,000 of the Grant street bonds paid up from the Bonded Administration, that is to say, every cent of them.

This state of affairs produced a general feeling of gratification yesterday afternoon in the city treasurer's office. It has been evident for some weeks that the city would make a good showing, and as the last business hours of the old year drew to a close there was a general desire among the various officials to see just how the account books for the year would foot up.

Along toward 5 o'clock a temporary final balance was struck off, and as the result was passed from one to another Mr. Meacham's friends dropped in quietly to shake hands with him and to congratulate the city.

The strength of this showing will perhaps best appear by a little comparison. When the year 1896 closed the city treasury carried over as a cash balance to the following year just \$18,473.62. Yesterday afternoon the treasurer's books showed a net cash balance to be carried over from 1897 to 1898 of \$129,983.11.

"Those figures," said Treasurer Meacham, "do not tell all the story. Remember, please, that our interest is paid up in full to date. Remember also that we have retired \$50,000 worth of the old floating warrants handed down to us from the Bonded Administration, that is to say, every cent of them. Remember also that we have paid up \$5,000 worth of the Grant street bonds."

When these figures were shown to E. O. Graves, president of the Washington National Bank, he said last night, "Permit me to say that this is a most creditable and gratifying showing. There can be no mistaking the import of figures such as these. To a practical man of business they speak more than volumes of descriptive eulogy. They tell of a sound basis and an economical administration. While the discussion is in the air about the value of civil service, it might be just as well for me to say that I do not believe that any such showing as this would have been possible in our municipal administration under the old spoils system."

Among the departments at the city hall none made a more gratifying showing than the water department. The increased number of applications for water and the regularity with which payments have been kept up afford good evidence of the way in which the city is being run and of the increased number of dwellings now occupied. The treasurer's books yesterday showed that the water receipts for the year 1897 amounted to the snug sum of \$117,967.60.

Trade prospects and future action in regard to the closing of the mills. Your attendance is earnestly requested. The same date for which the meeting of the shingle men has been called marks the annual meeting and election of the Washington Lumber Exchange. On this occasion will undoubtedly be made memorable by a concatenation of Hoo Hoo, in the evening.

W. W. Oakes' Shop Burglarized. William Murray, who was captured by Merchants Petroleum Surry in the store of the Washington Floral Company, 803 Second avenue, at an early hour yesterday morning, was taken before Judge Ingels yesterday and bound over to answer to a charge of burglary. The bail was fixed at \$500, in default of which Murray is to be committed to jail.

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CONDAMNATION SUITS TO BE PLACED ON TRIAL A WEEK FROM MONDAY. The second and last of the suits for condemnation of the land necessary for the Lake Washington canal will be placed on trial in the civil department of the superior court on Monday.

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COMING FROM AUSTRALIA.

ALASKA WILL VERY SOON CONTAIN PEOPLE FROM THERE.

W. Birkenruth, a Londoner, who spends money like a prince, says that the Klondike is heard of Everywhere and at All Times.

Seattle is nothing if not cosmopolitan. Her fame, traveling with that of the Yukon placer fields, encircles the world. So testifies W. Birkenruth, a wealthy Londoner, who arrived in this city Thursday night on a tour of the world.

Mr. Birkenruth strongly suggests the Klondike, says evidence traces of Helweg and he spends money like a prince. In front of the Rader-Grand last night stood a transfer wagon, loaded with baggage, including trunks, hat boxes, grips and other forms of "fugitive" baggage.

George Stewart's Luck. Aided a Miner Years Ago—Gets a Mine in Return. It is not often that a man is forced to accept an interest in a valuable mine.

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can supporters, through it, have been able to disorganize party platforms and party pledges and defeat the territory in the election for at least three national administrations, with the fourth one sure to follow. It is a realistic, disorganizing, four-armed hand, will ever continue, if tolerated, to enable plutocracy to direct legislation as the heretofore has done.

DR. MILLAN RESIGNS. Was Corresponding Secretary of the New York Dec. 31.—The resignation of the Rev. Dr. J. A. McMillan, corresponding secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, which was tendered and accepted four weeks ago, has just been made public.

GARMAN ROULDELY ABUSED. His Victims Came Near Attacking Him in the Courtroom. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The case of D. M. Carman, the San Francisco Alaskan land commissioner, was continued until January 1 at the hearing were a number of the persons whom it is charged Carman defrauded. Several of them excitedly entered the courtroom, shaking their fists in his face.

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leaves a devoted husband and four bright and beautiful little girls to mourn her loss. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.—David Oppenheimer, ex-mayor of Vancouver, died this afternoon at 3 o'clock, dropsy and heart failure being the cause.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. LITTLE FALLS, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Margarette J. Netter, of this place, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. She was born in Jersey City, N. J., July 17, 1876, and has resided here over six years.

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