

"American Improvement," or Kelsey's White Elephants

A Few Items That Have Been Paid For by Taxpayers Under the "Improvement" Policy of the "American" Administration—None of Them is Any Benefit—Some Of Them Never Will Be.

If Mayor Bransford was to establish a "Kicker's day" here like the mayor of Cincinnati has, what a grouch atmosphere would pervade the city and county buildings! With all the protests and justifiable protests, too—against the "bad bargains" heaped upon the taxpayers by the incompetent "American" officials poured into his ears, he would undoubtedly be a hopeless subject for the insane asylum, but a martyr to his cause. In order to handle the crowd, four lines would have to be formed at the north, south, east and west entrances of the city and county buildings merging into single file at the mayor's door. The entire police force would have to be engaged to keep the people off the grass.

In the first place, there is the intercepting sewer which heads the list of bad bargains which has caused a multitude of grievances. The contract was made in October, 1906, and it is still unfinished. Under the original contract the price was \$150,000, but since it was let the plans have been changed a dozen times at the cost of an additional \$25,000.

Now it is learned upon investigation that several sections of the sewer have sunk into the quicksand and several thousand dollars will have to be spent to repair it. The sewer has filled with sand and this will also have to be cleared out.

The mistakes in the plans of the sewer have cost the taxpayers \$125,000, and the bill will be considerably larger before the sewer can be placed in service. These mistakes are laid at the door of City Engineer Louis C. Kelsey, who resigned yesterday after being branded as incompetent by his own party associates. The board of public works is responsible for some of the mistakes in the sewer, but the board is in no better position than the city engineer in procuring competent inspectors to examine the trenches and the result of their work is now in evidence.

SEWERS THAT WON'T WORK.
In the meantime, the administration has been laying lateral sewers. Thirty miles of these sewers have been completed, but the property owners have been unable to connect with them because the intercepting sewer cannot be used. The taxpayers are charged interest on these extensions and the city is paying the interest. The city has paid out the treasury on these extensions \$150,000.

For instance, in sewer extension No. 182 the assessment was \$130 a front foot. One property owner paid his assessment of \$64. About a year later he received a notice that the assessment had been raised to \$225 a front foot and interest of \$9.39 was charged against him.

In protesting against it, he said that the city used his \$64 for more than a year and figured that the interest it amounted to \$11. He did not object to paying the \$5.40 providing the city would allow him interest on his money. The communication is still hanging in the pouch of the finance committee.

OUTLET SEWER A FIZZLE.
Then there is the outlet sewer, which has proved a fizzle and will never be of any service to the city, but will cost the taxpayers about \$35,000 when all the bills incurred up to date have been paid.

The sewer was constructed of wooden pipe. That was the mistake City Engineer Kelsey made, and the council approved it. The pipe was to carry water on an incline under pressure and the joints were included in the specifications to relieve the air pressure. As a result the pipe would not stand under the pressure. When the Campbell Building company threw up the contract before it was completed, "Pat" Moran was employed on force account to repair the pipe and plaster up the mistakes made by the entire outfit which had a hand in it.

When Moran uncovered the pipe he found that the joints were not properly made and that there were leaks along the entire pipe line. He spent \$2,500 patching up some of the leaks and then gave it up as a bad job. The outlet sewer still leaks and no test has ever been made to see if it will carry to pounds of pressure. Moran's bill has never been paid because the city has no money to pay it. As the outlet sewer stands today, it is a dead loss to the city. The original contract was let for something less than \$15,000. The inspectors on this work did not know any more about wooden stave pipe than Kelsey, and the board of public works is somewhat to blame for the way the work was carried on.

OLD FIGHT WAS ON.
While these two improvements were being constructed, Kelsey and the members of the board of public works were fighting each other. They controverted each other's orders, hanged the contractors in every way and blamed each other for the costly mistakes that were made.

The pumping station constructed has been a false alarm up to date. It has cost \$25,000 to construct it, while the original contract was let for approximately \$15,000. It is estimated that if this sewer system is ever put into use it will cost \$50,000 a year to operate it.

