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THE NEW CITY CHARTER.

Roanoke is not a very old city, but for a time its growth was very rapid. Thus it happened that many of the provisions for its government and maintenance were inadequate, and in consequence revisions of the charter have been several times necessary. Some of these changes were wise and worked well in the machinery of municipal management. Others born of ignorance of the true needs of the city or an exaggerated idea of its limits and possibilities were early found as unserviceable as the fifth wheel of a wagon, and as unnecessary as a brake upon a smooth and level road. As a result of these unprofitable innovations the city was put to a great deal of unnecessary expense in the creation of new offices, for which there was no necessity. All of these changes in the charter are so fresh in the minds of our citizens as to need no recapitulation. Suffice it to say that most of them have been fully tried and found wanting, leaving the tax-payers with the burdens to bear and the community the ill results of so much overweight.

Recently the City Council, with the most laudable motives possible, have overhauled the present charter, and after weeks of laborious work have formulated a new one which is to be presented to the legislature for adoption or rejection. While some of the minor changes of the document may be improvements over old methods, there are those which on a careful examination, will be found unnecessary innovations, and some of them of very doubtful propriety. A short raview of some of these proposed changes may not be out of order in this connection, along with a notice of such objections as are apparent on examina-

First in the list of such objections is the proposition to combine the office of mayor with that of justice of the peace and pay him a fixed salary for his services. Instead of doing this it appears to us that a far better plan would be to pay the mayor of the city merely a nominal salary or let him serve for nothing as members of the Council now do. Thus the people would be able to bestow the honor on some worthy citizen who would be unable or unwilling to devote his whole time to the plodding details of such a position as is con templated in the provisions of the proposed charter, while the legal duties could be more satisfactorily filled, perhaps, at a fixed salary by some one better acquainted with the law.

Again it appears to us that the creation of the position of city tax collector, and paying the treasurer a salary is simply adding to the number of paid | the two organizations. officials without, in any degree, lessening expenses. This work of collecting taxes, licenses, etc., seems to have been done as well under the old system as it will be possible to do it under the new. It is simply adding to the complications of the municipal government without any reciprocal roturns in the matter of economy.

The plan of paying the commissioner of revenue a salary instead of compensating him by the legitimate fees of the office, is open to the general objection, in the case of all such officers, that where the salary is fixed by law the incentives to active exertion are in a large degree removed, and, in consequence, instead of adding to the receipts of the city from this office, it is only paving the way for deficits. As a plain business proposition, founded on even a slight knowledge of human nature, it must be admitted by all that the worst collectors imaginable, as a rule, are salaried ones. Sometimes, it is true, men are so conscientious that they will work harder for a weekly, monthly or annual stipend than for wages which are paid in fees and commissions; but these men are rare, so far as the exper- | the Vatican museum. ience of governments and corporations

Another proposition that demands the thoughtful consideration of tax-payers is the one to give the Council the power to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city to an extent not exceeding fitteen per centum of the assessed value of the real and personal property of the city for the benefit of schools and to make such internal improvements as in the wisdom of the municipal legislature may seem necessary. The law already allows the city to issue bonds to ten per cent, of the assessed value of such property, and, in view of the great shrinkages which have occurred in values here

within the past four years, it would seem just as well for the city to feel its way for awhile, before rushing eagerly forward to a five per cent. addition to such bonded indebtedness. There will be time enough for this a few years later, when prosperity has come on with a full swing, and then, indeed, the rapid filling in of vacant places and the great enhancement in values may render this unnecessary. At any rate, our advice in the matter of charter amendments, is to go slow, and in every case let well enough alone.

THE NEW YEAR.

To-day is the beginning of a new year. The one just closed has been a long record of disasters by sea and land, of wars and rumors of wars. The year 1896, in the unsettled issues left by 1895, is fraught with great events, involving the peace and happiness of millions of human beings. Life, however, is full of vicissitudes, for the meeting of which a conscience void of offense towards God and man is alone required. THE TIMES wishes all of its readers a happy new year, and hopes, when the veil that hides the future is lifted, that it will reveal a fullness of peace and prosperity to the people of this city, State and nation.

Russia, not so very long ago, was reported as being nearly bankrupt. Recent developments, however, show that the government of the Czar not only has money enough to meet all its obligations, but is ready to lend it to other nations. China borrowed of Russia. through France, the funds with which to pay the Japanese indemnity, and now it is reported that the Great Bear of the North is ready to lend money to the United States. Nor is this all. Russia, it is said, has entered into a secret treaty with the Sultan of Turkey, and is offering to loan money to him to recuperate his finances, which are said to be in a helpless condition. What England will do under the circumstances remains to be seen. It certainly does not seem that there is much co-operation among the great powers in regulating Turkish affairs.

