

CITY'S DEFICIT NOT ALARMING

REPORTS SHOW OVERDRAFTS TO BE \$125,000

City Auditor Says He Will Refuse to Honor Warrants From Departments After Limit Has Been Reached

The deficit on the books of City Auditor Schwabe is not so glaring as the first reports of Expert Fountain led the city officials to believe, for in these reports the income from the licenses, water department and other departments were not included. The actual overdraft does not amount to more than \$125,000 and the council already is evolving plans to bring the disbursements at the same end of the horn, as the total income, by the end of the fiscal year.

Nothing will be done until after the holidays but at the first of the year the council will call a halt on expenditures in every department and each branch of the city government will have to get along on much less than it has been spending up to the present time.

In addition to curtailing current expenses the discharge of about 250 city employees will be demanded about March 1, and several departments will be asked to work with smaller forces than they now employ. The street department will probably be the one to be hit hardest, as this department has the largest overdraft. The police force will also be reduced, for the police department is a flagrant violator in the question of expenses. This condition will last for three months, or until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

On the city auditor's books the income from licenses is greatly underestimated and it is stated that the amount which will be received from licenses will be \$100,000. The deficit and the economies to be practiced will take care of the remainder.

MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE USED UP

Chief Executive's Office Comes Out Just \$68 Short

In his effort to set an example of economy to the other departments Mayor McAleer has overdrawn the city treasury to the extent of \$68, although through no fault of his own. When the heads of departments submitted their estimates of current expenses at the beginning of the fiscal year, the mayor's estimate was the only one that was allowed without being scaled down by the finance committee. This was due to the fact that the mayor asked \$1000 less for the fiscal year than his department had received the year previous. His only demands were for his own and Clerk McKeag's salaries and \$17 a month for stationery. As the mayor was economical in his use of stationery this amount proved ample until he asked for the library investigation.

The investigation was entered into, stenographers were employed, certain court fees paid and some minor expenses incurred, the total amounting to about \$50 in the last four months. This has been assessed by the city auditor against the mayor's fund. In addition to this a city ordinance requires that the postal clerk be sent to owners of property abutting a proposed improvement, to which there is reason for objection. Thus cards are sent out for the police, fire and park commissions and these have all been charged up to the mayor's fund, although the contention is made that they should be charged to the different commissions.

Laboring under this difficulty Mayor McAleer has paid for supplies for his office out of his own pocket and it may be that the end is not yet. The library investigation is to continue. It is at the mayor's suggestion, although the active work will be done by the council. Whether or not the cost of further investigation will be charged against the mayor's fund or the council fund is a moot question, as the council has overdrawn its allotment to a greater extent than has the mayor.

RESISTS ATTACKS OF ANTS

The Ravenous Termites Turn Aside From Sugar Cured Lumber

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A new era for American lumber in the tropics is developing from the French process of treating fresh wood by means of sugar and heat, which, it is asserted, preserves it and gives the appearance of age. Consul Atwell, at Roubaix, who sent to the state department a preliminary report on the discovery last March, has now sent a supplemental statement, in which he says that specimens of the sugar seasoned wood have been exported to different tropical countries for trial and word now comes from the Madras presidency that specimens sent there have resisted successfully the attacks of white ants. This will doubtless bring about a revolution in the export timber trade to tropical countries, as soft wood treated by the process will replace the expensive teak and eucalyptus that are known to resist the ravages of white ants.

WHEW! 100 SKUNKS TO DIE

Trapper Prepares to Utilize His Summer Captures for Their Pelts

WEST CHESTER, Nov. 25.—Within a few days Joseph Funk of Embreeville will slaughter 100 skunks for their pelts. The oil will also be utilized. Funk has been trapping for a number of years. This season he adopted a new plan and has been capturing the animals alive all summer and sending them at his home, where they are carefully cared for. Their winter coats are now well grown and the pelts are ready for the market. Meanwhile the other trappers are just opening the season.

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SUCCESS PLANS FOR GREATER LOS ANGELES

Oscar Mueller of Chamber of Commerce Committee Gives Personal Views of Method of Consolidation of County and City

Beyond all doubt the most important question confronting Los Angeles today is the proposition to consolidate the city and county—to make of them one great municipality, perhaps not co-extensive with the present county, but in a general way extending "from the mountains to the sea." At the time of this proposition, in a measure, the city is feeling its way in the dark. No precedent exists, covering the same conditions as are evident here. Each step must be taken carefully, and without guidance. In a way, the New York consolidation is nearest the problem presented here; but in many respects it is vastly different. London, which some years ago drew together into a county, still maintains separate municipalities. San Francisco and St. Louis are simply cities outside of counties, since the limits of city and county authority are co-extensive. Hence, Los Angeles, so far ahead of other municipalities in so many other respects, must again plot the way, and proceed on its own responsibility, alone.