This is the record of the "American" administration in building sewers, practically 35 miles of sewers which are of no benefit to anybody.

NORTH TEMPLE AQUEDUCT.
The North Temple aqueduct is in the "bad bargain" class too. The plans will have to be changed to make it of any use. The members of the board of public works say. They have asked authority to employ an engineer to look it over and change the plans. This will cost considerable money. The present plan is to spend about \$30,000 more on this aqueduct in catch basins so that it will not fill up with mud and overflow at State street and Canyon road.

For instance, the business district of the city is flooded by the city which the flood waters did to personal property. These claims have not been settled yet, and all these people are protesting and petitioning the mayor and the council to make some settlement.

KICKS IN HEALTH BOARD.
The health department is another which is overrun with "kicks." Garbage is around in some districts for weeks at a time before it is taken away. Although there are now 15 garbage wagons, they are the scavenger vehicles in the city. The deal of the city is to take the garbage to the dump. The garbage is always piled up with red slips which indicate complaints. These complaints do not bother Dr. M. R. Stewart, the health commissioner, neither does the typhoid epidemic, nor anything else for that matter.

Jake Raleigh, city street superintendent, seldom shows in his office. There are too many telephone rings to register complaints against his dusty streets which have not been sprinkled for a week or two.

In every department, the deputy who takes complaints over the telephone is the busiest member of the force. He is the only overworked and underpaid employee in the city government.

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INSIDE HISTORY ON KELSEY FIGHT

Sequel to Factional Warfare Which Has Nearly Disrupted American Party.

ALLEGED GRAFT IS CHARGED

Frank L. Seifert as Special Commissioner for Thomas Kearns Finally "Gets" His Old Enemy.

Louis C. Kelsey, city engineer, resigned yesterday to escape charges of alleged graft which his enemies threatened to make against him. His resignation is now in the hands of Mayor John S. Bransford and will probably be sent to the city council Monday night. Mayor Bransford was not prepared to say this morning who will succeed Mr. Kelsey.

Behind his resignation is a story of the bitter enmity of Frank L. Seifert, manager of the Tribune and special commissioner of Thomas Kearns, and Henry G. McMillan, chairman of the board of public works. A factional fight between these men has been waged for more than two years, to the detriment of the taxpayers, and it has disrupted the forces of the "American" party. The charges of alleged graft are contained in a signed statement by E. Birch, a contractor, who declares that Kelsey made a proposition to him that he would secure contracts for him for a commission. The latter was a contractor who charged of incompetency brought to hear upon him. Kelsey was forced to step down and out. An authoritative disclosure was made by Seifert as coming from Thomas Kearns, and he had the alternative of resigning or being subjected to an open attack in the columns of the Tribune.

Although former Mayor Ezra Thompson and James Leach were behind Kelsey in the fight, he had to go to save the "American" party from utter disruption. This was decided at a conference held the day before yesterday. Kelsey was informed of the decision and his resignation followed.

His record as city engineer has not been a shining light for the "American" party. Kelsey was recently charged with making millions of dollars for the city. The Tribune recently was making millions of dollars for the city. The Tribune recently was making millions of dollars for the city.

Up until the last, however, Kelsey was a power in his faction and was considered a good politician. In the "American" party he had 23 delegates who were employed in his department and were instructed for Bransford for nomination for mayor.

The fight came to a climax when Kelsey declared himself against H. G. McMillan, whom Thomas Kearns intended to become a candidate for mayor to beat both Bransford and Leach. Kelsey's declaration was a personal enmity against Kelsey in the fact that he has threatened to "get Kelsey's head" if he is not removed from office. Now that the charges have been made, it is stated that the charges will be dropped.

NOT ASKED BY MAYOR.
Mayor Bransford said this morning that he had not asked Mr. Kelsey to resign. After Mayor Bransford had received his resignation, he said that he had heard of the charges against Kelsey. He said that he had heard of the charges against Kelsey. He said that he had heard of the charges against Kelsey.

