

READ AND THINK

An Important Rumor Regarding Railroad Transactions in Montana.

PLANS OF THE BURLINGTON

Good Authority Says that It Will Purchase the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 20.—It is stated on good authority that an offer has been made to sell the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railway to the Burlington. General Manager Holdrege, General Freight Agent Crosby and Commercial Agent Johnson of the Burlington are in Butte and made a tour of inspection over the B. A. & P. in company with Marcus Daly, president of the latter company. Holdrege refused to deny or confirm the report. It is said the Burlington officials will build from Billings to Butte. The purchase of the B. A. & P. would give the Burlington a complete coast outlet as it is in course of construction to a junction with the Great Northern.

ON THE DOWN PATH.

Signs That the Knights of Labor Will Fall to Pieces.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The election of John McBride as president of the American Federation of Labor has caused quite a stir in labor circles in this city. Dr. A. P. H. Leuff, one of the most prominent labor leaders in this city and a very strong Powderly follower, said today: "It is the belief that three national trade assemblies will soon secede from the ranks of the Knights of Labor. They are the mine workers, the glass workers and the brass workers. They represent 75 per cent of the membership of the Knights of Labor. The mine workers are dissatisfied, and at the convention of the national organization at Columbus, Ohio, in February, the matter of seceding from the knights will be considered. That they will secede is most probable. I believe the brass workers and the glass workers will also secede. The idea of secession is to form a confederation with the National Federation of Labor."

NEW YORK GAMBLERS.

Notes From Stock Exchange Proceedings at Yesterday's Session.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At the opening of the Exchange sugar was heavier, being pressed for sale. Western Union was also heavier, being sold down to 83 1/4. The directors of the Canada Southern railroad have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. The regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. has been declared on the Lake Shore railroad. The regular semi-annual 2 per cent. dividend has been declared on the Michigan Central. This time last year an extra dividend of 1/2 per cent. was declared.

BAD FOR INSURANCE MEN.

Three Extensive Fires Reported From Different Places.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 20.—Fire today destroyed the stores of William Bryan & Co., S. Wall & Co., N. Martin & Co., and Scales, Stockwell & Walter. Loss, \$50,000.
MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The Habbitt block, a four-story structure, in which were the First National bank and the Kabe's clothing store, was burned today. The loss is \$100,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Fire at Napoleonville, La., last night destroyed seven blocks, including most of the business portion of the town. Loss, \$125,000.

QUICK AND EMPHATIC.

It Only Took an Earthquake a Minute to Do Considerable Damage.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 20.—A violent earthquake shock lasting a minute was experienced at 10:30 p. m. yesterday at Oravieza, South Hungary. Many houses fell and the walls of others cracked. Roofs fell in and cornices tumbled into the streets. Less violent shocks were felt at 1 and 2 p. m. today. The inhabitants passed the night in the streets in spite of severe cold.

Reciprocity or Retaliation.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The feeling in political circles here is that President Cleveland does not intend to raise the duty on sugar imported from Cuba into the United States or make other reprisals in consequence of Cuban duty on American flour. On Saturday Signor Castro will introduce in the chamber of deputies a motion opposing the payment to the United States of the Moro claims.

POOR REASON

Given for the Killing of a Railroad Man at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., Dec. 20.—The circumstances of the killing of Richard Newell, Jr., general superintendent and chief engineer of the Midland Terminal road by T. W. Van Houten, a miner, near Independence last night are as follows: The owners of the Black Wonder mine could not agree with the railroad as to the damages for the right of way. Arbitration gave \$225. Gus Yeoman, one of the owners of the mine, told the men living in a cabin on the line of the road not to let a railroad disturb them under any circumstances. The railroad built its track with a sharp curve around the cabin. Newell went out a special car, stopped at the cabin and went in with papers in his hands. Soon after Newell came out quickly and Van Houten appeared in the door with a rifle, fired and Newell fell dead. Van Houten claims that he shot in self-defense.

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ANTI-TOXIN.

