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## MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS DURING YEAR JUST CLOSING

Summary of What Has Been Done Along These Lines in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem has gone forward in the line of municipal improvement during the year just closing. The aldermen have taken progressive action to meet the needs of the city. The city of Winston has made some of the most important improvements during the year. About \$17,000 has been expended for these improvements. Quite a good deal of the work has been done on the streets. A large amount of concrete sidewalks have been laid on the streets. A horse for the police department has been purchased. The board of aldermen have decided to launch an extensive movement for better streets at an early date. Salem has made quite a number of municipal improvements during the year. Streets have been improved, the city has voted bonds for the purchase of the water plant and other forward movements have been made.

## MUNICIPAL POLITICAL TALK

It will not be long now before the aldermen will be discussing the merits of the various propositions. A mayor and board of aldermen of Winston are to be elected May 1, (the latter choosing the mayor), and already various propositions are being mentioned. More than one man has arranged an alderman's ticket that he would like to see on the street-corner discussion now changing from the Y. M. C. building campaign and the dog tax to a discussion of the merits of the various propositions. There is considerable talk of a plan to create the office of a coroner, thus relieving the judge of his duties and, in part, of his salary. The plan has both supporters and opponents as every proposition has. A discussion of these propositions is a good deal of street talk and the best plan to be adopted in making extensive street improvements. Some contend that the issue is the only right plan others say a bond issue is not only a good plan but that other means of it should be adopted. It will not be many weeks now before the local political pot will begin to boil in earnest, or at least some of the prognosticators say so.

## TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE.

Police Thomas has been ordered to enforce the anti-spitting ordinance on the sidewalks and he proposes to do his duty in the matter. Those who do not wish to offend the mayor and pay a fine should be careful where they spit.

At the warehouses listed on yesterday.



R. W. GORRELL, Elected First Vice-President of Board of Trade at November Meeting.

## WORKHOUSE FOR FORSYTH COUNTY?

There are quite a number of people in Winston-Salem who believe that a workhouse is one of the things needed here. This matter has been frequently discussed but the authorities have never carried it beyond the talking stage. Offenders against the law are constantly being arraigned on one charge and another. In most cases there is very little trouble in deciding what to do with the defendant if he is found guilty. In a good many cases, however, there is trouble. Women and men who cannot be sent to the county roads and boys often present a puzzling problem. If there were a workhouse in this county their cases could be handled all right. Without a workhouse they often have to be put in jail at a dead expense to the county or dismissed. The advocates of a workhouse claim that such an institution could be located on land near the city and those confined therein be required to do useful work. They say the city and county should get together on some plan for the establishment of a workhouse.

## KING OSCAR IS CRITICALLY ILL

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch received here from Stockholm says King Oscar II. of Sweden is critically ill with heart trouble. King Oscar is seventy-seven years old and it is feared the attack will go hard with him.

A number of cases on the court calendar for this term were continued yesterday.



F. J. LIIPFERT, Elected President of the Board of Trade at the November Meeting.

## BOARD OF TRADE OF THIS CITY ACTIVELY AT WORK

Organization Conducting a Vigorous Campaign in Interest of the Twin-City.

The Winston-Salem Board of Trade is actively at work now with a view to properly advertise the city and bringing desirable people here to engage in its industrial life. Quite a large amount of attractive printed matter has been gotten out recently and is being sent through the mail and distributed at the depot and about the hotels. Practically every visitor to the Twin-City is furnished with information relating to Winston-Salem's advantages. Various movements having for their object the advancement of the city's interest have been put on foot and splendid results are expected from them. The secretary's offices in the Tiscock are supplied with attractive folders and other information relating to Winston-Salem and these can be secured by those interested in the city's growth and progress. Board of Trade meetings are now held monthly and much interest is being taken in the organization's work. The number of members is now more than 260. The officers of the organization are as follows:

President, F. J. Liipfert; first vice president, R. W. Gorrell; second vice president, H. F. Huntley; secretary, G. F. Dwire; treasurer, H. F. Shaflin.

The president decided not to appoint standing committees for the year. Instead of this, committees are to be appointed to deal with various questions as they arise. Following are some of the committees now considering various matters:

Passenger Service—J. K. Norfleet, chairman; J. E. Kavanaugh, J. L. Graham, W. D. Currin, Sterling Smith, Publicity and Advertising—Col. G. E. Webb, chairman; Geo. P. Pell, H. R. Dwire, J. B. Whitaker, S. E. Hall, R. E. Carmichael.

Freight Rates, Etc.—F. S. Verney, chairman; J. L. Graham, R. F. Jenkins, Powell Gilmer.

