

POLICE APPROPRIATION REMAINS UNCHANGED

Imprecicable to Make Reduction In Expenses, Says Finance Committee.

MORE MONEY FROM THE 'PHONES

Bell Company Will Have to Pay \$500 in License Tax Under New Ordinance—General Tax Levy Fixed at \$1.25; School Levy at 20 Cents—Work Almost Completed.

Concluding that it would be utterly impracticable to reduce the appropriation for the police department for the coming fiscal year, the finance committee of the council last night fixed upon \$24,550 as the amount to be set aside in the new budget for this department. This is just what the appropriation was last year, and carries out the recommendation of the board of commissioners, with the exception of two items, \$500 for an additional detective and \$20 added to the incidental fund, which were stricken out.

The police department was discussed at length when the finance committee met last night to continue its work on the budget and license tax ordinance. Attending the meeting were Chairman J. Winston Reid, Messrs. West, Davis, Ford and Robinson and Dr. Haskins.

Everyone, especially Messrs. Robinson, Davis, and Mr. D. C. Jones, president of the common council, desired to have the appropriation cut down. It was apparent, however, that no reduction could be made without reducing the number of policemen by cutting off some of the beats or lengthening the hours of duty, or by reducing the pay of the men. A majority of the committee would not agree to do any of these things, therefore the appropriation was not changed.

License Tax Ordinance.

The committee concluded its work on the budget, and the license tax ordinance is completed except for sections relating to street railway and lighting companies. These sections will be considered next Friday night, March 27, at which time the committee of the Merchants' Association will be heard from again.

Afte. Telephone Companies.

Telephone companies were given a considerable share of attention. The license tax on telephone companies is now \$100. It was decided to make the rates in the new ordinance as follows:

Companies charging not more than \$2 for residence 'phones and not more than \$3 for business 'phones, \$100; companies charging not more than \$2.50 for residence 'phones and not more than \$4 for business 'phones, \$500; companies charging in excess of \$2.50 for residence 'phones and in excess of \$4 for business 'phones, \$1,500.

According to the rates now charged, the Citizens Company will pay \$100 license tax, and the Bell company \$500. An increase in rates would mean an increase in license tax for either company. In addition to the tax mentioned above, each company pays 50 cents for each pole it has on the city's streets.

Private Banks Unchanged.

It was decided to allow the license on private banks to remain at \$500. The tax on lawyers, doctors and other professional men was reduced from \$10 to \$5.

The section requiring bootblacking establishments to pay a license of \$2.50, was changed so as to require each bootblack carrying a box to pay 50 cents, and establishments to pay 50 cents for the first chair and \$1 for each additional chair.

General and School Levy.

The general tax levy was fixed at \$1.65 on each \$100, and the school levy at 20 cents on \$100.

The committee agreed that a levy at 20 cents on \$100, will furnish enough money to conduct the schools throughout the year, and a call from the school board for a special appropriation will be expected.

The committee will conclude its work and prepare a report for the council when it meets next Friday night.

BIDS FOR FUEL COAL.

Captain Grant invites Estimates From Dealers.

Bids for furnishing fuel coal for the United States Army transports at this port have been invited by Captain Frank A. Grant, U. S. A., superintendent in charge of the quartermaster's depot here. The bids will be opened on April 20 and the contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable. It is expected that all of the local coal agencies will offer estimates on furnishing the coal.

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Social-Personal

Miss Mary Henderson has been summoned to Washington, D. C. by news of the illness of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce Reynolds have returned from a trip to New York, and Mr. Reynolds has gone to Bluefield, W. Va., where he is engaged in business.

Miss Wharton, of this city, is visiting friends in Richmond.

The Joseph Charles Memorial Guild gave a euchre party at the Elk's home yesterday afternoon. The prizes were awarded to Messdames William Garner, Abe Horwitz and H. B. Holmes.

Miss Ella Lea has returned to her home in Smithfield after spending a week with friends in this city.

Miss Edith King has returned from Salisbury, Md., where she spent two weeks with relatives.

