

HIGHER TAXES OR MORE BONDS

"American" Party Cat is Let Out
Of the Bag, Treasury
Is Empty.

DEFICIT OF HALF MILLION.

\$500,000 or \$600,000 Is Needed
To Carry Out Program
For Ensuing Year.

Announcement After Special Meeting
Oceasions No Great Surprise to
Those Who Watched Events.

For two years a secret of the "American" party has been carefully guarded, and when ever accused of possessing it, the party leaders have evaded and denied. Now they have come forward, not to whisper it gently to a confiding public, but to scream it aloud, and call all men to witness the plight into which the policies of graft, fast and loose spending, and general incompetence in office, has reduced the "American" treasury.

The secret is that at the eleventh hour, the "American" party has discovered that there is absolutely no escape from the hopeless financial deficiencies except through an unloading of these deficiencies upon the people. And the unloading is what is now to be attempted.

At a special session of the city council yesterday afternoon admissions were frankly made that the hole in the bottom of the treasury punched by the "American" party leaders is a good deal larger than the hole in the top through which the taxes of the people pour to be absorbed in the general necessities of the persader government.

OCCASIONS NO SURPRISE.

The announcement issued from the meeting comes only slightly as a surprise, in spite of all the evasions and denials that have marked the past two years, and the brazenness of the last campaign season. Wrecked treasuries have so commonly followed in the wake of a certain political theory, preached locally by Joseph Lippman, Frank I. Seifert et al, that it is always to be expected as a concurrent symptom with the wrecking of a police department's spirit and the breaking down of a fire department's most essential qualities of efficiency. That the three occurred together in Salt Lake is only evidence that the normal result has followed gang politics and the sacrifice of the dominant party to its dominant machine, as well as the sacrifice of the people's interests to those of both party and machine.

In its process of unloading upon the people the wreck of its administration, the city council now proposes to demand an increased tax levy, or a series of bonds, totaling \$500,000 or \$600,000.

FOR 1907 DEFICITS.

These bonds will go to paying the 1907 deficits and meet current expenses of a minimum amount of progressing improvements. They will not mean the undertaking of any new projects, but are to cover rents already made in the revenue.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was a special one, called by Mayor Bransford, and was in the nature of a session of the city council committee of the whole. The special auditors, represented by H. C. Ambrose, made a preliminary report on the city's financial condition. Mr. Mont Perry, for the administration, said what had to be said about the need for more bonds, or more taxes.

THE ALTERNATIVES.

The alternatives were a tax levy of 14-15 mills or bonds, and that right away, for this current year. In the flow of oratory that followed this announcement, the "American" majority in the council freely admitted that the dry wave had hopelessly overtaken the city treasury, and that it was a simple case between new sources of money and a condition of insolvency. To express his estimate of the conditions Councilman Holley declared that the city ought now to apply for a receiver and go into bankruptcy, if it followed the commercial rule for such a predicament.

For the auditors, Mr. Ambrose submitted a report showing that while the city was bonded to its limit for general purposes, it could still go a little for sewer and water purposes, or the sum total of \$648,579.

Mayor Bransford, who was in the chair, was addressed by Councilman Holley after this showing, and his remark was that it looked to him as if it were about time for the city to apply for papers in voluntary bankruptcy.

ESTIMATES FOR 1908.

The preliminary estimates for 1908 were announced as follows:

Departmental expenses	\$ 745,435.50
Interest on bonds	162,660.00
General expenses	62,601.70
Water main extensions	25,000.00
Water scrip	4,257.42
Warrants unpaid (Dec. 31, 1907)	126,033.66
Improvements under contract, in force Jan. 1,	

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MRS. PRISCILLA JENNINGS.

Today Mrs. Priscilla Jennings attains her seventieth birthday, and in celebration of the occasion about 70 friends will be entertained at her home on B street this evening, including members of the family and a number of old acquaintances.