Summer Resort Rates, Etc.—W. D. Currin, chairman; W. F. Shaflin, C. G. Hill, J. E. Kavanaugh.

Express Company—J. J. Norman, chairman; W. A. Wilkinson, Geo. T. Brown.

Telephone Service—E. W. O'Hannon, chairman; R. C. Norfleet, V. P. Moir.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE TWIN-CITY

Already Extensive Preparations Are Being Made for the Happy Event—Some of the Ways in Which Christmas Will Be Celebrated Here.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. Already the small boy and girl have assumed an air of expectancy and Santa Claus is the uppermost topic of discussion in many homes of the Twin-City. Christmas is always celebrated in an appropriate manner in Winston-Salem and this year will be no exception. Practically all the Sunday schools will have entertainments, there will be Christmas sermons and Christmas music at the churches; there will be hunting parties and visits from relatives and a relaxation after a year of business cares; there will be social affairs and considerable charitable work. To say nothing of the usual quota of noise turned out by horns and firecrackers under the direction of the irrepressible small boy. Elaborate programs are already being arranged for the Christmas entertainments. At some of these Santa Claus will be a centre of attraction. At all of them creditable programs of various kinds will be rendered. Christmas will be a glad season in Winston-Salem. The year has been a good one in various ways and the average citizen is in the proper frame of mind for a genuine, whole-hearted enjoyment of the Christmas season. As usual a majority of the manufacturing establishments will suspend work for a while and there will be a kind of relaxation in various ways. Christmas shopping is now on in

## SPLENDID GROWTH THE PAST YEAR

Winston-Salem Retail Merchants' Association Has Gone Forward Rapidly During That Time and Now Leads State in Membership.

The Winston-Salem Retail Merchants' Association is not an old organization but it has accomplished much during the time it has been in existence. It is now the banner association of the State in membership and in practical results it has accomplished a great deal. During the past year the local association's membership has increased from about 45 to about 215 and its usefulness has increased in like proportions. It has been broadening all the while and enlarging its field of endeavor rapidly. The association is one of which its members have good reason to be proud.

All the stores of the Twin-City are crowded with holiday shoppers who want to get "just the thing" for papa or mama, sister or brother or somebody else. A merchant remarked the other day that he has been selling more Christmas gifts than ever before. And others will doubtless say the same thing. The various local dealers have made a fine selection of Christmas articles and they are being rewarded by good trade. It may not be out of place to suggest again that shoppers visit the various stores early and thus avoid the rush of the last few days before Christmas. Shopping now will be found much more satisfactory in every way.

## WATER SUPPLY FURNISHED THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

Abundance of Good Water Is Provided—Winston's Splendid New Water Plant—Other Notes.

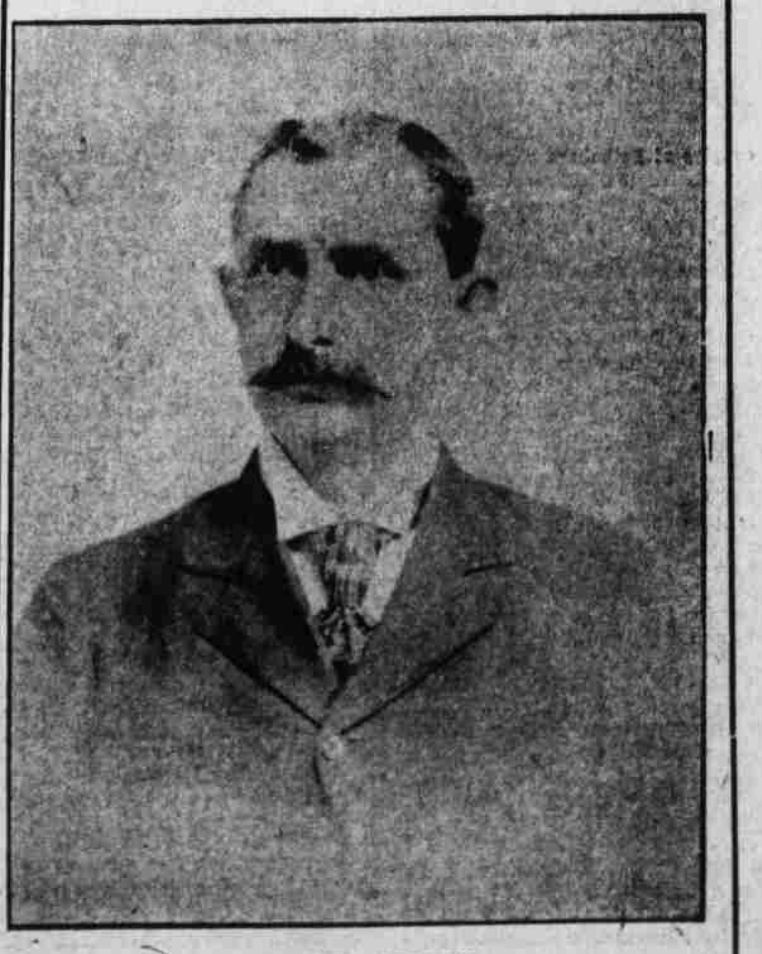
The water supply of Winston-Salem is one of the many things of which the Twin-City has cause to be proud. The supply is sufficient for all emergencies and the system of supplying it quite satisfactory.

