

MAYOR TELLS EAST END VOTERS OF MOVE TO GET HIM

CAN'T RECOLLECT ACCOUNT FILING, SAYS DOUGLASS

Works Chairman Remarks He Remembers Smith's Appeal For Payment.

TRY AND COLLECT

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, stated today that he could not recollect, as charged by Edwin Smith, when the city council filed any account from the Old Boys' Association or from Mr. Smith himself.

"The last recollection that I have," said the chairman, "was Mr. Smith's appeal at the committee for the payment of several hundreds of dollars for services rendered, and so forth. It was my impression that he was advised to go out and try and collect what he considered due him from the individual members of the association."

Mayor Wenige replied today to the charge last night from Mr. Smith that the Bicycle and Motor Sales Company benefited from Old Home week.

"We kept our business open, certainly," acknowledged his worship. "But we may conclude that other businesses in the city also benefited during the week."

"We'll take Edwin Smith for instance. I would say offhand that he benefited to the extent of perhaps \$5,000 through publicity as secretary of the association. Edwin Smith, phone 90. He secured space that would have cost anyone else some real money."

"I staged no bicycle races at Queen's Park. That was done by Secretary Smith, and they were a failure at that. It was up to him, as secretary, if they floundered."

"Any assistance that Secretary Smith received from the executive was gratis. He practically appointed himself secretary of the association at the first session. 'Clear the road, let me be secretary.'"

"And he also complains that he did not receive a vote of thanks for the job for which he volunteered. What does he want? What corner will he stand on in order that all the citizens may shake him by the hand?"

INSPECTOR VISITS SCHOOL.

Thamesford, Nov. 29.—Dr. Danden, inspector of agricultural classes in the province, visited Thamesford continuation school, Wednesday afternoon. He inspected only the second and third forms, as the rest of the school is closed temporarily. He was favorably impressed with the work in agriculture that is being carried on. He left on the 5 o'clock train for Ingersoll.

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News From City Churches

NEW TRAIL RANGER GROUP.

The newly-organized Trail Ranger group of the Chalmers Presbyterian Church met last evening under the direction of their mentor, Mr. Sidney Pratt, and practiced a camp fire scene, which they are to present in conjunction with the Christmas concert.

SENIOR PATHFINDERS.

At the meeting of the Senior Pathfinders of St. Andrew's Church, last evening, the regular "Intellectual" program of the C.G.I.T. was carried out. The members dealt with the subject of "The Christian Religion," both prose and poetry. Miss Betty Walker had charge of the supper, and the new leader, Miss Emma Boughner, was introduced to the group. The entire society were guests at a banquet, which was in the nature of a forfeit on the part of the losing team in a recent ticket selling contest. In addition to this, there was provided a splendid program of games and music. Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. A. Eadie acted as hostesses, relieving the young people of a share of responsibility for the serving of the banquet.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BANQUET.

The Young People's Society of the Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Chelsea Green, held a successful social gathering at their regular meeting last night. The entire society were guests at a banquet, which was in the nature of a forfeit on the part of the losing team in a recent ticket selling contest. In addition to this, there was provided a splendid program of games and music. Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. A. Eadie acted as hostesses, relieving the young people of a share of responsibility for the serving of the banquet.

CHRIST CHURCH BAZAAR.

The Guild of Christ Church is highly pleased with the results of their annual bazaar, held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Sunday school rooms. Financially and in every other way, the affair was a complete success. Each booth was made up of a number of stalls, making a charming effect. A number of guessing contests were held and Mr. Moylan won a splendid two-tiered Christmas cake, while the general convenor, Mrs. James Percy, was lucky enough to win a "crazy" quilt. One particular corner which attracted special interest was the "Curiosity Shop," conducted by Miss Mary Connor, and a number of the Girl Guides. Each article in the booth was made by one of the troop. In the evening, Miss Connor entertained all the young folk in the church basement by giving a number of interesting lantern slides.

RIOD STREET BAZAAR.

