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THE CITY'S FINANCES

Auditor Richholt Publishes a Statement Showing the Financial Condition of Bismarck.

The City Has Been Reducing its Indebtedness During the Last Five Years.

Money in the Treasury to Pay Outstanding Bonds, Leaving Only Warrants for \$50,000.

Editor Tribune: I have been asked many times in the last few days to publish a statement regarding the financial condition of the city. I am sorry that I can not publish a statement in full up to date at this time for the reason that some bills in my possession have not been allowed and several persons have bills against the city that have not been presented to the council. The statement I will publish shows the receipts and disbursements for the four years ending April 1, 1900, of the several funds. The general indebtedness of the city was reduced in that period by the present administration about \$38,000 (including transfer of \$25,000 to school district). This has been due to paying all running expenses from revenues collected from licenses, and thereby issuing no warrants on the general fund and taking all taxes collected to pay the interest bearing warrants. We have not issued a warrant on the general fund or a warrant bearing interest since November 22, 1894. All running expenses have been paid by the license system since October, 1895, when the system was adopted.

I have talked with some people within the last few days who think because the tax levy amounts to about \$71,000 the city indebtedness should be reduced much faster. They do not stop to consider that the money they pay into the general fund is the only money that will reduce the city indebtedness. The following amounts were levied in 1900 for the different funds:

General fund..... \$ 4,500
Water fund..... 5,200
Interest fund on bonds..... 2,000
Sinking fund..... 1,200
School fund..... 8,000

The general warrants are called in to July 1, 1899. The warrants that are out cover about four and one-half years, while some of them have been drawing interest for more than eleven years. When one of these warrants is presented to the city treasurer he is compelled to pay the warrant and interest out of the general fund. I think the best way to explain to the taxpayers how much money it takes to pay off one of these warrants is to take one of the outstanding warrants that was issued on the general fund in July 1889, to the Bismarck Water Co. for \$1,080. If the person who holds this warrant presents it to the city treasurer for payment the warrant and interest will amount to over \$1,900. This will show how some of the money is expended that is collected for the general fund—illustrating that had it not been for that license system the city would have increased in debt considerably instead of diminishing as the figures below will show.

Some taxpayers think that the money collected from the license system has never been accounted for. Those in doubt are at liberty to refer to the city treasurer's books. The following sums have been paid from this fund:

Chief of police, per year... \$ 720
Night police, per year... 600
City clerk, per year... 600
City attorney, per year... 600
City treasurer, per year... 120

Total..... \$2,640

There has also been paid for keeping city prisoners, rent of city offices, printing, lumber for all crossings that have been repaired, expense of city elections and several bills too numerous to mention. The license system that was adopted under Mayor Leslie's second term in October, 1895, and carried on under Mayor Patterson up to June, 1900, has made it possible for the incoming administration to bond and call in all outstanding warrants. This will make it possible to rebuild and repair all sidewalks. At the time I was elected city clerk in 1895 the indebtedness was over \$90,000 and at this time it is less than \$50,000. This should please the taxpayers.

Respectfully yours,
H. W. RICHHOLT,
City Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Financial statement of the city of Bismarck from April 1, 1896, to April 1, 1900, four years.

Statement showing balance on hand April 1, 1896, in the several funds, and the receipts to April 1, 1900:

GENERAL FUND.

Bal. on hand April 1, 1896 \$ 446.01
Received from taxes in 1896 3,307.10
Received from taxes in 1898 6,009.29
Received from taxes in 1899 3,908.85
Received from taxes in 1900 3,645.01

Total..... 17,311.26

War. paid in 1897 \$3,091.51
War. paid in 1898 6,123.00
War. paid in 1899 3,741.31
War. paid in 1900 5,014.44

Total..... \$17,970.26

Overdrawn Apr. 1, 1900..... \$ 659.00

WATER AND FIRE FUND.

Bal. on hand April 1, 1896 \$ 1,267.19
Receipts from taxes in 1897 4,380.61
Receipts from taxes in 1898 7,016.74
Receipts from taxes in 1899 4,767.62
Receipts from taxes in 1900 4,510.47

Total..... \$21,942.63

War. paid in 1897 \$4,829.58
War. paid in 1898 3,851.50
War. paid in 1899 5,641.32
War. paid in 1900 6,753.24

Total..... \$21,075.94

INTEREST AND BONDS.

