

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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CITY COUNCIL.—The regular meetings of these bodies were held yesterday afternoon. Select Branch—Mr. Cattell presented to the Chamber the resignation as Chairman of Mr. James Lynd, its President, who, being nominated as City Solicitor, relinquishes his post in the Council of the city.

The resignation was accepted. By acclamation, the Hon. E. J. Thayer, Esq., of the Tenth ward, was elected Mr. Lynd's successor. The oath of office was administered to him by Mr. King, and he was installed President of the Chamber.

A resolution by Mr. Barlow, to meet in joint convention with the Board of Public Works, to elect a City Solicitor in the stead of F. C. Brewster, elected Judge, was agreed to.

The annexed report of the condition of the City Treasury was made by Mr. Hodgson: Balance on hand, \$1,062,051 00 Appropriations as follows: To pay interest on city loans falling due January, 659,783 00

Warrants drawn against water, schools, loans and city ice boat, 188,263 00 Balance in sinking fund account, 2,321 00 Loans matured, 2,321 00 January, 1887, to be paid from sinking fund, 175,000 00 Cash in drawers, 10,794 00

The ordinance providing for the imposition of a tax upon fire insurance companies was read and approved. Pending the discussion of the subject, the Chamber adjourned.

Common Council.—Common Council met at the usual hour, President Stokley in the Chair. Mr. Palmer presented the following communication from William J. Neal:

Respected Council: I have received the official notice of my election to the office of Director of the Northwestern Railroad Company. I am not an office seeker, but when the committee of the city constituted authorities have called me, I have willingly devoted a portion of my time to public affairs. But I will not be out of my power to be of any service to the city by accepting the office you have now conferred. I find that the Northwestern Railroad Company, after exhausting the \$500,000 given by the city, and all the available means which the ingenuity and the disinterestedness of its managers could devise, became hopelessly bankrupt, and closed a life of doubtful virtue in about six years. How this premature dissolution was so ingeniously effected by its dearest friends, the news which incorporated the company will clearly show, and how the city was disfranchised of all its interests in the Railroad Company. I therefore think that Councils will see that there is no longer necessity for electing a director of the road.

to make all things square. The deficiencies were paid in full by the result of the tax levy for 1886. This amount is \$250,000. During 1886 extra appropriations of \$300,000 have been made to the department. By the report of the Comptroller for the year it will be seen that the extra appropriations foot up \$1,500,000, including \$950,000 to the ice boat and \$550,000 to the Water Department. In addition to these sums of \$2,000,000 and \$300,000 not provided for in 1886 and added during the year, the State recovered a judgment against the city for \$600,000 for back taxes.

The majority of the Finance Committee recommended that this \$1,500,000 be funded. This is the undesignated portion of it is the duty of Councils to prepare a tax sufficient to carry on the government. By funding \$2,500,000, two years ago, the city was made even, and a rate of \$4 1/2 instead of \$1 should have been proposed for 1886.

The duty of imposing a tax rate sufficient to meet the expenses of the city has always been evaded by Councils. In 1866 they imposed a proper rate to meet the departments' estimates. The experience of many years has been that the necessity to have a tax sufficient to carry on an ordinary department is not rendered inexorable by reducing the estimates, and the extra appropriations of this year are the result of the same policy.

The act of consolidation requires that the city shall not only provide for the payment of the interest of its debt, but shall be prepared for any loan needed by a contingent and unexpected appropriation of the payment of the interest, and to sink the principal within the next thirty years. This law is very plain, and it is the duty of the Councils to carry on the government of the city, and to pay the taxes of the same year, without borrowing. This law imposes the additional duty of paying the interest on the principal debt and on the interest on the "without loans."

The postponement of the payment for thirty years of the \$1,500,000 will involve the payment of \$1,500,000 annually for interest on \$5,000,000 annually State tax upon interest—altogether \$125,000 per annum.

Agreeing that the Controller says that there are now on hand for schools, gas, water, etc., unpaid loans amounting to \$2,277,000. The contracts for these works are made and the bills will be issued during the coming year. If the \$1,500,000 are to be funded, there will be \$1,000,000 of a loan on the market at the commencement of the year. It may be said that the Comptroller of the Finance Fund will take all this, but the law says that the amount must be raised by tax, "exclusive of loans," and this is the only way of raising it.

the war was photographic reporter for the War Department. He was a graduate of the High School, and was noted for gentleness of disposition and quietness of demeanor.

AMUSEMENTS.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—FRIDAY EVENING, December 7, 7 o'clock. Curtain to rise at 7 1/2 precisely. OPERA.—THE MARRIED BRIDE. Or in three acts, music by Harold. Madlle. S. J. B. ...

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HISTORICAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—SEASON OF EIGHT NIGHTS. DEBUT OF MISS MARY STUART. TUESDAY, 11:30 P. M. WEDNESDAY, 11:30 P. M. THURSDAY, 11:30 P. M. FRIDAY, 11:30 P. M. SATURDAY, 11:30 P. M. SUNDAY, 11:30 P. M.

NEW CHESTNUT STREET THEATRE.—FRIDAY EVENING, December 7, 7 o'clock. Curtain to rise at 7 1/2 precisely. OPERA.—THE SUCCESSFUL DRAUGHT. Or in three acts, music by Harold.

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