The Sunday school rooms of the Riod Street Methodist Church were most attractive on Thursday afternoon, when the Ladies' Aid, under the convenorship of Mrs. E. M. Russell, held their annual bazaar. The booths were arranged to form a hollow square, being decorated from the center post to the corners with streamers of pink and green, and each booth divided with a lattice work and gay sprays of apple blossoms. In the afternoon tea was served, Mrs. A. Lorking presiding. The table was prettily centered with a silver vase of white carnations and silver candlesticks. A splendid program was arranged for the evening, those taking part: Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Miss Ruth Lucas, Miss Rapsin, Miss G. Lowe, Mrs. E. Deakin, Miss A. Bruce, Mr. H. Deakin, and Mr. I. Smith. The convenors and assistants at each booth were the following: General convenors, Mrs. E. M. Russell; towels, Mrs. E. R. Perrin, Mrs. W. Coates, and Mrs. A. J. Agnew; pillowcases, Mrs. S. W. Scandrett and Mrs. J. Bickle; candy, Mrs. W. G. Bendie, Mrs. G. Coates; handkerchiefs, Mrs. S. Martin, Mrs. G. Monahan, Mrs. W. Dutton; fancywork and dolls, Mrs. P. Floyd, Mrs. C. Summerhayes, Mrs. G. Burridge, Mrs. Johnston; aprons, Mrs. S. Wilson, Mrs. A. Austin, Mrs. T. Lowe, and Mrs. M. Evans; children's wear, Mrs. W. Maloney, Mrs. M. Thiel; home-cooking, Mrs. W. Proctor, Mrs. J.

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and Mrs. Deakin, joint convenors, Mrs. C. Mann, Mrs. J. Rankin, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. A. Lorking, Mrs. W. Blackmore, Mrs. J. Fleckner, Mrs. C. Trace, Mrs. P. Jacobs, Mrs. F. Stevenson, orange tree Mrs. Wilbert Smith and Mrs. George Nash.

"FATHER AND DAUGHTER" SERVICE.

A unique service is to be held in the Wellington Street Methodist Church next Sunday evening, when the pastor, Rev. George T. Watts, will conduct a "father and daughter" service. The ushers for the service will be two of the young women of the church, accompanied by their fathers. The lesson will be read by a young lady and her father will take part in the prayers. Another daughter makes the announcements. Special duets and quartets by daughters and fathers will be given. The service is under the direction of the "Qui Vive" Club of young women of the church.

SOUTHERN CHURCH W. A.

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Southern Congregational Church was held at the home of Mrs. W. Claris, 775 King street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A. Rumball presided in place of Mrs. W. Hilton, and in her opening remarks announced the presence of the honorary president and president of the Canadian Congregational Women's Board, Mrs. T. Hill and Mrs. E. Crowe.

Mrs. Crowe, in a brief speech, recommended the presence of the great work badly needed in foreign and home missions. A paper on "Answer to Prayer" was also read. Mrs. J. Claris gave her first report since the bazaar and stated that the bazaar would give the same portion of money to the missions. Arrangements were made to ship a bale of clothing to Africa by those in charge, Mrs. Dr. H. Taylor, Miss E. Perry and Mrs. W. Powell. A brief letter from Africa was read by Mrs. Hill. Daughters refreshments were served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Crowe.

CHOIR CONVERSATION.

The first conversation ever held by the choir of St. James' Anglican Church, that of last evening, proved a delightful success. The congregation were represented in large numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent music provided. Assisting in the evening were the following: Mrs. J. Walker and Mrs. A. Eadie, soloists; Rev. Mr. Edmunds and I. Willis, readers; Miss Edna James, violinist; and numbers were given also by a quartet composed of Mrs. W. Barrows, Miss Gertrude Clement, Mr. Frank Lawson and Mr. A. L. Green. The accompaniment was given by Mrs. J. Walker and Mrs. A. Eadie. Numbers were played by Mrs. Dawes and Mr. A. Anderson, organist and choir leader, was at the piano for the evening. The program, at the conclusion, refreshments were served by a committee, convened by Mrs. Bert Wood.

QUI VIVE CLUB.

The "Qui Vive" Club of the Wellington Street Methodist Church dealt with an excellent business program at their regular meeting last night. With Ruth Atwell presiding, the members discussed arrangements for the next "Sunday" bazaar, and for the bazaar which they are nowing next week. Miss Edna Warwick conducted the devotional period which opened the meeting.

VOTE OF THANKS.