Received from taxes in 1897 \$ 3,012.96
Received from taxes in 1898 4,205.71
Received from taxes in 1899 2,211.02
Received from taxes in 1900 1,660.53

Total..... \$11,090.22

Int. paid in 1897.. \$2,275.50
Int. paid in 1898.. 2,308.00
Int. paid in 1899 1,814.12
Int. paid in 1900.. 580.00

Total..... \$6,927.62

Overdrawn Apr. 1, 1896..... 671.38

Total..... \$ 7,599.00

SINKING FUND.

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1896.. \$ 2,473.33
Received from taxes in 1897 842.10
Received from taxes in 1898 1,569.92
Received from taxes in 1899 1,016.87
Received from taxes in 1900 972.08

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1900 \$ 6,865.30

CONTINGENT FUND.

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1896 \$ 192.07
Received from licenses, 1897 4,832.78
Received from licenses, 1898 4,248.65
Received from licenses, 1899 5,208.35
Received from licenses, 1900 4,163.39

Total..... \$18,645.24

War. paid in 1897 \$4,158.42
War. paid in 1898 5,053.82
War. paid in 1899 4,417.89
War. paid in 1900 4,503.91

Total..... \$18,134.04

EXPENSE FUND.

Bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1896.. \$ 219.65
Received from contingent fund..... 391.45
Received from contingent fund, 1898..... 420.20
Received from contingent fund, 1899..... 436.32
Received from contingent fund, 1900..... 405.58

Total..... \$1,593.64

We have never issued but \$170.76 on this fund. The balance has all been returned to the contingent fund as the treasurer's books will show.

STATEMENT OF CITY INDEBTEDNESS APRIL 1, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

City funding bonds..... \$ 9,000.00
General warrants..... 29,771.17
Interest on warrants about 18,000.00
Certificates of indebtedness 5,274.00

Total..... \$62,045.17

Cash on hand Apr. 1, 1900 11,361.38

Debt less assets..... \$50,683.79

The city treasurer makes a quarterly

report to the city council, the last one being as follows:

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER, ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.	
Balance, Jan. 1, 1901	Disbursements
\$ 573.86	\$ 1,699.00
2,400.39	2,400.39
171.76	171.76
\$ 3,145.01	\$ 4,271.15
	Water..... 1,699.00
	Interest on bonds..... 2,400.39
	General..... 171.76
	Expenses..... 1,699.00
	Sinking..... 2,400.39
	Contingent..... 171.76
	Redemption..... 1,699.00
	Other..... 171.76
	Total..... \$ 4,271.15
	Net Balance Jan. 1, 1901..... \$ 9,436.82

In the last few days the treasurer has received about \$18,000 in taxes from the county treasurer—about \$3,500 of which will go into the general fund, the balance being divided among the other funds. We have \$9,000 in outstanding bonds coming due in May and the sinking fund will pay them. This will leave the city with no bonded debt and outstanding warrants on the general fund amounting with interest to only about \$50,000.

CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

LETTER FROM A BISMARCK BOY, NOW IN CUBA, TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN THE ISLAND.

Mrs. W. B. Watson has a letter from her son Jud, who has been in Cuba for some time, part of which is as follows:

Last Sunday I went to Mantanzas, taking advantage of the cheap excursion rate. The town is one of the prettiest in all Cuba, and has one of the finest harbors of the island. It is the center of an important sugar district, and is the point of exportation for the sugar, and for importation of planter's supplies, etc. The city is kept in a magnificent condition by the city authorities, asphalt pavements, etc., making one of the neatest and cleanest cities you might find in the tropics. All this due to the American administration. The carnival season was at its height, and I spent most of my time there in watching the carriages of maskers as they drove around the plaza, and throwing empty egg-shells at the pretty girls. Talk of pretty girls, well, they have lots of them in Cuba. The carnival in Havana was "flat," being nothing more than a few "nigger dances" and not worth the mentioning. There is one good thing about the Cubans, they all believe in a good time and not too much work. Particularly, no work.

The country along the railroad for the most part was wild and unbroken, with here and there an occasional sugar-field. Not much idea of a sugar plantation can be gathered from the train, as the great plantations lay back in the valleys a few miles from the railroad, and have their own "narrow-gauge" roads connecting with the main lines. Such as seen seemed to be in a flourishing condition. I am told this is considered to be a good year for cane.

A great many tourists are now passing through Havana, and many American faces are seen upon the streets. In another month or so, the fever season will be on, and the town will settle down to its normal condition. Nothing is known here as to the probable time for the end of the American occupation, but if the American government listens to the wishes of the residents of Cuba who have a little property, there will be no hurry. Only those who have nothing, and who wish to get their fingers in the treasury, are howling for independence. Property owners and those who have anything to lose do not want Cuba turned over, for they realize it would be nothing but "grab."

