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HOLIDAY SLIPPERS.

All of our Ladies' Julietts and Felt Slippers, Dolge's make, regular price \$1.50 and \$2.00, brown and black, fur trimmed, ALL AT ONE PRICE 99c
All of our Ladies' 50c, 75c and \$1 Slippers, felt Julietts, fur trimmed, ALL AT ONE PRICE 49c
About 100 pairs Men's Slippers, all prices from 75c to \$1.50, odd lots, all at one price 50c
MEN'S FUR BOOTS, first quality rubber, \$1.50
Men's Arctics, Buckle, all sizes 99c

Man's and Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, Boys' and Youth's Shoes, always the lowest at
HAMILTON BROS.
127 Genesee St.

January Clearance Sale
Now in Full Force!

We have reduced prices astonishingly, in fact, with almost no discrimination regarding the value of the article.

There is one objective point in view, and that is to clear winter goods without delay.
Supply your wants now for little money.
Prophets say winter has only commenced.

A. M. STEVENS,
Specialty Gloak, Suit and Millinery House.
135 Genesee St.

January Clearance Sale of
Ladies' Flannel Shirt Waists.

The Waldorf Shirt Waist Company have closed out to us this stock of flannel shirt waists. These goods will be placed on sale January the 5th.

See Display in our Window.



- Large assortment of Striped Albatross at 50c
Full line of black and white sateen at 50c
All wool flannels in plain colors at 75c
Pretty striped albatros, all colors at 75c
French Flannels, tucked, at 98c
Pretty French Flannel, all shades, at \$1.45

\$1,000 Worth of Flannel Shirt Waists to be Sold!



- Granite cloth shirt waists, very neat, at \$1.95
Pretty French flannels trimmed at \$2.25
Albatros in fancy stripes, extra at \$2.75
French flannel trimmed with applique at \$2.98
Granite cloth trimmed with buttons at \$3.25

Shirt Waist Dep't over store 63.

Bell's Bee Hive Store.

MAYOR OSBORNE ASSUMES OFFICE.

City's New Executive Starts With a Characteristic Inaugural.

SOME APPOINTMENTS MADE.

John H. Van Dusen, of the Second Ward, will succeed Stephen T. Adams as Street Superintendent. P. M. Herron will be the successor of Edward J. Moore in the Board of Fire Commissioners, and J. Henry Kerr is named to succeed Ernest Smith as a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

At noon to-day Thomas M. Osborne donned the mantle of the city's chief executive that was laid down by William C. Burgess after two years' service as the city's head. With the change in the highest office in the city of the people of Auburn also comes a change in the political complexion of it occupant and a Democrat, for whom the people declared themselves in no uncertain terms at the polls, succeeds a Republican.

The fire bell didn't ring to announce the change but the bang in the City Hall sounded and Osborne's whistle blew.

With Mayor Osborne's assumption of the office also came an announcement of some appointments. These announcements were embodied in his message, as were the announcements of his standing committees in the Council. His appointments are:

Street Superintendent, John Van Dusen, Democrat, of the Second Ward.
Fire Commissioner, P. M. Herron, Democrat, of the Tenth Ward.
Civil Service Commissioner, C. A. Smith, Democrat, Walter H. Beck, Republican, J. Henry Kerr, Democrat.

The only change in the case of Mr. Kerr, who succeeds Emmett Rhodes, is a change in the Board of Examining Plumbers, Fred F. Irish to succeed himself.

Little out of the ordinary occurred in the proceedings to mark the change in administration from those that have gone before it. The Council chamber was filled some minutes previous to the first meeting and the number increased as the old Council finished its work and was in readiness to begin all over again with a new presiding officer. There was considerable bustle in arranging final details and when Mayor Osborne assumed his duties all was silent, this condition being intended to be a record to read his first annual message, which is an official document and very plain. He was paid the strictest attention while he read and he did not utter words in dealing with certain departments. His appointments he had kept to himself and his announcement of them as the reading proceeded, together with the committee appointments, gave an additional interest to a document that is well worth reading.

The message is given in full below. It was 11:40 when the Council met to close up its affairs of the year. All the aldermen were present except Alderman Wise, who is confined to his home by illness, when former Mayor Burgess called them to order and the Board settled down to the transaction of what remaining business there was for the year.

The petition of John Steele for an expressman's license was received and filed as was the report of the Finance Committee and the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Over City Treasurer Firth's accounts and found them correct. The reports of City Clerk Herring, showing that he had received \$41 for license, and Chief of Police MacMaster, showing 300 notices served, of the Board of Charities and Police agreeing to furnish the sidewalk inspector with a list of indigents, were all received and filed.

