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WENDESDAY EVENING, MAR 12, 1902.

IT IS generally conceded that the disaster to General Methuen's column in South Africa will have a great moral effect in encouraging the Boers to more obstinate resistance. Some papers on the continent of Europe think it is about time England was realizing that it is impossible to exterminate the Boers and that the only issue is negotiations for a treaty of peace acceptable to both sides. They also call attention to the double and grave problem which England has to face in the demonstration of the Irish members of Parliament who are exulting over the British reverse. It could not rise up before her in a more menacing and mortifying manner than at the present moment. Nations, like individuals, sooner or later reap what they sow. The British people for many years have been in a position to do virtually what they pleased with certain insignificant countries. Heretofore sullen submission has characterized her conquests. But it is not so in South Africa, where she has a foe who has already caused the sacrifice of many lives and untold millions.

IN COMMENTING upon the retirement from the Cabinet of Secretary of the Navy Long, the Philadelphia Record says: "A firmer hand is needed at the helm of the Navy Department. Whether or not the President has picked upon the right man will be speedily developed. Representative Moody, of Massachusetts, who has indicated his willingness to accept the place upon Secretary Long's retirement, ought to be able to steer clear of his predecessor's mistakes. He will enter upon his duties with no hampering drawbacks, and at a time when the maritime progress and prowess of the nation are subjects of keen interest. The public treasury was never before so drawn upon in time of peace to put the naval power of the country upon a war footing."

PRINCE HENRY is once more upon the deep en route to the Fatherland, carrying with him tender recollections of his visit to the United States. During the time he was in this country he passed through continuous fetes, ovations and banquets and doubtless often grew weary of the incessant attentions bestowed upon him. Now, rocked in the cradle of the deep, far from the madding crowd once more, he will have a week's leisure to spend in reveries concerning his experience here. If his visit was not thoroughly satisfactory it was not the fault of his entertainers, as they anticipated everything that could in any wise have augmented his comfort.

BEFORE THE Senate Philippines committee yesterday Gen. Hughes said he always hesitated to shoot a Filipino because of the childlike nature of the race. It is a great pity that the kindheartedness of Gen. Hughes is not shared by other American officers in the Philippines, for the current reports of battles in those islands tell of the wanton slaughter of the natives and those who do the killing seem to think no more of the unfortunates than if the latter were not human beings.

ONE OF the principal reasons assigned for calling the constitutional convention was that suffrage might be restricted in that the vicious and ignorant elements might be denied the right to vote. This clause of the constitution, however, has been put off for consideration till the last and judging from the debates now going on on this subject there seems but little chance of an early agreement and it may be that no change at all may be made in the present electorate.

THE HEADS of the trusts which have been driven out of Illinois by the anti-trust laws are reported to be jubilant over the the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that these laws are unconstitutional. It is possible, however, for the legislature in each of the thirteen States which are affected by the decision to frame other laws which will not be defective. Perhaps the decision may lead to more stringent Congressional enactments.

NEARLY 6,000 men were added to the ranks of the strikers in Boston yesterday, bringing the total of idle men up to about 16,000. This movement has caused a partial paralysis in many branches of business, and is causing no little apprehension in others. The end is not in sight at present and more grave scenes may yet be enacted before affairs resume their normal condition.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY is still the centre of attraction wherever he goes. He held an impromptu reception on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, yesterday afternoon and shook hands with several hundred admiring citizens. The admiral good-naturedly met the onslaught, and for half an hour he was kept busy shaking hands with his admirers. He was in the company of Colonel McClure at the time.

In a skirmish near Pearstown, Cape Colony recently Boer commander Odendal and Captain Vanderwalt were killed.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, March 12.

The report of the sub-committee of the foreign relations committee, combatting the right of the House of Representatives to have any voice in the ratification of commercial treaties which might alter the rate of duty on certain articles of importation was today adopted by the full committee as the expression of its views upon the subject. The report will be submitted to the Senate in executive session, when it is expected that the injunction of secrecy will be removed and it will be made public.