THE gold reserve is now less than sixty four million dollars, and another bond issue is impending. But there is no deficit in our revenue, according to Secretary Carlisle. We borrow money to maintain the gold reserve; the gold hunter depletes the reserve with our greenbacks; the greenbacks go into the Treasury, and, in a sort of now you seeit-and-now-you-don't way, stand off the deficit, pay current governmental expenses and come up again smilingly to the work of depleting the gold reserve. Great is the art of jugglery in finance, and Carlisle is its prophet .- Petersburg Index-Appeal.

BRAZIL, following the example of England in the Venezuelan boundary question, refuses to adopt the suggestion of Great Britain to arbitrate with the last named power the disputed ownership of the Island of Trinidad. In other words the South American republic gives John Bull a dose of his own

Proposed Union of Societies.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 31 .- A movement toward the unification of the two similar societies, the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution, was begun here to-day, when a half dozen or more representa-tives of the two Onlo societies of the orders met for conference. The difference between the two organ zations is so slight that there is reason to believe the Onio societies will favor amalgamation and their influence may be effective in producing a complete unification of

An ex-Convict Lynched.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 31.—News has reached here of the lynching of Andrew reached here of the lynching of Andrew Brown, a negro ex-convict and a notorious cattle thief, in Simpson county. Brown attempted to sell three fat cattle at Westville and was arrested. A constable started with him to a justice of the peace near where the theft was committed. On the way he was taken from the officers by a mob, swung to a tree and riddled with bullets.

Three Men Killed by an Explosion.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31.—A terrific boiler explosion, by which three men were killed, occurred at the law men were killed, occurred at the law colliery at Avoca, a small mining town twelve miles from here, this morning. The dead are: Alexander Young, aged 33, a pump driller; Thomas McDonald, aged 52, machinist, and John Rolls, aged 50. The two first named were mangled beyond recognition. The explanation is supported to the second of the sec plosion is supposed to have been caused by low water in the boiler.

Duchess of Marlborough Well.

ROME, Dec. 31 —Inquiries were made to-night by the representative of the Associated Press as to the health of the young Duchess of Marlborough, for-merly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York. It has been learned that she is in excellent health, and went last even-ing to the theatre. To-day she visited

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THE SAN FRANCISCO SCANDAL.

Mrs. Davidson Persists in Her Story and Gives Details in Corroboration. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 .- Mrs. Mary SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mary Davidson, the Sunday-school teacher who is under arrest for an alleged attempt to extort money from Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, rastor of the First Congressional Church, has made public a lengthy statement, in which she reiterates the charges made against the minister. Many details are given for the purpose of corroborating the story. Mrs. Davidson says Miss Overman told her the names of other women who were known by Mr. Brown.

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One of the most interesting features of the story is the statement that Miss Overman went to the local newspapers four months ago and offered to sell a story for S1,000, which she said would ruin a prominent resident of this city and cause a sensation all over the country. When the statement was flag transfer. try. When the statement was first made Miss Overman denied the assertion. The paper in question to-day prints an inter-view with its city editor, in which he says a woman whom he believes to have been Miss Overman did offer to sell him a scandalous story about a prominent man whom she refused to name unless raid \$1,000.

Miss Overman, who resides at Ta-oma, Wash, was divorced from her husband several years ago. Her hus-band, who was a gambler, was killed in a gambling house at Butte, Mont. The local ministry and the members of Dr. Brown's church express the utmost faith in his uprightness. The ministers, at their weekly meeting, adopted a resolu-tion of confidence in Dr. Brown.

Mrs. Davidson says she will make further sensational accusations during her trial, involving several prominent members of the First Congregational Church, male and female, in scandals similar to that in which she implicated

Miss Overman to-day admitted that four months ago she offered to sell to a local paper, for \$1,000, a story which she said would ruin a prominent man in this city. Miss Overman said when she offered to sell the story she was under the influence of Mrs. Davidson and as a matter of fact know nothing against

A STARTLING CONFESSION.

An Operator Admits That he Caused Wreck.

Wreck.
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 31.—The startling developments to-day about last night's wreck was the confession of Fred Droege, the operator at Storr's station in Cincinnati, that he was to blame for the wreck. He visited Superintendent Rawn of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and said that the trait diswestern and said that the train dis-patcher at Washington, Ind., asked him if the Louisville express, No. 19, had passed his station. He answered that it

had not.

The fact was No. 19 had gone by.
Orders were then given to the St. Louis
accommodation, No. 8, coming east to
meet No. 19 at Delhi, eleven miles
west of Cincinnati. The Washington,
Ind., office soon learned that No. 19 had
passed Delhi. Then he knew that a
head end collision was inevitable and
told Story's station to perpass wrocking. told Storr's station to prepare wrecking train at once, which was done. The collision occurred in a curve at Coal City, fourteen miles west of Cincinnati. The rest has already been told in these dispatches.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—A special to the Star from Perry, O. T., says: In-dignation exists in Pawnes county over charged with cutting timber on Govern-ment lands and selling whiskey to Indians. Investigation shows the charges to have been trumped up, and about one-half of the deputies of that county have been recommended for aus-

Suicided From Chagrin. WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 31.—Rather than appear in court as a defendant in a shooting case, Lewis R Clayton, a pop-ular young farmer of Thornbury town-ship, committed suicide to day by shoot-ing himself in the head. Clayton had ing himself in the nead. Crayton nad been arrested on the instance of George Sharpless, charged with attempting to shoot the latter a few weeks ago. Clayton brooded over his arrest, and had often told his parents of people teasing him about the case. His trial was to have taken place next month. have taken place next month.