The Remedy Credited With a Cure in Newark, New Jersey.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—The first cure in Newark by the application of the anti-toxin serum to a child suffering from diphtheria has been recorded. Dr. Albert Frey was called on Monday to attend the three-year-old son of William Lockhart of Seventh street south. The child was suffering from diphtheritic croup. Usual remedies were applied without relief. Wednesday afternoon Dr. Frey sent for a vial of the remedy. It contained twenty-five centimetres. That evening fifteen cubic centimetres were injected. The following afternoon the remaining ten were administered. The first effects were noted Thursday afternoon, twenty-four hours after the first injection. Yesterday morning the child was up and playing about the house.

WILLING TO RECEDE.

Secretary Carlisle Agrees to Doctor His Sick Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A conference was held today at the treasury department between Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer of the house committee on banking and currency relative to amending the Carlisle currency bill, now before the house. The subject was gone over fully and as a result of the talk Springer will propose a number of amendments designed to remove some objections advanced against the bill. One objection is that under section 7 some banks may be permitted to take a circulation of 90 per cent of their capital stock, while the bill limits the circulation to 75 per cent of the capital stock. This would be remedied by requiring the excess to be returned by a deposit of greenbacks.

DYNAMITE CRUISERS.

China Will Purchase Them and Americans Operate Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Chinese agent in Washington is negotiating with Mendonca, minister for Brazil, for the purchase of the dynamite cruisers, Nicholas and Andrada. The former has the celebrated Dalinzi dynamite gun on board, which Brazil found no opportunity to use against the rebels in the late outbreak. The plan is, if the trade goes through, to have the vessels taken to China by Americans, who are expected to remain long enough to instruct the Chinese in their operations.

COPPER MARKET.

The Red Metal is Showing Signs of Becoming More Valuable.

From the New York Mining and Engineering Journal the following in regard to the copper market is taken: The advance previously reported has made further progress, and during the week business has been done in Lake ingot copper at 9 1/2 c, while Lake wire bars are not obtainable below 10 c. It is understood that the Calumet and Hecla company is now negotiating for a general sale, and it is said that the price will not be below 10 c. Electrolytic copper for near delivery is not offered at all, and January-February is held for 9 1/2 c. For casting copper the price is 9 1/2 c. Exports continue on a very small scale, and we understand that a great many inquiries have been received over here for fine copper from Europe, but the prices asked have checked business. It is reported that the output of the Anaconda has been rather smaller during the past month, and since then has been further curtailed, which fact may influence the price.

In Europe large buying forced up prices early in the week to £11 2s. 6d. for spot and £11 10s. for futures, but at these prices realizations of speculative holdings took place, and some copper came out for sale. This brought about a reaction, and the market closes somewhat irregular at £10 12s. 6d. for spot, and £11 for three months. A very good demand existed for refined and manufactured and closing quotations are: English tough, £12 10s. 6d. 1/2; strong sheets, £13 4s. 10s.; best selected, £11 5s.; 1/4 dia. sheets, £13 4s. 10s.; yellow metal, 4 1/2 d.

The following figures give the production (in tons of 2,240 pounds) of copper in the United States, and also by the chief foreign mines, and the exports from the United States, for November and the eleven months ending Nov. 30:

Year.	
1894.	1893.
Produce, fine copper, long tons	11,944
Reporting mines in U. S.	11,944
Pyrites, outside sources U. S.	1,500
Reporting foreign mines	4,951
Total production, long tons	13,445
Exports from U. S., fine copper	4,755
	70,338
	75,093

From the Boston letter in the paper the following is taken: The dealings in Boston & Montana have been large, and the price has advanced from \$31 1/4 to \$33 1/2. Butte & Boston has only held its own this week, with sales at \$11 1/2. It is said that the mine produced in November about 100 tons copper and 110,000 oz. silver.

They Escaped.

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 20.—After an all-night session the jury in the case of Rose Reimer and Catherine Reimer, mother and daughter, of Dalton, O., charged with arson in firing their home and causing the recent disastrous fire at Dalton, returned a verdict of not guilty.