MORE RIOTS IN SIGHT.

Marselles, March 26.—Ship owners refuse to submit the dock laborers dispute to arbitrate. It is feared rioting will be resumed more fiercely.

The Grand Forks Herald alludes to the rumor that it may move to Fargo as "quite interesting."

CARNEGIE FOR MAYOR

Name of the Steel King Proposed for the Mayorality of New York by Republicans.

Committee Has Been Appointed to See if His Consent Can Be Obtained.

New York, March 26.—The twenty-first assembly district republicans last night formally proposed Carnegie's name for mayor and appointed a committee to secure his consent.

PROSPEROUS

DESCRIBES THE BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

New York, March 26.—Henry Clews weekly review of finance and trade says:

The trade situation is generally satisfactory. Here and there signs of reaction from last year's activity, such as in the textile industries, can be noted, but this is by no means general. On the contrary, there are reasons for believing that the expansion in business will continue for some time to come. The phenomenal activity in the iron trade shows no suggestion of abating; the demand for steel and iron products being very largely the result of the great variety of new uses to which steel is being applied and to the great demand for structural materials. Along the Pacific coast there is wonderful development in progress; not only in oil but in other natural resources in which that region abounds. This development of our natural riches will be the basis of business expansion for some time to come, to say nothing of foreign fields which are rapidly opening to American capital and enterprise.

From now on the crop situation will become a more important factor. Winter wheat is reported in good condition and farmers are holding much smaller stocks of wheat than usual. The stocks of corn in farmers' hands are also smaller than at any other time during the last six years. In the United States the growers of wheat, corn, cotton and many other agricultural products are better off than for many years, and this affords a basis for continued prosperity that should not be overlooked.

TWO KILLED.

NEGRO SCHOOL HOUSE AT ROME STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND TWO KILLED.

Rome, Ga., March 26.—The damage from yesterday's cyclone in this section will amount to thousands. The depot at Lindale was demolished. At Chambers there is \$20,000 loss. A negro school house at Kingston was struck by lightning. Bennie Goodwin and Jennie Elliott were killed and many shocked.

TOURNAMENT.

DICKINSON WILL OUTDO ITSELF ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Dickinson, March 26.—It is proposed to make the state firemen's tournament, which is to be held here June 11, 12, 13 and 14 a specially attractive event, not only for the visiting firemen, but other features are to be provided which will attract visitors from all over the state.

Dickinson has never entertained any public gathering for any important purpose and the business men have taken up the project with true western energy and enthusiasm. They have already raised a purse of over \$2,500 and expect to raise \$1,000 more, to be expended for purposes of various kinds, and which will include inducements designed to attract the attention of and benefit a number of important state interests.

The sum of \$500 will be given as prizes to the contesting firemen. In addition it is intended to have a fine exhibit of live stock, of which growing interest Dickinson is the center and shipping point for a large region. Stockmen, who for a number of years have been introducing and breeding, at heavy expense, better grades of animals, have taken up the matter of an exhibit this year, and the citizens of Dickinson, joining with them, expect that this year will work the beginning of a series of stock and agricultural exhibits that will result in an annual live stock show being held there which

will surpass any similar event in the state and stimulate an increased interest in this important industry.

Besides the tournament and live stock show there will be amusements in the way of wild west character, many races, cow-boy exhibits, a wolf chase, etc., and the town generally will be at the disposal of the visitors for the four days mentioned.

The committee hopes to secure favorable transportation rates for this exhibit, which will be held at a time of the year when North Dakota farmers and stockmen can spare a few days to attend if the railway fares are within reach.

Delegates from nearly every organized fire company are preparing to attend and anticipate having one of the best meetings ever held. It is believed that every fire company in the state will have representatives here, and participate in a royal good time under the patronage of Dickinson's hospitality and liberality.

BOLD BANK ROBBERS

Ohio Bank Blown Open by a Gang of Eight Men Who Get \$5,000 in Currency.

Citizens Attempt to Attack the Mob But are Driven off with Winchester.

Somerset, O., March 26.—A safe in the Somerset bank was blown at 2 this morning by an armed gang of eight men who secured \$5,000 in currency and valuable papers. Citizens attempted to attack the burglars, but were driven away with Winchester. Two stolen teams carried the robbers away and a posse is in pursuit.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER THE REMAINS OF THE LATE JUDGE BARTHOLOMEW AT THE HOUSE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Judge J. M. Bartholomew will be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that the members of the supreme court, Judges Morgan, Wallin and Young, and a number of the members of the Cass county bar will arrive from the east on tonight's train.