At a business meeting of the Men's Club of Cronyn Memorial Church last evening a vote was passed unanimously expressing thanks to those who assisted with "The Country Store" or contributed to the success of the recent bazaar.

CENTENNIAL BAZAAR.

Pastel shades decorated the many lovely booths at the bazaar that opened yesterday afternoon in Centennial Methodist Church. A large crowd attended both afternoon and evening and everything sold well. For those who were unable to go to the sale yesterday another opportunity will be afforded them today, when the bazaar will be open until 10 o'clock tonight.

ADDRESS FOR MOTHERS.

Rev. L. W. Reid of Hale Street Methodist Church addressed a number of mothers of his congregation yesterday afternoon, when they were entertained by the social service department of the church. Following the program, after tea was served by Miss Farley, Mrs. Beattie and Mrs. McLeod.

COLBORNE ST. BAZAAR.

A very successful bazaar was held yesterday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid of the Colborne Street Methodist Church in the Sunday school rooms, which the occasion were beautifully decorated in a scheme of yellow and white. The different booths, in which there were displayed many beautiful and useful articles, were presided over by the following ladies: Fancywork, Mrs. H. J. Hooper; aprons, Mrs. G. Galbraith; Country Store, Mrs. W. McArthur; candy, Mrs. F. Westbury; handkerchiefs, Mrs. T. R. Allen; dolls, Mrs. W. H. Rath; Old Curiosity Shop, Mrs. S. D. Walker. The primary room, which was transformed into a bower of beauty by sprays of cherry blossoms, Japanese lanterns, pink candles in silver holders, and white streamers, was used as a tea room, presided over by Miss Rosa Friend, Mrs. J. Footit poured tea at a table pretty with a lace cloth, and centered with pink roses and silver candelabra with pink candles. Mrs. J. A. Dickinson and Mrs. Frank Webster were general convenors of the affair.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR.

This increasingly-popular Winter Fair will open at Guelph on Friday, November 30, and continue until Thursday, December 6.

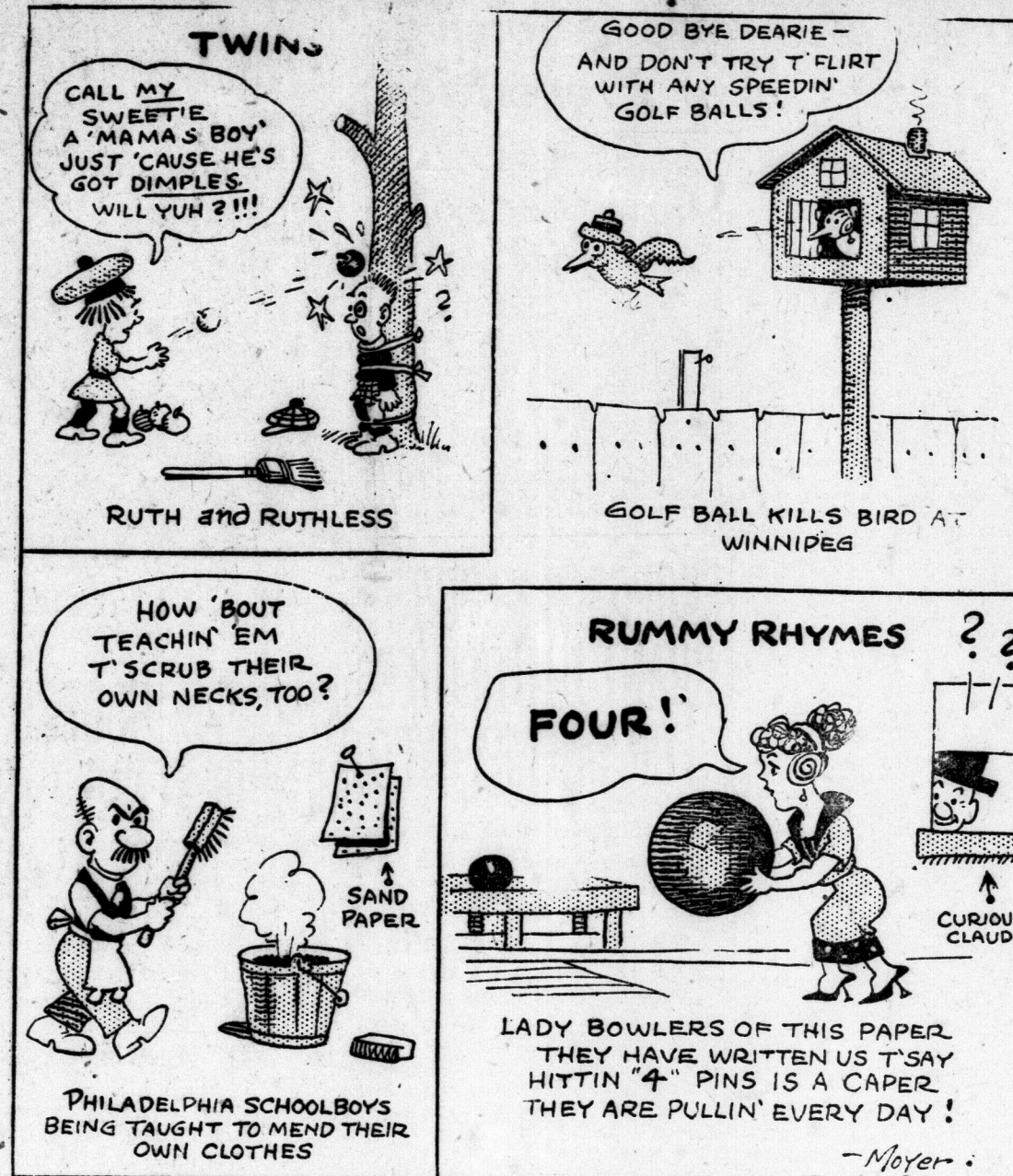
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DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