Have No Precedent

But one member of that committee, Oscar C. Mueller, has been for years studying this question, and he has also recognized the desire of Los Angeles people to have some light on it. The Herald asked Mr. Mueller for an interview on the subject and he will tell you "Only in a measure can I comply," said he. "I am one of the committee and we have agreed not to give out our conclusions till we make a formal report. But I can tell you a few of my own personal conclusions. You must not, however, presume to consider them in any way as voicing the sentiments or the opinions of the other committee members nor as anticipating them at all; that I do not presume to do. I am speaking for myself, and not for anyone else."

"What precedent have we, Mr. Mueller," was asked, "for this step?" "None. That is, there is no case similar in all respects. I think New York's consolidation comes nearest to what we want, but it is entirely different in many ways. For instance, 900 towns and cities were united there. We have nothing like so many to handle here. San Francisco is merely the union of city and county governments over the same amount of territory. We have, therefore, no genuine precedent, and it is only by feeling out our way and testing every suggestion that we can arrive at what is best."

Present System Absurd

"Hence, we seek the fullest possible discussion. Every suggestion helps us. There has been almost nothing in the way of suggestion so far, which is surprising. There should be plenty of it. This is the most important thing that could happen to Los Angeles and everyone should take the greatest interest in it."

"It is gratifying, therefore, to those who believe that a consolidation of city and county government is some form would be beneficial to have the general plan indorsed by the various civic organizations and the united press of Los Angeles."

"You consider our present government archaic, then?"

"A separate city and county government is, of course, absurd. No good reason can be advanced why this should be two assessors, two tax collectors, two treasurers, etc. These offices should be consolidated."

"Compare for a moment the tax rate of San Francisco with that of Los Angeles. A merchant of the northern metropolis will this year pay a combined state, county and city tax rate of \$1.50, while his Los Angeles competitor finds his rate will be \$2.30. Last year it was even higher. And this, notwithstanding the fact that it is conceded that San Francisco easily carries off the palm as the home of graft, while the city of Los Angeles is free from official scandals."

No Graft in Los Angeles

"Is it?"

"Yes, it is. I believe the officials of the city and the county of Los Angeles are as clean a set of men as will be found in any city of the United States."

"The reason for this low tax rate in San Francisco is undoubtedly due to the fact that San Francisco has a less expensive form of government—that is to say, combined city and county government."

Talks of Water Project

"How about the Owens river water? What bearing has it?"

"The Owens river water will supply a vast territory. While the city of Los Angeles might sell the water to the state immediately adjacent, it would be more beneficial to those towns to become a part of the city and county of Los Angeles. If the towns were outside of the city the sale could be discontinued at any time, whereas if they were a part of the city they would always receive their share of the water."

"Then as to territory to be taken in?"

"This will be a difficult problem to solve. It will be necessary to ascertain the sentiment of the people in the towns 'from the mountains to the sea.'"

"There has been a suggestion that some of the towns will lose their identity. What kind of a kind of a plan, in my opinion, I do not believe anyone can point to a precedent to establish such a view."

"The city is very fortunate in having such a splendid territory immediately surrounding it. In case of annexation we will not have to apologize for any portion of the greater city."

Los Angeles' Population, 500,000.

"What population would we then have?"

"The next federal census in 1910 would undoubtedly give Los Angeles a population of a half million, in the present the consolidation plan is adopted. The localities surrounding Los Angeles contain desirable citizens and we would not be subject to any

ANGEL CITY FIRST IN RELIEF WORK

FUND FOR JEWS NEARLY \$8000

The Committee in Charge Thanks All Those Who Responded So Generously to the Call for Assistance

The final report of the committee for the relief of the Russian Jews has been submitted and shows that within a few dollars of \$8,000 was collected in Los Angeles by the committee. The amount was larger in proportion to the size of the city than that given by any other city in the United States.

Following is the list of members of the committee who now take the opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed to the fund for the relief of their suffering brethren: D. A. Hamburger, chairman; George N. Black, secretary; Elie Cohn, H. Forer, I. L. Lowman, S. G. Marshutz, M. N. Newmark, Ben Kingsbaker.

Outlines Borough System

"In Greater New York there are the following administrative departments: Finance, law, police, water supply, gas, electricity, street cleaning, bridges, parks, public charities, correction, fire, health, tax, ferries, taxicabs, amusements, education, health and tenement house."

"Each borough has its president. There is also a board of estimate and apportionment. The mayor, comptroller, president of the board of aldermen and the presidents of the five boroughs constitute this board. The mayor, comptroller and president of the board cast three votes, the presidents of the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan cast two votes, the presidents of the boroughs of Bronx, Queens and Richmond cast one vote. They receive the estimates of the several boroughs, the heads of the departments, etc. The borough president may appoint and remove at pleasure a commissioner of public works for his borough."