The House committee on immigration today authorized Chairman Shattuc to report favorably the new immigration bill. It raises the poll tax from $1 to $1.50, provides for the keeping out of alien anarchists, compels steamship companies to return immigrants, even after a period of five years if they prove undesirable acquisitions, and codifies the various immigration statutes. There is no provision for an educational test for immigrants but a separate bill on this subject is in course of preparation.

President Roosevelt has decided to appoint a commission to negotiate for the purchase of the friars, lands in the Philippines. The matter will be taken up by the President and Gov. Taft as soon as the latter has sufficiently recovered from his illness.

Messrs. Charles B. Marshall, E. E. Downham and R. L. Field, accompanied by Representative Rixey, called at the White House this morning and extended an invitation to President Roosevelt to be present at a banquet to be given by Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons of Alexandria in the near future. The President received the delegation cordially, but expressed his regret at being unable to attend, as it was necessary for him to be present at a dinner at the White House on the evening in question.

There was a calm after the storm of last night, on the sugar situation in the House. The beet sugar men are still confident and declare that the vote last night on adjournment was in no sense a test of their strength, as many of their firmest friends voted to adjourn for a week at the personal request of Speaker Henderson, who declared that he himself yet desired to be heard in a speech in favor of the ways and means proposition for a twenty per cent reduction on the Cuban sugar tariff. The ways and means men, however, say that last night's vote was a test, that they did not force the fighting, although in the majority, because they still hope that some agreement may be reached some proposition in which they can all join. The compromise proposition of Representative Sibley to leave the tariff reduction in force only until September 1903 seems to be growing in favor however.

The movement for a compromise between Cuban tariff reduction and beet sugar republicans in the House took tangible form this afternoon. A formal proposition emanated from ways and means men. They offer the plan of Sibley of Pennsylvania, leaving the 20 per cent reduction on Cuban sugar, this reduction to expire December 31, 1903 A committee was appointed to ask for a conference with the beet sugar men. The latter met later to select a committee of their own to confer with the other side, and fix a time for a conference. The beet sugar leaders are not satisfied with the plan, but there is a disposition to accept the terms as a solution of the question.

A rumor was circulated here last night to the effect that the German Ambassador, von Holleben, had in some manner displeased this government and had been given his passport. The story is emphatically denied at the State Department.

Admiral Walker, chairman of the isthmian canal commission, called at the White House this morning to confer with the President about canal matters. "It begins to look rather dubious for completed canal legislation this session," said he as he left the President's office. "So far as I am personally concerned I hope Congress will not pass either a Nicaraguan or a Panama bill but will leave the door open for the best route."

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Dr. Joseph L. Sanford, of Virginia, contract surgeon, United States army, to be assistant surgeon, United States Volunteers, with the rank of captain, from March 1, 1902.

The news of the death of John P. Altgeld was received in the House of Representatives of Congress with general and sincere regret on the republican as well as the democratic side. Republicans were as ready to pay tribute to his sterling qualities as were the democrats.

It is said that the real reason for the appointment of Wm. H. Moody to be Secretary of the Navy was to open a way for Senator Lodge's son-in-law, Augustus P. Gardner, who lives in Moody's district, to come to Congress.

The police are shadowing a prominent physician of this city who answers the description of a man who was seen to throw a newly born infant into a garbage can in Goat Alley. The baby is still living and was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital.

The report was current in New York today that Attorney General Knox would retire from President Roosevelt's Cabinet as soon as the Merger suit was settled. When asked as to the truth of the rumor Attorney General Knox said today that it was without foundation. Further than this he declined to discuss the matter.

ROYAL GUEST DEPARTS.

The following exchanges took place yesterday between Prince Henry of Prussia, who sailed for Europe on the Deutschland, and President Roosevelt:

"Hoboken, N. J., March 11.