London Conservatives Join Hands and Welcome Prominent Party Leaders

Hon. Charles McCrea and Senator Predict Tory Advance On Ottawa As Next Jump—Municipal Candidates Presented To Members At Banquet.

The first real "love feast" of the local Conservative Club, held ostensibly to honor Hon. Charles McCrea, but incidentally as a sort of triumphal banquet to celebrate that splendid victory which the Conservatives secured in the recent election, was held in the Tecumseh House last evening.

It was the first official gathering of the faithful since that memorable night when Hon. Howland Ferguson and his merry men swept the country. The atmosphere was typically blue, and no political usurper came in to mar the perfect first night of the evening. Platitudes flew about with extravagant abandon, and those present beamed good fellowship when the guests of the evening told them what jolly good chaps they were.

Nothing sensational developed, but whenever things got just a bit dull such phrases as "the sterling Conservative principles" and "that epochal triumph for Conservatism" could always be depended upon to exact uproarious applause. Conversation was the order, and the hearts of 100 old Conservatives beat with patriotic fervor when the speakers predicted an overwhelming victory for Toryism at the next election.

Senator Laird, imported all the way from Saskatchewan for the occasion, advised any Conservative "with loose change in his pocket to get on the G. O. P. (grand old party) in the next Manitoba elections." It was a perfectly first night of the evening. The speaker assured his hearers, and he could see no legitimate reason why Conservatives shouldn't cash in handsomely on the next election.

If there was any hitch in the proceedings it was the request of President Chris. Hawkins that all municipal candidates stand in and bow respectfully to the speaker. Apparently some believed it was a singularly inappropriate time to become identified with the Conservative party, for they rose reluctantly. Each bowed bashfully, as President Hawkins made formal introductions.

The candidates included Ald. Greer, Ald. May, Ald. Wilson, Edward Warren, Ald. Drake, Ald. Ed. Hayden, Leon Chillingworth, and A. W. Palmer.

"Pop" Master.

Senator Laird, who had been secured as official "pop" master, enlivened the assembly with optimistic reports of Tory progress from the west. He gave out a hint that London would shortly have a senator, apparently anticipating such an appointment when the Conservatives rode into power two years hence. The big, bright spot in the G. O. P. horizon, he said, was the magnificent victory in Ontario. That tremendous landslide had heartened the faithful throughout the depth and breadth of Canada.

Senator Laird's advice from the west was marvellously encouraging. He gave assurance that Manitoba would elect a Conservative government. There was no possibility of anything else. In British Columbia, too, the Oliver regime was doomed. There was a little friction in this province, the senator admitted, but it was very, very little—negligible, in fact.