**Winston's Water Plant.**  
The Winston water works system has been notably improved the past two or three years and furnishes a good example of a well-conducted plant under the municipal ownership plan. The Winston water plant is situated about two and a half miles northeast of the city. The sources of the supply are small streams, which are held by a masonry dam in a reservoir of seventy-two million gallons available. The intake of the dam is adjustable so that water may be taken from any point within ten feet of the surface. From the pond the water flows by gravity through cast pipe to a 500,000 gallon concrete-lined settling basin, where a coagulant is diffused among it, and the precipitation is such that the water leaves the basin nearly clear and flows through mechanical filters, where it is brought to a sparkling clearness, to a two and one-half million gallon concrete-lined clear water basin, from which it is drawn as pumped to the city. The pump house is of brick. The boilers of steel are bedded in a battery. The pumps are two brass-trimmed compound duplex Smith pumps of one-half million gallon capacity each, and one compound condensing duplex McGowan of two million gallons. They are operated continually in relays. The analysis by the State chemist shows a very pure, soft water. The pipe system in the city varies in size according to the needs of the locality from 12 inches to 4 inches. One hundred and seventy-five hydrants and three drinking troughs and 27 flush tanks to sewers are installed. The new plant was built three years ago, and the old one abandoned, which is worth about \$25,000. The cash receipts from the water-works system are about equal to all operating and maintenance expenses and interest on bonded indebtedness. In addition to this the city furnishes water to all aldermen, churches, schools, hospitals, and Y. M. C. A.; free water for all fire protection by hydrant, stand-pipe, sprinkler or fire pumps to all buildings desiring it; the city has no hydrant rental or sewer flushing to pay for. These collectively would cost about \$7,500 per year if obtained from a water company. It is thus seen that our municipal water-works system is self-supporting, pays interest on bonded indebtedness and saves the city and individuals about \$7,500 a year. This city's experiment with municipal ownership of its water-works system has been eminently satisfactory and has the approval of the people of Winston. Capt. Henry, the efficient city engineer, has supervision of the water-works system and it has been well conducted during the past year.

**Salem's Water Plant.**  
Salem has recently voted \$125,000 in bonds for the purchase and improvement of the water-works plant owned by a private company. This gives a sufficiently large supply of good water in a satisfactory manner and the municipal ownership plan recently authorized promises to be eminently successful.

## RECORD OF THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES DURING THE YEAR

No society that has been organized within the last decade has met so fully the demands of the needy poor, or systematized more perfectly the distribution of charity than has the Associated Charities. In the year and three-quarters since the idea was conceived and put in execution, Miss Annie Grogan, the efficient secretary, has earnestly worked for the advancement of the cause. The great need of the society is a district nurse. In cases of sickness, much suffering could be alleviated, contagious diseases kept under control, and sanitary ideas disseminated, if such could be feasible. Why could not each church assume the expense for a definite period of such a desirable person? It would be necessary to come in direct touch with many of the cases and enter the homes of many of the poor among the working class to appreciate the great need of intelligent nursing to supplement the doctor's visits, especially in pulmonary cases, where it is hard to convince the parties of its contagious character, and the absolute need of sanitary precautions. There are enough societies in the city in the different churches, which, if interested in the work, could easily assist in defraying a nurse's expenses. The following report, which compares favorably with that of the previous year, and shows that the work has been splendidly handled, is given by Miss Grogan: Amount subscribed from April, 1906, to December 1906, \$1,009.50. During this time 583 persons have applied for help, 511 being found worthy, were assisted; the other 72, being unworthy of help, were turned down, this being one of the very excellent features of this organization. Three hundred garments have been distributed since April. The amount of expenses has been \$746.19. The subscriptions have fallen below those of last year, while the expenses are much heavier. The winter is now here, and the holidays are near, so the officers wish to make an earnest appeal to those, who are blessed with plenty to remember those who are less fortunate.



B. F. HUNTLEY, Elected Second Vice-President of Board of Trade at November Meeting.