

THE DEADLY PARALLEL



I COST THE TAXPAYERS \$106.83 PER DAY A LOSS TO TAXPAYERS IN 2 YEARS OF \$42,517.10 OR \$58.24 PER DAY

I COST THE TAXPAYERS \$138.59 PER DAY A SAVING TO TAXPAYERS IN 2 YEARS OF \$5,034.20 OR \$58.24 PER DAY



THIS IS ONE OF THE ISSUES

Do the Taxpayers Want \$42,517.10 More of Nonpartisanship?

APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF MR. DINNIE'S ADMINISTRATION.

Table with 13 columns: Board of Health, Street Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., City Hall Dept., Auditor & Treas., Legal Dept., Assessor & B. of E., Mayor & Council, Light Plant, City 20 per cent Pav'g, Miscellaneous, Totals. Rows show years 1900-1901, 1901-1902, 1902-1903, 1903-1904, and averages.

During the first ten days of September of each year the Annual Appropriation Bill is enacted, and this may be termed the city "budget," it is the appropriation of moneys to be used by the various departments during the ensuing year, and upon it the tax levy is based.

APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE TWO YEARS OF MR. DUIS' ADMINISTRATION.

Table with 13 columns: Board of Health, Street Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., City Hall Dept., Auditor & Treas., Legal Dept., Assessor & B. of E., Mayor & Council, Light Plant, City 20 per cent Pav'g, Miscellaneous, Totals. Rows show years 1904-1905, 1905-1906, and averages.

During the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration the average appropriation for each year was \$51,491.35; the average of the two years of the Duis is significant here to call attention to the miscellaneous appropriation for 1903 and 1904, as shown in the tables as being \$20,325.00; this amount is made up in part of the following items: Parks, \$8,000.00—

Let us turn now to the warrants actually issued during these terms under the appropriations shown by the foregoing table.

WARRANTS ISSUED AGAINST GENERAL FUND, DINNIE ADMINISTRATION.

Table with 14 columns: Board of Health, Street Dept., City Hall Dept., Fire Dept., Auditor & Treas., Police Dept., Light Plant, Legal Dept., Assessor & B. of E., Mayor & Council, City 20 per cent Pav'g, Miscellaneous, Totals, Approp'n's Gen. Fund. Rows show months from March 1, 1900 to 1901.

It will be noted here that the miscellaneous items for 1903 show the decrease in expenditures already noted; in other words, the appropriation for miscellaneous items was \$20,325.00, while the actual expenditures were \$9,595.78, or more than \$10,000.00 less.

The significant feature we desire to call to the attention of the voter at this time is that the actual expenditures per year, during the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration was \$50,585.00 per year, while the actual expenditures during the administration of Mr. Duis was \$71,342.64, or an increase of \$58.24 per day over the expenditures during the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration.

There are other pertinent and significant features, attention to which will be called from day to day.

WARRANTS ISSUED AGAINST GENERAL FUND, DUIS ADMINISTRATION.

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COMMENT MARCH 24, 1906. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

The permanent improvements during the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration which were appropriated for out of the general fund and charged in the totals shown above, amount to \$24,400.00, including the following items: Library equipment (Note—This must not be confused with library maintenance, which was an additional \$2,000.00), \$4,000.00; fire engine, \$4,000.00; electric light, new equipment, \$2,500.00; street signs, armory, hospital, \$5,500.00; parks, \$8,000.00.

If the amount of permanent improvements, \$24,400.00, be deducted from the gross appropriation, the balance is \$181,565.00 for operating expenses, or an average of \$45,391.00 per year.

During the administration of Mr. Duis there was appropriated for permanent improvements, etc., \$12,500.00 as follows: Detention hospital, \$3,000.00; ordinances, \$1,000.00; lot corner Fourth and International, \$3,500.00; fire hall, \$5,000.00.