WANT TO GET OFF

Some Members of Congress Anxious for the Usual Holiday Adjournment.

CARLISLE'S CURRENCY BILL

Still Hangs Fire in the House and Is Being Raked Over the Coals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The house met at 10 o'clock today. Breckinridge of Kentucky reported the important urgency deficiency bill, appropriating \$300,000 for the census. The appropriation was included in the deficiency bill, which passed the house a few days ago, but which is being held up in the senate. Breckinridge stated that unless the supplementary bill was passed immediately the work of the census would stop. Cannon of Illinois prevailed on Breckinridge to accept an amendment appropriating \$125,000 for the fees of jurors (also included in the former bill) and as amended the bill was passed. On motion of Sickles of New York a bill was passed to pension the widow of the late Major General Nathaniel P. Banks at the rate of \$100 a month. Outhwaite presented a joint resolution for the usual holiday adjournment to begin Saturday, Dec. 22, and end Thursday, Jan. 3. The resolution was privileged. English of New Jersey arose with the intention of offering an amendment to adjourn tomorrow when Outhwaite cut him off with a demand for the previous question. The gentleman from New Jersey gave notice that he would demand a quorum. The vote only developed the presence of forty-five members, and Outhwaite withdrew the resolution. The house then went into committee of the whole and reviewed consideration of the currency bill. Sherry of the committee took the floor in support of the measure. Sherry said, while personally he did not favor a revival of state banks, he was willing to acquiesce under the conditions imposed, in order to secure the good features of the measure. He was a believer in the safety fund principle, he said, because it insured prompt redemption of notes without expense to the holders. It made the notes practically national currency.

His Journey Ended.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Ev. Gov. and ex-United States Senator James L. Alcorn of Mississippi died this morning at his estate at Eagle Nest. Governor Alcorn was 78 years of age. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

OLD HICKORY.

SOME REMINDERS OF JACKSON TO BE SECURED BY THE NATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A number of the personal effects of Andrew Jackson, as well as some of the furniture which was in the Hermitage at Nashville during his lifetime, will soon occupy a conspicuous place in the National Museum here. They are at present the property of Colonel Jackson, the adopted son of the old general, now residing in Cincinnati, where they are stored. Representative Berry of Newport, Ky., called on the commissioners at the National Museum this morning and obtained their consent to place them in the museum. Col. Jackson desires ultimately to sell them to the government and the commissioners are anxious to secure them. They told Col. Berry to have them shipped on at once, and on arrival they will be placed near the main entrance, immediately to the right of the great door leading from the hall. The collection will consist of chairs, a set of bedroom furniture, wearing apparel, swords, bric-a-brac, and a number of small pieces used by the general during his lifetime. They will be of equal interest with the Grant collection, which occupies a space directly opposite that allotted to Gen. Jackson's collection. A bill will be introduced at the next session authorizing the commissioners to purchase this valuable collection.

WOULDN'T FACE THEM.

A BOSTON BROKER WHO WAS SHORT \$50,000 SKIPS OUT.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Paul J. Swain, a well known merchandise broker of Providence and this city, left his office on the morning of Dec. 11 to meet a financial obligation and has not returned. It is now known that his losses made it impossible for him to meet his indebtedness, and instead of keeping the appointment with his creditors Swain went to New York, where all trace of him is lost. The liabilities, it is claimed, reach nearly \$50,000. The assets are only a few thousand dollars. Friends fear he has become insane.

Naughty Couple.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 21.—C. G. Valentine and Mrs. Mulvaney arrived here at midnight, accompanied by Capt. Donovan, who brought them from Texas. They were taken at once to the city jail. They are under indictment for adultery under the United States law, and also for grand larceny and embezzlement.

From Jail to Parliament.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—The Post says that arrangements have been concluded between Redmond and the govern-

ment for the release of certain prisoners confined for participating in the dynamite outrages. Among them is John Daly, who will be nominated for parliament in Limerick.