"The President of the United States:

"On this day of my departure, I beg to thank you personally, as well as the nation whose guest I have been, for all the kindness, consideration, and good feeling I have met with during my visit to your interesting country. I hope that my visit may have increased the feeling of friendship between the country I represent and the United States. Bidding you farewell, let me wish you every possible success, and pray remember me to Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt, who so charmingly and with so much pluck accomplished her task when launching his majesty's yacht Meteor. Once more, most hearty thanks. May we meet again.

"HEINRICH, Prince von Preussen."

"White House,
"Washington, March 11.

"Henry, Prince of Prussia, Steamer Deutschland, Hamburg Dock, Hoboken, N. J.:

"Not only have I enjoyed your visit personally, but on behalf of my countrymen I wish to express to you the pleasure it has been to see you and the real good I think your visit has done in promoting a feeling of friendship between Germany and the United States. It is my most earnest wish that this feeling may strengthen steadily. Mrs. Roosevelt sends her warm regards, and so would Miss Roosevelt if she were not absent. Pray present my heartiest greeting to his majesty, the German Emperor. Again I thank you for your visit, and wish you all good luck wherever you may be.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

The St. Petersburg Russky Invalide today reports several engagements between Russian troops and Tunguses in Manchuria. The latter were defeated in each conflict.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Bishop H. Y. Satterlee, of Washington, has appealed from the Civil Court decision in the case of Rev. Gilbert F. Williams.

Fears are felt in London for General Grenfell's column of 1,300 men, who when last heard from were near General Delarey.

Dr. William F. Lippitt, a well-known physician of Charlestown, W. Va., died yesterday evening. Dr. Lippitt was born in Loudoun county, in 1831.

The price of eggs declined another cent a dozen in Baltimore yesterday, being quoted in the wholesale market at from 15 to 16 cents, as against 17 cents on Monday.

The big box manufacturing plant of J. H. Thiemeyer & Co., of south Caroline street, Baltimore, was destroyed by fire last night, involving a loss of between $40,000 and $50,000.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent his first veto message to Congress. It was directed to the Senate, and the bill vetoed was the one removing the charge of desertion from the naval record of John Glass.

Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the victim of the murderous and mysterous assault of the 11th of last December, still lies at the Garfield Hospital in Washington in a semi-comatose state. Only at rare intervals is Mrs. Dennis conscious of her surroundings, and on those occasions when she awakes from her stupor her words are rambling and incoherent.

It is rumored that Mr. George B. Cortelyou, Secretary to President Roosevelt, is to retire as soon as he recovers from his present illness and that Attorney General Knox is to retire from the President's Cabinet and that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is to retire from the Cabinet immediately after the final solution of the Cuban tariff question.

The Chinese government has presented to the United States Minister, Mr. Conger, a strong memorial against the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law by the United States. The government there particularly objects to the exclusion of Chinese from the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, representing that the Chinese had acquired extensive commercial interests there and were closely connected with the islands by family ties, so that repression of free intercourse would result in peculiar hardships.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. T. W. Matthews died Monday night at "Creedmoor" his home near Warrenton.

Mr. C. H. Hudspeth, who has been missing from Richmond since Thursday morning last, and who was in Washington as late as Monday afternoon, has again disappeared.

Rev. Geo. W. Anderson, of Stephens City, Frederick county, was married in Winchester, Monday night to Miss Mazie E Limerick, of Clarke county, by Rev. S. D. Skelton. The bride is the fourth wife of Rev. Mr. Anderson.

The home farm of the estate of the late John F. Shryock in Loudoun county, was sold to Amos Jenkins for $17.80 per acre, and the home place of the late Richard Littleton, near Bloomfield, that county, was also sold to Dr. C. E. Brown for $30 per acre.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Resolutions were offered in both branches providing that no new legislation be considered after Saturday, March 15, but action on them was deferred.