The total appropriation during the two years of the administration of Mr. Duis was \$136,530.00, and deducting the amount appropriated for permanent improvements, \$12,500.00, leaves a balance of \$124,030.00, or an average for the two years of \$62,015.00; in other words, during the two years of Mr. Duis' administration the average appropriation for the general fund, after deducting permanent improvements, was \$16,634.00 greater than for the average of the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration, or \$45.54 per day, which amount is the amount it cost the tax payers of the city for Mr. Duis' administration of city affairs more than it did for Mr. Dinnie's administration.

There is not included in the tables or in these comments the appropriation for the waterworks department which will be given later; the permanent waterworks improvements appropriated for during the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration amount to \$11,358.28, while for the same improvements during the two years of Mr. Duis' administration the amount was \$2,200.00.

APPROPRIATIONS COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES.

The total appropriations during the last four years of Mr. Dinnie's administration was \$205,965.00, while the amount expended was \$202,340.35, disclosing that Mr. Dinnie's administration appropriated \$3,625.65 more than it spent.

Compare this with Mr. Duis. During Mr. Duis' administration the appropriation aggregated \$136,530.00, while the expenditures were \$143,687.28, disclosing that Mr. Duis spent \$7,157.28 more than he appropriated. This was not only an illegal act, done in violation of law, but it indicates very bad business judgment.

Comment March 26, 1906—Board of Health.

The aggregate appropriations for the board of health during Mr. Dinnie's administration were \$7,750, and this included among others the following items: Purchase and repair of site, including buildings, etc., in 1900 and 1902, \$2,500; scavenger, 1900, \$1,100; total, \$3,600; leaving a balance of \$4,150 for the operations of the board of health during the four years, or an average of \$1,037.50 per year.

During these years the city cared for the pauper patients and we had a smallpox epidemic. The aggregate appropriations for the board of health for the past two years during Mr. Duis' administration was \$7,500, while the actual expenditures were \$10,950. Dealing, however, with the appropriations alone, we find there were \$3,000 appropriated in 1904 for the detention hospital; the appropriation in 1905 is not itemized, but in the aggregate is \$3,200 for maintenance of the hospital, care of patients, physicians and supply bills and completion of hospital; dur-

ing 1904 the appropriations for items other than construction were \$1,600, and taking that as the amount for 1905 we find the total appropriation for carrying on the operations of the board of health were \$3,200, or \$1,600 per year, being an increase of about \$600 per over the average of Mr. Dinnie's administration. This, however, is not the full story, because during Mr. Dinnie's administration and prior to July 1, 1903, the city cared for all pauper patients. By chapter 41 of the 1903 laws, being a bill introduced by Dr. Taylor, this expense was put

on the county, thereby reimbursing the city for such expenditures. Dr. Wheeler says the sand in the filter never should be less than four feet in depth; four feet is the safe limit. The minimum depth of sand now in the filter is 1 foot and 10 inches. Prof. Babcock reports that the chemical analysis discloses the water to be not what it should be. There is an insufficient amount of sand in the filter; the water is reported to be not what it should be; the board of health expenses increase from 50 to 75 per cent per annum.

PLENTY OF COAL RESERVED.

Operators Declare They Have 9,000,000 Tons Held Back for Emergency Associated Press to The Evening Times. New York, March 24.—The announcement was made today by the anthracite mine operators that they have on hand within a radius of less

than 100 miles of New York city, a reserve supply of more than 9,000,000 tons of good marketable grades of anthracite coal. This is in addition to supplies held by dealers and larger consumers. In accumulating this vast store of coal, an army of men has been steadily employed for months. The opera-

tors declare that should a strike come there would be no inconveniences such as attended the disturbances in the anthracite region in 1902. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETS. Chicago, Ill., March 26.—The magnates of the American baseball association are gathered in Chicago today

to clear the decks of all hold-over business and complete the arrangements for the coming season. Announcement is made that all differences among the club owners, which at one time threatened serious consequences, have been amicably settled and that the outlook is bright for a successful year. The season will begin about the middle of April.

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