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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1913.

THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Some features, worthy of the consideration of the tax payers of Washington are brought out in the city finance report which was published in our Saturday's issue.

The report shows a net increase in the assets for the year of \$4,051.62 and a decrease of \$4,822.83 in its liabilities.

There was an increase in the assessed valuation of real estate of \$7,175, while there was a decrease of \$499.27 in the valuation of personal property.

Is it possible that the personal property decreased in value the above amount or does the trouble lie with the list takers and the assessors? Everyone knows that the value of personal property increased during the past year rather than decreased. Notwithstanding this fact, the city was deprived of revenue from almost \$50,000 worth of taxable property, which should have shown in the list of tax values.

The statement shows a delinquent list of only \$1,522.36 (the smallest amount on record in recent years) as compared with \$1,701.69 for 1911. In 1912 \$852.87 was collected less than in the previous year. The figures prove that the fault was not with the tax collector, for he did his work well.

The city has been economical in its management is apparent to everyone. In 1911 the total corporate expenses were \$22,413.20, while for 1912 they were \$19,536.05, or a saving of \$2,877.15.

LINER STRIKES BERG NEARLY 200 FEET HIGH

Low Speed of Chiltern Range in Fog Prevents Disaster—Numerous Ice Fields.

Montreal, May 13.—The Chiltern Range of the Furness line which has arrived in port with a damaged bow, presented practical evidence of the heavy ice conditions which, coupled with fog, have made navigation on the North Atlantic trying work for mariners during the last week.

In latitude 46.39 north and longitude 47.40 west, with the engines slowed down on account of the dense fog, which shut the vessel in on all sides, the Chiltern Range was confronted with an iceberg nearly 200 feet high. The low speed at which the vessel was going saved a serious accident. As it was, the Chiltern Range struck the berg a glancing blow and then slid away to the eastward.

Capt. Rea said that the vessel reversed her engines he would not be here to tell the tale. Berge which the captain could hear but not see were scattered on all sides except to the eastward. After every blast of the whistle a sound, like the report of a gun followed from twenty to thirty seconds later, caused, apparently, by the bursting of the bergs, as a result of the vibration from the whistle.

"What we feared most," said Capt. Rea, "was that after striking the iceberg and sliding over an underlying spur might rip the vessel open, as happened in the case of the Titanic. The Chiltern Range lay to all night in the midst of the icefield. Next morning, with the weather clearing a little, it was headed in a southerly direction and the Banks were avoided altogether."

IN MEMORY.

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has taken to Himself our youngest member and conductor, George E. Barnes; therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That this lodge has lost a valued member and the people of Small a loyal friend and comrade.

2nd. That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy to the bereaved parents and a copy sent to the Daily News and one to the Union Farmer for publication.

J. A. HARDY,
 J. E. CATIN,
 J. GURGANUS,
 May 8th, 1913.



Woodrow Wilson

In 1912 Mr. Wilson's doctrine of simplified responsible government had only been cursorily discussed in intellectual circles. Every serious writer on American government sooner or later had deplored the practice of electing a multitude of officers. But some of them had suggested any constructive remedies. No attempt had been made to convince the great American public of their folly; the people were considered hopelessly wedded to the notion that electing a multitude of officers is the very essence of democracy.

In July, 1909, an article by Richard S. Childs had appeared in one of the weekly magazines in which the evils of the elective system and the obvious remedy was discussed under the title of "The Short Ballot." This supplied the necessary catch-word which is always necessary to make an idea "go" in the popular sense. Later on, the author, with Mr. Wilson and several well known editors, called a Short Ballot Conference which banquetted at the Hotel Astor in New York city on January 21, 1910.

At this meeting Mr. Wilson explained that the object of the organization was to gain the adherence of as many men of influence as possible, of what ever party, and to interest those actually in charge of administration, so that they might aid by their practical knowledge of affairs and their influence with the legislative bodies. "Above all," he said, "we should seek to make the principles we have in mind the subject of constant discussion. It is not a campaign of education we have in mind, but a campaign of information."

On the problem itself he said in part:—"The methods by which we have sought to establish popular control really destroy it. We have sought to make every office, great and small, elective. We have defined the duties and powers of each office by statute and we have nowhere united the offices thus set up in any coherent, interdependent system. Each officer has derived his authority from particular legislation and his office directly from the people. He has, therefore, been in no legal sense subordinate to any other officer, has owed obedience to no one except those who elected him, has been obliged to cooperate with no one except those with whom the statute upon which he stood commanded him to co-operate. It has been a system of executive action laid apart in complete analysis, and each item of the analyzed structure made independent of the rest. . . . If the great multitude of minor and petty offices were taken out of the elective list and were transformed into appointive offices, if the people were called upon to choose only those who ought under any reasonable system to be in responsible charge of the administration of government, many interesting results would follow. In the first place, it would be a most desirable and businesslike reorganization of the government itself, because it would give it administrative cohesion and a systematic relation of parts, unity and efficiency. What is much more important, it would be the re-establishment of popular control, because it would make it possible for the people to exercise a direct and intelligent control over the nomination and election of the central authoritative officers."

The immediate outcome of this occasion was the founding of the Short Ballot Organization, of which Mr. Wilson was elected, and remains, president. It was he who drew up the vital section in its constitution and its platform. The campaign for simplified government to which Mr. Wilson has lent the aid of his great personal prestige will be treated of in the next article.

MANY STATES MOVE TOWARD SHORT BALLOT.

In the lower house of the North Dakota Legislature Representative Snyder has introduced a measure which would apply the Short Ballot to the State government. By the provisions of this, the Governor's term of office would be extended from two to four years, and he would have the appointment of a Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Insurance, three Commissioners of Railroads, and Attorney General and one Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.

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