SENATE.

In the Senate yesterday the bill was passed allowing railroads to extend their lines. This is the measure to which objection was raised on the ground that its provisions might be construed to give such companies more power than was presumably contemplated.

The Bland quarantine bill was defeated. The bill took the appointment of quarantine officer of the Norfolk harbor out of the governor's hands and gave it to the election of a quarantine board.

The Senate committee on roads yesterday afternoon decided to report the employers' liability bill favorably.

The Senate passed bills: To amend Section 2455 of the Code in relation to rents providing that rentor shall not be liable for replacement or repair of property in case of fire.

HOUSE.

The child labor bill was discussed but no vote reached. Mr. Cabell, of Danville, made a speech in its favor.

Mr. Weaver introduced a bill to provide that disabled Confederate soldiers be exempt from the payment of poll tax, and Mr. Caton, of Alexandria, offered one, incorporating the International Guarantee and Trust Company.

Mr. Hunley offered a bill in the House to repeal the Wharton insurance law, which has proved so unpopular. There will be a big fight over the measure.

The House Committee on Elections declared that W. B. Fulton, democratic contestant for the seat from Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise, was elected instead of Joseph Hibbard, republican, sitting member.

Two of Mr. Caton's bills were favorably reported. One was from the committee on general laws, and was for the protection of song-birds. The other was from the committee on asylums and prisons, and has for its object the protection of children who are not otherwise cared for.

The bill creating the office of State bank examiner was reported favorably last night by the House committee on banks. The examiner is to be paid $2,500, with two assistants at $1,800. Each State bank, building and loan and trust company is to be examined twice a year. The tax on the capital stock of these institutions is graduated and is placed at $15 up to $100,000 and $60 up to $10,000,000.

To amend and re-enact Section 11 of an act to incorporate town of Washington in the county of Rappahannock with license to sell liquor.

To incorporate the Virginia-Carolina Trust Company.

To amend and re-enact an act to provide for taxation of dogs and protection of sheep in the county of Rappahannock.

To incorporate the Benevolent Aid and Relief Association of Virginia.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Gordon vs. Commonwealth. Argued and submitted.

The next case to be heard is South Norfolk Company vs. Norfolk Railway Light Company, No. 58.

The Market.

Georgetown, Mar. 12.—Wheat 75a83.

CITY COUNCIL.

There was a long session of the City Council last night and considerable business was transacted. Acts empowering the city to issue bonds for $50,000 for street and sewer improvements and repairs to the city gas works and also other street and sewer bonds not more than $50,000 of which shall be outstanding at any one time were passed and ordered to be sent to Senator Donahoe and Delegate Caton for action by the Legislature. The Board of Aldermen passed the resolution increasing the Salary of City Engineer Dunn $25 a month from December 1, 1901. The resolution had passed the lower board several weeks ago, but had been laid over by the Aldermen.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All the members save Mr. Hill were present.

After the reading of the minutes the opinion of Mr. G. L. Boothe, Corporation Attorney, on the validity of a resolution increasing the salary of the City Engineer was read. As has heretofore been stated, Mr. Boothe is clearly of opinion that the salary can be increased without infraction of the city charter

The resolution as passed by the Common Council was then read.

Mr. Burke spoke spoke in favor of its adoption. He said it was not a personal matter with him, but because he wanted street improvements to continue. Mr. Dunn was conversant with the wants of the people of Alexandria, and could prosecute work much better than a man unacquainted with our desires; besides money could be saved by retaining him in the position. The City Engineer had made sacrifices in coming to Alexandria. The government was paying him more money for his services than he would receive from this city. The speaker appealed to all the members of the board who desired new streets to favorably consider the resolution. Should the city be compelled to procure the services of another City Engineer he would make new lines and trouble would be inevitable. He hoped the board would act in harmony in the matter.