The pall bearers have been selected for the funeral. The active pall bearers will be: J. R. Gage, I. P. Baker, E. S. Beardsley, E. H. Wilson, O. R. Barnes and C. A. Burton. The following honorary pall bearers have been selected from the G. A. R.: J. C. Staley, W. S. Moorhouse, W. O. Ward, W. A. Bentley, Joseph Hare and J. A. Field.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock.

GETS A VERDICT.

RELATIVE OF JOE CHAMBERLAIN GETS A VERDICT AGAINST A NEWSPAPER.

London, March 26.—A verdict for two hundred pounds have been found for the plaintiff in the suit of Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Jos. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, against the Evening Star and Morning Leader. The accusation of improper use of influence as a relative of the secretary to secure government contracts.

DANGEROUS TO BE SAFE.

Warsaw, March 26.—Maxime Gorski, author, and several professors at the university of Warsaw were arrested for expressing sympathy with the students.

BRIDGE JUMPER LEFT MONEY.

New York, March 26.—The will of Steve Brodie, the famous bowery character and bridge jumper was probated today. The estate aggregated \$80,000.

PROSPECTS FOR THE N. P.

President Mellen of the N. P. says: "It is a fact that we have lost fully \$3,000,000 in grain revenues in consequence of the short wheat crop in the northwest last year. This shortage has been made up to us by the increase in our general traffic. Our aggregate gross earnings do not show any falling off, and if there is a full crop of grain this year I expect to be able to report an increase of at least \$3,000,000 in gross earnings."

Minot advices deny the reports of a diphtheria epidemic in that city.

LOSS IN THE STORM

Twenty Dead, Ninety-five Injured and a Property Loss of over a Million.

Summary of the Destruction Wrought by the Cyclone at Birmingham Yesterday Morning.

Committee Appointed to Carry on Relief Work and Funds Being Raised for Needy.

Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—Twenty dead, ninety-five injured, and probably a loss of a quarter of a million sums up the result of yesterday's cyclone.

The additional deaths are Mrs. William Thomas and John Moses (colored) making sixteen dead in this city, three at Irondale, and one at North Birmingham.

At the last named place Mrs. Mary Harrin was killed by lightning during the storm. The names of fifty-two injured have been obtained. Of these, six will die, swelling the total death list to 26.

Today's efforts are being directed to relief work. A citizen's meeting at noon to provide funds brought a total of \$10,000 and a committee was appointed to distributed where most needed. A careful search of the ruins continued throughout the night but no more corpses were found.

THE NOYES CHARGES.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIGGS SUMMARIZES THEM AND WILL SEND THEM TO JUDGE NOYES FOR REPLY.

Washington, March 26.—The last important official act of Attorney General Griggs before retiring from the cabinet next Saturday will be preparation of formal charges against Judge Arthur P. Noyes of the United States court in northern Alaska. It became known today from a high official source that the attorney general will sum up the charges that have been filed, including some unexplained things in the record of the Nome court now in Mr. Griggs' hands. These will be sent to Judge Noyes immediately, with an order that he reply to the charges at the earliest opportunity.

AFTER THE CZAR.

REPORTED THAT A MINE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED UNDER THE CZAR'S PALACE.

Paris, March 26.—The committee of Russian malcontents states that a mine has been discovered beneath the palace of the Czar at Tsarkoieselo, where the council of ministers was held Saturday to consider grievances of university students and the lawless condition arising therefrom. The committee states that several prominent persons are accused of implication in the plot.

ON A SHOOTING SPREE.

JEALOUS FARM HAND MAKES A KILLING. WINDING UP WITH HIMSELF.

Los Angeles, March 26.—Clarence Crawford, a farm hand, in a fit of insane jealousy, at Compton, shot and killed W. C. Stratton, wounded Ralph Mulherson, and attempted to shoot Mrs. Stratton, with whom he was infatuated. He then blew out his own brains.

Expo. Commissioners.

Washington, March 26.—The President has practically completed the list of St. Louis Exposition commissioners and will probably announce the names within twenty-four hours. "John Allen of Mississippi will be named," said a republican congressman. "So will Prof. Northrup, of Minnesota." Scott of Arkansas, the candidate urged by Senator Jones will probably fail of appointment. Ex-Senators Carter, Thurston and McBride are on the list.

KRUGER IS COMING.

Amsterdam, March 26.—President Krueger authorizes the positive report that he is going to America. He has received many invitations but has not an intention at present of making the journey.

TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACK.

Columbus, Ga., March 26.—The Georgia Central train No. 21 was blown from the track yesterday while running at a fair rate of speed and four persons injured.