"I have never seen the signed statement made by Birch," he said. "I do not know what charge he is making directly against Kelsey. I have heard that the statement or letter was made from different sources, but that is all. I do not ask Mr. Kelsey to resign and I was somewhat surprised to receive his resignation yesterday. From the tone of his letter I judge that he must know what charge he is making against me. Nothing will be done about it until Monday night when it will be sent to the city council for acceptance."

Nobody in View.
"I am unable to say who will be appointed in his place. The city engineer is the most important officer in the administration and a good man will have to fill the position. There are a number of men who are qualified to fill the position, but I have nobody in mind just now who is a municipal engineer qualified to handle the work being done by the city."

The resignation which Kelsey handed to Mayor Bransford was as follows: "Hon. John S. Bransford, Mayor: Dear Sir: I hereby tender my resignation as city engineer. I am sorry to leave your city and I am very grateful for your personal support. I remain very respectfully, L. C. KELSEY."

When Mr. Kelsey was a city engineer after he resigned yesterday afternoon he refused to make a statement for publication. He said that his resignation was a personal matter and that he had no personal interest in the city.

HAD HEARD GRAFT STORY.
Kelsey was asked about the signed statement made by Birch. He said that he had heard rumors to that effect but that he had never seen it or heard the contents of it. Kelsey was also asked about the fight between him and the board of public works. He said that he had heard about the fight but that he had never seen it or heard the contents of it.

Kelsey has been in the city engineer's office in various capacities for 10 years. He was appointed by Mayor Thompson under his first administration as a Republican. After serving two years, he went into the contracting business. He took a contract in Ogden in which Ezra Thompson and Leach were interested. It is reported that he lost money on the contract.

When Thompson was elected as an "American" Kelsey was appointed as city engineer. He has been in the position ever since. While he has been there he has built up a political machine and also has one of the best organized departments in the city. His enemies admit that.

McMillan Non-Committal.
Henry G. McMillan, who has fought Kelsey in the executing of municipal affairs as well as politics was seen this morning. He was asked what he knew concerning the circumstances leading up to Kelsey's resignation, and to that he replied only what he had seen in the papers. When he was asked about the signed statement made by Mr. Birch, he said that he had heard of it but that he had never seen it or heard the contents of it.

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NAVAL PARADE REACHES ALBANY

Old Fort Orange Welcomes the Half Moon and the Clermont.

WAS AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE

Salute of One Hundred Guns Fired Church Bells Rang and Bands Played Lively Airs.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Hudson, on his voyage of exploration up the Hudson, reached Fort Orange, now Albany, in the Half Moon, on Sept. 14, 1614, and Robert Fulton, the first to navigate the river by steam, brought the Clermont to the Albany dock two centuries later, on Aug. 15, 1807.

Today Albany welcomed both the Half Moon and the Clermont as they voyaged up the river escorted by an imposing line of naval and other vessels and dropped their anchors near Riverside park, where earlier in the day the sailing fleet had rendezvoused.

As the naval parade put in an appearance south of the city, a salute of 100 guns boomed, church and fire bells clanged out a welcome and whistles added to the din, and the consolidated bands, assembled at Riverside park, struck up a spirited tune. At the park a formal welcome was extended to the visitors by Gov. Hughes on the part of the state and by Mayor Snyder on behalf of the city.

The guests were then taken in automobiles to the Fort Orange club, where they were welcomed a reception by the Albany members of the Holland society of New York.

After luncheon the parade was reviewed by Gov. Hughes, Asst. Secy. Oliver, Gen. Wood and Mayor Snyder.

FROM \$15,000 JOB TO LABORER'S WAGES
New York, Oct. 8.—The anatomy of the head of a great leather plant with a salary of \$15,000 a year working through corruption as an ordinary day laborer and doing the work that is ordinarily rewarded with \$15 a week was presented yesterday at the plant of Harrington & Co. in Elizabeth, N. J.