The resignation of J. Henry Kerr as commissioner of deeds was accepted on motion of Alderman Quigley. The reports of the Finance Committee were adopted and on motion of Alderman Kidney, checks were ordered drawn in payment of the several bills.

A resolution by Alderman Emerson licensing John Steele as an expressman was adopted as was a resolution by Alderman Quigley appointing Mortimer V. Austin, Jr., as commissioner of deeds to succeed J. Henry Kerr. Then Alderman Kidney introduced

Sour stomachs made sweet, Weak stomachs made strong, Torpid livers made active, Stagnant bowels made regular, Pain after eating relieved, Natural sleep guaranteed by HERRICK'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS. Sold by all druggists.

SELECT YOUR Christmas PRESENTS. And have them set aside. Everything in the furniture line. BRIXIUS & CHAPMAN, 50 Genesee St.

DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY! TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM THE BEST COUGH CURE. It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure cure in advanced stages. The only one that does. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 25 cents and 50 cents.

A resolution in reference to bicycles, embodying the old ordinance and making certain amendments, is provided that bicycles must not be ridden on the sidewalks in streets paved with asphalt or brick, in addition to the restrictions already in force. It provides that where a wheel is ridden on the walk after dark, lamps must be used but the regulation states that this does not apply to riders whose wheels have gone out or who have been caught away from home without their lights. It provides for a fine of not more than \$5 for each violation, or one day in jail for each \$1 unpaid, and any offender arrested may give the officer \$5 or his bicycle as security for his appearance in court at the specified time. In case the offender fails to appear at the time specified he forfeits the money given as security for a fine or, on the other hand, his wheel, on six days' notice to the owner, is to be sold by the recorder and the amount of the fine taken on the receipts of the sale and the balance turned over to the recorder as owner of the wheel. The resolution is to take effect immediately and it was unanimously adopted.

Another resolution by Alderman Kidney expressed the belief that the retiring mayor had done excellent service in his official capacity; that it was the sense of the Council that its members thank Mayor Burgess for the courtesy he had extended to them and express their regret at his stepping down from the office.

Alderman Kidney moved the adoption of the resolution and Alderman Emerson, in responding to the motion, stated that he thought it opportune for him as a Democratic member of the Council to say something and in behalf of the Democratic members, "I wish to thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the very fair treatment you have accorded us all the time during your administration."

Clerk Herring put the motion and it was carried unanimously. Mayor Burgess made brief reply during which he said: "Before severing my official connection with you I wish to thank you for the courtesy which you have extended to me. I have no regret at stepping down from the office of chief executive of the city in that I must sever my relations with you. Ever since you came into office 12 months ago you have extended to me the best of good fellowship. I can't name anything I have attempted to do for you but you have been with me. I said a few words ago, a mayor who has not the hearty co-operation of all the members of the Council might better not have been elected. And I trust that you will treat Mayor Osborne with the same courtesy you have shown me, hoping that he will have no fault to find and a great many thanks in terms of office will cease. I also want to extend my thanks to the city clerk and the city attorney."

On motion of Alderman Kidney the Council adjourned sine die at two minutes of 12 o'clock. THE NEW MAYOR AT THE HELM. Was on Hand and Waiting for Completion of Old Council's Business. The band of curious people who were anxious to see Mayor Osborne assume the duties of his office had not long to wait. The new mayor was already in the city clerk's office when the old Council adjourned and a few minutes later he walked into the Council chamber accompanied by former Mayor Burgess and the two mounted the platform where they stood talking for a brief period while the aldermen went back to their seats and waited for the meeting to open. Shortly afterward the former mayor turned to the aldermen and said: "Gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce to you Mayor Osborne." With this he left the room while the mayor called the meeting to order, using the gavel recently presented to him by his Sunday class at the First Universalist church. Immediately after the roll call the mayor arose with message in hand and read it as follows: "To the Honorable the Common Council:

"In spite of the fact that a newly elected mayor, taking office in the midst of the fiscal year, is hardly in a position to instruct a body of aldermen considerably more experienced than himself in a general statement of the finances and governmental affairs of the city for the current fiscal year, I have the honor to present to you our own city charter commands it. I therefore venture to submit to you for consideration a few points such as might strike a citizen interested in public affairs and which will of necessity be suggestive rather than authoritative.