GRITTY GIRL.

MISS NEBBITT OF KANSAS, WOULD NOT ALLOW THE RAILROAD OFFICE TO BE ROBBED.

LAWRENCE, Kas., Dec. 21.—This morning an attempt was made to rob the Union Pacific depot at Bonner Springs, which was in charge of Miss Fannie Nesbitt, night operator. The robber demanded the money. She refused it, whereupon the robber struck her over the head with a revolver, but departed without securing any booty. Miss Nesbitt was very roughly used but sustained no dangerous wounds.

UP AND DOWN.

CAPTAIN CLEGG WAS THROWN TOO HIGH TO REACH BOTTOM SAFELY.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 21.—When Captain James Clegg, foreman of a pipe line gang for the New Martinsville Gas Company, was caulking the pipe under a thousand pounds direct pressure the pipe burst, throwing Capt. Clegg a hundred feet into the air, killing him instantly, his neck being broken. Half a dozen other workmen were knocked down and severely injured.

GOOD RIDDANCE.

CHRISTIE WAS HANGED IN GOOD STYLE AT KALISPELL YESTERDAY.

KALISPELL, Dec. 21.—Christie was hanged this morning at 10:07 o'clock. His iron nerve remained to the last. He walked firmly to the gallows and smiled most of the time. He claimed innocence to the last, and uttered a prayer, after which the trap was sprung. Death was instantaneous and the execution successfully done. About one hundred witnessed the hanging.

RAILROAD CHANGE.

RUMOR THAT SUPERINTENDENT FARRELL OF THE GREAT NORTHERN HAS RESIGNED.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—It is rumored among the various railroad men of the city that J. D. Farrell, general superintendent of the western division of the Great Northern, stationed at Spokane, has sent in his resignation to take effect Jan. 1. Mr. Farrell's health has been very poor lately and that is probably the reason for his resignation. Patrick Ryan, superintendent of the Cascade division, may be promoted to the vacancy.

ENDED HIS TROUBLES.

A BANK CASHIER PULLED THE TRIGGER AND THE BULLET DID THE REST.

BREWSTER, Mo., Dec. 21.—F. B. Farrington, treasurer of the Brewster Savings bank, a well known dry goods man, shot himself through the head this morning. He died in half an hour. Farrington was 55 years old and married. Some years ago he met with financial reverses and had to part with much of his property. The affairs of the bank are in good condition. The cause of the suicide is not known.

HARDLY POSSIBLE.

AN ALLEGED INTERDICTION BY THE POPE AGAINST SECRET SOCIETIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Monsignor Sattoli declines to make any statement as to the tenor of the letter sent from Rome to Bishop McConnell affecting secret societies. High ecclesiastical authority, however, said it was the understanding that it was an interdiction against secret societies in general and not confined to the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

AN EX-MEMBER OF CONGRESS CONVICTED OF PENSION FRAUD.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 21.—Judge Edgerton has refused a new trial to Jere Hardison, the Pine Bluff attorney convicted of pension frauds. His sentence of two years in the Detroit house of correction, and of \$5,000 fine therefore will stand. Hardison was a member of congress from Alabama during the reconstruction period.

Slight Irregularity.

VICTOR, Col., Dec. 20.—The city council has removed Mayor Barger and suspended the city marshal. The charges are misappropriating city funds. The investigating committee reported that the only foundation for the charges was a slight irregularity.

A Fool and Five Orphans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charles Peterson today shot and killed his wife and then himself. Groundless jealousy was the cause. Five young orphans were made by the tragedy.

Died with a Secret.

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 21.—This morning Miss Fannie Market, a highly respected young lady, jumped from the Clinton & Illinois high bridge into the Mississippi river. She was dead when the body was recovered. No cause is known.

Rebellious Italians.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Three newspapers were convicted today for publishing the proceedings of the League of Liberty, anarchistic society. A number of taxpayers have decided to refuse to pay the new tax and will test its validity at law.

How Does Cleveland Feel?