Mr. Ballenger said he favored street improvements, but Mr. Dunn when he applied for the position held by another man, who was satisfied with his salary, knew what the office paid. His predecessor would have made sacrifices also in order to remain in Alexandria. He would have remained here at $1,500 per annum and declined the position he now fills under the government. Neither he nor Mr. Dunn wanted to leave their families and be sent out of the country. The Speaker saw no reason why Mr. Dunn should receive $1,800 a year when others would gladly fill the position for $1,500. Mr. Ballenger said all he possesses is in Alexandria; that he was in sympathy with street improvements, but the facts he had set forth were patent to all and he was endeavoring to act for the best interest of the city.

No further debate followed and an aye and no vote on the resolution resulted as follows; Ayes, Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Curtin, W. H. Sweeney, and Mr. President—5. Noes, Messrs. Ballenger and Clark—2. So the resolution was declared passed.

The Alderman concurred in the action of the Common Council on the other papers which came in and shortly after 10 o'clock adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

All the members of the board were present.

An ordinance to charge two-thirds of the cost of paving &c. Fairfax street from Printers' alley to King street was reported and passed.

Mr. McCuen called up the resolution to appropriate $2,000 to repair Duke street from Payne to the Stone Bridge.

Mr. Leadbeater explained the present status of the measure which was still held under advisement by the committee.

The ordinance directing the tax-collector to take possession of all real estate bought in by the city at the tax sale of November 1899, rent out the same &c., was called up and adopted unanimously.

The finance committee and sinking fund commission submitted a report advising the council to adopt an ordinance requesting the legislature to authorize the corporation of Alexandria to issue $50,000 30-year-public-improvement-bonds not to exceed 4 per cent interest. Mr. Bryan explained that the sinking fund commission would take care of the 6 per cent. bonds to the extent of $32,500 due on the 1st of July next by a system of special loans. The proposed bonds are not to be issued unless a majority of the voters at a special election shall declare in favor of such issue. He asked that the measure be passed at once.

Mr. Snowden asked whether it would require a three-fourths vote to pass this measure tonight.

The Chair held that twelve votes would be required.

Mr. Snowden was surprised that this measure was asked to be put on its passage tonight. He did not like its phraseology. Never before had a question of taxing real estate in this city been submitted to all the voters. The very last ordinance on the subject submitted the question to the freeholders.

After some explanation of the former act upon the subject by Messrs. Bryan and Uhler,

Mr. Snowden said he was not opposed to good plans to make improvements but he wanted to consider the bill before he voted for it. We could do without issuing bonds for 30 years at 4 per cent. With such the property holders would pay $60,000 interest for a $50,000 loan and still owe the $50,000. The proposal was to make the people of Alexandria pay twice over the cost of the improvements. He would regret to see an additional bond issue, as that would place another mortgage on every piece of property in the city. The city was already burdened by an enormous debt, and he believed this purposed bond issue could be avoided. He would rather let the Sinking Fund Commissioners take care of the $32,500 bonds falling due in July, which they could do; the gas works could easily raise $20,000, on short notes, payable out of the receipts of th[illegible]
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each year, making $25,000 annually for street improvements, and this, he thought, would be as much as could be judiciously expended. By this method the city would not be required to pay $60,000 in interest for the $50,000 to be borrowed, and which would soon be expended. The proposition of the committee, he thought, would not be considered by the members as individuals in private business affairs.

Mr. Bryan said that only 3 per cent would be paid if possible and in no case more than 4 per cent.

Mr. Snowden thought the proposal might be illegal. The present bond holders might prevent the issue of further bonds which would lessen their securities.

Mr. Bryan explained that the legislature would adjourn next week and it was necessary to act at once; that was the reason for asking action tonight. He thought it would be well to let others than the Council test the legality of the bonds.

Mr. Snowden said the legislature would not adjourn until the 4th of April.

Mr. Bryan urged that no bonds would be issued until the voters sanctioned it.

