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CITY BOND REFUNDING

The Proposition and the Necessity for the Step.

Julius C. Martin Explains Both to the Zeb Vance Club.

Reasons for Belief That Bondholders Will Agree to it.

And That the New Bonds Will Find a Ready Market—How the City's Present Debt Accumulated.

At the meeting of the Zeb Vance Martin, W. W. West and R. L. Patillo democratic club last night, Julius C. were appointed as a finance committee. A committee to secure speakers for the next meeting was also appointed, consisting of Captain Farow, J. H. Brooks and Donald Gillin.

Julius C. Martin made a speech, explaining the bond issue.

"The question is not a political one," he said. "It is not a question advocated by democrats or republicans. It is not a question which will be fought by republicans on purely political grounds. This is a question of figures, of business, of dollars and cents. A question that does not affect democrats and republicans as politicians, but as taxpayers and property holders. It affects every person who has the interest of Asheville at heart.

"The remedy may be called heroic, but the treatment must be heroic for a very sick person, and Asheville may be called a very sick person.

"The remedy proposed will increase taxation somewhat, but it will be equal on every one. When ten cents is added to \$100 worth of property 30 cents is added to each poll. The hardest tax will be to the man who pay only a poll tax.

"You doubtless are all familiar with the financial condition of Asheville.

"In 1882, \$40,000 worth of twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds were issued, which will fall due in 1902. This was for the first water system, 'Patton's baby.' In 1886 \$100,000 more of twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds were issued, and in 1888, the same amount of the same kind was issued. These two issues were both for water and sewer purposes. Up to 1890 there was \$240,000 in bonds outstanding.

"In 1890 \$20,000 twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds were issued for the market house.

"In 1891 \$445,000 twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds were issued. One hundred thousand was used for water and sewer work; \$300,000 for street improvement; \$25,000 for schools, and \$20,000 for market house.

"In 1894, \$90,000 twenty-year 6 per cent. bonds were issued.

"Of the bonds issued in 1891 \$7,000 of

street improvement bonds had been retired, \$500 of the school bonds and \$6,000 of market house bonds, leaving a total bonded indebtedness of \$782,500.

"Taking the population of Asheville as 12,000, there is a per capita debt of \$65 on every man, woman and child in the city. Counting only the tax payers there is a per capita debt of \$250 on each one of them. Each tax payer annually pays \$14 as his share of the \$42,250 on the bonds.

"There is also a floating debt of about \$42,500, making the total debt \$825,000.

"This will be reduced about \$25,000 this year.

"We have a tax rate as high as Asheville wishes to bear. If the taxes were too high, people would build just outside of the city limits to escape them. Already some persons are doing that. It is dangerous to say that we can get out of our trouble by increasing the tax.

"We can't repudiate. Then what can we do?

"We collect \$65,999 taxes on property, and \$19,000 special tax, making \$84,999 annually. One sixth of this goes to the schools. When you take \$14,000 for schools and \$42,250 for interest, it only leaves about \$28,000 for all other expenses. There is about \$7,000 a year for lights, about \$20,000 for salaries of city officials, and you see there is little left for running expenses.

"There is a slight income from the police department, probably \$300 per month, and a very little from the sanitary department. There is about \$20,000 annually derived from the waterworks. A little money is spent on incidents, but when you think of improvements, you have little for them. For the last ten months the receipts have about equalled the disbursements. The former administration purchased a new pump, on which the present administration has paid \$5,000. If no improvements or extensions are made, there will be a small income from this, but the waterworks should only pay expenses to keep them in good order.

"It requires about \$25,000 for running expenses, which are not too large.

"In Charlotte the janitor gets more than our mayor. The money isn't eaten up in high salaries.

"This is the remedy for our financial troubles: The present holders of our bonds must be approached by the aldermen, offering either to pay them cash for the old bonds now, or substitute the new ones for the old ones.

"I think these men can be induced to sell, and will be willing to accept one or the other of the propositions.

"An objection has been raised that the \$800,000 may be issued, and the old ones never taken up. This sounds foolish to me. First, because the men who buy bonds, won't buy that many more, because they know that we could never redeem them. Second, and main reason, the aldermen are honorable men and will not misappropriate the funds.

"This is one of the most important business schemes Asheville ever had thrust upon it.

"One prominent business man said to me, 'Why, it would practically be repudiation to offer \$1,000 for a \$1,000 bond. I can't see why he said this unless he is one of those who were in favor of repudiation of the entire debt, not long ago.'

"I have talked to a number of business men, and they tell me that men

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A BRIBERY SENSATION

Latest Incident in the Pennsylvania Senatorial Fight.

Investigating Committee Recommends Prosecution of Nine Politicians.

Quay Will Fight to the Finish and Deadlock Continues.

Prospects That Not Enough Will Desert Him at Today's Vote to Elect Another Man.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 17.—There was a sensation in the house this afternoon when the bribery investigating committee reported, recommending the prompt and vigorous prosecution of nine politicians as being guilty of corrupt solicitation to influence the vote on the senatorship and the McCarell jury bill, which latter, if passed, would have helped Quay in his conspiracy trial.

There is no occasion for any more guessing as to the final outcome of the senatorship fight. It will be a deadlock to the end. Quay will be in at the finish. His followers held a conference tonight and pledged their further support. Several will desert at the joint ballot tomorrow but not enough to secure the election of another man.

