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THE CITY'S TAX RATE.

The city taxpayers had a narrow escape last evening from the calamity of higher tax rate, in the special session at the City Council called for the way for this year. The matter has been in the hands of the Reserve some months for some weeks past, but that only failed to report at a regular session, hence a special session of the Council had to be called one day previous to the regular Tuesday evening session, in order to get in any tax levy at all for the year. This explains the sudden action of last evening.

When the matter came up before the Council, an ordinance was introduced by Councilman Calfuss fixing the rate the same as last year. This was followed by Councilman Stewart introducing an ordinance raising the rate to eight mills. Mr. Stewart presented figures in support of his claim that it was a necessity to increase the rate. This was raised by Mr. Calfuss, who was uncompromising in his opposition to higher taxes, and had sufficient backing among the other members to gain his point; hence the tax rate in the city is the same this year as last.

The first contest over the question took place in a caucus held previous to the meeting, at which it was announced that the Mayor and city attorney advised a 9 mills levy—an increase of two mills to be made. The opposition caused a reduction to the 8-mills proposition, which was also lost, as stated. It was recognized that at the lower rate the city would have a pretty close shave to get through, since the former Council ran about $80,000 into the year's funds. It was also recognized that the figures furnished to Mr. Stewart did not accurately represent the situation, being made out to show a greater necessity for a high rate than actually existed; for instance, the estimate of $200,000 as being required for the different departments being nearly $100,000 too high.

In this action of refusing to increase the burdens of the taxpayers unless absolutely compelled to, even at the prospect of "pinching" for a month or two, the opponents of the higher rate deserve commendation. The burden is already sufficiently heavy in the additions it has received from other sources. Besides, the policy of raising the city taxes would be disastrous both from an inside and outside point of view. The inside is as stated—the property owners cannot afford to pay more for the benefits they receive. From the outside standpoint—investors cannot be expected to come in under a steadily increasing tax rate, and efforts to secure outside capital would be rendered futile by such a procedure.

The city is now at its full limit for the general fund—five mills; and that limit is sufficiently high. The key to delay the expenses of embedding the waters of the city is more than is required for that department, and is merely one way of creating a larger amount into the general fund. Under existing conditions the taxpayers probably will not raise any protest, since most of them will recognize the need for the amount now asked. But the proposed increase would not have met with such a favorable reception in the present and prospective financial situation. The Council acted wisely in keeping the city tax levy down.

THE TWO-THIRDS RULE.

There has been much talk on the part of silver Democrats of abrogating the two-thirds rule in the Chicago convention, and it may be that such a move will be attempted, and possibly be carried into effect. Thus in what the Springfield, Mass., Republican, a "Gold Money" paper out of the Democratic political faith, though leaning that way, says of the proposition:

The two-thirds rule has never commended itself to the Democratic mind. Adopted only in a transitional period, and in a manner which, if it had occurred in the general convention of the party, would have required a very strong majority, it has been a bone of contention ever since. It was adopted in 1832, when the Democratic party was in its infancy, and was in the hands of Jackson and his friends, through the influence, more than any other, of Martin Van Buren, who was a kind of politician who knew how to secure his purposes. It was adopted in order to secure the Presidential candidacy of Van Buren, and was carried through by the influence of the Jackson party, which was very strong in the convention. Van Buren was the candidate of the Jackson party, and was the choice of the party. The two-thirds rule was adopted by the convention, which was very desirous of having accomplished.

That is kind of taking in the convention to accomplish the rule, and perhaps as a reason in its favor that it is not now the expression of a party constitute "with a string" in the hands of the red that would enable the minorities. On the other hand, however, the convention at a time when the politics in the party would have the effect of making many earnest and ardent Democrats regard such action as too radical to receive their support, and the party constitution would suffer thereby. The inclination now may be something of a boon to the road of some time when attempting a three-thirds proposition, it will be a lost than the "parole" method which would differ into the ranks of stay-at-homes or of opponents the large number of voters whose feelings would be wounded by radical action at the present time.

ENGINEERING NEWS.

The July 2 issue of the New York Engineering News and American Railway Journal contains an excellent article on the Salt Lake and Mercur Railroad, with inclusive remarks on other roads in Utah, by W. P. Hardesty, C. E. The Salt Lake and Mercur line is ten miles in length, traversing an air line distance of six miles from Fairfield to Mercur. The Salt Lake Garfield railway is required to utilize an elevation of 1,700 feet between Fairfield and the Mercur divide. Mr. Hardesty's article describes the engineering work on the road, paying a high compliment to its constructing engineer, Col. Chas. D. Mower. It also gives figures relating to the road's business and the district which it operates in, and makes some suggestions by way of comparison which are of value to railway builders in this locality. The Engineering News has illustrated the article by a good map of the road and mining district and by three excellent views along the line. Besides the Salt Lake and Mercur Railroad article, the Engineering News has many papers of importance in the field it covers, including one on the disposal of sewage by irrigation, as treated at Bristol, Conn., much the same way as it is proposed to operate at the Salt Lake sewer farm.

ABJECT LEPROSY.

According to a French newspaper the loathsome disease known as leprosy is far more common in the world than is generally supposed. Eminent specialists fear that it may become as common in Europe as it was during the middle ages and as it still is in some Asiatic countries. There are in Paris at least 150 persons afflicted with the disease. They are under no restraint whatever. Twelve are in one hospital among the other patients, or even employed in the hospital service. In other parts of France, notably near Nice and Marseilles, there are numerous cases.