Mr. Paff (Mr. Johnson in the chair) advocated the passage of the ordinance tonight. It was only a measure to allow the voters to direct the issue of bonds. The personnel of the sinking fund commission and finance committee showed men who were as able and as much interested as any one in the Council.

Mr. Snowden and Mr. Bryan further discussed the matter and Mr. Snowden asked if it was fair to allow all voters to vote on a question of levying an additional burden on the property holders.

Mr. Bryan said it was impossible to draw a line.

Mr. Snowden said the tax books would show the property owners.

Mr. Spinks said the expenses of some of the city departments had doubled while Mr. Snowden was president of Council. He thought the money should now go to improvements. We had doubled schools with no more education, doubled fire department with no more protection; now we wanted good streets.

Mr. Trimyer said the ordinance was simply a request that the Council be allowed to put the question of the bond issue before the people and he was in favor of it.

Mr. Burke opposed the passage of the ordinance tonight. He was in favor of submitting the question to the freeholders and not to the voters. He owned no real estate, and under the freeholders clause he could not vote but he did not think he had a right to impose anadditional tax on other people's property.

Mr. Trimyer said that every vote for a member of the City Council was a vote to levy taxes on real estate.

Mr. Burke said that was a different case.

The question was further discussed by Mr. McCuen, Mr. Paff and others.

Mr. Paff urged that if a man could come to council without owning property and tax real estate he could do so at the polls. To make improvements money must be had and if the people wanted to issue the bonds they should have the right to vote on the question

Mr. Snowden asked if the committee had found it as easy to raise money for the city as some members had said it would be and Mr. Bryan said they had not. Mr. Bryan also said that 4 per cent. was the lowest rate, so far, that could be secured.

The bill was put on the second reading.

Mr. Snowden moved to make the bonds redeemable after ten years, and said that the financiers of the committee had cut off the city from paying the bonds for thirty years even if it should have an overflowing treasury.

Mr. Paff said in 1909 the city would have its hands full when it had to pay the bonds that falls due then.

Mr. Snowden said the city could not pay its debt then; it would have to refund the bonds notwithstanding the statements of the city financiers.

Mr. Paff: "I want you to understand that I do not consider myself a financier but I am as good a financier as you are."

Mr. Snowden said he did not doubt it.

Mr. Snowden's amendment was rejected; yeas 4 nays 12.

Mr. Burke moved to strike out "qualified voters" and insert "free holders" which was lost; yeas 3, nays 13.

Mr. Snowden moved to strike out "majority of each board of the City Council" and insert "three-fourths," which was lost; yeas 4, nays 12.

Mr. Snowden then moved to strike out the exemption of the bonds from taxation.

Mr. Spinks asked if city bonds now existing were taxed by the city.

Mr. Snowden said they were not. The amendment was rejected; yeas 15, nays 1.

Mr. Snowden moved that the bill be recommitted which was superceded by a motion of Mr. McCuen, that the act be put on its passage, which was done and it passed; yeas 12, nays 3; Mr. Snowden not voting.

Mr. Bryan reported an ordinance giving property holders five years to pay the assessments one-fourth annually; the notes therefore to be made liens on the real estate and never to exceed $50,000 thereon at any one time.

Mr. Snowden. "How much in all?"

Mr. Bryan replied that there was no means of determining, but that never more than $50,000 would be outstanding at one time.

Mr. Snowden asked if the new constitution of the State would forbid a special tax on abutting property.

Mr. Bryan replied that the notes would be a lien under any circumstances.

Mr. Snowden and Mr. Bryan discussed this question at some length.

Mr. Uhler asked if the notes given were to be placed on record, saying that unless that were done, the sale of the property would release it.

Mr. Bryan replied that the tax lien would remain and the notes would be a double security.

The ordinance passed; yeas 14, nays 1. Mr. Snowden not voting.