Miss Margaret Allison has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in West Virginia.

Miss Grace Haldeman, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of the Misses Haldeman, on Thirtieth street, returned home yesterday.

Misses Eola and Mildred Sykes are spending a few days with relatives and friends in Norfolk and Berkley.

Mrs. William Kirby and little daughter, Fannie, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Florence Sheppard, of Lee Hall, is the guest of Mrs. R. Lee Davis on Thirty-fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Waller Wynne have arrived from Brooklyn, N. Y., to make their home in this city.

TO PAY PENSIONS AT SOLDIERS' HOME TODAY

Estimated That the Sum of \$130,000 Will be Disbursed Among the inmates of the institution.

The largest amount of money ever paid out at a quarterly pension in the Hampton National Soldiers' Home will be turned loose among the several thousand veterans of that institution this afternoon.

According to the plans of Major John T. Hume, the treasurer of the Home, the payment of the pensions will be started about 1:15 this afternoon and it is expected that by 2 o'clock all of the men will have received their cash.

It is estimated that about \$130,000 will be paid out in this pension.

FIGHTING McCUMBER BILL.

Mr. Upshur Returns From National Grain Dealers' Convention.

Mr. Walter S. Upshur, manager of the Chesapeake & Ohio grain elevators, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended a convention of the National Grain Dealers' Association.

One of the most important matters before the association was the fight which is being made against the McCumber bill, introduced in Congress for the purpose of putting all export grain inspections under Federal supervision. Mr. Upshur was one of the members of the association to discuss the bill with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

The grain men are confident that they have succeeded in making it impossible for the McCumber bill to pass.

Some of the charity that begins at home makes a hasty getaway.

STRICKEN DURING FIGHT WITH FELLOW SEAMAN

John Anderson, of the Steamer Lurline's Crew, Victim of Heartfailure.

SHIPMATE WAS HIS OPPONENT

Men Were Settling a Difficulty in Forecastle When the Tragedy Occurred—Peter Cosin, the Opponent, Exonerated by Coroner's Jury and Released From Custody.

During a fistie encounter with Peter Cosin, a mess attendant, on board the Matson Navigation Company's new steamship Lurline at Chesapeake & Ohio coal dock No. 12 yesterday morning, John Anderson, a sailor of the ship's crew, dropped dead. Dr. H. R. Gary, the city coroner, conducted a post-mortem examination and found that death had resulted from an attack of heart failure, which was supposed to have been brought on by the excitement and exertion incident to the struggle.

Justice of the Peace Henry Jones, acting as coroner, conducted an inquest in Bloodfield yesterday afternoon and the jury returned a verdict exonerating Cosin from any blame. Composing the coroner's jury were W. H. Turner, J. Coplan, F. N. Herbert, M. W. Brown, Jack Whaley and G. West. Cosin, who had been arrested after the killing by Chief Madison, of the Bloodfield force, was released from custody and allowed to return to the ship.

Three Witnesses to Fight.

There were three eye witnesses to the fight, which took place in the fore-castle of the steamship. They were John McPherson, Harry Richardson and Oscar Froggickson, all members of the vessel's crew. The witnesses told practically the same story of the affair before the coroner's jury. It seems that Cosin and Anderson had been on unfriendly terms for several days and yesterday morning they came to blows. After the fight had been in progress for several minutes, Anderson dropped to the deck, apparently lifeless. The scamen tried to revive him, but were unsuccessful and Cosin hastily reported the matter to Captain Weedon, master of the Lurline. Medical aid was summoned, but when the physicians arrived Anderson was dead.

Case Turned Over to County.

The affair was immediately reported to the local police, but when he found that the ship was outside of the city limits, Chief Reynolds turned the case over to Chief Madison, of the Bloodfield force.

Anderson lived in this city several months before signing on the Lurline at the shipyard recently. He is survived by a sister, who lives in Washington, and who has been notified of the death. The body is being held by the county authorities awaiting instructions from the sister. The Lurline recently was completed at the local shipyard and is now loading a cargo of coal at pier 12 for San Francisco. She is scheduled to sail Sunday.