Mrs. Jennings was born at St. Agnes, Cornwall, Wales, in 1838 and came to Utah in 1854. She is the widow of the late William Jennings, who during his life figured as one of Utah's prominent citizens. Mrs. Jennings will receive the congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

1908, and city's portion unpaid on 1907 work . . . 208,033.66

Total . . . \$1,335,439.42

ESTIMATED REVENUE, 1908.

Cash balance, 1907, tax and water rates (un-

collected) . . . \$ 270,122.42

License and department-

al receipts . . . 298,000.00

Raised by taxes . . . 687,712.12

Raised by water rates . . . 79,349.86

Total . . . \$1,335,439.42

REQUIREMENTS FOR 1908 BY FUNDS.

Contingent . . . \$ 561,285.98

Water supply . . . 123,585.06

Streets and sidewalks . . . 219,716.27

Sewers and drains . . . 99,541.51

Waterworks . . . 174,792.73

Bond interest . . . 140,635.59

Library . . . 15,882.89

Total . . . \$1,335,439.42

"OUTLOOK DISCOURAGING."

Mayor Bransford followed up the lead given by the show of the need for revenue, by making a speech, in which he said the outlook for continuing improvements during 1908 was very discouraging. "We need \$700,000 for the city government this year," declared the mayor, "before we begin to think of improvements. \$110,000 of this must go to pay for the new water main and the intercepting sewer, which have already exhausted the bond fund issued for their construction, and another \$50,000 must go to connecting the intercepting sewer with the gravity sewer."

Councilman W. Mont Perry was next to speak for the administration. "The proposition," he said, "is whether we shall issue bonds and allow posterity to help pay for improvements, or whether we shall raise the taxes and let the present generation foot the bill. If we issue bonds, about \$125,000 will be credited back to the waterworks and sewer funds which have been drawn on to pay for improvements in those departments provided for in part by the \$1,000,000 bond issue, three years ago. This refund will benefit the present taxpayers."

MURDOCK EMPHATIC.

Councilman Murdock was the first councilman to gather in what was being proposed, and to say frankly what really was back of the present necessity for money.

"It is an outrage," he said, "to put that kind of a proposition up to the people of Salt Lake at present. The tax is so high now that it amounts to \$45 a front foot per annum on business property. That is going some, and if this thing had been 'on the square' the members of the council outside the finance committee should have known about it weeks ago. But we have been kept in ignorance until today, and what are we going to do about it? Is the question which is now put up to us. The only thing for us to do is to quit spending money until we have squared ourselves with the world. That is what a business man does when he is 'up against it,' and I don't see why the city should not follow the same course. It seems to me that the people who have gotten us into this trouble by spending more than the city could afford in order to make a record, should be compelled to get us out of it."

REEDALL'S REASON.

Mr. Reedall took up the administration's slogan of more taxes or a bond issue, by declaring that Los Angeles had bonded the city for \$24,000,000 recently, and that Salt Lake carried a very small amount of bonds for a city of her size, and that improvements were absolutely necessary to the city's growth.

PERRY PREFERS BONDS.

Perry followed Reedall with a declaration that the city could not make improvements out of the current revenue, and in attempting to do so was trying to do what no other city in the country could do. I prefer a bond issue to an increase of the tax rate, but it must be one or the other.

After the discussion finally died down the matter was postponed till Thursday, when it will again be the principal matter up for consideration at a city council special session.

PERNSTROM'S REMINDER.

A motion to this effect came from Councilman Pernstrom, who scored the special auditors for their worthless reports, and brought out a little item on

EGBERT FUNERAL.

Well Known Resident of West Jordan
Laid to Rest.



ROBERT C. EGBERT.

West Jordan has lost one of its most influential citizens in the death of Mr. Robert C. Egbert, who succumbed to gastritis, Thursday, March 19, after an illness of about 10 weeks.

Impressive funeral services were held in the West Jordan assembly rooms Monday, the speakers were President Hyrum Goff of the Jordan stake of Zion, Joseph Hibbard, Frank Goff and D. R. Bateman, who paid high tribute to the deceased's excellent character, there were some 500 friends and relatives in attendance. The remains were interred in the West Jordan cemetery.