1. City Charter. "In the first place let me congratulate the Council upon having already taken steps to secure proper revision of our City Charter. However excellent this document may have been when it was promulgated 24 years ago, it has been so added to, subtracted from, amended and repealed that it is difficult to detect the original design of its makers. It has been amended during the last 20 years no less than 15 times, namely, twice in 1854, once in 1855, '87, '89, '93, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1900, twice in 1901 and lastly in 1902; and I fear this is an incomplete list. One section alone has been amended 15 times in the last 16 years. In view of this it is certainly not seem as though the 'fundamental law' of our city is very firm in its fundamental character,

and it is fair to conclude that a thorough revision is not only desirable but necessary, if we wish our city to be well governed; and while it is not possible of course to get an instrument which gives us an automatic good city government, if we place weak or corrupt men in office it is possible to hamper fatally the administration of good officials by asking them to act under antiquated laws and by means of an outworn system.

III. Charter's Defects. "As instances of the defects existing in the present charter I may mention the following: "The distinction between the legislative and administrative functions of city government is by no means clearly defined.

"Mr. Frank T. Goodnow, one of the recognized experts in the study of municipal government, has said: 'It is just as well to distinguish in all forms and grades of government two ultimate and primary functions; the one consists in the determination of the public policy, the other in the execution of that policy after it has been once determined. The one function is legislative; the other administration. The distinction of governmental functions has been made from an early time and is at the basis of that fundamental principle of American constitutional law usually referred to as the principle of the separation of powers. It is a distinction based upon a sound public policy, and it is a principle so constant being the will must be formulated if not expressed before its execution is possible. In the case of political bodies, which are more and more coming to be recognized as subject to psychological law, not only must the will or policy be formulated, but it must be executed, but also the very complexity of their operations makes it almost impossible to entrust the same authority as well with the execution as with the determination of the public policy. This is so not merely because the function of determining the public policy requires a high degree of wisdom and foresight, but also because the burden of government is too great to permit of its being borne by any one authority.'

"The charter of the city of Auburn not only does not express clearly these two distinct functions of government, but it is honestly confused them. On the one hand our Common Council, which from the nature of the case cannot be an effective administrative body but should be a strong legislative body, has its proper powers practically nullified, while on the other hand it interferes with and cramps the action of the executive department.

"The Council cannot pay many of the city officers more than a stipulated salary or raise for certain departments more than certain given amounts without the assent of the Legislature. In other words, as the city grows it must ask permission of the State before it can change its clothes. Moreover, the mayor through the Board appointed by him usurps the legislative function for several of the city's most important departments, notably those of Fire, Police and Charities. On the other hand the Council usurps the administrative function in the Water department and by the appointments of sidewalk inspector, fire marshal and city attorney. The action of each department is thus hampered and obstructed by the other and the result is a general confusion which is exaggerated into a pretty hopeless tangle by the numerous overlapping amendments.

"The mayor's appointments over departments for which he is technically and should be practically, responsible are so arranged that he really is deprived of all power over some of the most important parts of the city's administration until his term is half over unless he resorts to the unpleasant process of removal. For instance, both appointive members of the Board of Charities and Police hold over for a year; and the street superintendent is appointed one at a time that again a year has passed before the mayor, if he has in mind any new method, can enforce them.

"The Department of Charities and that of Police are united in an ill-assorted and illogical union. Presumably they were originally united because there was hardly enough business in the two departments to make either independent. That is hardly the case now and there would be quite as much sense in joining the Police and Water departments as the Police and Charities.

"The power of appointment is illogical and mixed. For instance, the Council appoints the city attorney and city surveyor. The mayor appoints the street superintendent, but the Council appoints the sidewalk inspector. The mayor appoints the Fire Board, the Board appoints the chief, while the Council appoints the fire marshal.

"These are only a few of the eccentricities of our present city charter. You will pardon me if I venture to suggest, a few points which might well be considered in drafting the new one.

IV. New Charter. "Aldermen at large.—The election of the aldermen at large is a matter rather than from the separate wards is a change which may appear at first somewhat revolutionary, but it has been suggested to me by some of the most thoughtful and conservative members of both political parties. It is really a new idea to us; a similar change was put in force with the best effect in the case of our own Board of Education so long ago as 1875. It would be easy to safeguard the interests of the wards and to make a proper provision for minority representation. It would seem to be an uncontroversial change and the Council is to be a legislative body for the city, it can legislate better for the city at large if it represents the city at large rather than if it is made up of representatives of the different wards. As long as the latter basis obtains, just so long as the aldermen have at least the reputation of 'log-rolling'—that course of all legislation. 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