Hunting for a Desperado

KANSAS CITY, Mo Dec. 31 .- A special to the Star from Perry, O. T., says: Bill Doolin, an outlaw, after an unsuc-Bill Doolin, an outlaw, after an unsuccessful attempt to compromise with the authorities, is being pursued by armed deputies. Doolin, tired of living a life of outlawry, agreed to surrender if assured of a light sentence. The proposition was refused by United States Marshal Nix, who immediately set his officers out to capture the robber and murderer.

Alleged Counterfeiter Arrested

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.-William Graham, the alleged shover of bad money, who was captured at Paola, Kan., ten days ago by government offi-cers, reached here to-day. He is in the cus ody of the United States marshal of Kansas City, and will be placed in jail here to await trial. Graham is a mem-ber of the Dye gang. The officers now think they have the whole gang.

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REPENTED AT LAST,

A Defaulting Tax Collector Makes Res-

titution.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Dayid Crockett Boggs, who was tax collector of Wyandotte county, Kan., in 1859, and who suddenly disappeared in that year with a shortage of about \$5,000 returned to Kansas City to day voluntarily to make good his shortage.

Mr. Boggs is a son of L. W. Boggs, who was governor of the State of Missouri in 1834-36. When he disappeared he entered the Confederate army and served under General Forrest in the Second Missouri cavalry. At the close of the war he went to Colorado and engaged in the stock business. He never communicated with his family and all communicated with his family and all of them who are now living supposed that he was dead. Mr. Boggs' father, the governor, died in Oregon during the war.

Mr. Boggs' residence is now at Mont-Mr. Boggs' residence is now at Montrose, Colo. He returned to Kanaas City solely in order to make good his shortage, having made a small fortune during his absence. He desired, he said, to die with a clear conscience, and, as he was old, asked that he not be made to suffer for his youthful misdoings. His wish will doubtless be granted.

HORSELESS CARRIAGES.

Grand Transportation of a Cleveland Cor-

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—An evening paper says that a mammoth project for the transportation of passengers through the streets of Cleveland is now under way. The plan embraces the practical use of horseless carriages on time schedules, with various lines in operation

ules, with various lines in operation over regular systems of streets. A partnership of wealthy Clevelanders has already been formed to carry out this great project, and a big corporation is to be obtained eventually.

The first lot of carriages have been ordered and it is expected that a part of the system will be in active operation by June 1, 1896. The horseless carriage motors to be used are the product of an inventor of Germany. They are noiseless gasoline motors of the most improved order. This make of the carriages is already in use and there seems to be no doubt as to their perfect utility. The fare will be 2½ cents to all sections the city. all sections the city.

Mitsing Steamer Heard From

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 31.—The fruit schooner Ella S. Hill, consigned fruit schooner Ella S. Hill, consigned to H. Bayer & Son, which has been out thirty-four days from the West Indies and was supposed to have been lost, was heard from to-day. Bayer & Son received a message that the schooner had reached Antigua, having passed through a severe gale. She is in no way damaged and her crew are in good health. She is due in about ten days.

BOANOKE, VA., Dec 31, 1895
To the Citizens of the City of Boanoke:
Notice is hereby given that the City
Council will hold an adjourned meeting
in the Council chamber of the city on
the 2d day of January, 1896, at 8 o'clock
p. m., for the purpose of considering a
draft of a new charter for the p. m., for the purpose of considering a draft of a new charter for the city of Roanoke, which has been submitted to Council by a committee thereof; and, by a resolution of the Council, it is provided that all citizens of the city interested in the proposed amendments to the city charter are invited to by presthe city charter are invited to be pres-ent, and may submit suggestions in writ-ing, which will be taken under coning, which will be taken under con-sideration by Council and acted upon In accordance, therefore, with the pro-visions of said resolution, all citizens interested in said city charter amend-ment are invited to be present at said meeting. President Council.

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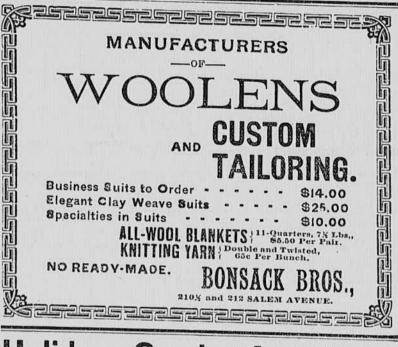
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