"We were pretty badly licked at the last federal election," Senator Laird opined. "I see the little group of Conservatives in the House—well, I don't feel so good. But with four provinces going Conservative, as I believe they will, a foundation will be laid for a gigantic federal victory. Every party, naturally, has its ups and downs. Just now we are having our downs, but our ups are coming sooner than you think."

Denies Holy See Deserts Claim

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Nov. 29.—The Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, in a striking article insists that the Holy See in no wise has abandoned its claim "to enjoy the liberty and independence which is its right."

The statement is printed by way of protest against the deduction of a certain newspaper the visit of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain signified the final renunciation of papal aspirations for the recovery of a temporal power and in view of the constant reiteration during the Spanish sovereigns' stay of the idea of a settlement of the Roman question was imminent.

The senator then launched into an appreciation of Frank White, M.P., the local member at Ottawa. He told Mr. White "to his face, because I want him to know it" that no more painstaking, better respected member sat in the House than the member from London.

All this was duly applauded and paved the way for the speaker of the evening Hon. Charles McCrea, minister of mines in the Ontario cabinet. Mr. McCrea extended congratulations to the London Conservative Club for the magnificent part they had played in the splendid victory of good old Conservatism on June 1st last. The local Conservatives were splendid. They had stood up to the old, time-worn Conservative principles splendidly. Everything, in fact, was just too splendid for anything.

Proud of London.

The cabinet at Queen's Park was tremendously proud of London—proud of the manner in which London Conservatives had given unselfish effort to the G. O. P.

"As I recall the period of the last four years, which we all managed to live through, I realize just what the Conservative government has been to this province," Mr. McCrea said. "It has been a great, virile stabilizing force that will always govern Ontario and Canada the best government obtainable. It is a pleasure to look on the faces of all you good fellows who have done so much for your country. If you work as you have in the past I have no doubt but that the federal result will be as triumphant as the provincial."

"It is only fair that I should, at this time, pay tribute to those conscientious Liberals who voted for the Conservative party last election. They knew that Premier Ferguson and his men stood for competency, ability and shrewd political judgment. They voted for us because they knew what the good of men they were voting for. No doubt they shall vote for us again when the present government at Ottawa goes to the country."

The Conservative party will see that Canada gets back into her old-time stride. I want particularly to impress on you the importance of bringing up your young men to the good old Conservative principles. We are losing thousands of them to the United States, where they go to help build up the strong personnel and personality of America.



ARTHUR R. THROWER, popular city grocer who will seek aldermanic honors from ward one.

TALKATIVE VAGRANT IMPRESSES COURT

James Safety Tells Truth in Admitting Frequent Jail Breaks.

James Safety, the talkative young vagrant who according to his own story, has made a habit of breaking out of jails and reformatories bopped up in police court this morning and was remanded to jail once more.

James told the court he came from Hammond, Indiana, and didn't know whether he was a citizen of the U. S. or not, having been taken by his parents from Portland, Oregon, to Alberta, when he was eight years of age.

"I've been all over," proclaimed James. "That's what a vagrant is," opined the court. "Have you ever been in trouble before?"

"Yes," I was sentenced. I broke into the C. P. R. station at Portage La Prairie and got nine months," was the reply.

"Were you out on parole?" asked the magistrate. "No, I just walked out," replied Mr. Safety.

"Well, you're honest about it anyway," smiled the court. "Me and another boy broke away from the place and he stole goods and we were caught," continued the prisoner, who is a husky looking youth. "We were caught and given five years, not a day less or a day more."

"After that I found out if I hadn't broken out the first time, I had but 14 days of the old sentence to serve, so I beat it away again. I quit a good job to give myself up. My boss told me he would give me a job at any time."

"All right, you can have a talk with the chief," stated the court. "You will be remanded in the meantime."

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PUBLIC UTILITIES PROMISES TO BE DEBATE ISSUE

Lively Sessions Predicted As Campaign For Board Seats Closes.

EXPECT POLICIES

Public ownership promises to be a debatable question at tonight's closing meetings of the election campaign as far as the candidates for the public utilities commission are concerned.

At last night's meeting, Philip Pocock asked Ald. P. J. Watt his stand in the matter of the street railway and public ownership. Mr. Watt answered the question with the statement that the people should wait and see. He made no definite statement as to how he stood on the matter.