Leprosy is found in Spain and Portugal. In Italy it is so frequent that a special hospital has been erected at Sen Rosa. It is extremely common in Turkey and in the Greek islands. In Crete alone there are 500 lepers. Nearly everywhere in Palestine, near the cities, the unfortunates can be seen sitting by the roadside soliciting alms of passers-by. Norway has no less than 800 lepers. Here, however, they are cared for by the communities and kept in separate hospitals. They mingle to a certain extent with the public and even receive visits from friends and relatives, but notwithstanding this, the disease does not seem to be spreading, and it is supposed to have reached its high water mark in that country. In Sweden, where leprosy was almost unknown some years ago, 600 cases were reported last year, causing great alarm.

The countries most seriously affected in Asia are Hindostan, India, China and Japan. The lepers in Hindostan are estimated at 100,000. On this continent lepers are found in the West Indian islands, Mexico, Guiana, Venezuela, Brazil and Paraguay. A great number go to France in order to seek a remedy for the ill-omen, and the Paris physicians approached that before long a condition will prevail similar to that of 800 years ago, when the whole of Brittany was a vast hospital for lepers.

Concerning the cause and nature of the disease, opinions are much diverse. The majority believe that its origin may be traced to the consumption of unwholesome food, meat, fish and other substances in a state of putrefaction. This supposition would seem to be supported by the fact that the disease generally affects the poorer classes of the people who cannot always secure their food with special regard to its wholesomeness. That leprosy is hereditary is laterally certain. But the newborn infant does not always show signs of being infected with it. The child may grow up apparently healthy, only to find some day at a maturer age the white-like spots in the skin that reveal the presence of death in the system. From then on the progress is comparatively rapid. Intervals of various sizes appear, especially on the feet, the nose (which gives the characteristic lion-like expression), the eyelids, lips and the male fall off, one by one. The patient dies. It gets for years before death puts an end to the suffering.

It is certainly doubtful whether the disease is so contagious except perhaps in cases contact with the affected sufferer the patient. Physicians have studied it closely and not regard it. As for any remedy, none as yet has been suggested. The only treatment is the isolation of the patients, for the purpose of preventing the propagation of the disease. The hopes for the treatment of which certain experiments were made by the doctor are worse to have failed in several varieties of skin disease, some of which were in malice and contagious, while others were not. But the genuine leprosy seems to be a mystery to every respect. It still remains for some ambitious physician to discover the science that causes the sickness and the poison that kills the microbe.

THE BICYCLE BUSINESS.

There is abundant local evidence of rapid progress in the bicycle business, and the number of wheels in use is making a remarkable increase notwithstanding the decision of the great trust known as the National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers to maintain the standard price of high-grade bicycles at $100, when they could be sold profitably at half that figure.

But this year the bicycle manufacture business is being overdone, as evidenced by the failure during the month of June of twenty-one firms engaged in making the wheels. This indicates that great as are the profits there is a limit to the wheels which reach the user at their market price. While the high-grade wheel is maintained at $100, there are very many almost equally as good, and better when distinction in price enters into comparison, that are sold at much lower figures; and these with the surplus wheels which are sold as "secondhand" in order to work off the stock, are having a tendency to reduce the standard prices in the near future. Hence the increase in the number of wheels in use this year does not justify the additional number of manufacturing plants which some manipulations of the figures seem to appear necessary.

As to the bicycle business for 1895, the Chicago Tribune has been collecting data, and presents estimates which are regarded as coming near to the real facts as they will appear when the statistics are made up at the close of the year. Chicago itself is a great bicycle center, having twenty-five factories that will turn out 250,000 wheels this year. Chicagoans spend about $15,000,000 this year for wheels, with even more than that for clothing, etc. There are in the city's factories 8,000 employes and the number of bicycle riders in the city is placed at 200,000. The summary for the country is given as follows:

Bicycle riders	4,000,000
Cost of wheels in riders	120,000,000
Bicycle riding in vehicles	150,000,000
Bicycle repairs, labor	20
Bicycle repairs, material	20
Capital in factories	60,000,000
Live factories	60
Capital in factories	6,000,000
Capital in jobbing houses	10,000,000
Capital in retailers' factories	10,000,000
Total capital invested in cycling	16,000,000
Employed in factories	8,000
Employed in jobbing houses	1,000
Employed in making sundries	1,000
Employed in retail trade	2,000
Number factories and repair shops	15,000
Number of wheels for the year	1,000,000
Output of tires for the year	3,000,000

This indicates the remarkable progress that has attended the invention. As to the effects on the nation generally from a hygienic point of view, there is some difference of opinion. Many physicians assert that the penalty for overdoing bicycle riding will be severe and fixed in its effects; but the numerous of medical opinion is that when made proper use of its effect will be for improvement in the health of the American people.

BAD ICE CREAM.

The British Institute of Preventive medicine, says the Medical Record, has dealt a deadly blow to ice cream. As a result of an exhaustive inquiry regarding the nature and adulteration of this much relished summer refreshment, made by Dr. Mac Fayden and Mr. Cooper, some startling exposures have been published. The gentlemen named say ice cream contains 25.5 solids, the rest being water. The solids consist of fats, four per cent; sugar, twelve per cent; starch, six per cent; albuminoids, four per cent, and mineral matter, one-half per cent. But this is not all. The microscope shows the presence of Leuchos ice cream at the crowded bathing village; legs, flies, straw, hair, coal dust, woollen and linen fibre, tobacco, epithelial scales, and muscular tissue. Even the microscopical examination, however, is detectable compared with the results of bacteriological studies. These reveal in silver-nitrate specimens, a marvelous number of seven million microbes per cubic centimeter, while the pus cream of the shops has only one million per cubic centimeter. The character of the micro-organisms is extremely mixed. There are the bacteria coli commune, bacillus spilli or soil putrefactive microbes of various kinds. There is no mention of a chemical analysis, which would perhaps add the final touch to the pathological picture of the ice cream of the shops.

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