New York Changes System

"Were not changes made in this scheme later?"

"According to the author of the annotated charter, many changes were made by the New York legislature of 1901. Powers and duties of many of the departments were revised and changed. The municipal assembly at the time of the formation of the new New York consisted of two houses. This was abolished and a board of aldermen substituted. The term of office of the mayor was shortened and his powers and duties enlarged. The public improvements were abolished and the duties of this board were transferred by the borough presidents and the commissioner of water supply, gas and electricity. The borough presidents and local boards had their powers greatly increased, and the local improvements in each improvement district were placed within the control of the local board."

Majority Favors Proposition

"But will not some opposition develop to this enlargement? We cannot expect it to be unanimous, can we?"

"Of course some opposition will appear. I have discussed the matter with those interested in large corporations with merchants and citizens generally; also with the leaders in the political parties, and have yet to hear a dissenting voice."

Lingerie Head Pillows

Lingerie head pillows have developed from the simple styles in which they made their appearance a few years ago into lavish elaborations. The finer, finer French handkerchief embroidery showing initials and delicate flower borders and wreaths has been from the first associated with these little pillows. This form of adornment is still preferred, but many other forms of decorative hand-work are also employed to make the pillows things of beauty.

ROB MEN; SPARE WOMAN

Eight People Held Up in a Railroad Station and Relieved of Valuables

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Nov. 25.—Four highwaymen entered the Washburn railroad station at Callatin Crossing Monday night and held up seven prospective passengers and the telegraph operator. They got \$100 in cash, besides jewelry.

The quartette of bandits rushed in upon them, and with pistols drawn ordered them to throw up their hands. All of the travelers complied with the robbers' wishes.

The robbers were extremely considerate. They did not rob a woman who was in the station, and they returned to the men enough money to allow them to proceed to the next regular station.

GOES TO JAIL TO WIN BRIDE

Sweetheart's Idea of Proving the Innocence of Her Loved One

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 25.—Charles Teckley, one of the most prominent farmers in Cambria county, is serving a peculiar form of martyrdom in the shape of a three-months' jail sentence in the Cambria county jail to convince his fiancée that he was not guilty of a charge involving morality.

He was convicted at the recent term of court, the plaintiff being Miss Ellen Miller, also a member of a prominent family.

He desired to escape the jail sentence by paying the customary sum of money, but his bride-to-be insisted on the payment of money as a confession of guilt and insisted that he go to jail and serve his sentence. They are to be married as soon as he is released.

TRAIN STALLED BY MINNOWS

Tiny Fish Clog Water Pipe and Render the Big Locomotive Useless

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WATERTOWN, S. D., Nov. 25.—A train on the Chicago and Northwestern railway was stalled here by wall-eyed minnows, which clogged the pipe leading from the water tank to the boiler of the locomotive. After half an hour's delay a pall and a half of these tiny creatures were taken from the pipe, and the locomotive was sent to the company's yard at Winona, Minn., to have the rest of the fish removed.

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Extra Specials In Silks

Our entire line of black and colored \$1.00 C R E P E de CHINESE; all silk; 24 inches wide, yard, 85c

Special Sale Silk Petticoats \$5.00

Made from good rustling taffeta; deep accordion pleated flounce, with two narrow ruffles and extra dust ruffle; in all-black and black changeable with colors.

Bargain Basement

Monday's Specials

\$1.00 colored percale shirt waist 1 in Persian stripes; extra values.... 79c

75c ladies' flannelette skirts; knee length..... 59c

50c ladies' flannelette kimonos..... 39c

15-inch twilled crash..... 5c

28-inch oriental table covers..... 35c

\$1.50 ecru scrim table covers; beautifully embroidered..... 50c

50c ladies' silk and leather belts..... 23c

\$1.50 leather hand bags..... 79c

Special sale, colored China silks, per yard..... 25c

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A dollar saved on a chair will buy a pair of lace draperies.

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Even 5 per cent is worth saving; yes, even 1 per cent.

But we save for you 25 per cent, 30 per cent, 35 per cent and 40 per cent, according to the class of goods.

\$7.50 Sanitary Couch for \$4.45

This fine piece of furniture is a favorite in every household. It can be used as a three-quarter or full size bed. Made of the best turned wire and will not sag. Anti-Trust price, \$4.45.

\$20 Chiffonier Folding Bed \$14

A beautiful piece of furniture, made of solid oak; the most popular new designs, good springs. One of the most compact and useful ideas in furniture ever invented. Trust price, \$20.00. At Brent's, \$14.00.

\$11 Toilet Table \$7.75

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You will be shown any style sideboard you desire. Our Anti-Trust prices: \$14.00, \$16.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$19.00 and up.

Silverware Department

Our silverware department is proving very popular. We are showing a complete line of silver tableware and other ornamental silver.

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