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Gold to the amount of \$2,150,000 has already been engaged for shipment tomorrow.

IS CRAW-FISHING

The Bankers Compel Secretary Carlisle to Change His Currency Plan

TO SUIT THEIR OWN IDEAS

He Is Willing to Make Any Concession to Have the Bill Become a Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Carlisle currency bill now before the house of representatives will be withdrawn and a substitute presented. This decision was reached after a caucus of democratic members of the banking and currency committee quietly held last night, followed by a conference held between Carlisle and Chairman Springer today. The substitute has already been drawn and will be offered by Springer tomorrow—certainly before the holiday recess—as the desire of all concerned is to settle the matter prior to adjournment. It differs very materially from the original Carlisle bill. Two very important features appear for the first time in the substitute. The original Carlisle bill contemplated that all national banks must reorganize under the new plan. This would have required them to surrender the government bonds which now constitute the basis of their circulation. The substitute does away with this imperative change. If national banks wish to continue to hold their United States bonds to issue circulation thereon they may do so. It is felt that they will soon discover the advantages of the new system and therefore adopt it voluntarily. Another important feature of the substitute is that it does away with unknown liabilities. The banks guarantee the notes of all the other banks. The original bill contemplated that, if a national bank failed its notes could be paid out of its assets and a "general safety fund" made up by all the banks, but if the assets and safety fund were insufficient to pay the notes of the failed bank, then the comptroller of the currency was to make a pro rata assessment to shoulder all banks with the unknown risk. In effect it made them supply insurance on the notes of all banks in which they had no concern. In view of these criticisms the substitute will do away with the assessment plan. The safety fund will be the limit of liability of all the banks for the failure of individual banks. They will, however, be compelled to keep up this safety fund by more rigid provisions than proposed in the original plan.

A Little Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—At least twenty members of the house crowded into the area in front of the speaker's rostrum today in an effort to secure the passage by unanimous consent of bills of local importance, but English of New Jersey, who has inaugurated a war of retaliation against unanimous consent legislation until a measure of his is passed, was on guard and obdurate. However, he allowed a joint resolution offered by Livingston of Georgia, providing for the entrance of foreign exhibits to the cotton states international exposition at Atlanta next year to go through. "This bill, I understand, involves the admission of contract labor," suggested Wilson of Washington, humorously. "I want to remind the gentleman that but a short time ago he was not in favor of the admission of a single coachman. Does this bill provide for the admission of English coachmen?" "It does not," replied Livingston, amid laughter. English also allowed the senate bill, amending the act creating the court of appeals for the District of Columbia, to pass.

BLACK DIAMONDS.

A BIG SYNDICATE WILL OPERATE ROCK SPRINGS COAL MINES.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—A special to the Times from Cheyenne, Wyo., says that a Chicago syndicate having a capital of \$1,000,000 has bought the properties of the Van Dyke, Sweetwater and Rock Springs coal companies, comprising all the mines at Rock Springs, Wyo., not controlled by the Union Pacific. The syndicate is said to have bought mines in Kansas and Nebraska and to have secured options on others in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

THE RIGHT RING.

WESTERN BANKERS EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 21.—The leading bankers and business men of this city held a meeting yesterday to discuss the Baltimore plan for regulating the currency. The meeting did not endorse the so-called Baltimore plan. It was the sense of the meeting that in any currency plan acted upon a constituent part thereof should be the reorganization of silver or that it should offer no impediment to the return of bimetallicism as it existed prior to 1878. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we believe the proposition advanced by W. P. St. John of New York comes nearer expressing the financial views of the business men of the west than anything so far proposed by eastern men. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of calling a meeting of bankers to be held for the purpose of taking action on the financial question.

BOARD OF TRADE.

A WELL ATTENDED MEETING—HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION DISCUSSED.

The board of trade held a meeting last Friday afternoon in Judge Race's office, in the Tod building. About 25 business men were present and the meeting was a very interesting one. A determination to take hold of the work of the board with renewed energy was expressed by several speakers, and the report of Chairman King of the committee on new industries in the work accomplished during the summer was a most encouraging one to every member present.