The committee on public property reported in favor of an appropriation of $50 to fit up a room for the Board of Health.

Mr. Snowden moved to lay on the table, saying that this was a needless expense, as it meant fuel, light, a janitor &c., No good would come of it.

Mr. Bryan agreed with Mr. Snowden and created laughter by saying "We gave the board $100 and here is what was done with it—hack hire, $5; printing, paper, &c., $73, and abating nuisances (the only thing they had to [illegible]

The motion to lay [illegible] adopted, Mr. Snowden saying he wished it to be understood that he did not intend to reflect on Dr. Gorman, who was a very faithful and efficient officer.

Fifty dollars was appropriated to repair the fish wharf.

A resolution asking that Alexandria be exempted from the constitutional prohibition of special taxes on real estate adjoining improved streets, &c., was offered by Mr. Leadbeater.

Mr. Snowden explained that Col. Smith had told him he had tried this but there was no possibility of getting such an exemption in the constitution.

Mr. Leadbeater said if that was the case he would withdraw the resolution, which was done, though Mr. Johnson thought it would do no harm to adopt it.

Mr. Leadbeater introduced a new ordinance for the repaving of King street from Royal to Fayette street. He said Mr. Boothe considered the former ordinance defective. After some discussion Mr. McCuen moved that the improved pavement be extended to Payne street, but at Mr. Leadbeater's suggestion it was withdrawn.

The ordinance was adopted; yeas 16, nays 0.

Mr. Snowden, by request, introduced a resolution authorizing the committees on Light and Finance to consider any proposition that may be made to them in reference to a lease of the gas works which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held March 11, 1902, there were present:

John T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Burke, Ballenger, Marbury, Clark, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney.

G. L. Boothe, Corporation Attorney, in pursuance of a resolution passed February 25, 1902, presented the following:

Alexandria, Va., March 6, 1902.

The City Council of Alexandria:

Gentlemen:—In reply to your request that I furnish this Honorable Body with a written opinion as to whether the salary of the City Engineer can be legally increased during his term of office, I would respectfully submit the following:

As all of you doubtless know, Section 34 of the Charter of this city provides, among other things, that the Mayor shall receive for his services, annually, a just and reasonable compensation, to be allowed by the City Council, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, nor shall the salaries of any municipal officer be increased or diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected.

In my opinion this provision refers to the officers who are named in the charter and are elected by the people, viz: Mayor, Auditor of Public Accounts, Clerk of Gas, Collector of Taxes, Attorney for the Corporation, Inspector and Measurer of wood and bark, and the Inspector of Lumber, and my reasons for forming this opinion are, that the office of the City Engineer was not in existence at the time of the passage of this Section of the Charter, was not created by the Charter, but was created by Ordinance of the City Council, and can undoubtedly be abolished by the same power which created it, exactly as the office of City Surveyor was abolished by the Ordinance which created the office of City Engineer (See Acts and joint resolutions of the City Council of Alexandria from September 1892, to September 1896, page 183).

Having this power to abolish the office would unquestionably give the City Council the power of reducing, indeed of putting an end to the salary of the City Engineer.

The leading authority on the law of municipal corporations, Judge Dillon, says on this subject at Section 231, of his work on Municipal Corporations—"A municipal corporation may, unless restrained by charter, abolish an office created by ordinance; and may also, unless the employment is in the nature of a contract, reduce or otherwise regulate the salaries and fees of its officers according to its view of expediency and right.

"Although an officer may be elected or appointed for a fixed period, yet where he is not bound and cannot be compelled to serve for the whole time, such election or appointment cannot be considered a contract to hire for a stipulated term.

"Ordinances fixing salaries are not in the nature of contracts with officers."

Throop on Public Officers at Section 444, treats this subject as follows:—"In like manner a municipal corporation may, at the pleasure of its Council or other legislative body, unless its charter or some other statute governing it otherwise provides, change the official term, or increase or diminish the compensation of any of its officers appointed under an Ordinance, or impose upon any of them additional duties without additional compensation."