He was formerly the general manager of the concern. Last Monday the Central Leather company acquired the Harrington works. George's resignation of his \$15,000 position was demanded and promptly refused because he holds a salary contract good until next June. When he received his orders to report yesterday as a leather-maker he smiled and made ready.

He left his home in the morning, jumped into his waiting touring car, and drove to the works. Then he sent his automobile home to call for him at noon, and dined a leather apron and went to work at a table with scores of other leathermakers. George's time was kept by the time-keeper. The fact that all the laborers to right and left of him he saw ordered about by the superintendent as if he had never sat at a desk in the front office.

And when noon came he doffed the leather apron and became the wealthy citizen again as he entered his automobile and drove to his home for luncheon. In the afternoon his labor was repeated.

MILITARY SURGEONS ADJOURN.
Washington, Oct. 8.—The eighteenth annual meeting of the military surgeons of the United States closed today.

GOLD FOR JAPAN.
New York, Oct. 8.—Two million dollars in gold was engaged today by the Yokohama Specie bank for shipment from the sub-treasury to Japan, via San Francisco. This brings the total gold shipments from the United States to Japan since the first of the year to \$20,000,000.

FRED C. LOOFBOROW DECLINES FUSION
Chairman of Republican City Committee Addresses a Letter to Charles B. Fell.

In reply to the letter addressed to Chairman Frederick C. Loofborow of the Republican city committee yesterday requesting that the citizens' organization, the Democrats and the Republicans combine their forces and give Salt Lake City a businessmen's administration, he respectfully declined this morning to take any further part in the efforts to start an independent party. As a result of the withdrawal of the Republicans, the Citizens and Democrats will in all probability carry out their agreement to place a ticket in the field and support it. The Republican city committee has decided to make every effort to prevent the two parties fusing. The letter which Mr. Loofborow addressed to the joint conference committee is as follows:

Hon. Charles B. Fell, Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 8, 1909, Chairman, joint conference committee, City, Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., was duly received and its contents carefully noted.

You state that you have selected Hon. W. H. Wallers to be your candidate for Mayor and that the balance of your ticket is practically agreed upon, that being the case it is useless to talk of fusion with the Republicans.

The Republican party is a national institution and for more than fifty years has been engaged in electing officers and determining the policies that control in the nation and the principal states and cities throughout the country, and it will be engaged in that important mission when local political parties having no connection whatever, with any state or national administration are dead and forgotten.

For these reasons the Republican city committee respectfully declines to take any further part in your efforts to start another independent party. Respectfully,
FREDERICK C. LOOFBOROW, Chairman.

The reply was received by Charles B. Fell at 12 o'clock noon today. He took no action in the matter and will tell the respective committees to get together this afternoon or notify them of any action received from the Republicans.

PANAMA CANAL PURCHASE CASE

Government Preparing to Proceed Against Smith and Williams for Criminal Libel.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS

Subpoena Sent Out for Irving S. Santer, or, Santer, a Secret Service Agent.

Indianapolis, Oct. 8.—A subpoena for Irving S. Santer, of Washington, D. C., to appear here next Monday as a witness in the hearing of Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of The Indianapolis News, charged with having committed criminal libel in the Panama canal purchase controversy will be served in Washington today or tomorrow.

Charles W. Miller, United States attorney for this district said today he did not know who Santer was and that he had issued a subpoena at the request of District Attorney Miller, special attorney of the department of justice, in charge of the proceedings against the publishers of the Indianapolis News such orders as to the publication of the newspaper in New York City against the publishers of the New York World.

It is understood here that Santer is Irving S. Santer, a secret agent of the department of justice, who was in this city last spring gathering evidence for the government in the matter.

Mr. Miller said so far as he was advised Santer or Miller was the only witness that would be subpoenaed. It had not been informed, he added, that William Nelson Crowell, Frank H. Robinson, Norman R. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, certain members of the firm of Morgan & Co., and others to testify in the Panama canal matter.