The question of the advisability of issuing \$500,000 bonds for the construction of the high school and other school buildings was brought up. Messrs. Scott, Dunn, Gibson, Woodbury and others spoke on the subject. Each of the gentlemen expressed themselves as strongly in favor of building the high school and willing to vote the \$500,000 or any other sum needed for this purpose as soon as they were satisfied that the money would be spent judiciously and the school district receive value in return, but declared just as strongly their distrust of the present school board, judging from their acts in the past that the money would not be spent to the best advantage for the district. The facts in relation to the letting of the late contract practically without competitive bids, the large sum of extras already incurred, the unsatisfactory character of the work done, the violations of the specifications, the payment of the contractor for material which never entered into the building, all these were gone over and cited as evidence of the unfitness of the present board to take charge of an enterprise involving so large a sum of money. It was the sense of the meeting that the board should be changed by the introduction of new members before the bonds were voted.

Judge Race said there was little hope of any of the board resigning. They felt themselves to be equal to the building of a capitol for the United States and all persuasion to the contrary would be useless. It was finally determined to appoint a committee consisting of Matt Dunn, L. S. Woodbury, Paris Gibson, R. S. Ford, Judge Race and A. M. Scott to wait on the trades and labor council and state to them the position of the board of trade and the large taxpayers of this city, and to emphatically deny the assertions circulated by malicious parties that there was any opposition on the part of the board or the taxpayers to the construction of a high school building or to delay its construction any longer than was necessary to secure a board which, in their opinion, could be safely entrusted with the expenditure of the large sum of money required.

Chairman King from the committee on manufactures made a report which was listened to with intense interest by the members present and which showed that the committee had been doing good work during the summer and that fruits from their labors beyond the expectations of anyone were likely to result therefrom in the very near future.

THE SUBURBAN PARKS.

THE CITY COUNCIL IS DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION OF THEIR DESIRABILITY.

The city council legislative committee and the park commissioners held a joint session last Friday in the council chamber to consider the park question. City Attorney Largent took the ground that the proper method to pursue was to get the legislature to pass a bill legalizing the action of the last city council in purchasing the parks, and pointed out the fact that a general bill would not answer the purpose if the city desired to retain its purchases, as the question of limit of indebtedness would be raised.

Mr. Paris Gibson, in a powerful speech advocated the wisdom and economy of retaining the suburban park purchases. He said the Sun River park was only two and a half miles from the city limits now and that it would not be many years before it would be inside the city limits. The lots donated to the city in the Highland park and Willard additions alone at any fair valuation would sell for enough to pay for all the park purchases. He believed that the young men of this city would yet live to see it have a population of 250,000. There was not another city in the west which had within its elements of growth which this city possessed, and he felt sure that the people of this city would range themselves in the line of progress in the matter of parks and that aldermen who opposed the retention of the present purchases would live to regret their action.

Alderman Williams said he was opposed to the present park locations, as they were too far outside the city. He felt that the people had pronounced against the park purchases at the last aldermanic election as the park question was an issue at that time. Paris Gibson said this was news to him and he did not believe that the people of this city held any such views.

Ald. Young stated that he should oppose the retention of the present park purchases at all times and made a warm speech in support of his views. Ald. Fitzgerald said there was plenty of time to consider the matter and was in favor of taking no action at all until the supreme court decision in the matter of the legality of the purchases had been rendered. The joint committee then took a vote on a motion to recommend that the council instruct the county attorney to prepare a bill for the next legislature legalizing the park purchases. The motion carried with one dissenting vote—David Williams. The mayor then convened the council in special session, all the members being present except Alderman Sullivan. The report of the joint committee was then made to the council. Alderman Robert made the adoption of the report and Alderman Jocelyn supported it in a strong speech. On vote the motion to adopt was defeated, Aldermen Jocelyn, Hansen and Roberts voting yes, and Aldermen Williams, Young, Fitzgerald and McDonald voting no.