Tonight, according to reports received, Mr. Pocock will again question Mr. Watt's stand on this question and endeavor to get a definite answer, either for or against public ownership. Mr. Tallant and Mr. Pocock, as well as Chairman Jared Vining have all declared in favor of it. Ald. Watt has not yet done so.

Other questions will also be asked and it is expected that the amount of money spent in London was many times greater than expended on supplies made elsewhere.

It has also been pointed out that the switch boxes, which were the cause of considerable argument earlier in the campaign, all bore the slogan, "Made in Canada." Mr. Tallant may be requested to answer several questions that so far have not intruded into the campaign but which, nevertheless, are of interest in the fight.

Mr. Tallant last night stated that none of the year books were left for distribution. A member of the council said that some were still on hand and could be obtained if wanted.

Last night's declarations of policies and platforms will be made by the candidates for the board of education, nine persons contesting the election for six seats.

CASE DISMISSED ON PAYING COURT COSTS

Verbal Bombardment Features Hearing of Action For Assault.

Charles Nickle was charged with assault by Russell in police court today and after the muck of verbal battle blew away, Nickle was asked to pay the costs of the case only. It seems that Leach was working as a laborer for Mr. Nickle, who was building a house, and the boss didn't think his helper was working hard enough and fired him. Leach left the job and came back to see how much he owed his late boss over a little furniture deal and complained of being struck and kicked by Mr. Nickle.

"He was resting on a shovel handle when I was upstairs," declared Nickle. "I told him to get busy and Leach wanted to know if the wind was blowing or was somebody talking. He swore at me and I told him to make a pass at me and I hit at him."

Both men proceeded to contradict each other's evidence and time had to be called by the court.

MAYOR RELATES MANY ATTEMPTS MADE TO GET HIM

Promises at Hale Street School 1924 Tax Rate Will Be Lower Than 1922.

REFUSED TO JOIN

Addressing a packed meeting in the Hale street school house last night, Mayor Wenige disclosed some rather interesting information involving the "old gang"—his opponents.

"Just as soon as I was elected, the word was passed out 'get the mayor'." His Worship related, "and I was asked to join certain organizations. Overtures were made to me by representatives of these organizations, but I have always exercised the policy that all people should be treated alike. I did not join that organization."

"They couldn't get me in, so they said: 'We'll have to get this fellow,' and they started out early last January to do it. But they haven't got me yet, and they won't until December, 1924 at the earliest; if they do then."

"We see much dangerous propaganda—for instance, this talk about 'blue ruin.' You heard all these cries early in the year when I said that we would have to lower the tax rate. We did lower the tax rate, and we would have lowered it further only some of your aldermen preferred to spend money like drunken sailors. The Free Press came out with big headlines, saying it can't be done under 40 mills, and just recently they again predicted 40 mills for 1924."

"But I give you my solemn promise tonight that the tax rate will be lower in 1924 than it has been in 1923, even if you elect twelve aldermen opposed to me. When I asked early in the year for a reorganization of the city engineer's department, they said 'don't bother the poor engineer. He's a member of our society. You can't fire him.' But we did reorganize his department, with the result that the work has been accomplished more efficiently and economically."

"It was the same tale when I asked for a reorganization of the city hospital. We cleared up \$40,000 this year. That institution needed a new broom. It required something new—and it had it. They said that we couldn't reorganize the Western Fair Board satisfactorily, but we did. They were wrong again, as usual, when they said we couldn't reopen the north-end fire hall without a great big expense."

"I also said in the beginning of the year: Let's build a new city hall. The editor of the Free Press supported the project and wanted an editorial to that effect, but he doesn't know that he did that, because just the other day he wrote another editorial denouncing it. He has the right to his opinion, but he can't expect to mould public opinion by being inconsistent in such a barefaced manner."

"Only three members of the council stayed with me throughout the year—Burdick, McKay and Colbert—and the rest flopped over like dominoes at the last minute. And the 1924 council will do the same thing if you do not put the right aldermen in."

In his concluding remarks, the mayor referred to the fact that he had not been opposed again, although the Free Press had made daily threats "to run John Bridge, or other members of the citizens' committee."

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