FOR THREE YEARS GIRL MASQUERADED AS A BOY
Cleveland, O., Oct. 8.—After masquerading as a boy for three years, playing a boy's games, wearing a boy's clothes, driving a grover's wagon and looking like a boy, a girl named "Billie" has been discovered. The girl, who is a girl, and "Billie" name is Billie Hoffman, step-daughter of Gustav C. Broberg.

Three years ago the girl, then only 17, tired of her home. She ran away, and her mother sent out into the world to work as a man.

Her identity became known a short time ago when she was arrested while in the employ of Martin A. Green, on a trivial charge. Sentence was suspended, but the police looked further into her life's career. They found no serious acts other than that they discovered that the "boy" was really a girl. Her stepfather asserted the girl's strange bent to a love of horses. The girl says she had always wanted to be a boy.

MRS. BELLE GUNNESS RECOGNIZED IN TEXAS
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 8.—A special from Dallas, Tex., says that a man named Heinrich Fritz, formerly of LaPorte, Ind., yesterday positively identified Belle Gunness on a train en route to Denver from Fort Worth, where it is reported she was recently seen.

Fritz asserts that Mrs. Gunness recognized him when he was in a bad way. He was in a bad way when he was in a bad way. He was in a bad way when he was in a bad way.

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.
Under New Tariff Was Increase of 100 Per Cent in August.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Under the operation of the new tariff law there was an increase of 100 per cent in the value of imports to the United States from the Philippines during last August compared with the imports of the same month of the previous year. The total value of merchandise from the Philippines in August, 1909, was \$1,821,128, against \$1,814,539 in August, 1908. Curiously enough the importation of Manila hemp, which formerly entered free of duty, formed the largest part of this increase, amounting in value to \$1,574,205, while in August of last year the value of that article imported was but \$114,128.

BODY RECOVERED FROM JORDAN RIVER
Corpse of William Summerville Baled To the Surface by Seiners This Afternoon.

(Special to The News.)
Lehi, Oct. 8.—The body of William Summerville, the young mine foreman who lost his life while swimming in Jordan river after a dead duck on Sunday, was recovered shortly after noon today in a fairly good state of preservation. The corpse was brought to the surface by a seine about 150 yards on the opposite side of the river from which his clothes were found near the county bridge.

Since Tuesday probably 50 men have been at work with seines and dynamite trying to locate the body and a couple of launches were pressed into service to aid the search.

The deceased who was 22 years of age, leaves a wife and small babe, together with father and mother, both of whom are prostrated over the affair. The father particularly is in a bad way. When the clothes of the young man were found on the bank Tuesday the father jumped into the river and was pulled out with difficulty and since that time has acted in a semi-demented manner.

THERMOMETER FALLS.
Mercury Went Down to 31 Degrees Last Night.

The weather turned cold last night, as the weather office predicted it would, the mercury sinking to 31 degrees, the lowest of the season. At the same time the atmosphere is incriminating fog and freezing. Atmospheric conditions are such that fair and cold weather will continue with a heavy frost tonight. But tomorrow is likely to be warmer, with fair skies.

The sudden high pressure area (see central one Pennsylvania, maintaining generally clear weather east of the Mississippi river. The Pacific coast high pressure area has advanced inland, and is now central over Idaho, it is attended by colder weather in the Rockies and the plateau region. The coldest temperature at 5 o'clock was 18 degrees at Lander, Wyo. Frost, from light to killing, was reported at many stations west of the one hundred and fifty meridian. Between these two highs, the pressure is low, with one center of depression north of Minnesota, and another over western Texas. Rain has fallen in the Rocky mountains and their eastern slopes.

NATIONAL PARTY POLITICS AND CITY GOVERNMENT

Ex-President Roosevelt, in one of his addresses, said:
"The worst evils that affect our local government arise from and are the inevitable results of the mixing up of city affairs with party politics of the nation and state. The lines upon which national parties divide have no necessary connection with the business of the city. Such connections open the way to countless schemes of public plunder and civic corruption."

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