Mr. Egbert was born at this place Sept. 4, 1864. He is a brother of Bishop John A. Egbert of this place and son of the late Samuel and Louisa Egbert, who came to Utah in the early fifties and figured prominently in the early history of this place.

He is survived by a wife, Clara Bradford Egbert, and six children. The two eldest daughters, Tessie, aged 18, and Ferrell, aged 14, are students of the L. D. S. university. The other children are Glenn, aged 16, Mervin, aged 15, Valdemar, aged 14, and Larkin, aged 12. He also leaves five sisters and three brothers—Miss Gletitia and Muggie Egbert and Mrs. Samuel Boyd of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Isaac Wardle and Mrs. Joseph Henry, W. L. and John A. Egbert, all of West Jordan.

Mr. Egbert was one of the prominent sheep men of this section, and the sympathy of the community is extended to the family in their bereavement.

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WILL RESIDE IN SALT LAKE.

Miss Sarah E. Johnston Resigns to Become Wife of Dr. Thome.

Miss Sarah E. Johnston, who has officiated for the last 15 months as general secretary of the Young Women's Christian association of this city, has resigned to take effect April 1, as she is to be married in June to Dr. William E. Thome, whom she met shortly after her arrival in Salt Lake. Miss Johnston has proven a valuable worker in the Y. W. C. A. field, so that the association has been brought, through her efforts, to a high state of efficiency. She will be very much missed. Until a new trained secretary has been secured, Mrs. Mary A. Cahill will act in that capacity, with Mrs. E. B. Critchlow as assistant.

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be married at the Chicago residence of Rev. W. W. Johnston, brother of the bride, although Miss Johnston will visit previously at Ottumwa, Ia., her former home. After the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Thome will return at once to Salt Lake to reside.

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BUSINESS SHOW OPENS.

Fourteen Exhibits in Evidence Yesterday With More Due Today.

The business show opened on south Main street yesterday afternoon, with 4 exhibits, and more due today. The displays are quite attractive, noticeably that of the Y. M. C. A., which has a decorated corner filled with photographs and drawings showing

what is being accomplished in the educational department. The typewriter machine companies make quite a varied and interesting exhibit, and next Saturday evening, there will be a typewriting contest, in which a number of local experts are to take part. Labor-saving devices for business office work are an interesting feature of the general exhibit.

The exhibitors who have their displays in place are: The Brethren Office Supply company, Whitehead & Hoag company (John D. Giles, local manager), Sorenson-Stout company, Utah Electric company, "Shepard, the magazine man," Charles Peterson, signer, Salt Lake Audit company, Gray Brothers & Company, C. Giebel, "the Oliver typewriter man," Held Pen company, Y. M. C. A., Co-op Furniture company, Multiple Typewriter Letter shop, Royal Typewriter agency.

The show opens at 2 o'clock each day and continues until a late hour in the evening.

CONTRACTOR PASSES AWAY.

Otto Caffrey of Springville, the contractor who met with a blasting accident March 17 last, near Price, died

last night, at the L. D. S. hospital, at the age of 27. The remains will be shipped to Springville for interment. The deceased, while working for the Irrigated Lands company, was investigating a blast that had been set, but failed to explode at the proper time. Suddenly it went off, seriously injuring Caffrey. He was brought to this city for treatment, but failed to recover.

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The latest change in the form of the nation's emblem, the Stars and Stripes, was occasioned by the recent admission of Oklahoma. Changes are made as soon as possible after the addition of a state to the Union, and the new flag is unfurled for the first time on the Fourth of July succeeding such an event.

A description of the latest flag has been sent to Gov. Cutler from the office of the secretary of war. The design will provide for eight stars on the first, third, fourth and sixth rows, and seven on each of the second and fifth, 48 in all.

WOOL GROWERS TO MEET.

Col. George S. Hixon is to be in charge of spring inspection of sheep prior to their going on the range. A meeting of Utah wool growers will be held in the Commercial club rooms, April 3. The convention is called for 1 o'clock and tariff revision, freight rates and land leasing questions will be discussed. A big turnout of sheepmen is urged.

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