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THE EX-MAYOR.

The New Year has brought a new administration of municipal affairs in Salt Lake City. This includes a new chief executive officer, and affords an opportunity to express the very general sentiment in relation to the outgoing Mayor. Hon. John Clark has given to the city, so far as he had the power, a good, clean, capable and conservative government.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Hon. Ezra Thompson, the new Mayor of Salt Lake City, has made a favorable impression on the public by his first message to the City Council. It is concise, intelligible, and contains a number of good suggestions. The health of the community is indeed, as he states, "of the highest importance."

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council, under the new administration, has commenced its proceedings with full vigor if not with perfect discretion. It has begun business in a business spirit. The promptness and order which have distinguished its beginning, is a good sign of future efficiency.

cupation of Fort Erie was a short-lived military career. The United States took a hand in the game, with the result that the movement all but died a natural death. Were there any suspicion that at the present time American citizens, or aliens on American soil, are planning a hostile movement against Great Britain, it would be the duty of our government to investigate the matter and if the rumors are substantiated, prevent the consummation of such a scheme.

AN UNNECESSARY AGITATION.

The Boston Herald, one of the influential journals that have taken a rational and conservative view of the subject of so much recent agitation, has this to say in its issue of Dec. 28: "We can conceive of no doubt that an anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution of the United States would be adopted by the vote of the requisite number of State legislatures, provided Congress shall see fit to pass it."

THE FEBRUARY THAW PUT ON AN APPEARANCE QUITE EARLY THIS YEAR.

The abolition of the fee system in paying city officials is in harmony with the State Constitution. The system is a good thing to be rid of.

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL REPORT.

The government financial report shows that the expenditures for December have been reduced below those of the previous year; but the taxes keep up safely enough.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MANILA.

Its spread would be a terrible danger to the American troops now there, and the military authorities may be relied on to use vigorous efforts to stamp it out.

THE REPORTS FROM LADYSMITH MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE PLACE MUST BE RELIEVED SOON OR RELIEF WILL BE UNNECESSARY.

Sickness and privation are making serious inroads on the strength of the garrison. Considerable mud throwing has been going on in southern California geysers since the recent earthquake.

DENMARK WANTS TO SELL THE DANISH WEST INDIES TO THE UNITED STATES FOR \$1,000,000.

That is less than half the amount asked a few years ago, but Denmark would be well rid of them at that price.

INDIANA HAS A COUNTY TREASURER WHO SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE BOOKS OF HIS OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC MONIES HE WAS CUSTODIAN OF ARE GONE.

He will probably have time in jail to refresh his recollection, unless his memory revives quickly. "Extenuating circumstances" seems to be infectious in French courts.

WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT THE PRESENT CITY COUNCIL WILL BE MEASURABLY, IF NOT ENTIRELY FREE, FROM THE UNSEASONABLE CONTENTIONS WHICH, TO SOME EXTENT, DEPRIVED THE LATE CITY COUNCIL OF ITS DIGNITY.

And the respect which should be felt for so important a body by the general public. The Deseret News will sustain all measures and movements intended for the public benefit, and trusts it will not have occasion to find further fault. The promotion of the general welfare is beyond all petty and party motives and purposes, and this paper is for the people and not for any faction or class.

THE FENIAN PLOT.

The talk about the revival of the Fenian movement, is presumably only talk, notwithstanding the sentiments expressed by some anti-British public orators. There are, to be sure, some adventurous spirits in this country, who would gladly do something to obtain notoriety, but it is not probable that they would deliberately run their necks into a noose, without having absolute control of the other end of it.

LETTER HEADS, BILL HEADS, PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, ETC., WHICH ARE MADE OUT BY 18- or 15- are now out of date, and require blurring to make them anything like accurate.

INJUNCTIONS DON'T GO IN MILWAUKEE, ACCORDING TO COUNCILLMAN ACTION THERE.

Three orders of court not to do a thing were disregarded, and the proscribed ordinance passed. It is notable that the railroads which secured the injunctions have so little faith in making them hold that they are subscribing to the terms of the new ordinance regulating fares.

THE ENGLISH CLAIM OF A RIGHT TO SEARCH AMERICAN VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEAS BROUGHT ON THE WAR OF 1812.

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LOS ANGELES EXPRESS.

The news brought by the transports Centennial and Newport that the bubonic plague has found lodgment among squallid Chinese at Honolulu is unpleasant. It should and no doubt will make our quarantine officers vigilant to prevent any cases reaching the Pacific coast.

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HARDLY KNOWN. Just what to tell you these first few days of the new year. Don't know just what you need most. Probably Overcoats will be most needed, if we're right, this is the right place to find them.

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