The great weight of authority cited by these authors fully sustains the statements above made, and almost the only decision to be contrary is one where the officer was not appointed under an ordinance, but by a resolution, for the term of one year at a fixed salary; in that case the court decided that the services to be performed were professional or private, rather than public or official, and that the acceptance by the officer of the office constituted a contract which could not be dissolved by the mere will and act of the city.

In view of the fact that the great weight of authority fully sustains the opinions of Judge Dillon and Mr. Throop, above set forth, I am of the opinion that the salary of the City Engineer can be legally increased or diminished during his term of office.

Respectfully submitted,
GARDNER L. BOOTHE,
Corporation Attorney.

The resolution directing the Auditor to pay E. C. Dunn, City Surveyor, from December 1, 1901, twenty-five dollars per month additional for services rendered in connection with his office as City Engineer, which had been received from the Common Council and laid over, was called up and their action concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes, Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Curtin, W. H. Sweeney and Mr. President—5. Noes, Messrs. Ballenger and Clark—2.

The following were also received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous votes:

An ordinance assessing a portion of the cost of grading, paving and curbing Fairfax street from the south crossing of King street to the north line of the first alley south of King street.

An ordinance concerning property sold at the tax sale November 21, 1899.

An act to authorize the City Council of Alexandria to issue its coupon bonds called public improvement bonds to the amount of $50,000 for the purpose of making street and sewer improvements and to improve the city gas works.

Resolution appropriating $50, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the repair of the corporation fish wharf.

Petition from George Uhler, chairman executive committee of Columbia Fire Company, asking Council to purchase six iron bedsteads for the use of the company.

Resolution increasing the salary of the driver of the Relief Hook and Ladder truck.

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An ordinance referring the matter of grading, paving and curbing King street from the east crossing of Royal street to the tracks of the Washington-Southern Railway on Fayette street to the Committee on Streets for consideration and report, was read three times and passed. Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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An ordinance concerning property sold at the tax sale November 21, 1899, was reported favorably by the Committee on Finance, and read the second and third times and passed. Ayes, 16; noes, 0.

A resolution appropriating $50 to make necessary repairs to the corporation fish wharf was passed. Ayes, 16; noes, 0.

A resolution offered by Mr. Snowden authorizing the Committees on Light and Finance to consider and report on such proposition as may be submitted to them for the operation of the city's Gas and Electric Works for a term of years, was adopted.

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FRED J. PAFF, President.
Teste: DANIEL R. STANSBURY, Clerk C. C.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held March 11, 1902, there were present:

F. J. Paff, esq., President, and Messrs. Trimyer, Snowden, Burke, Rishcill, Fisher, Normoyle, Desmond, Baader, Bryan, Brill, Johnson, Uhler, Leadbeater, Spinks and McCuen.

An act to authorize the City Council of Alexandria to issue its coupon bonds, called Public Improvement Bonds, to the amount of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars, for the purpose of making street and sewer improvements in the city of Alexandria, and for the purpose of improving the City Gas Works and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds, was read three times and passed. Ayes, Messrs. Trimyer, Fisher, Normoyle, Desmond, Baader, Brill, Bryan, Johnson, McCuen, Leadbeater, Spinks and Mr. President (12); Noes, Messrs. Burke, Rishcill and Uhler (3), Mr. Snowden not voting. Amendments offered by Messrs. Snowden and Burke were lost.

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An ordinance referring the matter of grading, paving and curbing King street from the east crossing of Royal street to the tracks of the Washington-Southern Railway Company on Fayette street in accordance with the 33d section of the City Charter, &c., to the Committee on Streets for consideration and report, was read three times and passed. Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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At Providence Hospital Washington, of pneumonia, [March 11, 1902, ANNIE E. GOSMON. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, Friday at 9 a.m.

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