GOLDSMITH TESTIFIES IN THE QUAY TRIAL

Tells of the Result of His Examination of the Bank Books.

Philadelphia, April 17.—Meyer Goldsmith was on the witness stand today in the Quay trial. He testified that the state of Pennsylvania had made large deposits from the 1st of May to November 1 in 1897, and during that time Quay borrowed \$185,000. Stocks to the amount of \$143,000 was shown by the books to have been purchased for Quay October 1.

The witness stated that the books show that no interest was paid on these loans and of the state's deposit, 2 per cent. used for the bank without interest, \$200,000, was set aside for the use of Quay, and interest on the balance computed and divided between M. S. Quay, B. J. Haywood and C. E. McKee.

The defense asked that the witness' testimony regarding the interest paid on the loans be set aside as no entries in the books warranted such testimony. This was overruled by the judge on the ground that if the statements were false they could be so proven on cross-examination.

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GEN. NORDARZE RESIGNS

Tenders His Resignation as Commander of Cuban Troops in Havana.

Havana, April 17.—General Nordarze, who heretofore has been friendly to Gomez, resigned today as commander of the Cuban troops in Havana province, announcing that he now sides with Rodriguez against Gomez.

Gomez will have another interview with Brooke tomorrow. The former says the utmost energy must be shown in suppressing the brigandage.

The appearance of bandits is causing much harm to business, and has even affected the price of stock. An immediate organization of the rural guard is imperative.

RETURNING TROOPS FROM PHILIPPINES

Otis Directed to Designate the Order in Which They Will Return.

Washington, April 17.—The war department expects to be able to announce in a few days the volunteer regiments which will be brought home from the Philippines. It is expected that some of these will re-enlist for six months, and Otis has been directed to designate the order in which the others will be returned.

It is probable that the three regiments to be ordered home will be the First South Dakota, the Thirteenth Minnesota and the Tenth Pennsylvania. Governor Voorhees, of New Jersey, told the president that if more troops were needed, the Fourth New Jersey was willing to re-enter the service.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED

Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Four little girls, ranging in ages from six to eleven years, while playing on a trestle at North Birmingham, were run into by a westbound passenger train today. Two of them were killed and two were seriously injured. The engineer saw the children on the trestle and made efforts to stop the train, but all in vain. The children saw the train coming, but lost their heads and instead of running off the trestle, ran on it further.

"A THRILLING NIGHT'S RIDE" is the title of a very interesting illustrated story, which will be mailed free upon receipt of 2 cents postage by W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A.

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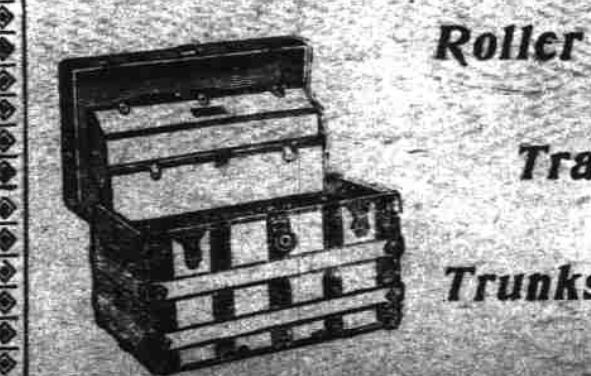
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CROKER IN CONTEMPT

For Refusing to Answer Questions at Mazet Inquiry.

Resolutions to Investigate Platt Voted Down in Committee.

A Concert Garden Keeper On the Witness Stand

Swears That in Return for Protection He Was Forced to Give Capt. Price Stolen Money.

New York, April 17.—Richard Croker and Simon Buckner shared the distinction of being the chief witnesses before the Mazet committee today. Buttner, who used to keep the Broadway Garden, testified solely to be revenged on Police Captain Price who, he claimed, had driven him out of the business and had put up a job to railroad him to state prison on the charge of robbing Frank Magowan. Buttner also said Price permits women of the town to rob men in the Tenderloin; that the police then rob the women and pocket the proceeds, and that besides his own monthly payment for protection he was required to give Price half the proceeds of any robbery in his place.

Croker listened closely to Buttner's story and did not like it. Croker was asked to tell about companies with which he was connected, and his answer in substance was: "Why don't you investigate Platt?"

He was asked about other things and could not remember. Some questions he refused to answer when directed so to do by Chairman Mazet, thereby placing himself in contempt. What punishment may be given the boss, if any, will probably be announced at Friday's session of the committee.

A resolution introduced in the committee that Platt and others be investigated regarding the gas franchise put through the last legislature was voted down by a strict party vote.

MARBLEHEAD TO THE PACIFIC

Is Detached from Sampson's Squadron -- The Newark Also Under Way.

Washington, April 17.—The cruiser Marblehead has been detached from Sampson's squadron and ordered to the Pacific. Officials deny that the dispatch of the cruiser has any connection with the Samoa situation, but that it is due to the desire to maintain an adequate force at that station. The Marblehead and Newark have already started. It was also reported that the battleship Texas would go to the Pacific, but the authorities deny this.

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A LECTURE ON Christian Science

—BY—
Mr. Edw. H. Hammond, of Baltimore.

A member of the International Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church of Christian Science of Boston, Mass., will be given on Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 p. m.

—IN THE—
Opera House

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