BIG EARLY MORNING BLAZE IN WASHINGTON

Largest Lumber Plant in City Destroyed—Loss Amounts to a Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Easigner Bros., lumber yard and about a score of residences in the vicinity of Seventy-eighth and U streets, Northwest, were destroyed by fire which broke out about midnight in a building recently vacated. Freedman's hospital was practically destroyed. At two a. m. the fire was under control. Loss \$500,000 mostly confined to the lumber plant, the largest in the city. The grandstand of the Washington American baseball for a time was threatened.

DR. BUXTON GOING ABROAD.

Will Study Surgery in the European Hospitals.

Dr. Joseph T. Buxton, of this city, will go abroad this summer to study surgery in the hospitals of the principal cities of England, Scotland and France. He will leave New York on the Dutch steamship Nordam, of the Holland-American Line, on June 21, arriving in Holland early in July. While away he will visit Paris, London, Leeds, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland.

Returning to Liverpool from Edinburgh, Dr. Buxton will return to New York on the mammoth White Star Line steamship Baltic, arriving on August 3. He will be accompanied on the trip by Dr. Harry D. Howe of Hampton.

SALE AT EXPOSITION.

Electrical Appliances Valued at \$50,000 to be Disposed of.

The electrical appliances of the Jamestown Exposition will be sold by the receivers of the Exposition Company at the grounds at noon on March 30. Sealed proposals will be received up to 11 o'clock on the

morning of the sale. If the bids are too low the property will be offered for sale at public auction. At this sale other remaining personal property of the Exposition Company will be sold.

The electrical property is considered the most valuable of all of the personal property of the Exposition and is expected to bring figures around \$50,000.

BRYAN ON ROOSEVELT, TAFT AND HUGHES

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by immediate tariff reform. But I desire to present what I regard as conclusive evidence of Secretary Taft's unfitness to deal with the question of corporatism.

"You will find this evidence in a government report of the hearings before the committee of the House of Representatives in insular affairs. Secretary Taft is a witness before the committee. There was in the charter of the Manila Railway a provision that after the end of 100 years the railway should revert to the Spanish government. The company had claims against the United States for months. Secretary Taft explained that he attempted to settle this claim by giving to the railroad a perpetual franchise. The point I desire to make is this: that Secretary Taft was willing to give upon the Philippine people a perpetual franchise and give to a railroad company the power to hold this franchise forever.

"The trouble that Secretary Taft looks at public questions from the standpoint of those who own and operate the corporations which need regulation, whose reforms must come from those who look at the question from the standpoint of the masses of the people.

"I have talked three Republicans who have been mentioned most in connection with the Presidency.

"I have included Senator L. F. Follotte who I believe, a real reformer and who boldly championed reform measures. I do not mention him because of his own state. He does not in to have any influential support for the Republican nomination in his own state. He has had a year's fight against corporate abuses. But President Roosevelt is leader of the reform sentiment in Republican party and yet he favorational incorporation. Secretary Taft is the President's chosen candidate for the Republican nomination, behold how biased he is in favor of the corporations as against the people. Governor Hughes, who is sometimes put in the class of reformer though the chosen representative of a reactionary element, spends time warning the public against the stockholders' remedies which will insure the complete exploitation.

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GIRL AND BOYS ADMIT COLD-BLOODED MURDER

Lured Young Man Lonely Spot, Beat Him to Death, Tossed Body Overboard.

WHEELING, Va., March 19.—Charles Cook, 43 years old, and his wife, Lila Zank, 20 years old, and Joseph Waged, 19 years, are in jail here charged with the murder of Charles Beta, a young professional man. Bennett was red last September.

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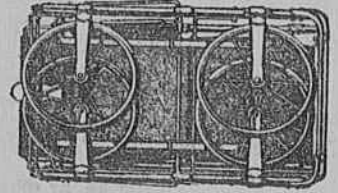
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